Liturgy and Music Planning Overview

For August 26, 2018, which is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Lectionary # 122

Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
   I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
   II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32
   G: John 6:60-69

For reflection:

Jesus speaks of the bread of life, which has shocked many of his disciples. He asks the Twelve if they, too, will leave him. Peter speaks up, like Joshua did in the first reading, with a profession of faith. Peter does not understand the teaching any more than others, but trusts in Jesus. There are many teachers, but only one teacher has the words of eternal life.

When have Christ’s teachings been difficult for us to understand? Do we have the courage to respond with trust in God?

Lord, help us to trust in your teachings, even when we do not fully understand.

Planning your Music

Mass Setting:
Select a setting that you would like to use for the Fall Semester. The gray-bordered pages in the Newman Hymnal contain many settings for the Order of Mass (all are numbered, preceded by the letter M). See the attachment “Liturgy and Music Planning Overview” posted on the CM Website under “Mass and Worship -- Liturgical Planning”

Opening Song Suggestions:
Gather Us In # 579
We Gather Together #580
Come, Christians Join to Sing #578
We Are Your People #581

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 Psalm 34. See the arrangement at # 220-222 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:
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Preparation of the Altar and Gifts Song Suggestions:
Open the Eyes of My Heart #728
Be God’s #820
The Servant Song #690
We Walk By Faith #643

Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Amen (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:
One Bread, One Body #152
I Am the Bread of Life #144
Draw Near #136
I Received the Living God #143

Closing Song Suggestions:
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing #588
We Are the Light of the World #691
Make Us True Servants #744
Jesus Christ, by Faith Revealed #563