

THE REDEMPTORISTS

“WITH HIM IS PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION”

A Redemptorist Parish Mission

Sacramental Format

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FIRST NIGHT (Sunday)

THEME - BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION
SYMBOLS - Water and Oil
OBJECTIVE - To identify our own Baptismal Call and the life of the Spirit in our lives.
RITUAL ACTION - Blessing with Water and Oil

SECOND NIGHT (Monday)

THEME - MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS
SYMBOL - Cross.
OBJECTIVE - To Recommit Ourselves to follow Jesus Christ in our particular vocations and lifestyles
RITUAL ACTION - Rite of Recommitment

THIRD NIGHT (Tuesday)

THEME - RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
SYMBOLS - Easter Candle [*Ashes* – during Lent]
OBJECTIVE - To experience the Reconciliation and Healing offered to us by Jesus Christ
RITUAL ACTION - Service of Light (Lent: distribution of Ashes): [opportunity for individuals to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation]

FOURTH NIGHT (Wednesday)

THEME - EUCHARIST
SYMBOL - Bread, Wine, and Treasure
OBJECTIVE - To embrace the Eucharist as the fiber of our daily life
RITUAL ACTION - Celebration of the Eucharist

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ORDER OF SERVICE

First Service (Sunday): BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. ♪♪♪ Entrance Procession, Song, and Enthronement of Water & Oil
3. Prayer over the Preacher
4. ♪♪♪ Gospel Proclamation
5. Sermon
 - Moment of Silence
 - ♪♪♪ Meditation Music/Song
6. ♪♪♪ Blessing of Water & Oil
7. Renewal of Baptismal Commitment
8. ♪♪♪ Blessing with Holy Water and Blessed Oil
9. Announcements
10. Dismissal
11. ♪♪♪ Recessional

Second Service (Monday): MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. ♪♪♪ Entrance Procession, Song, and Enthronement of the Cross
3. Prayer over the Preacher
4. Sermon
 - Moment of Silence
 - ♪♪♪ Meditation Music/Song
5. ♪♪♪ Recommitment Rite
6. Prayers of the Faithful
7. Announcements
8. Dismissal
9. ♪♪♪ Recessional

Third Service (Tuesday): RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. 🎵 Entrance Procession, Song, and Greeting
3. Light Service 🎵 [Paschal Candle]
4. Prayer over the Preacher
5. Sermon
 - Moment of Silence
 - 🎵 Meditation Music/Song
6. Reconciliation Rite
7. Sign of Peace
8. 🎵 Individual Confessions

Fourth Service (Wednesday): EUCHARIST

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. 🎵 Gathering Song & Entrance Procession
3. Liturgy of the Word [readings chosen by the preacher]
4. General Intercessions
5. Liturgy of the Eucharist
 - 🎵 Preparation of the gifts
 - 🎵 Holy, Holy; Acclamation; Amen; Lamb of God
 - 🎵 Communion Song
6. Announcements & Words of Gratitude (Pastor & Redemptorist Missionary)
7. Commissioning of the Community by the Pastor
8. 🎵 Recessional Song

Alternate Lenten Third Service (Tuesday): (Ashes)

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. 🎵 Entrance Procession, Song, & Greeting
3. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes 🎵
4. Prayer over the Preacher
5. Sermon
 - Moment of Silence
 - 🎵 Meditation Music/Song
6. Reconciliation Rite
7. Sign of Peace
8. 🎵 Individual Confessions

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Checklist of Things Needed for Each Service of the Mission

Sunday

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION (Water & Oil)

- ❖ A table with a large glass bowl in the sanctuary.
- ❖ A large glass pitcher of water for the procession.
- ❖ Additional bowls in which to distribute the eventually blessed water.
- ❖ A glass pitcher (or cruet) of vegetable oil.
- ❖ Additional small bowls in which to distribute the eventually blessed oil.
- ❖ The number of bowls needed is dictated by the number of Sunday communion stations; there should be one bowl of water and one bowl of oil for each station.
- ❖ A stand or small table at each communion station on which to place the bowls of water.
- ❖ Water, lemon, and towels on the credence table for the ministers to wash their hands.
- ❖ Ministers for the service [see page 8].
- ❖ People to prepare and serve refreshments.

Monday

MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS (Cross)

- ❖ The large glass bowl with blessed water and the glass pitcher (or cruet) of oil on a special table to one side of the sanctuary.
- ❖ A processional cross, the symbol for the service, for procession and enthronement.
- ❖ Place for enthronement (usually in front of the altar) of the processional cross.
- ❖ Ministers for the service [see page 16].
- ❖ People to prepare and serve refreshments.

Tuesday

RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (Paschal Candle)

- ❖ The large glass bowl with blessed water and the glass pitcher of oil on a small table, and the processional cross, in its stand, all together to one side of the sanctuary.
- ❖ Paschal Candle (unlit) for the procession and to be enthroned.
- ❖ Stand for Paschal Candle in the middle of the sanctuary in front of the altar.
- ❖ Small candles for all the people, distributed as they enter church.
- ❖ Ministers for the service [see page 21].
- ❖ People to prepare and serve refreshments.

Wednesday

EUCCHARIST (Bread, Wine, and Treasure)

- ❖ The large glass bowl with blessed water, the glass pitcher (or cruet) of oil (on a small table), the processional cross, and the Paschal Candle [LENT: the glass dishes of ashes on the small table] all together to one side of the sanctuary.
- ❖ Bread, wine, and collection baskets for the presentation of gifts.
- ❖ Ministers for the service [see page 27].
- ❖ People to prepare and serve refreshments.

Alternative Tuesday LENT - RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (Ashes)

- ❖ The large glass bowl of blessed water and the glass pitcher (or cruet) of oil on a special table to one side of the sanctuary with the processional cross nearby.
- ❖ A small glass dish for each minister for the Distribution of Ashes. Each minister will carry his/her dish in the Entrance Procession.
- ❖ A table in front of the altar for enthronement of the small dishes after the distribution has taken place.
- ❖ Water, soap, and towels on credence table for washing of hands of ministers after distribution of ashes.
- ❖ Ministers for the service [see page 30].
- ❖ People to prepare and serve refreshments.

Instructions for Music Ministers

“Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord” Psalm 95:1

- ❖ Your ministry of music is an essential part of each Mission prayer service: we look forward to collaborating with you in the selection of the music and songs which will be used.
- ❖ Some appropriate prelude selections can be a wonderful way to create a prayerful atmosphere for the people as they arrive.
- ❖ A key element of all the services is the participation of the people; this includes involving them in the singing wherever such participation is mentioned and requested.
- ❖ Please review the list of “Service Music” and the texts for each service (all of which are included in this booklet); wherever music is requested, please choose that which fits the service’s symbol and theme, and also that which the people know and sing well.
- ❖ The entrance procession and enthronement of the symbols may be extended at times, so please continue the gathering song until the Prayer Leader is in place, ready to begin the prayers.
- ❖ You will also notice that there are times during the services when the people will come forward for some ritual action (or when the people have their candles lit by some ministers passing along the aisles); at these times, please make sure there is music, as is mentioned in each service, until all the ministers are in their places to continue the service.
- ❖ In each service, after the sermon, a short period of silence followed by some musical selection is called for. This can be instrumental music, a soloist, or some selection sung by the people, all seeking to enhance the people’s reflection and meditation.
- ❖ It is good that the Wednesday evening Eucharist compare musically to what the community is accustomed to at a Sunday Liturgy. Unless it is a feast day, the *Gloria* is not sung.
- ❖ The morning Masses on Monday and Tuesday can be what the parish normally celebrates musically.

If you have any questions, doubts, or need for clarifications, please contact the mission committee chairperson(s), who will be in regular contact with one of the missionaries.

Thank you for sharing your musical talents and gifts.

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Service Music

[Confer the text/script for each service for exact placement of music]

Sunday Service: BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION (Water & Oil)

- ◆ Prelude Music
- ◆ Opening Song
- ◆ Alleluia or Lenten Gospel Verse
- ◆ Meditation Music after the Sermon
- ◆ Instrumental Music as the Water and Oil are blessed
- ◆ Song or Instrumental Music as the people come forward to be blessed and anointed
- ◆ Recessional Song

Monday Service: MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS (Cross)

- ◆ Prelude Music
- ◆ Opening Song
- ◆ Meditation Music after the Sermon
- ◆ Song or Instrumental Music during RECOMMITMENT RITE
- ◆ Recessional Song

Tuesday Service: RECONCILIATION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
(Paschal Candle; during Lent, Ashes)

- ◆ Prelude Music
- ◆ Opening Song
- ◆ Song or Instrumental Music during distribution of LIGHT (Lent: ASHES)
- ◆ Meditation Music after the Sermon
- ◆ Instrumental or Taped Music during the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday Service: EUCHARIST (Bread, Wine, & Treasure)

- ◆ Prelude Music
- ◆ Gathering Song
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm
- ◆ Alleluia or Lenten Verse before the Gospel
- ◆ Song during the Presentation of the Gifts
- ◆ Holy, Holy; Consecration Acclamation; Great Amen
- ◆ Communion Song
- ◆ Recessional Song

Sunday Service Ministers List

(This is a model list. Please use it in composing your list of ministers, making necessary adaptations.)

All ministers are asked to gather a half-hour before the service to go through the service with the Redemptorist missionary.

Commentator: _____

[Need to confirm with the Redemptorist Missionary if this ministry is called for.]

Greeters:* _____ / _____
_____ / _____

Music: _____

Water Bearer: _____

Oil Bearer: _____

People for the Blessing of the People with Water & Oil:**

_____ / _____
_____ / _____

Preacher: Redemptorist Missionary

Prayer Leader: _____

* The number of greeters depends on number of entrances to the Church.

**The number of people needed for the Blessing of the People with Water and Oil depends on the size of the sanctuary and the number of Communion stations the parish has for Sunday Mass. In smaller parishes these additional people may not be needed.

Sunday Service

Baptism and Confirmation **WATER & OIL**

We are Blessed and Called to be God's People.
We respond by being a blessing to others.

1. WELCOME: A Redemptorist missionary (or a *commentator*) welcomes the people, introduces the ministers for the service, and announces the entrance hymn. Then he/she invites the people to offer each other a sign of peace or to greet one another in the Lord.

2. 🎵🎵🎵 PROCESSION AND SONG, ENTHRONEMENT OF WATER & OIL: The procession includes the following ministers who process in the order listed: water bearer, oil bearer, Redemptorist preacher, and prayer leader.

On arriving at the sanctuary, the prayer leader takes the pitcher from the water bearer and fills the bowl placed on a table in the sanctuary; he then takes the oil, shows it to the people, and places it on the table.

Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.**

**May the grace and peace of God Almighty,
the love of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

R/ And with your spirit.

**My dear friends,
in the first line of Genesis we read:
“In the beginning, when God created the earth. . .
a mighty wind swept over the waters”**

**As we gather this evening,
we ask God to stir up the power of the Holy Spirit
within us. (Pause)**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we come together as your people who have been graced with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Deepen our awareness of what these sacraments call us to become, and give us the courage to live and always be faithful to you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.

R/ Amen.

3. PRAYER OVER THE PREACHER: The prayer leader pauses a moment then continues:

Prayer Leader:

**Please join me in this blessing prayer
by extending your hands when I extend mine
and silently praying along with me. (Pause)**

The water bearer and oil bearer gather around the preacher and place a hand on his shoulders when the prayer leader raises his/her hands for the blessing.

**Lord God,
your Word is a strength for your people.
As we begin our renewal,
we ask you to fill us with a great love
for the sacraments of our Faith.
We beg you
to send the power of the Holy Spirit
into the mind and heart of Fr. _____
as he speaks your Word this night.
Guide him and help all of us
to recognize your voice in his message.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.**

4. 🎵🎵🎵 GOSPEL PROCLAMATION: An Alleluia or Lenten Gospel verse is sung. The preacher proclaims a Gospel of his choosing.

5. SERMON: The sermon is followed by two or three minutes of silence. After the period of silence, meditation music is welcomed at this time. 🎵🎵🎵 Instrumental music or a hymn by the choir, a soloist, or the congregation would be appropriate.

6. BLESSING OF THE WATER & THE OIL: The prayer leader, water bearer, and oil bearer all go to the table on which the glass bowl of water and container of oil sit. The water bearer picks up the bowl of water and elevates it and the oil bearer does the same with the container of oil. The prayer leader begins:

Prayer Leader:

Dear friends:

**This water and oil will be used to remind us
of our baptism and confirmation.
Let us ask God to bless them
and to keep us faithful to the Spirit entrusted to us.**

After each invocation, your response is: Blessed be God. (Pause briefly)

**Praise to you, God, all powerful Creator,
for you have gifted us with water
to cleanse and to give life. We pray. R/ Blessed be God!**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
Word made Flesh
offered for us on a cross;
for in the blood and water flowing from your side,
and through your death and resurrection,
the Church was born. We pray. R/ Blessed be God!**

**Praise to you, God the Holy Spirit,
for you anointed Christ at the waters of the Jordan
so that we might all be baptized in you. We pray. R/ Blessed be God!**

**Loving God
we ask you to bless + this water and this oil + which you have created.
Fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit.
Protect all who believe in you.
Give wisdom and strength,
holiness and peace,
reverence and knowledge and courage
to all who will be blessed and anointed during this service.**

**Fill the church with every gift needed
to complete your saving work.**

**And may this water and oil
remind us of our baptism and confirmation
and the joy of living as your people.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen**

7. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT: The prayer leader continues:

Prayer Leader:

Please stand. (Pause to allow people to stand and get settled)

**I invite you to respond “I do”
to each of the following questions
as a sign to the Lord
that you will continue to strive
to make these promises a reality in your life.**

**Do you believe in God the Father,
Creator of heaven and earth,
who has created us
in his image and likeness? R/ I do.**

**Do you accept Jesus as Son of the Father
and source of eternal life, sent to redeem us
from our bondage to sin and death, and as a model
for how to live our lives? R/ I do.**

**As a disciple of Jesus, do you agree to pray daily,
to meditate on the Scriptures,
to build community,
and to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist? R/ I do.**

**As a disciple of Jesus, do you acknowledge your need
for compassion and forgiveness
and your call to be compassionate and forgiving
toward those who offend you? R/ I do.**

**As a disciple of Jesus, do you commit yourself
to a Gospel spirit of poverty and detachment
and to resist our culture's spirit
of consumerism and materialism? R/ I do.**

**As a disciple of Jesus, do you dedicate yourself
to seek justice in your dealings with others,
to help others in their need and oppression,
and to witness to your faith
by your hope in God and your style of living? R/ I do.**

**Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin,
the resurrection of the dead,
and life everlasting? R/ I do.**

**Then may our loving God,
who has brought us to life
by the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and made us his children
by baptism in water and the Holy Spirit,
and confirmed us in our faith,
keep us faithful on our journey
to his Kingdom forever and ever. R/ Amen.**

8. BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER AND BLESSED OIL. The prayer leader and a Redemptorist distribute the blessed water into additional bowls which are then placed on the tables at the communion stations. They then distribute the blessed oil into additional bowls which are given to the ministers who take their places near the tables with the holy water.

A Redemptorist then explains the blessing ritual to follow (in these or similar words):

**Every time we enter the church,
we dip our hand into holy water
and make the sign of the cross,
to remind ourselves who we are through our baptism.**

**We who have been confirmed in our faith have also
been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**When we leave the church,
we repeat the action of blessing ourselves, as a reminder
that we are sent to be “Christ” to our world.**

**All the baptized are now invited to come forward,
as for communion, to be blessed with this blessed water,
by the person in line in front of you,
and then proceed to the anointing minister to be blessed with this oil,
as a reminder that we are sent to be Christ to our world.**

The ministers with their dish of oil take their places near each bowl of holy water; they bless those who come before them, marking a sign of the cross with the oil [on the forehead], saying these (or similar words): ***“MAY GOD’S SPIRIT DWELLING WITHIN YOU, INSPIRE ALL YOUR ACTIONS.”***

♪♪♪ Instrumental music or an appropriate song (choir or congregation) may be played all during the blessing ritual.

After all have been blessed, anointed, and returned to their places, the prayer leader invites all to stand and says:

PRAYER LEADER:

**“Let us now pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us”.
OUR FATHER.....**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Redemptorist will make the appropriate announcements, among which will be an invitation to the social and the hymn for the recessional.

10. DISMISSAL: The prayer leader then says:

PRAYER LEADER:

**As you leave the church this evening,
go in peace and be a blessing to all you meet:
your spouse, your family, your siblings, coworkers, and classmates,
neighbors, and fellow parishioners.
Let your baptism and confirmation come alive in our world.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R/ THANKS BE TO GOD.

11. 🎵🎵🎵 RECESSIONAL SONG

Monday Service Ministers List

(This is a model list. Please use it in composing your list of ministers, making necessary adaptations.)

All ministers are asked to gather a half-hour before the service to go through the service with the Redemptorist missionary.

Commentator: _____

[Need to confirm with the Redemptorist Missionary if this ministry is called for]

Greeters:* _____ / _____

_____ / _____

Music: _____

Cross Bearer: _____

Censor Bearer: _____

Ministers for Recommitment Rite**

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

Preacher: Redemptorist Missionary

Prayer Leader: _____

* The number of greeters depends on the number of entrances to the Church.

** The number of people needed for the Recommitment Rite depends on the size of the sanctuary and the number of Communion stations the parish has for Sunday Mass.

Monday Service

Matrimony & Holy Orders ***Cross***

The Spirit brings us together
in one vocation but different lifestyles.

1. WELCOME: A Redemptorist (or commentator) welcomes the people, makes the introductions, and announces the entrance hymn. Then the Redemptorist (or commentator) invites the people to offer each other a sign of peace or to greet one another in the Lord.

2. ♪♪♪ ENTRANCE HYMN, PROCESSION, AND ENTHRONEMENT OF THE CROSS:
The procession includes the following ministers who process in the order listed: incense bearer, cross bearer, Redemptorist preacher, and prayer leader.

On arriving at the sanctuary, the prayer leader takes the cross from the bearer, faces the congregation from the center of the sanctuary, elevates the cross, and enthrones it. The incense bearer brings the censer and incense to the prayer leader who incenses the cross.

When the prayer leader is finished incensing the cross, he/she moves to the center of the sanctuary and faces the people. The music concludes. The prayer leader begins:

Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.**

May the God who calls you to holiness be with you always.
R/ And with your spirit.

Let us pray. (Pause briefly)

**Lord, you call us to honor you in our service to one another
in the Church and in our world.**

**Help us to appreciate one another's lifestyle
as single, married, religious, and priestly people.**

Help us to live our calling in the fullest possible way.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.

3. PRAYER OVER THE PREACHER: The prayer leader then says:

Prayer Leader:

**Please join me in our blessing prayer
by extending your hands when I extend mine
and silently praying along with me. (Pause)**

The cross bearer and the censor bearer gather around the preacher and place a hand on his shoulders when the prayer leader raises his/her hands for the blessing.

**Gracious God, bless Fr. _____.
Give him the words and insight
that will help us draw closer to you.
Enlighten all who seek you,
and give them the courage to respond to your call.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.**

4. SERMON: The sermon is followed by two or three minutes of silence. 🎵🎵🎵 After the period of silence, meditation music is welcomed at this time. Instrumental music or a hymn by the choir, a soloist, or the congregation would be appropriate.

5. RECOMMITMENT RITE: A Redemptorist introduces the RECOMMITMENT RITE and explains that in a few moments there will be a number of ministers at designated stations. Once the ministers are in place the people will be invited to come forward, if and when they wish, to one of the available ministers to renew their commitment as followers of Jesus in their given lifestyle. Examples will be given by the Redemptorist about what people could say. The ministers receiving people listen to their recommitment; then, while tracing on their forehead(s) the sign of the cross (the symbol of the service), will say these (or similar words): **“I trace the Cross of Christ on your forehead. May you live in His Love.”** 🎵🎵🎵 Once the Redemptorist completes his introduction, soft instrumental music is played throughout this time. Once everyone has come forward and the prayer leader is ready to continue the service, the music concludes.

6. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: After all have come forward, the prayer leader moves to the center of the sanctuary and invites the congregation to stand as he/she begins:

Prayer Leader:

**Dear friends in Christ,
the Lord asked that we pray for one another
so that God’s Kingdom would be present among us.
Please stand and let us pray with confidence and trust.
Your response to each petition is:
“Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.”**

- 1. For a renewal of spirit among all Christians,
so that the Body of Christ will be united and strengthened.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 2. For single people, that they may realize their gifts
and with courage and confidence,
commit themselves to assist others in need.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 3. For all couples who live the Sacrament of Matrimony,
that they will continue to be reminders
of God's unconditional love for us, his people.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 4. For couples preparing for matrimony,
that they will come to a deep understanding
of the sacrament they wish to receive.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 5. For the separated and divorced,
that the Lord will be a source of strength and comfort in their lives.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 6. For widows and widowers,
that God will reward them
for their fidelity to their deceased spouse.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 7. For vowed religious -- Sisters, Brothers, and priests --
that they may be faithful to their call
and zealous in the efforts to build God's Kingdom.
In faith we pray. R/ Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.**
- 8. For bishops, priests, and deacons,
that they will continue to grow
in their role as ministers of the sacraments,
preachers of the Word, and co-builders of community.
In faith we pray. R/ Here we are Lord; I come to do your will.**

We are God's people.

**As a sign of our support for one another
in the lifestyles to which God has called us,
please take the hand of the sister or brother next to you
as we conclude our prayers in the words Jesus taught us:**

Our Father...

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Redemptorist makes the announcements. Among other things he will include an invitation to the social and the title and number of the hymn for the recessional. He introduces the free will collection to be taken up at Wednesday evening's Mass and the way the collection envelopes (supplied by the missionaries) will be distributed.

8. FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL: The prayer leader concludes from the center of the sanctuary in front of the altar by saying:

Prayer Leader:

The Lord be with you. R/ And with your spirit.

**May Almighty God bless you, the Father, + Son,
and Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.**

**My brothers and sisters, go in peace and,
by loving one another, serve the Lord. R/ Thanks be to God.**

9. RECESSIONAL: As the recessional hymn begins, the ministers, the prayer leader, and the Redemptorist missionary make the customary reverence and process out. The symbols remain enthroned.

Tuesday Service Ministers List

(This is a model list. Please use it in composing your list of ministers, making necessary adaptations.)

All ministers are asked to gather a half-hour before the service to go through the service with the Redemptorist missionary.

Commentator: _____

[Need to confirm with the Redemptorist Missionary if this ministry is called for.]

Greeters:* _____ / _____

_____ / _____

Music: _____

Controller of Church Lights: _____

Candle Bearer: _____

Light Bearers:** _____ / _____

_____ / _____

Preacher: Redemptorist Missionary

Prayer Leader: _____

* The number of greeters is determined by the number of entrance doors.

** The role of the Light Bearers is to help spread the light from the Paschal Candle throughout the church. The exact number of Light Bearers depends on the size of the church.

Tuesday Service
Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick
PASCHAL CANDLE

1. WELCOME: The Redemptorist missionary (or the commentator) welcomes the faithful. Since there is no formal ending to this service, all announcements are made at this time. Among them he/she invites the congregation to fellowship after the service and informs the congregation of tomorrow evening's service mentioning the symbol, topic, and time. He/she then reminds the people of the free will collection for the missionary work of the Redemptorists to be taken up at Wednesday evening's Mass and that collection envelopes are available. He/she introduces the ministers for this evening's service along with the symbol and topic, and announces the entrance hymn.

2. ♪♪♪ ENTRANCE HYMN, PROCESSION, AND GREETING: The entrance procession begins when the hymn commences and includes the following ministers who process in the order listed: Paschal Candle bearer, light bearers, Redemptorist preacher, and prayer leader. The light bearers carry small, unlighted candles for themselves and the other ministers in the procession.

On arriving at the sanctuary, the prayer leader leads all the ministers in the customary reverence. After the customary reverence, the prayer leader and paschal candle bearer ascend the steps of the sanctuary and turn to face the congregation. The entrance hymn now ends, and the prayer leader begins from the center of the sanctuary:

Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.**

**May the Lord of Life who conquered sin and death be with you.
R/ And with your spirit.**

3. LIGHT SERVICE: The prayer leader continues:

**Friends in Christ, when the Lord Jesus passed over from death to life,
he scattered the powers of darkness,
and by the light of faith enabled us to see the glory
to which we are called.**

**With our candles in our hands, (Allow the people time to pick up their candles)
we now ask God's blessing
and pray that God will inflame us with the hope
that brings us to the feast of the Eternal Light.**

Let us pray. (Pause for silent prayer)
God of all life and light,
through our faith in the Risen Christ,
the Light of the world,
we share in the light of your glory.
Bless these candles + and make them holy.
Fill our hearts with the light of faith
so that we may walk clearly in the path of goodness.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Light, forever and ever. R/ Amen.

A Redemptorist makes the commentary below (or in his own words). During the commentary the **PRAYER LEADER LIGHTS** the Paschal Candle.

The Easter Candle is a symbol of the Risen Christ,
the Light of the world.
It is adorned with grains of incense
to mark the wounds that Christ endured.
The marks of Christ's sufferings
are now the emblems of his victory.
So shall Jesus transform all our sufferings
and reward those who are faithful to him.
Now the church lights will be turned off
to allow the light of Christ to shine in our midst.

After the Redemptorist has concluded, the light controller **TURNS OFF THE LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH.**

Once the church lights are completely off, the prayer leader proclaims:

Prayer Leader:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

After the proclamation, the light bearers light their candles from the Paschal Candle and then begin **DISTRIBUTING THE LIGHT** to the congregation according to the instructions given during the rehearsal. 🎵🎵🎵 During the distribution of the light, the choir sings an appropriate hymn or instrumental music may be played. At the conclusion of the musical accompaniment, the choir lights are turned off.

While the light is being distributed, the prayer leader **ENTHRONES** the paschal candle. Once the candles of the faithful are lighted, the music concludes and the prayer leader continues:

Prayer Leader:

**My brothers and sisters, with joy in the risen Christ,
let us turn to our God in prayer.**

Please respond to each petition: *We are the light of the world.*

**1. For pastors, that they may lead in faith
and serve in love the flock entrusted to their care.**

We pray to the Lord. R/ We are the light of the world.

**2. For the world community, that it may rejoice
in the blessing of true peace, the peace Christ promised.**

We pray to the Lord. R/ We are the light of the world.

**3. For our suffering brothers and sisters,
that they may have their sorrow turned into lasting joy.**

We pray to the Lord. R/ We are the light of the world.

**4. For our parish community, that we may have the faith and strength
to bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.**

We pray to the Lord. R/ We are the light of the world.

**5. Let each of us, in the silence of our hearts,
pray to our God who knows the secrets of every heart.**

We pray to the Lord. R/ We are the light of the world.

Loving Creator of all life and light, you have given us the gift of faith.

May we no longer live in darkness.

**Increase our faith so that we who bear these candles
may walk in the light without fear of the darkness.**

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.

On the signal from the Redemptorist, the light controller **TURNS ON THE CHURCH LIGHTS** and people extinguish their candles.

4. PRAYER OVER THE PREACHER: The Redemptorist preacher kneels or stands before the prayer leader and he/she continues:

Prayer Leader:

**Please join me in this blessing prayer
by extending your hands when I extend mine
and silently praying along with me. (Pause)**

The ministers in the sanctuary form a semicircle around the preacher and place a hand on the preacher's shoulder when the prayer leader raises his/her hands for the blessing.

**Heavenly God, your light is strength for us, your people.
May your light fill the heart and mind of Fr. _____,
that he may proclaim your forgiving peace and tender healing.
Open all our ears and hearts to hear and accept the gentle strength
of your light and love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.**

5. SERMON: The prayer leader and other ministers take a seat in a convenient place from which to see the preacher and hear the sermon. The Redemptorist missionary preaches the evening sermon which is followed by two or three minutes of silence. 🎵🎵🎵 After the period of silence, meditation music may be played at this time: instrumental music or a hymn by the choir, a soloist, or the congregation would be appropriate.

6. RECONCILIATION RITE: The preacher and the pastor, in light of diocesan policy and the parish's history of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will determine beforehand the exact nature of this rite.

The rite may consist of an examination of conscience (in common) or a prayer of healing (led by the preacher), a prescribed penance, and a common act of contrition.

The preacher instructs the congregation according to what was decided concerning the form of celebrating the sacrament; the pastor introduces the additional confessors and their assigned places.

The preacher advises the faithful that the sign of peace concludes the service, and that after the sign of peace is given, they may exercise any or all of three options: to leave the church and go to the social, to leave the church and go home, or stay in church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whatever their choice, the congregation is encouraged to do it quietly so as to maintain a prayerful atmosphere for those opting to remain and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7. SIGN OF PEACE: There is no formal end to the service ... that is, recessional procession. The confessors take their assigned places and await the faithful. The preacher closes with this prayer:

Preacher:

**God, you have loved us into life
by creating us in your image and likeness.
You carved our names on the palm of your hand
to assure us of your closeness and love.
Send forth your Spirit
to remove the hurts and fears
that have scared our hearts.
Give us hearts that accept, celebrate, and extend to others
your loving mercy and forgiveness.**

The peace of the Lord be with you. R/ And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's loving peace.

Once people begin to leave the church for the social and/or home, music is needed for those remaining in church to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to create an atmosphere of prayer. 🎵🎵🎵 Soft instrumental music or the playing of a religious tape or CD would be sufficient.

Wednesday Service Ministers List

(This is a model list. Please use it in composing your list of ministers, making necessary adaptations.)

All ministers are asked to gather a half-hour before Mass to go through the service with the Redemptorist missionary.

Commentator: _____

[Need to confirm with the Redemptorist Missionary if this ministry is called for.]

Greeters and Ushers:*

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

Music: _____

Bread and Wine: _____ / _____

Eucharistic Ministers: [same number as at a Sunday Mass]

Servers: [same number as at a Sunday Mass]

Lector(s): _____ / _____

Preacher: Redemptorist Missionary

Concelebrants: Redemptorist Missionary(ies)
Associate Pastors

Deacon(?): _____

Presider: _____

* The number of greeters is determined by the number of entrances to the church. The usual number of ushers used for Sunday Mass are needed to take up the collection at the appropriate time.

Wednesday Service

The Sacrament of the Eucharist **BREAD, WINE, and TREASURE**

Symbols of ourselves given to God through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Notes for the presider and liturgy team:

- ❖ The Proper for the Mass may be the proper for the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Votive Mass of the Eucharist, unless there is a major feast for the day.
- ❖ Unless there are specific readings for the major feast, the preacher will determine the readings for Mass which could be two or three readings. It would be nice if the Responsorial Psalm would be sung together with an Alleluia or a Lenten Gospel verse. The preacher will proclaim the Gospel, unless a deacon is present.
- ❖ The homily will be about 15 to 20 minutes.
- ❖ The Prayer of the Faithful may be done spontaneously or prepared beforehand by the missionary and a copy given to the lector or deacon.
- ❖ The gifts of bread, wine, and treasure (collection) are the symbol for the evening. To highlight their importance, the servers will go to the rear of the church with lighted candles, and lead all the gift bearers in procession to the altar.
- ❖ After Communion, before or after the Closing Prayer, both the Pastor and the Redemptorist Missionary (who did the pre-mission) thank the people for their cooperation and hard work toward the success of the mission. The Redemptorist also asks for their prayers for the next mission; calls attention to any mementos to be given to those who participated in the mission, and makes any other pertinent announcements, including the invitation to the social and the closing hymn.

1. WELCOME: A Redemptorist (or a commentator) welcomes the people, introduces the ministers and the evening's symbol and theme, and announces the opening hymn. He/she then invites the congregation to stand and sing the gathering song.

2. ENTRANCE HYMN AND PROCESSION: The procession includes the following ministers who process in the order listed: servers, lector(s), Redemptorist preacher, concelebrants, and the deacon with the presider.

3. FINAL BLESSING, COMMISSIONING, AND DISMISSAL:

Presider:

The Lord be with you. R/ And with your spirit.

Deacon/Presider:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. (Pause)

Presider:

**May you grow in knowledge and discernment
so you can walk more closely with the Lord. R/ Amen.**

**May you always recognize the Lord
in your brothers and sisters, especially the poor. R/ Amen.**

**May the Eucharist nourish you
and always be a vital part of your life
as a disciple of Jesus. R/ Amen.**

**May our loving God
continue to bless you and your loved ones,
in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

COMMISSIONING:

**Dear friends,
[as your pastor], I now commission you
to go and preach the Gospel
by your words and actions
to your family and relatives,
your neighbors and friends,
your coworkers and one another.
Always be a light for the world; always be a witness to Jesus.**

Deacon/Presider: Go in peace, the Mass is ended. R/ Thanks be to God.

Alternate Tuesday Service [Ashes] Ministers List

(This is a model list. Please use it in composing your list of ministers, making necessary adaptations.)

All ministers are asked to gather a half-hour before the service to go through the service with the Redemptorist missionary.

Commentator: _____

[Need to confirm with the Redemptorist Missionary if this ministry is called for]

Greeters:* _____ / _____

_____ / _____

Music: _____

Ministers for Distribution of Ashes:**

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

Preacher: Redemptorist Missionary

Prayer Leader: _____

* The number of greeters is determined by the number of entrances to the church.

** The number of people needed to distribute the ashes depends on the size of the congregation, the layout of the sanctuary, and the number of communion stations the parish has for Sunday Mass.

Alternate Tuesday Service

Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick

Forgiveness and Healing.

ASHES

1. WELCOME: A Redemptorist (*or a commentator*) welcomes the faithful. Since there is no formal ending to this service, all announcements are made at this time. Among them, he/she invites the congregation to fellowship after the service and informs them that tomorrow evening's service will be a Mass, mentioning the symbol, topic, and time of the Mass. He/she then reminds the people of the free will collection for the missionary work of the Redemptorists to be taken up at Wednesday evening's Mass and that collection envelopes are available. The Redemptorist missionary (or a commentator) then introduces the ministers for this evening's service, along with the symbol and topic, and announces the entrance hymn.

2. ♪♪♪ ENTRANCE HYMN, PROCESSION, AND BLESSING OF ASHES: The procession includes the following ministers who process in the order listed: ministers for distribution of ashes (each minister carrying a small dish with ashes), Redemptorist preacher, and prayer leader.

On arriving at the sanctuary, the prayer leader leads the ministers in the customary reverence. They then ascend the sanctuary steps and face the people. The entrance hymn concludes and the prayer leader begins:

Prayer Leader:

**In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.**

**May the grace and mercy of our Loving God
be with you always. R/ And also with you.**

The prayer leader then blesses the ashes:

Prayer Leader:

In the Second Letter to the Corinthians we read:

(Read slowly and reflectively.)

**“We are ambassadors for Christ,
God, as it were, appealing through us.
We implore you in Christ's name,
be reconciled to God.**

**For our sakes, God made Him who did not know sin to be sin,
so that in Him we might become the very holiness of God.
As your fellow workers, we beg you
not to receive the grace of God in vain.**

For God says:

**“In an acceptable time I have heard you;
on the day of salvation I have helped you.
Now is the acceptable time!
Now is the day of salvation!” (Pause)**

The prayer leader continues:

**Dear friends in Christ,
let us ask our Father to bless these ashes
that will be used to celebrate God’s salvation this night. (Pause)**

**Lord God, bless these ashes +
by which we show our need for forgiveness
and our willingness to follow your example
and forgive others.**

**Keep us faithful to the message of the Gospel,
and help us celebrate deep within our hearts
the salvation given to us
by the death and resurrection
of Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.**

3. DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: The prayer leader and the assisting ministers each take a bowl of ashes and go to their assigned stations. A Redemptorist invites the people to come forward to receive the ashes. As they are placed on the person’s forehead in the sign of the cross, the minister says: “Accept God’s healing love and rededicate yourself to a life of Gospel forgiveness”; or “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” During the distribution, the choir sings or plays an instrumental piece of music.

4. PRAYER OVER THE PREACHER:

Prayer Leader:

**Please join me in our blessing prayer
by extending your hands when I extend mine
and silently praying along with me. (Pause)**

The ministers for the distribution of ashes gather around the preacher and each places a hand on the preacher's shoulders when the prayer leader raises his hands for the blessing.

**God of mercy and compassion,
may your power show forth this night
in the preaching of Fr. _____ .
Through his words may each of us come to a deeper experience
of your forgiveness and healing power in our lives,
and may we extend to others
that same forgiveness and healing.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. R/ Amen.**

5. SERMON: The sermon is followed by two or three minutes of silence. After the period of silence, meditation music is welcomed at this time. 🎵🎵🎵 Instrumental music or a hymn by the choir, a soloist, or the congregation would be appropriate.

6. RECONCILIATION RITE: The Redemptorist and the pastor, in light of diocesan policy and the parish's history of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will determine beforehand the exact nature of this rite.

The rite may consist of an examination of conscience (in common) or a prayer of healing (led by the preacher). If the preacher decides to use the prayer of healing, he will provide his own copy. If the preacher decides to use the examination of conscience, the following may be used:

**Let us celebrate God's mercy
by looking at those areas in our life
where we need forgiveness and healing.
Let us also grant to those who have hurt us
the same forgiveness and healing
we seek from God.**

**After each statement, please respond: Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**1. For our failure to respect ourselves by not tending to our physical and emotional well-being,
working too many hours,
not getting sufficient exercise or quiet and leisure time;
by the misuse of food through overeating,
or alcohol by overindulgence,
or the misuse of the gift of our sexuality
by promiscuity and infidelity,
we pray to the Lord. R/ Forgive us our trespasses . . .**

**2. For the times our pride has led us to bitterness, brooding, resentment, anger, and grudges
because others failed to measure up to our expectations.
For the times we have been so deeply hurt by others
that we found it almost impossible to forgive them,
we pray to the Lord. R/ Forgive us our trespasses . . .**

**3. For our greed,
which shows itself in the way
we hoard our time, our money, and our possessions
and refuse to share them with those in need of life's necessities.
For allowing things to become more important
than people and relationships
and for spending our time accumulating
as many material possessions as possible,
we pray to the Lord.**

R/ Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**4. For our selfishness and laziness,
that prevent us from seriously discerning
where God is calling us to be His hands, His feet, His voice.
For the selfishness and laziness that prevent us
from seeing opportunities to live and model our Gospel values
by affirming our spouse, parents, children, boss,
employees, coworkers, and classmates
and looking for ways to make our homes, workplaces,
neighborhoods, parish, and schools
a better place to be, we pray to the Lord.**

R/ Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**5. For failing to accept people of other faiths,
races, languages, and sex as equals;
for manipulating people
by misusing or abusing the truth;
for talking about others and spreading rumors
that hurt their reputations;
for writing people off because of their positions or opinions;
for failing to honor contracts by not doing quality work
or paying for a job we requested,
we pray to the Lord. R/ Forgive us our trespasses . . .**

**6. For our ingratitude in spite of God's ongoing gifts of life, health,
loved ones, employment, housing, and food.
For failing to express our thanks every day
through personal and family prayer.
For not always appreciating the Eucharist
and the Sacraments of the Church, we pray to the Lord.
R/ Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**7. For hesitating to forgive others,
even though God has lovingly forgiven us, we pray to the Lord.
R/ Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**As an expression of our acceptance of God's forgiveness
for those things we recall and those which are too painful to name
or put into words, we pray: I confess to Almighty God...**

7. CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: The Redemptorist preacher (or the pastor) instructs the congregation according to what was decided concerning the form of celebrating the sacrament; he introduces the additional confessors and their assigned places.

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