



Sunday of the Word of God: January 26, 2020

Liturgical Suggestions

Practical suggestions

1. 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.
2. Preach the Sunday homily on the centrality of the Bible for Christians.
 - Matthew 4:12-17: Jesus quotes Isaiah, builds his teaching and the call of the first disciples upon the prophets
 - 1st Corinthians 1:10-13, 17: "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to PREACH THE GOSPEL, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence..."
3. Use Eucharistic Prayer III for Various Needs and Occasions ("Jesus, the Way to the Father") with its focus on Christ as "Word" (Page 636 of the Roman Missal either in English or Spanish)
4. If you don't already, **begin using the Book of the Gospels** on Sundays and more solemn days.
5. 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.
6. Display an icon of the Evangelist of the Year (2020: Matthew) somewhere prominent on your parish campus.
7. After the Christmas busyness subsides, rebind or repair your Lectionaries.
8. As ministers of the Word, make this "deacon appreciation Sunday" for your permanent deacons.