

ASH WEDNESDAY, B4

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 purchased by Jesus' Blood;
for conversion of mind and heart in prayer, fasting,
and alms-giving,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the catechumens our bishop and bishops the world over
will call to the Easter Sacraments this First Sunday of Lent,
let us pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Full Communion;
for those who look 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, in the Mid-East, central Asia,
north Africa, and all the world;
for the safety of military personnel and civilians,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the protection of the unborn, the abused,
and every defenseless human being,
let us pray to the Lord:

For the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed;
for prisoners, the addicted, and their families;
for the 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, B 4
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 with the usual "... 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, B 4

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

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

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

Purify us, Father, to worship you in spirit and truth,
to grow in your 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 proclaiming the Kingdom.
Christ, have mercy:

On this day of election, sustain the conversion of the
catechumens whom their bishops call to Easter Baptism.
Lord, have mercy:

Deepen the faith of candidates for Full Communion and of our
candidates for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy 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 throughout the world.
Christ, have mercy:

Remember your compassion upon the sick,
and take to your Kingdom our recent deceased
[].
Lord, 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. Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, B 4

Priest Celebrant Our Father now summons us to call upon his name:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; however, the petitions can conclude with the more familiar

"Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer"

For the day-to-day transfiguration of the Church
into the healing and forgiving Body of Christ,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For our brothers and sisters elected to Easter Initiation;
for candidates to Full Communion and the Easter sacraments,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For candidates to the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
for the renewal of us all in sacramental Penance,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the United Nations and the leaders of every country;
for progress in peace and the avoidance of war;
for the relief of civilians and the military,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the protection of the unborn and all the defenseless;
for the healing of the abused and the abuser,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the reverent use and sharing of the world's resources;
for our brothers and sisters in search of employment;
for the healthcare, education, and housing of the poor,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the victims of disasters and of violence;
for our sick and their care-givers,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For our dead of this past week [_____],
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Accept our sacrifice of thanksgiving, Father,
in the Son you handed over for us all: Jesus Christ,
who intercedes for us, now and for ever.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, B4
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 [in particular _____],
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, B4

Priest Celebrant

In Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God,
we lift our hearts to the Father,
whose weakness surpasses all human strength:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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after the reader; however, the petitions can conclude with the more familiar
"For this we pray: Lord, hear our prayer"*

Lord, purify your Church of worldly pursuits.
Accept our sacrifices in support of Catholic Charities.
Lord, have mercy:

Bring everyone preparing for the Easter sacraments
safely to the temple of your Body.
Christ, have mercy:

Write your commandments on our leaders' hearts,
to protect the innocent and promote the common good.
Lord, have mercy:

Bestow your mercy on our country and on Israel, Palestine, Syria,
all the Mid-East, Central Asia, and wherever anger and fear prevail.
Reunite the armed forces with their families.
Christ, have mercy:

Heal the wounds of racism and religious intolerance.
Open our eyes to your gifts, our hands to share them.
Reward the prayers and efforts of the unemployed.
Lord, have mercy:

Sustain parents in forming their children in your precepts.
Nurture love for your commandments within us.
Christ, have mercy:

Overshadow our sick with your own strength:
Lord, have mercy:

Reveal yourself to the victims of war and violence, and to all our dead
[in particular to _____].
Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant

Let your mercy be on us, Lord, now and for ever.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: FIRST SCRUTINY B4

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,
of our deacons, and of all Christ's people,
let us pray to the Lord:

That national leaders work together, 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, the elect 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, B4

Priest Celebrant

God our Father, who is rich in mercy,
again summons us
to seek the riches of grace in Christ Jesus:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

For the perseverance of the elect called to Easter initiation;
for candidates to Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Communion,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the renewal of our baptismal commitment this Lent
in the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the unity of Christians; for religious tolerance;
for conversion from bigotry, racism, prejudice,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the defense and security of our country's religious freedom,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the protection of human life and earth's resources;
for the just sharing of God's material and spiritual gifts;
for employment and the safety of our homes,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For peace in the Holy Land; for an end to terrorism and war;
for the return of our military and the relief of civilians,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

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

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

Priest Celebrant

Father, who have made us your handiwork in Christ,
guide us in the good works you entrust to us,
that we may live with you. Through Christ our Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT B4 : 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 coming Easter Vigil,
remain faithful, giving witness to eternal life:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

That, freed from fear by the Holy Spirit, he/she/they - and all the Church's 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 else 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, B4

Priest Celebrant Let us now seek the mercy of our Father,
who has washed us of guilt
and cleanses us of sin:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

That Lent produce much fruit in our brothers and sisters
called to Easter Baptism and in all Christ's members,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That in word and action
the Church everywhere proclaim Jesus Christ slain and risen,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That our parish be a faithful sign of Jesus' presence
to all who seek Him,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That civil leaders promote the law of God written on every heart,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That leaders of nations work together for peace and stability
and for the health, education, and well-being of every people,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That public servants and care-givers find support for their labors;
that the marginal in our society know the blessing of employment,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That our sick find comfort in the suffering Jesus bears for us,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

That [, and all]
our dead find glory in the Risen Lord,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Cleanse our hearts, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within us.
A willing spirit sustain in us.
Through Christ our Lord.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT B4: 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 the life of Christ himself,
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 saving 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 03/16-17/2013

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.