

# Sunday and Feast Day Liturgical Notes for Priests and Deacons

## Suggestions for Leading Worship



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**RE:** Liturgical Suggestions for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Cycle B

**Sunday date:** October 10-11, 2009

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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

### **An Overview...**

The text of the Gospel today is difficult to hear and to accept. The person who is asking a question is led to a place that is more challenging than he intended to go, beyond the limits of the Mosaic Law into a personal imitation of the Lord through the renunciation of riches. The Jewish background of the man who questions Jesus moves this story from being a single person to a whole nation whose lack of faith is explored.

A secondary theme of the Gospel this day is that whether a person has much or little. In order to follow Jesus one must share with others.

### **Faith Sharing Questions...**

1. What do you find “difficult” to hear when you hear the Gospel? What is the most challenging aspect about being a Christian?
2. In light of our recent economic recession, how do you now think and feel about your “money?” What place does money have in your set of values?
3. Is it easy to be a Christian and be wealthy?

### **Some Other Considerations as You Prepare...**

1. Here is a suggested set of invocations for Form C of the Penitential Rite: “You humbled yourself to be born of Mary; You came to call us to share in the Kingdom of your Father; You are the foundation of our faith”
2. The first, more literal Opening Prayer speaks of sharing in the works of charity.
3. Sunday Ordinary Time Preface II or III reflect the same theme.
4. Solemn Blessing no. 5 for Ordinary Time is most appropriate.

### **Looking Ahead...**

1. Next Sunday, October 18, is World Mission Sunday; were it not a Sunday it would also be the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, patron of all who work in the medical arts and health care professions.
2. Sunday, October 25, World Youth Day will be observed in our diocese.

## **SAMPLE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE 28th ORDINAL SUNDAY**

*Priest:* God is faithful. Before this fidelity, we offer our prayers...

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

1. That the Church may strive for holiness in seeking to bring the message of Christ to the world, we pray to the Lord...
2. For our families and neighbors; for those with whom we are angry; for our children and grandchildren, we pray to the Lord...
3. For those who struggle with limited financial resources; for those who are anxious about debt and healthcare, we pray to the Lord...
4. That our state and our country's coastlands will be free from storms and destruction, especially during this hurricane season, we pray to the Lord...
5. For more vocations to God's holy priesthood, especially here in our own Diocese of Baton Rouge, we pray to the Lord...
6. For all who have died in faith, and for the unmourned dead known only to God, we pray to the Lord...
7. In peace and silence, we offer our other needs before the Lord...

*[pause; the presider alone concludes]*

*Priest:* O God, you know the needs of your people.  
Listen to our prayer  
and grant what we need through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.