

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Suggestions

Revised 12/28/20

- At Pope Francis' suggestion, "enthroned the Word" in some prominent way.
 - Perhaps the Book of the Gospels could be "enthroned" somewhere prominent after the proclamation of the Gospel in the sanctuary, elsewhere in the church, or the gathering space/narthex.
- Preach the Sunday homily on the centrality of the Bible for Christians.
- Use Eucharistic Prayer III for Various Needs and Occasions ("Jesus, the Way to the Father") with its focus on Christ as "Word".
- If you don't already, begin using the Book of the Gospels on Sundays and more solemn days.
- Bless, commission, and thank lectors, psalmists, leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word, leaders for breaking open the word with catechumens (Sunday dismissal) and other ministers of God's Word in your parish.
 - Highlight those ministries of the Word and recruit new members.
- Display an icon of the "Evangelist of the Year" somewhere prominent on your parish campus.
- After the Christmas busyness subsides, rebind or repair your Lectionaries.
- As ministers of the Word, make this "deacon appreciation Sunday" for your permanent deacons.



— ARCHDIOCESE OF —
CINCINNATI

Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments

www.catholicaoc.org/worship