

# Syllabus: GIRM & Liturgical Rites

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Course Description: This course will introduce the liturgical documents for the celebration of the Church's Liturgy with an emphasis of the role of the deacon as assistant or presiding minister, as appropriate.

Objectives: Understand the rites as liturgical law. Become familiar with how to read and apply liturgical documents. Become intimately familiar with the role of the deacon at the celebration of the Eucharist, Exposition and Benediction, Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick, and the Order of Christian Funerals.

The reading assignments are to be completed prior to class:

1. February 14th

- a. Nos. 1-15, Preamble
- b. 16-26, Ch. I- The Importance and Dignity of the Eucharistic Celebration
- c. 27-90, Ch. II - The Structure of the Mass, Its Elements and Its Parts

2. February 28th

- d. Nos. 91-111, Ch. III - The Duties and Ministries in the Mass
- e. 112-170, Ch. IV - The Different Forms of Celebrating Mass, I.A. Mass Without a Deacon

3. March 14th

- a. 171-186, Ch. IV - The Different Forms of Celebrating Mass, I.B. Mass With a Deacon
- b. 187-193, I.C. The Duties of the Acolyte
- c. 194-198, I.D. The Duties of the Lector
- d. 199-251, II. Concelebrated Mass

4. March 28<sup>th</sup>

- e. Nos. 252-272, Ch. IV - The Different Forms of Celebrating Mass, III. Mass At Which Only One Minister Participates
- f. 273-287, IV. Some General Norms For All Forms Of Mass
- g. 288-318, Ch V - The Arrangement and Furnishing of Churches for the Celebration of the Eucharist
- h. 319-351, Ch. VI - The Requisites for the Celebration of Mass

5. April 4th

- i. 352-367, Ch. VII - The Choice of the Mass and Its Parts
- j. 368-385, Ch. VIII - Masses and Prayers for Various Circumstances and Masses for the Dead
- k. 386-399, Ch. IX - Adaptations Within the Competence of Bishops and Bishop's Conferences

6. April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Exposition and Benediction
7. May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Baptism
8. May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Marriage
9. June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Pastoral Care of the Sick
10. June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Order of Christian Funerals

Final Paper due June 20<sup>th</sup>. The final paper will consist of a 6 to 8 page, double spaced, 12 point font reflection paper on the importance of the Divine Office as the Liturgy of the Church, how it integrates with the other liturgies and (most importantly) its significance for the spiritual and liturgical life of the deacon.

Required Texts:

- General Instruction of the Roman Missal
- General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours
- Rite of Baptism
- Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- Order of Christian Funerals-
- Pastoral Care of the Sick
- The Rite of Marriage

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