



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Clergy, Liturgy Coordinators, Music Directors, and Wedding Coordinators  
**FROM:** Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director, Office for Worship  
**RE:** **Liturgical Books Currently in Use**  
**DATE:** August 6, 2025

This memorandum provides an updated list of all the liturgical books currently in use in the United States and that have been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). We hope this will be a useful resource to our Diocese and all priests and liturgists, who support them, in keeping track of which liturgical books should be used in the Diocese of Orange.

### Please Note:

- As of February 2025, four English ritual books approved by the USCCB are awaiting confirmation from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments—an excerpt of rites for use by the laity in ministry to the sick, the *Order of Blessing of an Abbot or an Abbess*, the *Order of Consecration of Virgins*, and the *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.
- New English translations are also in process for the following: the *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition*; the *Lectionary for Mass*; and the *Institution of Lectors, Acolytes, and Catechists*.

The dates in italics refer to the current Latin *editiones typicae* or to the years of the most recent emendations of the books, but do not necessarily reflect dates of more recent reprintings. There are a few books that could have been included but are not listed, especially those from the early years of the liturgical reform that have been subsumed into later books. Years in parenthesis refer to earlier U.S. editions, and **the years in bold refer to the current U.S. English edition**.

Information on Spanish-language books appears further below.

For liturgical rites in languages for which there is no approved translation for the United States, a translation approved for use in another episcopal conference with competence in that language may be used (LA, no. 18). See [Guidelines for the Publication of Liturgical Books](#) from the USCCB for more information.

\* LA - *Liturgiam authenticam*, fifth Instruction for the right implementation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CDWDS, March 28, 2001)



### **For the Eucharist (Mass)**

Roman Missal (including General Instruction & Calendar)	2008 (1974; 1985) <b>2011</b>
Excerpts from the Roman Missal (“Book of the Chair”)	<b>2018</b>
Lectionary for Mass	1981 (1970) <b>1998/2002</b>
Lectionary for Mass Supplement	<b>2017</b>
Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1987 (1992) <b>2012</b>
Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest	(1988; 2007) <b>2012</b>
Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children	2002 (1985) <b>2011</b>
Lectionary for Masses with Children	<b>1993</b>

### **Principal books of music for the Eucharist**

<i>Graduale Simplex</i> (simpler Gregorian chants of Mass parts and propers)	1975
<i>Ordo cantus Missae</i> (Gregorian chants of Mass parts and propers, cross-referenced to the pre-Conciliar Graduale Romanum)	1988
Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ	1989 (1971) <b>1998</b>
<i>Graduale Romanum</i> (Gregorian chants of Mass parts and propers)	1974
<i>Liber Cantualis</i> (assorted Gregorian chants)	1983
<i>Ordo Missae in Cantu</i> (Gregorian chants for the Order of Mass)	2012

Note: The final three items were published by Solesmes Abbey. Other publications contain various excerpts of these books in different forms.



**For the other sacraments and sacramentals**

Roman Pontifical	(1978) <b>2012</b>
• Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons	<i>1989</i> (1978; 2003; 2012) <b>2021</b>
• Order of Confirmation	<i>2003</i> (1978; 2012) <b>2015</b>
• Order of the Blessing of Oils and the Consecration of Chrism	<i>1971</i> (1985; 2012) <b>2019</b>
• Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar	<i>1977</i> (1989) <b>2018</b>
• Order of Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses	<i>2010</i> (1978) <b>2012</b>
• Order of the Consecration of Virgins	<i>1970</i> (1978) <b>2012</b>
• Institution of Lectors and Acolytes	<i>1972</i> (1978) <b>2012</b>
• Institution of Catechists	<i>2021</i>
Roman Ritual	
• Order of Baptism of Children	<i>2003</i> (1970) <b>2020</b>
• Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	<i>1972</i> (1974; 1988) <b>2024</b>
• Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass	<i>1974</i> (1976) <b>2024</b>
• Order of Celebrating Matrimony	<i>2008</i> (1970) <b>2016</b>
• Order of Penance	<i>1974</i> (1975; 2010) <b>2023</b>
• Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum	<i>1972</i> (1974) <b>1983</b>
• Book of Blessings	<i>1994</i> ; <b>1989</b>
• Order of Christian Funerals	<i>1969</i> (1971) <b>1989</b>
• Order of Religious Profession	<i>1970</i> ; (1989) <b>2025</b>
• Exorcisms and Related Supplications	<i>2005</i> ; <b>2017</b>



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### **Other liturgical books**

Roman Martyrology	2004
Ceremonial of Bishops	2008; <b>1989</b>
Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1981; <b>1987</b>
Liturgy of the Hours	2000; <b>1975/1976</b>
The Abbey Psalms and Canticles	<b>2020</b>
<i>Ordo cantus Officii</i> (chants for the Office)	2015
<i>Liber Hymnarius</i> (hymns, invitatories, and responsories for the Office)	1983
<i>Antiphonale Romanum I</i> (Lauds of Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts)	2020
<i>Antiphonale Romanum II</i> (Vespers of Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts)	2009

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### **Conference-approved texts containing excerpts of ritual books**

Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist	<b>1993</b>
Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers	(1988; 2007) <b>2020</b>
Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday (bilingual)	<b>2008</b>
Blessing of a Child in the Womb (bilingual)	<b>2012</b>



### **Ritual books in Spanish**

Misal Romano (includes the Rito para la bendición de los óleos y la consagración del Crisma)	2008; <b>2018</b>
Celebraciones dominicales en ausencia de presbítero (bilingual)	<b>2007</b>
Ritual para el Bautismo de los niños	2003; <b>2009</b>
Ritual de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos	1972 (1993) <b>2024</b>
Ritual del Matrimonio	2008; <b>2010</b>
Ritual de la Unción de los Enfermos y de su Atención Pastoral	1972; <b>2026</b>
Ritual de Exequias Cristianas	1969; <b>2002</b>
Bendición al Cumplir Quince Años (bilingual)	<b>2008</b>
Bendición de una Criatura en el Vientre Materno (bilingual)	<b>2012</b>

Seven Spanish-language liturgical books and two fascicles have been confirmed for liturgical use in the United States. In addition, two books in Spanish are pending: the *Bendicional* and *Liturgia de las Horas: Textos propios y adaptaciones para las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América* are awaiting confirmation by the Holy See.

For other rites that do not have a confirmed U.S. Spanish edition—for example, the *Leccionario*, rituals for Penance, Ordination, etc.—any Spanish translation lawfully approved by another Conference of Bishops may be used. Ritual books from Mexico tend to be the most popular in this country, and many of them are available through Liturgical Press or from the Mexican publishing house Buena Prensa.

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