Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For November 5, 2016
Which is the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Lectionary # 151

Readings: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
I: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
II: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
G: Matthew 23:1-12

For reflection:

We’ve heard the expression “practice what you preach” time and time again. In this time when people are craving authenticity, our culture is desperate for what is true, what is beautiful, and what is just. The same is true with what people hope for from the Church: what is true? What is just? Jesus is critical of religious leaders who fail to practice what they preach. He denounces their authority in saying that “all their works are done to be seen.” Scripture invites us to question: how do I alter my actions when I know that someone is watching, or when I know I could be held accountable to them? How are we, too, “performing” good works in order that someone will see them and praise us?

Today, let’s pray for the grace to live in humility and in service to others in order to uphold the worthiness of being called “Christian.”

Lord, help us to be authentic in our pursuit of relationship with you.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: _________________

Opening Song suggestions:
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #706
We Gather Together #580
Partners in the Mission #695

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 131. See the arrangement at #346 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:
You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Come to Me #662
I Will Run the Race #761
Deep Within #462

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:
Come to the Feast #160
Gift of Finest Wheat #134
Pan de Vida #154

Closing Song Suggestions:
We Are Your People #581
You Are Called to Tell the Story #746
We Shall Rise Again #675