Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For October 29, 2017
Which is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The University of Notre Dame will be celebrating World Mission Sunday as a whole campus on this day. Please communicate with your presider, as he may wish to use alternate readings/prayers for World Mission Sunday (Lectionary nos. 872-876). You may wish to use a longer Preparation Hymn or one that’s mission-centered as the halls will take up a collection for the Missions during the Offertory Rite.

Lectionary # 148

Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
   I: Exodus 22:20-26
   II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
   G: Matthew 22:34-40

For reflection:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

This phrase has reverberated throughout the world, entered into the broader culture, and has been known as the golden rule for years. It is not a verse one can easily forget, but it is not always easy to practice. Loving our neighbor can mean sharing in their joy if they get a job offer when we do not have one, or their sorrow if they did not do well on an exam that we aced. It is always wanting the best for our classmates and peers, while putting aside our own pride and jealousy. This commandment is the ultimate call to empathy, to model our hearts on the example set for us by Christ.

Has your understanding of who your neighbor is changed? Has your understanding of how to show love to your neighbor changed? How can you walk with your neighbor on their journey? How can you learn to hope for their success as much as you hope for your own? Have you looked to the example of Christ to see how you are to love your neighbor?

Lord, help us to truly love others, with the model of your perfect love to guide us.

Planning your music:

Mass Setting: ________________

Opening Song suggestions:
O God, You Search Me #707
God of Love #639
Sing Praise to Our Creator #550
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 18. See the arrangement at #179 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:
 Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts – Song Suggestions:
Because of Christ #590
The Servant Song #690
Worthy is the Lamb #567

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:
I Received the Living God #143
All Who Hunger #128
Take and Eat This Bread #158

Closing Song Suggestions:
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts #647
Make Us True Servants #744
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #654