

Order of Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 22, 2012

INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

(The priest, deacon or other suitable minister may very briefly introduce the Mass of the day.)

*Brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel there is a sense of urgency.
We are called to repent, to believe in Jesus and to follow him . . . now.
These are also urgent times and on this day when we affirm the sacredness of all life
and recognize the assault on that sacredness in so many ways,
let us hear God's call and not delay our response.*

PENITENTIAL RITE

My brothers and sisters, let us call to mind our sins.

*Lord Jesus, you announce the kingdom of God and call us to repent, Lord have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you called your disciples to follow you, Christ have mercy.
Lord Jesus, help us answer your call to repentance and discipleship, Lord have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: *Let us join with believers all over the world and pray for those whose lives are at risk
and who need to be protected.*

Lector: *For the work of the church . . . for all efforts to affirm and protect the lives of the most
vulnerable ~ the very old and the very young and those yet to be born; prisoners,
refugees, the very sick, the poor and all those whose voices are not heard
~ we pray to the Lord.*

*For all Christian congregations . . . may they come together in service to those in need
. . . for those who work in food pantries and jobs programs, homeless shelters and tutoring
programs ~ we pray to the Lord.*

*For those who serve in government . . . for the wisdom and dedication to make decisions
that protect the most vulnerable without attention to personal gain ~ we pray to the Lord.*

*For the unemployed as they struggle to find a job, pay their bills and provide for their
families ~ we pray to the Lord.*

*For all young people . . . for their parents and grandparents and all who love them . . .
for dedicated teachers and coaches and counselors . . . for hope for their future
~ we pray to the Lord.*

*For family and friends who have died . . . may they find rest and refreshment in Christ,
especially*

+ JOACHIM & SABRINA FERNANDES (Mass intention for Saturday)

+ JOHN D. BENTO (Mass Intention for Sunday)

~ we pray to the Lord.

Presider: *Loving God, Creator of all life, we join together with believers everywhere and ask that you
hear our prayers this day. Give us confidence in your love for us and your power to
provide what we need. We pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who
reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

