

# PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

n. 7.3, 8, 138-205

“[This period] ordinarily coincides with [the six weeks of] Lent. (n.8) “In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery.” (n.138)

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## Pastoral Aspects

- ❖ The faithful are “to give good example to the elect and along with the elect to prepare themselves for the Easter solemnities.” (n.125)
- ❖ “After the election, the [clergy, sponsors, team, and parish] should surround the elect with prayer so that the entire Church will accompany and lead them to encounter Christ.” (n.121)
- ❖ “[The elect] are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.” (n.142)

## Catechetical Aspects

- ❖ “This is a period... consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction... It is intended...to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deep knowledge of Christ the Savior.” (n.139)
- ❖ “Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church.” (n.142)
- ❖ By means of the scrutinies, the elect “are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin...their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer... [and they] should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.” (n.143)

## Liturgical Aspects

### ***For the Elect...***

- ❖ The Scrutinies: (n.20, 141-146)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny - *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent* (n.150-156)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny - *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent* (n.164-170)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny - *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent* (n.171-177)
- ❖ The Presentations: (n.21, 147-149)
  - Presentation of the Creed – *3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent* (n.157-163)
  - Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer – *5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent* (n.178-184)

### ***For Candidates:***

- ❖ The Penitential Rite *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent* (n.459-472)
- ❖ Presentations can also be done with some candidates as appropriate
- ❖ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated prior to the Easter Vigil (n.482, Ap. II, N.27, 36)