

# Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

## Suggestions for Leading Worship



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**RE:** Liturgical Suggestions for the Solemnity of the Assumption – Cycle A

**Feast Day date:** August 15, 2008

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

### An Overview...

The beautiful Gospel we hear on the Feast of the Assumption gives us the basis for two of our most treasured prayers, the Hail Mary and the Magnificat. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their greeting to each other depict two women whose faith and whose humility has already allowed them to do the will of the Lord. For us, we believe that the God who lifted up His lowly servant Mary, will also lift up all who have believed in Him and answered "yes" when He called upon us. Mary submitted to God's will and was taken into heaven, a destiny that we also hope awaits us.

### Other Considerations as You Prepare...

1. There are texts and readings for a true vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption.
2. The prayers, antiphons and texts are taken from the Proper of Saints for August 15.
3. There is both a Gloria and Creed today.
4. The Proper Preface for the Assumption is to be used.
5. Also you may want to use the Solemn Blessing for the Blessed Virgin, no. 15.

## **Suggested Prayer of the Faithful for the Solemnity of the Assumption**

*Priest:* As humble servants, we place our needs before the God who loves us.

*Deacon* (or other reader if there is no deacon):

1. That we as Catholic Christians may be humble servants to all in need...we pray to the Lord.
2. That the lowly of our world might be lifted up and the hungry may be filled...we pray to the Lord.
3. That global leaders may find peaceful resolutions to complex issues...we pray to the Lord.
4. That each of us, like Mary, will be ready to answer “yes” when God calls upon us...we pray to the Lord.
5. In silence, we lift up the prayers of our hearts.

*[pause; the presider alone concludes]*

*Priest:* Loving Father, you have given us Mary as a model of discipleship, to help us on our own journey of faith. We humbly ask you to answer the prayers we place before you today so that we may grow in faith and bring you glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus and through the intercession of Mary. Amen.