

# A Short and Basic Bibliography on Mass

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**NOTE.** No one book or resource holds all we know about norms for celebrating Mass. This short list contains those needed by priests, deacons, and key liturgical ministers.

VATICAN COUNCIL II, **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy**, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 4 December 1963.

See CSL, nos. 5-13 on the nature of the liturgy and its importance in the Church's life.

See CSL, nos. 14-20 on the promotion of liturgical instruction and active participation.

See CSL, nos. 21-40 on the reform of the liturgy and norms for the reform.

See CSL, nos. 41-46 on promotion of the liturgical life.

See CSL, nos. 47-58 on the Eucharist.

Available editions include:

- *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* [Acts of the Apostolic See] 56 (1964) 97-138.
- *Sacrosanctum Oecumenicum Concilium Vaticanum II: Constitutiones, Decreta, Declarationes* [Second Vatican Ecumenical Council: Constitutions, Decrees, Declarations] (Vatican Polyglot Press, 1966) 3-69.
- *Documents on the Liturgy, 1963-1979: Conciliar, Papal, and Curial Texts* © 1982, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press. ISBN: 0-8146-1281-4. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-1281-1. [DOL 1, nos. 1-131]
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fourth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. ISBN: 1-56854-468-5. ISBN-13: 978-1-56854-468-7. Section 1.

*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* [GNLYC], 14 February 1969.

Available editions include:

- Every edition of the *Sacramentary*.
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fourth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. ISBN: 1-56854-468-5. ISBN-13: 978-1-56854-468-7. Segment 4.

*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], to the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2003).

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2003. ISBN-13:978-1-57455-543-1.
- English: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/current/revmissalisromanien.shtml>. This web edition is convenient but it is not in complete conformity to the print edition.

Adaptations to the GIRM for the Dioceses of the United States of America (2001).

Available editions include:

- Folded into the GIRM: Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2003. ISBN-13:978-1-57455-543-1.
- English: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/girm-adaptations-en.shtml>.
- Spanish: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/girm-adaptations-sp.shtml>.

Order of Mass (2010).

Available editions include:

- English: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/order-of-mass.pdf>.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Norms for Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America* (2001).

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2002. ISBN: 1-57455-432-8.
- <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/current/norms.shtml>.
- English: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/girm-norms-en.shtml>.
- Spanish:
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fourth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. ISBN: 1-56854-468-5. ISBN-13: 978-1-56854-468-7. Section 15.

- Note the erratum to nos. 36 and 37 required by the Apostolic See in light of the Instruction *Redemptionis sacramentum*, number 105.

**At the Preparation of the Gifts** – NEW 36. The altar is prepared with corporal, purificator, *Missal*, and chalice (unless the chalice is prepared at a side table) by the deacon and servers. The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward by the faithful and received by the priest or deacon at a convenient place (cf. GIRM, no. 333). If one chalice is not sufficient for Holy Communion to be distributed under both kinds to the priest concelebrants or Christ's faithful, several chalices are placed on a corporal on the altar in an appropriate place, filled with wine. It is praiseworthy that the main chalice be larger than the other chalices prepared for distribution.

**At the Breaking of the Bread** – NEW 37. As the *Agnus Dei* or *Lamb of God* is begun, the bishop or priest alone, or with the assistance of the deacon, and if necessary of concelebrating priests, breaks the Eucharistic bread. Other empty ciboria or patens are then brought to the altar if this is necessary. The deacon or priest places the consecrated bread in several ciboria or patens, if necessary, as are required for the distribution of Holy Communion. If it is not possible to accomplish this distribution in a reasonable time, the celebrant may call upon the assistance of other deacons or concelebrating priests.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Guidelines for Concelebration of the Eucharist*.

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2003. ISBN: 1-57455-560-5.
- <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/concelebration.shtml>.

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS, **Instruction**, *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, on certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist, 25 March 2004.

Available editions include:

- *Instruction on the Eucharist*. Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2004. ISBN: 1-57455-619-3.
- [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccdds\\_doc\\_20040423\\_redemptionis-sacramentum\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20040423_redemptionis-sacramentum_en.html)

*Lectionary for Mass, Introduction*, to the second typical edition [LM], Sundays (1998) and Weekdays (2001).

Available editions include:

- Every edition and volume of the LM contains the introduction.
- *The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource*, volume one. Fourth edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. ISBN: 1-56854-468-5. ISBN-13: 978-1-56854-468-7. Segment 3.

Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Introduction to the Order of Mass: A Pastoral Resource of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy*.

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2003. ISBN: 1-57455-544-8.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*.

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-1-60137-022-8.
- <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/SingToTheLord.pdf>. This web edition is convenient but it is not in complete conformity to the print edition.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship*.

Available editions include:

- Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2000. ISBN: 1-57455-408-5.
- <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/livingstonesind.shtml>.

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Turner, Paul. *Let Us Pray: A Guide to the Rubrics of Sunday Mass*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2006. ISBN-10: 0-8146-6213-7. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-6213-7.

- Gives helpful explanations for the main rubrics for Sunday Mass; addresses Mass by bringing together information from various documents and the several places within the GIRM for each rite.