

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: January 26, 2020

Liturgical Suggestions

Revised 11/11/19

- 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.
 - Matthew 4:12-17: Jesus quotes Isaiah, builds his teaching and the call of the first disciples upon the prophets
 - 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..."
- 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 (2020: Matthew) 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.