

DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## GATHERING

- ▶ Unlocked doors
- ▶ Bell
- ▶ Greeters
- ▶ Seating latecomers
- ▶ Safety concerns
- ▶ Commentators
- ▶ Cantor's first words



## OPENING HYMN

- ▶ “After the people have gathered, the Entrance chant begins as the priest enters with the deacon and ministers. The purpose of this chant is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers” GIRM 47



## PROCESSION

- ▶ Incense
- ▶ Cross and candles
- ▶ "the acolytes and the other ministers" 120c
- ▶ Lector
- ▶ Deacon
- ▶ Priest
- ▶ Reverence when arriving 49, 122



## BOOK OF GOSPELS

- ▶ 117, 120d: place the Book of the Gospels on the altar or carry it in procession
- ▶ 120d: If no deacon, a reader carries the Book of the Gospels slightly elevated and sets it on the altar
  - ▶ unites the liturgy of the word and of the eucharist
  - ▶ the only objects kissed
  - ▶ getting fed two ways



## BOWS, GENUFLECTIONS

- ▶ Reverence a tabernacle in the sanctuary with a genuflection at beginning and end of mass (274)
- ▶ Reverence the altar with a bow (49, 122)
- ▶ The one carrying the Book of the Gospels makes no reverence (173, 195)
- ▶ Those carrying cross and candles bow their heads (274)



## SEQUENCE

- ▶ Entrance antiphon
- ▶ Sign of the cross
- ▶ Liturgical greeting
- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Penitential act
- ▶ Gloria
- ▶ Collect



## COLLECT STRUCTURE

- ▶ Traditional four-part
  - ▶ Invocation
  - ▶ Amplification
  - ▶ Petition
  - ▶ Conclusion
- ▶ Renato De Zan
  - ▶ Invocation
  - ▶ Amplification
  - ▶ Petition
  - ▶ Motive
  - ▶ Purpose
  - ▶ [Conclusion]



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens  
as the Apostles looked on,  
grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise,  
we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth,  
and we with him in heaven.

Who lives and reigns....

## PENTECOST

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast  
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,  
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
across the face of the earth  
and, with the divine grace that was at work  
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
fill now once more the hearts of believers.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son....

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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WHEN THE SACRED SCRIPTURES  
ARE READ IN THE CHURCH,  
**GOD** HIMSELF **SPEAKS** TO HIS  
PEOPLE, AND **CHRIST**, PRESENT  
IN HIS WORD, **PROCLAIMS** THE  
GOSPEL. (GIRM 29)



## USES OF THE AMBO (309)

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- Readings
- Responsorial Psalm
- Exsultet
- Homily
- Universal prayer
- Ministers using the ambo
  - Lector, (reader,) psalmist, deacon, priest
- Ministers elsewhere
  - Commentator, songleader



## LECTIONARY, READERS

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- Storing the lectionary and the Book of the Gospels
- LM 37: in the celebration, the books should not be replaced by other pastoral aids
- GIRM 118b, 128: place lectionary in ambo before mass
- 117, 120d: place the Book of the Gospels on altar or carry it in procession
- Multiple readers for multiple readings are preferred (109)

# DRESS

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- ▶ 194: the reader wears “approved attire”
- ▶ 339: “In the Dioceses of Canada, acolytes, altar servers, readers, and other lay ministers may wear the alb or other suitable attire.”





## BOW

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- ▶ CB 72 a reader going to the ambo bows to the altar if entering sanctuary or crossing it
- ▶ observing silence after the reading





# SINGING

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- ▶ Singing the chants before and after readings
- ▶ The psalm should be sung from the ambo (GIRM 309, LM 22) or another suitable place (GIRM 61)



# GOSPEL PROCESSION

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- ▶ GIRM 133, 175, ministers with thurible and lighted candles may lead procession from altar to ambo; LM 17 ministers may carry “other symbols of reverence that may be customary”
- ▶ GIRM 133 everyone turns toward the ambo for the gospel



## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

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- ▶ OM 15, GIRM 134, 175, LM 17 The priest or deacon traces the cross on the Book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, mouth and breast, the people do the same
- ▶ OM 15, GIRM 134, 175 The minister may incense the book before reading and kiss it after
- ▶ GIRM 175 The Book of the Gospels may be moved to the credence table or some other dignified place



# HOMILY

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- ▶ LM 24: “Through the course of the liturgical year the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text.”



## HOMILY

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- ▶ GIRM 65: “The Homily is part of the Liturgy and is highly recommended, for it is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners.”



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LECTIONARY 41

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- ▶ The one presiding exercises his proper office and the ministry of the word of God also as he preaches the homily. In this way he leads his brothers and sisters to an affective knowledge of Scripture.



## GIRM 66

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- ▶ The Homily should ordinarily be given by the Priest Celebrant himself or be entrusted by him to a concelebrating Priest, or from time to time and, if appropriate, to the Deacon, but never to a lay person.



## ORDER OF MASS 17

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- ▶ Then follows the Homily, which is to be preached by a Priest or Deacon on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation; on other days, it is recommended.





## GIRM 66

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- ▶ On Sundays and Holydays of Obligation there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending and it may not be omitted without a grave reason. On other days it is recommended, especially on the weekdays of Advent, Lent and Easter Time, as well as on other festive days and occasions when the people come to church in greater numbers.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LECTIONARY 27

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- ▶ Any necessary announcements are to be kept completely separate from the homily; they must take place following the prayer after Communion.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE LECTIONARY 24

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- From this living explanation, the word of God proclaimed in the readings and the Church's celebration of the day's Liturgy will have greater impact. But this demands that the homily be truly the fruit of meditation, carefully prepared, neither too long nor too short, and suited to all those present, even children and the uneducated.



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- ▶ GIRM 136: “The Priest, standing at the chair or at the ambo itself or, if appropriate, in another worthy place, gives the Homily. When the Homily is over, a period of silence may be observed.”

# HOMILETIC DIRECTORY



Fulfilled  
In Your  
Hearing  
THE HOMILY IN  
THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

PREACHING  
THE MYSTERY OF  
FAITH

THE SUNDAY HOMILY

*Resources*



## STEPS I TAKE

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- Pray for inspiration
- Read the scripture
- Or reflect on contemporary need

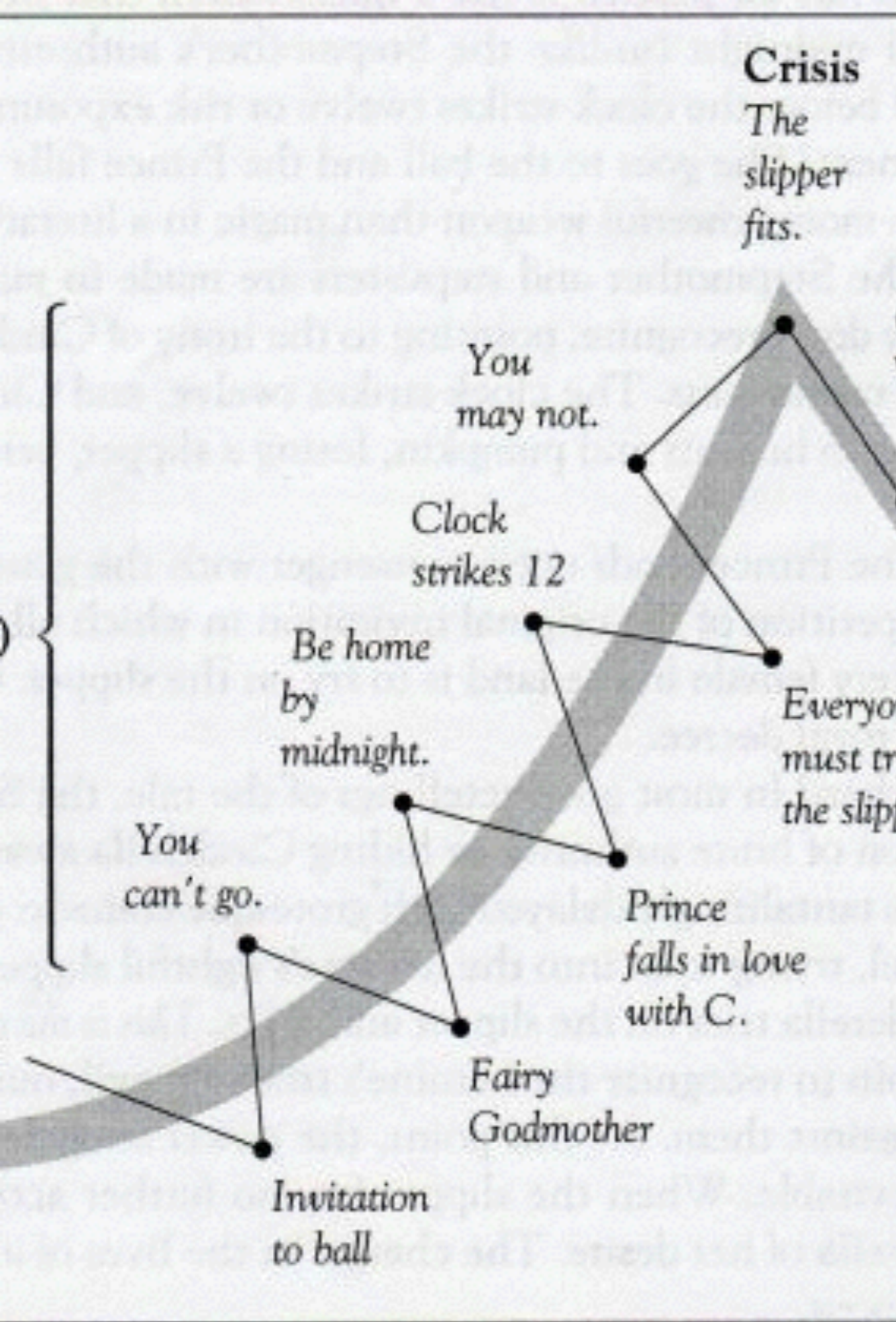


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- What is the good news here?
  - And what is the bad news that it addresses?



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- Decide on a theme
  - Write a strong opening





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Structure the homily in story form:  
introduction, conflict, climax, resolution



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Write out the homily,  
and practice the delivery



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- [Dismissal of Catechumens]
  - Nicene or Apostles' Creed
  - Universal Prayer
    - Ministers
    - Intentions: the needs of the Church, public authorities and the salvation of the whole world, those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and the local community (GIRM 70)