

Attachment #3

**Definition:** What is an “Ordo”? By definition, the “Ordo” (or order) is an annual Ecclesiastical liturgical calendar containing instructions for the Mass and the Office (daily Breviary) to be celebrated on each day of the year. The “Ordo” is published by the applicable Archdiocese or religious community provincial (leader). As a parish within the Diocese of Colorado Springs, the Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church follows the instructions outlined in the Ordo for the Archdiocese of Denver for the Masses in English and Spanish.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this handout or booklet is to help to provide our parish sacristans with a greater understanding of the terms, signs, and symbols contained in the Ordo; which affect the conduct of the Mass (e.g., identify scriptural readings; appropriate color of vestments and altar coverings; Eucharistic Prayers; when is a feast or Mass part optional or obligatory, etc.).

**Applicability:** These instructions are to be implemented by all parish sacristans. This booklet contains excerpts of actual pages from the 2008 Ordo, as examples for further explanation, instruction, and discussion. Questions regarding the Ordo and these instructions are to be addressed to the parish priest for resolution.

KEY TO ORDO SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

**S** = Denotes a Solemnity

A **Solemnity** in the Roman Catholic Church is a principal holy day in the liturgical calendar, usually commemorating an event in the life of Jesus, his mother Mary, or other important saints

**F** = Denotes a Feast Day

The Calendar of Saints is a traditional Christian method of organizing a liturgical year by associating each day with one or more saints (most often the day of their death), and referring to the day as that saint's feast day.

**M** = Denotes an **Obligatory** Memorial

Denotes a day on which the Church, by tradition, is obliged to celebrate its Masses in memory (as a memorial) of one or more saints (most often the day of their death).

**m** = Denotes an **Optional** Memorial  
(celebrated at the Presider's discretion)

Denotes a day on which the Church, by tradition, may celebrate its Masses in memory (as a memorial) of one or more saints (most often the day of their death). The decision is delegated to the sole discretion of the presiding priest.

*Italics* = Indicates whatever is **optional**  
(i.e., at the Presider's discretion)

Colors

Gr = Green  
Wh = White  
Rd = Red  
Vi = Violet/Purple

**13 Wednesday:** Weekday [19]; *Hippolytus, priest, martyr*  
*m* *Pontian, pope, martyr*

Gr HOURS **Pss III** Seasonal wkdy *Sanctoral*  
*Rd* *Common of several martyrs or of pastors*  
 V3R3 MASS any Mass *or of mem Sugg: 14 Sun; 24 Sun*  
 RDGS Prop Pf of Martyrs or Pastors  
 415: Ez 9:1-7; 10; 18-22 Ps 113:1-6  
 Mt 18:15-20

➤ Denotes the corresponding day of the month and the name(s) of the Saints whose martyrdom *may* be celebrated/memorized on this day; at the presider's discretion. [19] denotes 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time.

➤ If the normal daily readings are selected by the celebrant, it denotes the vestment and altar colors are green (Gr) and the prescribed scriptural readings of this day.

➤ If the Optional Memorial for this day is selected by the celebrant:

It denotes that the vestment and altar colors are red (*Rd*) (for a martyr) and the suggested Sunday Mass scriptural readings are the prescribed or suggested readings.

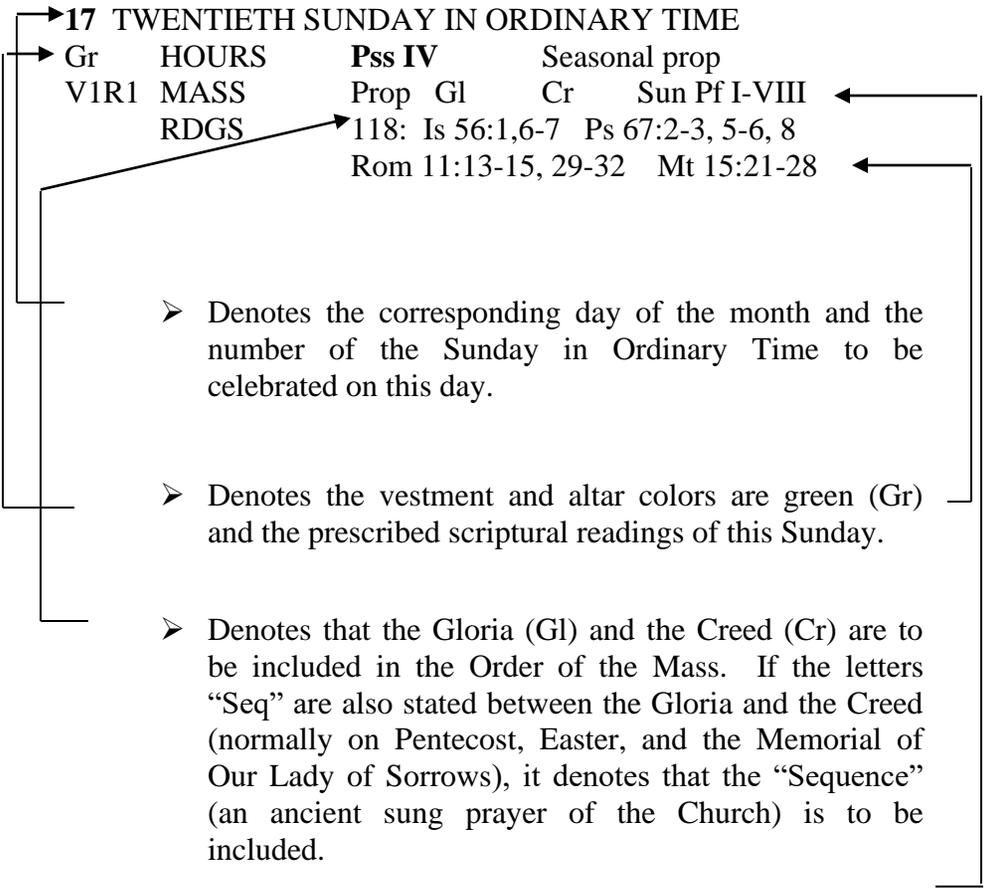
(Pf) Eucharistic Prayer Preface to be used for the Mass is either the normal daily Weekday preface or the Common of several martyrs or of pastors.

**14 Thursday:** Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr  
 M HOURS **Pss III** Seasonal wkdy *Sanctoral*  
 Rd *Common of one martyr or of pastors*  
 EP I of Assumption; *Sanctoral prop*  
 NP: Sun I  
 V2R2 Prop Pf of Martyrs or Pastors  
 MASS Prop Pf of Martyrs or Pastors  
 RDGS 416: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62  
 Mt 18:21-19:1 *see 713-718 or 719-724*

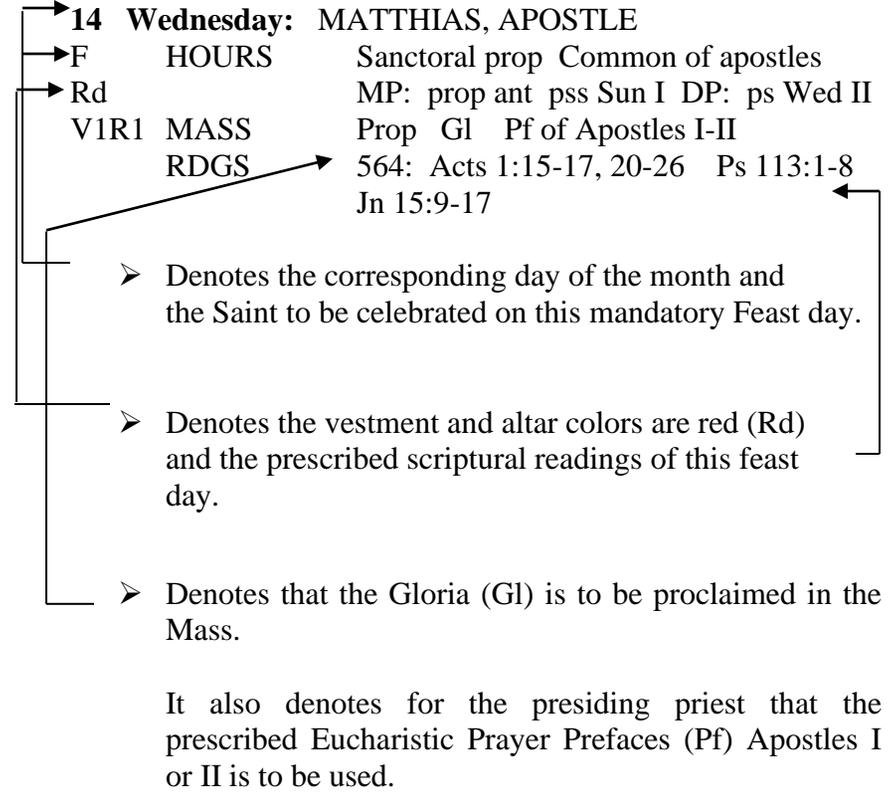
➤ Denotes the corresponding day of the month and the name of the Saint whose martyrdom is celebrated/memorized on this day.

➤ Denotes that this is an Obligatory Memorial (M) for that day and denotes the vestment and altar colors are red (Rd) (for a martyr) and the prescribed scriptural readings are of the day (#416 and some alternative or optional readings are recommended, as well).

(Pf) Eucharistic Prayer Preface to be used for the Mass is the "Martyrs or Pastors".



It denotes for the presiding priest that one of the Sunday Eucharistic Prayer Prefaces (Pf) I through VIII are to be used at his discretion.



**15 Friday: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** [holy day of obligation (USA)]  
**S**  
**Wh** HOURS Sanctoral prop Common of BVM DP: prop  
 Ant compl pss EP II of sol NP: Sun II  
 final anthem: *Ave, Regina caelorum*  
 Prop (Day) Gl Cr Prop Pf *Sol Bl 15*  
 622: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45: 10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56  
**MASS RDGS**

- Denotes the corresponding day of the month and the Solemnity to be celebrated on this day; a prescribed Holy Day of Obligation.
- Denotes the vestment and altar colors are white (Wh) and the prescribed scriptural readings of this Solemnity.
- Denotes that the Gloria (Gl) and the Creed (Cr) are to be included in the Mass. If the letters “Seq” are also stated between the Gloria and the Creed (normally on Pentecost, Easter, and Our Lady of Sorrows), it denotes that the “Sequence” (an ancient sung prayer of the Church) is to be included.

It also denotes for the presiding priest that Eucharistic Prayer Preface (Pf) for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is be used.



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