

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, B 02/28 – 03/01/09

When the Sending of the Catechumens for Election and/or of the Candidates for Recognition will take place, see R.C.I.A. No. 114 ff., No. 441 ff., No. 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant In this time of fulfillment, turn to the Lord,
who guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate response is offered for Lent: the assembly repeats "Lord (Christ), have mercy" after the deacon/cantor/reader. The petitions can, of course, conclude with the more familiar "For this we pray:" "Lord, hear our prayer."

Purify us, Father, to worship in spirit and truth,
to grow in holiness and to serve our neighbor.

Lord, have mercy:

Send your Spirit upon our Holy Father and his brother bishops,
to lead the Church in repentance and in proclaiming your Kingdom.

Christ, have mercy:

On this day of election, sustain the conversion of the catechumens
their bishops are calling to Easter Baptism.

Lord, have mercy:

Deepen the faith of candidates for Full Communion,
Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Christ, have mercy:

In sacramental Penance, reconcile us with you, within ourselves,
and with every brother and sister.

Lord, have mercy:

Accept our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for peace at
home and abroad, especially in the Mid-East and Central Asia.

Christ, have mercy:

Remember your compassion toward the sick
[today in particular _____].

Lord, have mercy:

Take to the Kingdom [_____, and all]
our beloved dead.

Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant Your ways, O Lord, make known to us.
Teach us your paths.
Guide us in your truth and teach us,
our God and Savior, now and for ever.