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INTRO TO RCIA CLASS

THE EASTER VIGIL

PART I - QUESTIONS TO BEGIN:

- **WHERE IN THE LITURGICAL YEAR DOES THE EASTER VIGIL OCCUR?
BETWEEN WHAT TWO SEASONS?**
- **WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE LITURGICAL SEASON IN WHICH WE
CELEBRATE THE EASTER VIGIL?**

CONTEXTUALIZING THE EASTER VIGIL

- THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM – THE THREE DAYS.
- BUT IS IT THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY? OR IS IT FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY?
- LITURGICAL “DAYS” ARE COUNTED FROM SUNSET TO SUNSET. HOLY THURSDAY BEGINS “IN THE EVENING” (BY CANON LAW PASTORAL EXPLANATION, AFTER 4:00 PM).

COUNTING DAYS

- HOLY THURSDAY EVENING TO GOOD FRIDAY EVENING – 1ST DAY – 24 HOURS
- GOOD FRIDAY EVENING TO HOLY SATURDAY EVENING – 2ND DAY – 48 HOURS
- HOLY SATURDAY EVENING TO EASTER SUNDAY EVENING – 3RD DAY – 72 HRS
- BUT – IT IS A SINGLE CELEBRATION THAT LASTS FOR 72 HOURS!! IT IS ITS OWN LITURGICAL SEASON.

THE CHURCH SAYS . . .

- “THE CHURCH SOLEMNLY CELEBRATES THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF OUR REDEMPTION, KEEPING BY MEANS OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THE MEMORIAL OF HER LORD, CRUCIFIED, BURIED, AND RISEN.” (ROMAN MISSAL, 3RD EDITION, RUBRICS, PASCHAL TRIDUUM NOTES.)

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

- **RUBRIC 1:** “THIS IS THE NIGHT OF KEEPING VIGIL FOR THE LORD) EXODUS 12:42), IN WHICH, FOLLOWING THE GOSPEL ADMONITION (LK 12:35-37), THE FAITHFUL, CARRYING LIGHTED LAMPS IN THEIR HANDS, SHOULD BE LIKE THOSE LOOKING FOR THE LORD WHEN HE RETURNS, SO THAT AT HIS COMING HE MAY FIND THEM AWAKE AND HAVE THEM SIT AT HIS TABLE.”

THE EASTER VIGIL IN 4 PARTS:

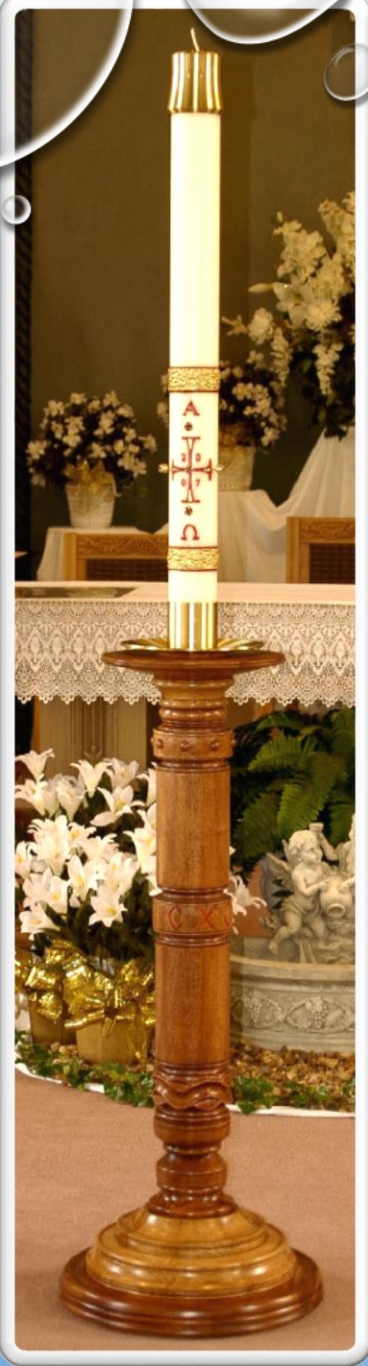
LITURGY OF LIGHT, LITURGY OF THE WORD, BAPTISMAL LITURGY, LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- **RUBRIC 2:** “OF THIS NIGHT’S VIGIL, WHICH IS THE GREATEST AND MOST NOBLE OF ALL SOLEMNITIES, THERE IS TO BE ONLY ONE CELEBRATION IN EACH CHURCH. IT IS ARRANGED, MOREOVER, IN SUCH A WAY, THAT AFTER THE *LUCERNARIUM* AND EASTER PROCLAMATION (WHICH CONSTITUTES THE 1ST PART OF THE VIGIL), HOLY CHURCH MEDITATES ON THE WONDERS THE LORD GOD HAS DONE FOR HIS PEOPLE FROM THE BEGINNING, TRUSTING IN HIS WORD AND PROMISE (THE SECOND PART, THAT IS, THE LITURGY OF THE WORD) UNTIL, AS DAY APPROACHES, WITH NEW MEMBERS REBORN IN BAPTISM (THE THIRD PART), THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO THE TABLE THE LORD HAS PREPARED FOR HIS PEOPLE. THE MEMORIAL OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION UNTIL HE COMES AGAIN (THE FOURTH PART).
- **THE MOTHER OF ALL VIGILS**
- **BY BAPTISM, THE CHURCH “BIRTHS” ITS BABIES IN A UNIQUE AND SINGULAR WAY.**

PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE:

O GOD, WHO THROUGH YOUR SON BESTOWED UPON THE FAITHFUL THE FIRE OF YOUR GLORY, SANCTIFY THIS NEW FIRE, WE PRAY, AND GRANT THAT, BY THESE PASCHAL CELEBRATIONS, WE MAY BE SO INFLAMED WITH HEAVENLY DESIRES, THAT WITH MINDS MADE PURE WE MAY ATTAIN FESTIVITIES OF UNENDING SPLENDOR.





- WHILE CUTTING THE CANDLE WITH A STYLUS:
 - CHRIST YESTERDAY AND TODAY (VERTICAL LINE ON CROSS)
 - THE BEGINNING AND THE END (HORIZONTAL LINE ON CROSS)
 - THE ALPHA (CUTS THE LETTER ALPHA ABOVE THE CROSS)
 - AND THE OMEGA (CUTS THE LETTER OMEGA BELOW THE CROSS)
 - ALL TIME BELONGS TO HIM (CUTS FIRST NUMERAL OF CURRENT YEAR IN UPPER LEFT CORNER OF CROSS)
 - AND ALL THE AGES (CUTS THE SECOND NUMERAL OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF THE CROSS)
 - TO HIM BE GLORY AND POWER (CUTS THE THIRD NUMERAL OF THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE CROSS)
 - THROUGH EVERY AGE AND FOR EVER. AMEN.
- (INSERTING 5 GRAINS OF INCENSE INTO THE CANDLE IN THE FORM OF A CROSS:
1. BY HIS HOLY ANGELS, 2. AND HIS HOLY WOUNDS, 3. MAY CHRIST THE LORD, 4. GUARD US, 5. AND PROTECT US. AMEN. (TOP, MIDDLE, BOTTOM, LEFT, RIGHT)

LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL LAMPS, AND PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF THE WORD



LUCERNARIUM – THE EXSULTET



PART II – THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- **SYMBOLS OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**
- **INVITATION TO THE WORD**
- **THE COMMUNITY GATHERED**
- **THE READINGS –**
 - **LECTIONARY**
 - **ROMAN MISSAL**
 - **BOOK OF THE GOSPELS**
 - **THE PSALTER**

- **RUBRIC 20:** “IN THIS VIGIL, THE MOTHER OF ALL VIGILS, NINE READINGS ARE PROVIDED, NAMELY SEVEN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT AND TWO FROM THE NEW (THE EPISTLE AND THE GOSPEL), ALL OF WHICH SHOULD BE READ WHENEVER THIS CAN BE DONE, SO THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE VIGIL, WHICH DEMANDS AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, MAY BE PRESERVED.”
- **RUBRIC 21:** NEVERTHELESS, WHERE MORE SERIOUS PASTORAL CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND IT, THE NUMBER OF READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT MAY BE REDUCED, ALWAYS BEARING IN MIND THAT THE READING OF THE WORD OF GOD IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THIS EASTER VIGIL. AT LEAST THREE READINGS SHOULD BE READD FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, BOTH FROM THE LAW AND FROM THE PROPHETS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSORIAL PSALMS SHOULD BE SUNG. NEVER, MOREOVER, SHOULD THE READING OF CHAPTER 14 OF EXODUS WITH ITS CANTICLE BE OMITTED.”

REQUIRED READINGS, PSALMS, PRAYERS: EXODUS 14- NEVER OMITTED – RED SEA – DEATH TO LIFE

- ** GENESIS 1:1-2:2 - CREATION

PSALM 104 – LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

- GENESIS 22:1-18 – ABRAHAM SACRIFICING ISAAC


PSALM 16 – KEEP ME SAFE, O GOD

- ** EXODUS 14:15 – 15:1 – THE ISRAELITES CROSS THE RED SEA

(PS.) EXODUS 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18. – SONG OF MIRIAM – LET US SING TO THE LORD; HE HAS COVERED HIMSELF IN GLORY

- ISAIAH 54:5-14 – YOUR REDEEMER IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

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- ISAIAH 56:1-11 – ALL YOU WHO ARE THIRSTY, COME TO THE WATER

(PS.) ISAIAH 12 – YOU WILL DRAW WATER JOYFULLY FROM THE SPRINGS OF SALVATION.

- BARUCH 3 – PRUDENCE, STRENGTH, UNDERSTANDING, PEACE. SUCH IS OUR GOD; NO OTHER IS TO BE COMPARED TO HIM.

- PSALM 119 – LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE (JOHN 6, 69)

- EZEKIEL 36 – I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PLACE A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU

- PSALM 42 – LIKE A DEER THAT LONGS FOR RUNNING STREAMS, MY SOUL LONGS FOR YOU, MY GOD.

- THE GLORIA – NOT USED DURING LENT – HOW GLORIOUS IS YOUR GLORIA?
- THE COLLECT PRAYER
- THE EPISTLE – LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 6:3-11 – ABOUT BAPTISM
- THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
- THE SYMBOLS OF THE GOSPEL: DEACON, BOOK, CANDLES, INCENSE, POSTURE, ACCLAMATION, GREETING
- THE GOSPEL – FROM CYCLE C – LUKE 24:1-12 – THE WOMEN WITH THE GOOD NEWS!
- THE HOMILY – AIMED AT WHOM?

**** A HOMEWORK QUESTION:**

- **HOW DO THE LENTEN READINGS FROM CYCLE A, ESPECIALLY THE GOSPELS FROM THE 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH SUNDAYS OF LENT CORRELATE TO THE READINGS OF THE EASTER VIGIL?**

PART III – THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

- **SYMBOLS OF THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY**
- **PROCESSION TO FONT ACCOMPANIED BY LITANY OF SAINTS, (INSERTION OF NAMES)**
- **BLESSING OF WATER – EASTER CANDLE (SYMBOL OF FECUNDITY)**
- **PROFESSION OF FAITH**
- **EXPLANATORY SYMBOLS: WHITE GARMENT, BAPTISMAL CANDLES, ANOINTING WITH CHRISM**
- **GODPARENTS**
- **COMMUNITY GATHERED, MINISTER OF THE SACRAMENTS**

PLACES OF BAPTISM & VALID FORMS



CONFIRMATION: WHO CONFIRMS WHOM



A LOOK AT THE TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE RITE BOOK

- UNDER PART I: 3RD STEP – CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION;
- UNDER PART II: RITES OF PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES:

PART 1: CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE REACHED
CATECHETICAL AGE

- PART 5: RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL
COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH;

- UNDER APPENDIX I (ADDITIONAL [COMBINED] RITES):

- PART 4: CELEBRATION AT THE EASTER VIGIL OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND OF THE RITE OF RECEPTION INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- UNDER APPENDIX II (ACCLAMATIONS, HYMNS, AND PSALMS) – WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF THE PARISH? WHEN SHOULD YOU BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THEM ABOUT THE MUSIC FOR THIS LITURGICAL CELEBRATION IN PARTICULAR, AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/RITES OF THE RCIA? THEY OUGHT TO BE INTEGRAL TO THE PROCESS (THAT WAS MY ENTRÉE INTO THE RCIA – THROUGH THE CHOIR)

• UNDER APPENDIX III (NATIONAL STATUTES FOR THE CATECHUMENATE)

• SEE NATIONAL STATUTES:

• 10 – ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

• 11-13 – MINISTER OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

• 14-17 – ABOUT THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

• 18-19 – ABOUT CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE

• 25-29 – UNCATECHIZED ADULT CATHOLICS

• 30-37 – RECEPTION INTO FULL CATHOLIC COMMUNION

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• SEE ALSO SECTION B: CODE OF CANON LAW, PARTICULARLY CANONS 842, 852, 866, 883, 885

BAPTISM

- ELEMENTS OF THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY
- PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES – 3 OPTIONS GIVEN
- INVITATION TO PRAY (FOR THE ELECT TO BE BAPTIZED) LITANY OF SAINTS (SUNG) – WE REMAIN STANDING
- BLESSING OF THE WATER – 3 OPTIONS A, B, C, PLUS 2 MORE OPTIONS D, E
- *SEE P. 133 – CALLS FOR AN ACCLAMATION TO BE SUNG AT THE END OF THE BLESSING OF THE WATER – A NOTE ABOUT WORKING WITH YOUR MUSICIANS.*
- RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH – SHOULD BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY

- BAPTISM BY IMMERSION (OF WHOLE BODY OR OF HEAD ONLY),
INFUSION
- WHAT CONSTITUTES VALIDITY AND LICEITY? – CLEAN WATER, AND
TRINITARIAN FORMULA PRONOUNCED WHILE POURING WATER
BY A SINGLE MINISTER (PASTOR IN THIS CASE)
- EXPLANATORY RITES: [ANOINTING, IF NOT CONFIRMED AT THIS
MASS], CLOTHING WITH WHITE BAPTISMAL GARMENT,
PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE
- CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION
 - LAYING ON OF HANDS
 - ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

WE ALSO RENEW OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

- THE ALREADY BAPTIZED NOW RENEW THEIR BAPTISMAL PROMISES
- RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH
- SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

PART IV – LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- THE ULTIMATE GOAL – TO BE ONE WITH US AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD – THINK BACK TO ALL THOSE DISMISSALS!!
- ELEMENTS:
- THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS, THE PREFACE DIALOGUE AND PREFACE, THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (USUALLY EP I – THE ROMAN CANON), THE COMMUNION RITE.



- **SYMBOLS OF THE EUCHARIST**

- BREAD AND WINE – BECOMING BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- COMMUNITY GATHERED AROUND THE TABLE OF EUCHARIST

FOUR MOVEMENTS OF EUCHARIST: JESUS TOOK BREAD,
BLESSED BREAD, BROKE BREAD, GAVE BREAD = THE
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WHICH
INCLUDES THE CONSECRATION, THE FRACTION RITE, AND
COMMUNION

- (THE NEWLY INITIATED CAN BRING UP THE GIFTS)



- THE SYMBOLS OF OUR UNITY AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION
- PROCESSION TO THE TABLE OF EUCHARIST
POSTURE (SHOULD BE STANDING – OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS
USUALLY AT YOUR PARISH DURING THIS TIME)
- SINGING
- PARTAKING – EATING AND DRINKING THE BODY & BLOOD OF
THE LORD

- **FINALLY THE DISMISSAL**
- **THE FINAL BLESSING – TO GO AND LIVE THE GOSPEL**