Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For September 3, 2017
Which is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 124

Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Jeremiah 20:7-9
II: Romans 12:1-2
G: Matthew 16:21-27

For reflection:

God’s call to each one of us echoes through all the readings this week, yet answering it is not simple. Following God requires sacrifice. We must give up the world and take up our own crosses to follow Him. It might mean missing out on time with friends in order to make it to Mass, or sacrificing some sleep to go to the Grotto in the mornings. Answering the call to follow Jesus in not a one-time response, but a series of choices, sacrifices, and decisions about making God a priority and striving to know his will for us. Jesus tells us, though, that the reward for our sacrifice on earth will be eternal life with him in heaven.

When have you found it difficult to follow Jesus? What sacrifices can you make this year so that you may focus on God? How can you make your faith life a priority? In what ways can you answer the call to follow Jesus today, this week, or this semester?

Lord, help us to take up our crosses and follow you that we may strive to live as you did so to gain eternal life in heaven.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting: ____________

Opening Song suggestions:
Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service #706
O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree #495
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending #622

Gloria? Yes, every week during Ordinary Time. It’s always preferable to sing the Gloria, but if you’re not ready to do so, it may be spoken. Be sure to let your presider know whether you will speak it or sing it.

Psalm: The psalm for this week is 63. See the arrangement at #245, #246 or #247 in the Newman Hymnal.

During Ordinary Time you may also use Psalm 145. See arrangements for Psalm 145 at #356-363 in the Newman Hymnal. You may be most familiar with #358 and #362. #359 is also very simple and can be learned easily.

Alleluia (from your chosen Mass setting) If the Mass setting you are using doesn’t contain an Alleluia, look at #M4, #M97-100. Select one you like and then use it for the whole season.
Alleluia verse:
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
The Summons #725
You Are Mine #667
Take Up Your Cross #697

Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (all from your chosen Mass setting)

Lord’s Prayer (may be spoken or sung)

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) (from your chosen Mass setting)

Communion Song Suggestions:
Taste and See #157
Draw Near #136
God’s Holy Mystery #145

Closing Song Suggestions:
O God beyond All Praising #645
Ave Crux, Spes Unica #720
Praise the Lord, Lift Up Your Voice #615