

ASH WEDNESDAY, A

Priest Celebrant

Be faithful to the gospel
by praying for conversion of heart
in one another, our Church, and the world:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the unity of the Church;
for conversion of mind and heart
in prayer, fasting, and alms-giving,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the catechumens that, this coming Sunday,
our bishops will call to the Easter Sacraments,
let us pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Full Communion;
for those who are looking forward to Reconciliation, Confirmation,
First Eucharist, Ordination, Matrimony, Religious Profession,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the married, the engaged, the single;
for consecrated religious;
for our bishops, priests, and deacons,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the widowed, the separated, the divorced;
for anyone in vocational crisis,
let us pray to the Lord:

For peace at home and the world over;
for the relief of military personnel and civilians,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the safety of the unborn and of the abused,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed;
for prisoners, the addicted, and their families;
for our sick and dying,
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

Have mercy on us, O lord,
and wipe out our offenses.
Create in us a new heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, A

When the Parish Celebration of Sending Catechumens for Election and/or of the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop takes place, see R.C.I.A. No. 114 ff.; No. 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant Brothers and sisters, seek the grace and justification
our Savior has gained for us:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude "For this we pray: Lord, hear our prayer."

Cleanse the hearts of your faithful, Lord, and strengthen the shepherds of your Church.
Lord, have mercy:

Wash us of sin and guilt this Lent in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Christ, have mercy:

Give the joy of salvation to the catechumens and candidates for full communion that,
today, bishops the world over are calling to your Easter Sacraments.
Lord, have mercy:

Purify political and economic leaders of greed and self-interest,
to be mindful of the poor and to serve the common good.
Christ, have mercy:

Be at the side of prisoners of war and victims of terror.
Rescue the abused, the homeless, the refugee, the imprisoned.
Lord, have mercy:

Sustain the many who bear the brunt of natural disasters
and the misuse of earth's resources.
Christ, have mercy:

Keep in your presence our sisters and brothers who suffer in body, mind, spirit.
Lord, have mercy:

Let [, and]
everyone who has died this week know the joy of your salvation.
Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant Have mercy on us, O Lord, and wipe out our offenses.
Open our lips, O Lord, and we shall proclaim your praise.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, A
Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and
Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop, R.C.I.A., No. 114 ff, 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant Brothers and Sisters,
whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten responder has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude "... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer."

[For our catechumen(s): _____;]
for the catechumens of our diocese and of the Church universal, as today
their bishops call them to the Easter Sacraments of Initiation,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For their perseverance to be reborn in Jesus Christ, slain and risen;
for their enlightenment and purification in Him this Lent,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For their sponsors, godparents, families, and teachers,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

[For our Candidates to Full Communion with the Catholic Church:
_____ and]
for candidates to Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our renewal and that of all the faithful in prayer, penance, alms-giving this Lent,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the return home of the armed forces; for peace at home and abroad,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our sick,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For [_____ , and]
everyone who has died this week,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Father of love and power,
whose will it is to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love,
guide _____
in the days and weeks ahead:
strengthen him/her/them in his/her/their vocation,
build him/her/them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal him/her/them with the Spirit of your promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*When there are candidates for Full Communion or the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, see **Penitential Rite** in R.C.I.A., No. 469 ff.*

Priest Celebrant The eyes of the Lord are upon us, who hope for his kindness:

An alternate Lenten response is has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude "...let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That each day of Lent, the Word and Law of Jesus transfigure us and all his Church,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That our brothers and sisters called to the Easter Sacraments last Sunday
find support in their parishes' prayer and example,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That God's own justice and compassion
guide the decisions of elected officials and of public servants,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That whoever claims Abraham as father submit to the peace of the children of God,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That victims of war and terror find relief;
that peace-keepers and the armed forces progress in safety,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That the gospel command to set aside fear
sustain the victims of verbal, physical, sexual abuse;
that it strengthen their families and everyone who attends to them,
we pray: **Christ, have mercy:**

That our sick look to the saving power of the Cross,
we pray: **Lord, have mercy:**

That [_____ , and]
everyone who has died this week arise in Christ's Kingdom of Light,
we pray: **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Father, let your kindness be upon us, who put our hope in you.
Through Christ our Lord:

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, A
PENITENTIAL RITE**

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 464 ff.

Priest Celebrant The Holy Spirit now summons us to speak to our Father
in, with and through Christ Jesus, the Lord:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the successors of Peter and the Apostles
for our priests, deacons, and all ministers of Christ's people,
we pray to the Lord:

For the Church's Elect
[especially _____],
we pray to the Lord:

For [_____ and all]
Candidates to Full Communion,
we pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist,
Holy Orders, Matrimony,
we pray to the Lord:

For our catechists and teachers of Christian Doctrine;
for everyone who reveals God in the arts and sciences,
we pray to the Lord:

For the hungry and deprived whom our Lenten sacrifices serve,
we pray to the Lord:

For local and national leaders and the quest for peace in the Middle East,
Central Asia, Africa, and wherever war rages;
for the safety of civilians and the military,
we pray to the Lord:

For our sick and injured, their families and medical personnel
we pray to the Lord:

For [_____],
the war dead, and everyone who has died this week,
we pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant PRAYER OVER THE CANDIDATES
See R.C.I.A., No. 470.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, A

When the First Scrutiny is observed, see R.C.I.A., No. 153 ff.

Priest Celebrant Let us bow in worship to our God,
who shepherds and guides his flock:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."

For our Holy Father and his brother bishops, priests, deacons;
for consecrated religious, and all the people of Christ,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For everyone who serves the cause of Christian unity and of religious tolerance,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the elect called to rebirth in the coming Easter sacraments;
for candidates for Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Holy Orders, Matrimony,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For our president and governor, legislators, judges, and public servants,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For just government in Africa, the Near and Mid-East;
for civilians and the military; for the war dead and their survivors,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For servants of the injured, the addicted, the imprisoned;
for our sisters and brothers abused in body, mind, or spirit;
for the conversion of any heart enslaved to the culture of death,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our sick, their doctors, nurses, and care-givers,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For [, and]
everyone who has died this past week,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Into our hearts, Father,
pour the love of your Holy Spirit,
the love your Son gained on the Cross for us.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: FIRST SCRUTINY

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 160 ff.

Priest Celebrant

Let us pray for the elect whom the Church has called.
May they complete their long preparation,
to discover Christ in his sacraments at the Easter Vigil:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That Lent enrich the minds and hearts of our bishops and priests,
our deacons, and all Christ's people,
let us pray to the Lord:

That national leaders collaborate to achieve peace and to foster
the physical, intellectual and moral progress of their peoples,
let us pray to the Lord:

That, like the woman of Samaria, the elect review their lives before Christ and
acknowledge their sins, let us pray to the Lord:

That the desire of _____ for the living water of Baptism,
the aroma of the Holy Spirit, and the Body and Blood of Christ intensify throughout Lent,
let us pray to the Lord:

That with Jesus, the one Teacher, they proclaim the Father in spirit and in truth,
let us pray to the Lord:

That _____ always share with friend and neighbor
the wonder of meeting Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick take courage in the sufferings of our Savior,
us pray to the Lord:

That [_____ , and]
everyone who has died recently, arise in Christ Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord:

The celebrant faces the elect and imparts the first exorcism. See R.C.I.A., No. 164.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, A

*When the **Second Scrutiny** is observed, see R.C.I.A., No. 167 ff.*

Priest Celebrant As children of light, let us pray to produce every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with "...let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer".

For the Church and her shepherds;
for the fruitful proclamation of Jesus Christ slain and risen,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the elect; for their illumination and purification this Lent and their entire lives,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our sisters and brothers who are preparing for Full Communion;
for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist candidates,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For civil leaders and public servants dedicated to truth;
for honesty between employers and employees,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For peace in the Holy Land, all the Near and Mid-East, and wherever discord holds sway;
for the safety of civilians and of military personnel,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the blind and the many who struggle with declining vision,
we pray: **Christ, have mercy:**

For the many who bear Jesus' suffering in body, mind, spirit;
for the healing of the abused,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the deceased of this past week
[in particular
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

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Priest Celebrant Awaken us, Lord, in the light of Christ.
Save us from fruitless works of darkness,
to live as children of light. Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: SECOND SCRUTINY

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 167 ff.

Priest Celebrant

Let us pray that _____
and everyone elected to Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil,
remain faithful, giving witness to eternal life:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That _____,
whom [Arch]bishop _____ has elected for initiation,
press forward to Easter Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist,
let us pray to the Lord:

That, freed from fear by the Holy Spirit, he/she/they and all the elect
live forever in the truth of Christ, rooted in these Easter Sacraments,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they seek only what is just and holy,
let us pray to the Lord:

That everyone who yearns for life eternal respond to the gospel,
let us pray to the Lord:

That all the Church embrace renewal through sacramental Reconciliation and
in Lenten prayer, fasting, and alms-giving,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our country remain faithful to its fundamental principle of religious freedom,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick be one with Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [_____ , and all]
our deceased arise in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

The EXORCISM follows.

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 171.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*When the **Third Scrutiny** is observed, see R.C.I.A., No. 174 ff.*

Priest Celebrant Cry out to the Lord,
who is attentive to our pleading:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; the petitions can conclude with "... for this we pray: Lord, hear our prayer."

Raise your Church in the Spirit, Lord, in witness to your Dying and Rising.
Lord, have mercy:

Bring the elect to your saving waters of Death and Resurrection.
Anoint them with your Spirit, to feast at your table.
Christ, have mercy:

Complete the re-birth of candidates for Full Communion,
and of our young who are preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion.
Lord, have mercy:

Unite believers at your one table.
Christ, have mercy:

Keep world leaders focused on peace in the Near and Mid-east, Africa,
and every distressed part of the world.
Lord, have mercy:

Convert the heart that would abuse any human being.
Sustain servants of the sick and dying; of the homeless, the refugee;
of the addicted, the imprisoned.
Christ, have mercy:

Lift up our sisters and brothers who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Lord, have mercy:

Raise up [_____ , and]
everyone who has died recently.
Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant O Lord, forgive our sins, and redeem us from iniquity
In you, we trust. Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THIRD SCRUTINY

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 174 ff.

Priest Celebrant

Let us pray for _____, and all God's elect,
to be one with Christ's Passion and Resurrection
in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
and to triumph over the bitter fate of death:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That _____ acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be freed from sin and grow in holiness to eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit,
to prepare for birth into new life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the Eucharist he/she/they will soon receive
deepen his/her/their union with Christ, Sunday by Sunday, throughout life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the entire Church walk with him/her/them
in repentance and newness of life, showing the world the power of the Risen Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the peoples of the world embrace God's gift of peace
and share the blessings of creation,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick find solace in the Cross,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [_____, and all]
our dead arise in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

The EXORCISM follows.

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 178.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THIRD SCRUTINY

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 174 ff.

Priest Celebrant

Let us pray for _____, and all God's elect,
to be one with Christ's Passion and Resurrection
in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
and to triumph over the bitter fate of death:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That _____ acknowledge Christ
as the resurrection and the life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be freed from sin and
grow in holiness to eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit,
to prepare for birth into new life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the Eucharist he/she/they will soon receive
deepen his/her/their union with Christ,
Sunday by Sunday, throughout life,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the entire Church walk in repentance and newness of life,
showing the world the power of the Risen Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the peoples of the world embrace God's gift of peace
and share the blessings of creation,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick find solace in the Cross,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [_____, and all] our dead arise in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant

The EXORCISM follows.
See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 175.