Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For October 1, 2017
Which is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 136

Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Ezekiel 18:25-28
II: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
G: Matthew 21:28-32

For reflection:

This week, the first reading and the gospel together show just how truly God knows our hearts. The Lord knows that we may turn away from God’s will for us, away from the path that will bring us to true happiness. But God does not leave us alone in our human weakness. Jesus tells us if we only repent, all will be forgiven because of the Lord’s great kindness and mercy.

How can you recognize when you have strayed from God's path? What stops you from following that path? Do you reflect on God’s will for your life? Have you asked for God’s mercy recently? We are given the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us on this path.

_Lord, help us to follow the path of virtue you have laid out for us, and seek the forgiveness you offer in your love and mercy._

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: __________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Seek Ye First the Kingdom #680
Those Who Love and Those Who Labor # 723
Gather Us In #579

_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 25. See the arrangement at #202 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:  
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:  
These Alone Are Enough #769  
Prayer of Abandonment #710  
You Are the Voice #745

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:  
Take and Eat #155  
From the Vineyard of the Lord #133  
Humbly We Adore You #163

Closing Song Suggestions:  
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #706  
Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness #548  
Now Thank We All Our God #617