

## **St. Augustine Liturgical Update**

It has been more than 10 years since the new General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM) went into effect in the USA. As we get ready to start the new liturgical year, it is a good time to review the instruction and update some practices. The following practices will begin with the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 and 29.

### **Before mass:**

The Lectionary should be placed on the ambo open to the proper page, along with the Prayers of the Faithful. (GIRM 118)

The chalices should be set in their usual place, but pre-filled before mass. (GIRM 118)

The plate with hosts and a small cruet of wine are in the back of church to be brought forward in the offertory.

The altar should have a white altar cloth on it but not the corporal (GIRM 117)

### **Mass:**

The cantor can invite the people to stand and join in the opening song. (GIRM 47)

The deacon enters in procession, immediately preceding the presider carrying the Gospel Book. (GIRM 172)

The Readings speak for themselves and need no introduction.

The Altar server need not lift the candle for the gospel. Candle stays in place lit.

The Gospel Book should remain on the Ambo after the gospel, unless a bishop is present then it is taken to him and then to a suitable place. (GIRM 175)

There is no Alleluia after the gospel.

At the offertory, the grocery cart does not come up the aisle.

The Deacon prepares altar including the corporal and the priest chalice. (GIRM 178)

At the sign of peace, the Priest and Deacon exchange the sign of peace with those immediately around them in the sanctuary (GIRM 181) then the Deacon goes up the side aisle and brings the ciborium from the tabernacle in the chapel to the altar. Ciborium is carried at chest level. It is not a Eucharistic Procession.

The Eucharist Ministers simply come from their seats and line up at the base of the altar.

After Communion, the Deacon completes the purification, and clearing of the altar including the corporal and returns the ciborium to the tabernacle using the same side aisle.

Priest will wait for deacon to return from chapel.

After the Prayer after Communion the Deacon makes the brief announcement unless the priest prefers to do it himself (GIRM 184)

### **Mass Coordinator:**

The Lectionary should be placed on the ambo open to the proper page, along with the Prayers of the Faithful.

The Eucharist cups should be pre-filled and on the credence table before mass. No large pitcher is to be used.

The plate with hosts and a small cruet of wine are to be brought forward in the offertory. Fill the cruet about half full.

The altar should have a white altar cloth on it but not the corporal. The corporal will be on the credence table with the chalice.

The tabernacle key is to be placed in the tabernacle so that when the deacon processes to the tabernacle for the Eucharist, it is already in place.

After communion is over proceed to the chapel to meet the deacon returning the Eucharist to the tabernacle.

If there is no deacon at mass the MC will perform the above processions of the Eucharist.

**Altar Servers:**

The Altar server stands by the candle for the gospel. Candle stays in place lit. There is no procession with the gospel book.

The Eucharist cups will contain wine when they are at the credence table. Care must be taken in moving the cups to the altar when setting up the altar. Please carefully take only two cups at a time, one in each hand.

There will be one additional item on the credence table, the corporal. Place this with the chalice on the altar. The deacon will unfold the corporal.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

The Eucharist Ministers simply come from their seats and line up at the base of the altar as you do today. There is no procession.

**Cantor:**

The cantor will invite the people to stand and join in the opening song.

There is no Alleluia after the gospel.

**Ushers:**

At the offertory the grocery cart does not come up the aisle.