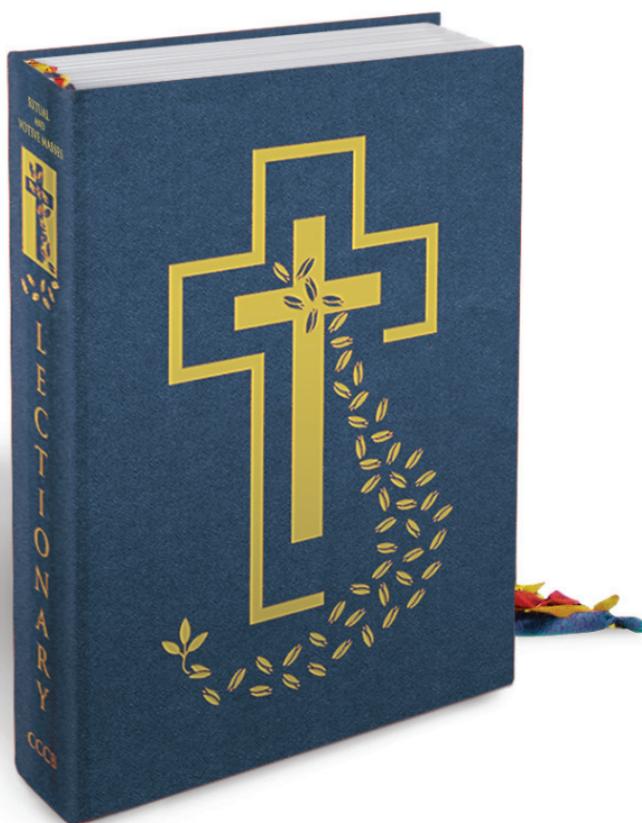


Lectionary

For Ritual Masses
For Various Needs and Occasions
For Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead



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Absence of a Ritual Lectionary

The Catholic Church in Canada has been without a Lectionary containing selections for Ritual and Votive Masses, as well as for Various Needs and Occasions for over thirty (30) years. In that time many parishes have compensated by making their own adaptations, especially in the case of Readings for Marriages and Funerals. Some have produced their own lectionaries for these occasions; others offer photocopied booklets or sheets. However, the third volume of the Lectionary, containing all the Readings for the Sacraments and Ritual celebrations, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses, has now been printed and is available in three editions: Ambo, Chapel and Study.

Benefits of a Lectionary

After so long an absence we may need to be reminded why we need a Ritual Lectionary. Legally, home made lectionaries and photocopied sheets break the copyright of the publishers of the texts from Sacred Scripture. Liturgically and theologically, we acknowledge the dignity we owe to the Word of God. Sheets of paper and binders do not convey the proper respect to the Sacred Scriptures. Our belief in the enduring Word of God suffers when we read from a sheet of paper, which is discarded after the celebration. The truth of the Word of God, for which martyrs gave their lives, is thrown out and trampled underfoot. Those who gather for worship take their cue from the liturgical ministers. The care shown for these symbols of our faith helps to develop an appreciation of the sacred among the assembly, especially at those celebrations where many people who practice infrequently are gathered. A permanent and dignified Lectionary conveys the respect owed to God's Word. In a world where nothing seems to last, the use of a permanent Lectionary is a step toward emphasizing that the Word of God is eternally true and yet constantly new.

Support for Lectors

The Lectionary is the lector's instrument for proclaiming God's Word. A dignified and permanent book of Sacred Scripture Readings supports the lector's ministry and conveys the important role of the proclamation of the Word in the liturgical celebration. The presence of a Lectionary for Sacramental and Ritual celebrations invites lectors to take their ministry seriously and prepare accordingly. The clear type, font size and contrast of the print against the page assists with preparation and more effective proclamation.

Marriages, Funerals and Masses for the Dead

The Ritual Lectionary will be used most frequently for Funerals and Weddings. All selections of the Readings, Responsorial Psalms, Gospel Acclamations and Gospels are now available in one book. The sections for Marriages and Funerals also contain additional Readings which were not in any previous editions. In particular, new passages from the Acts of the Apostles and from the Book of Revelation for use during the Easter Season are included. Traditionally the Church does not read from the Old Testament during this period.

In addition it is worth noting that the current Ritual Books for Funerals and Marriages contain the Jerusalem Bible translation of the Biblical passages. This was the translation in use in Canada when these Ritual Books were published. This volume of the Lectionary provides the texts from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), which have been proclaimed over the last twenty years.

Special Occasions

The Ritual Lectionary makes available a choice of Readings for Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving. These are found in the section for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions.

- For the Nation, Province or City... (no. 13); options for Canada Day and Civic Holidays
- For the Blessing of Human Labour (no. 18); options for Labour Day
- For Productive Land (no. 19)
- After the Harvest (no. 20) or In Thanksgiving to God (no. 26); for Thanksgiving Day

Sacraments of Initiation

The entire collection of readings for the various celebrations of the Rite of Christian Initiation can now be found in this publication. The readings for the celebration of Baptism and Confirmation are also included.

Ordination and Related Rites

Those preparing for ordination will find the Readings for Ordination and Candidacy readily available. Readings for the Instituted Ministries of Lector and Acolyte are included as well.

Various Needs and Occasions

While the continuous reading of Biblical Books contained in the Weekday Lectionaries is always to be commended (See Pastoral Notes, *Liturgical Calendar*, no. 9b) there are times when the pastoral needs of the parish community call for celebrations for various needs and occasions. Often events in Canada and throughout the world prompt times for prayer and reflection. Readings for these occasions are readily available in the Ritual Lectionary.

- For Peace and Justice (no. 14)
- For Reconciliation (no. 15)
- In time of War or Civil Disturbance (no. 16)
- For Persecuted Christians (no. 12)
- For Christian Unity (no. 10)
- For the Election of a Bishop or Pope (no. 2)

Readings for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penitential Services

In addition to Readings that might be chosen for Communal Celebrations of Penance from the Seasons of Advent or Lent, this Lectionary contains two helpful sections, For Reconciliation (no. 15) or For the Forgiveness of Sins (no. 27)

Votive Masses

The section on Votive Masses includes Readings for the Masses of the Sacred Heart; the Holy Cross; the Holy Eucharist; Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest; The Holy Spirit; the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Joseph; the Holy Apostles and All Saints; to name only a few.

Contents: This Lectionary is essential for every church and chapel. All the passages are from the NRSV version of Sacred Scripture, which is the approved translation for use in Canada. It contains:

- Readings for all the Sacraments, Rituals and Special Occasions celebrated outside of Sunday Mass.
- An expanded selection of readings for Funeral Liturgies and Masses for the Dead (approved by the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*) for use in Canada.
- Readings for a wide variety of situations pertaining to Church life.
- Numerous selections for Votive Masses.

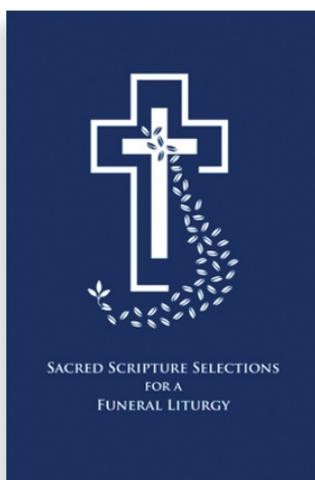
Features: This third volume of the Lectionary is available in three convenient formats, the standard Ambo Edition for churches; a hard cover Chapel Edition; and a Study Edition which is ideal for planning liturgies.

- It has a distinct blue cover to help distinguish it from the other volumes of the Lectionary.
- The readings are presented in a clear single-column format with distinct sense lines.
- The titles, references, and instructions are printed in the traditional red, separating them from the proclaimed text.
- It is printed on specially selected matt paper which reduces glare under harsh lighting conditions.
- It has an improved large, bold elegant typeface which facilitates legibility in low lighting.

Ambo Edition (Code: 182-333): Leather hardcover, 2 colour interior, gold-stamped cover and spine, sewn spine with head and tail bands, reinforced end paper, three distinctly coloured satin finished ribbons.

Chapel Edition (Code: 182-335): Leather hardcover, 2 colour interior, gold-stamped cover and spine, sewn spine with head and tail bands, reinforced end paper, three distinctly coloured satin finished ribbons.

Study Edition (Code: 182-334): Softcover, 2 colour interior, gold-stamped cover and spine, same sturdy sewn spine.



Scripture Selections for a Funeral Liturgy (Code: 182-421): Printed in conjunction with the Ritual Lectionary, this inexpensive Parish resource is available to help families, friends and clergy prepare for the Funeral Liturgy of a loved one. This booklet contains all of the approved readings from Sacred Scripture for Funeral Liturgies which are in the new Ritual Lectionary. This includes some additional readings approved for use in Canada by the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*. It also contains some helpful information on how to use the booklet and, for convenience, has a detachable page that can be given to the Priest or Deacon presiding at the Liturgy with the choices that are made.

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