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NAVIGATING THE *ROMAN MISSAL*: CHRISTMAS TIME

GLOSSARY

What was:	Is now:
Proper of Seasons	Proper of Time
Christmas Season	Christmas Time The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]
Mass at Midnight	Mass during the Night
Holy Family	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast
Octave of Christmas: Mary, Mother of God	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas]: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Epiphany	The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

WHAT IS NEW

A proper **Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord** is now included in the *Roman Missal*.

Items formerly included in the *Sacramentary Supplement* (2004) and now included in the *Roman Missal*:

- **January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus** (Optional Memorial), Proper of Saints
- ***The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Roman Martyrology*** (formerly listed as *The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ* in the *Sacramentary Supplement*) is included in **Appendix I** of the new *Roman Missal*. It “may be chanted or recited, most appropriately during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. It may also be chanted or recited before the beginning of Christmas Mass during the Night.” The rubrics go on to stipulate that this proclamation “may **not** replace any part of the [Christmas] Mass.” A recording of the chant is available at the bottom of this page: <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>

- *The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts* (formerly listed as *The Proclamation of the Date of Easter in the Sacramentary Supplement*) is included in **Appendix I** of the new *Roman Missal*. The rubrics allow for this text to be proclaimed after the Gospel at the Mass during the Day for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. A recording of the chant is available at the bottom of this page: <http://www.npm.org/Chants/others.html>

WHERE TO FIND

Title or Item:	Place in <i>Roman Missal</i> :
<p>The following three Feasts are no longer included with the other entries in the <i>Roman Missal</i> under “Christmas Time”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Stephen, the First Martyr (Dec. 26) • Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist (Dec. 27) • The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Dec. 28) 	<p>All three sets of prayers (Dec. 26, 27, 28) are now located solely in the Proper of Saints</p>
<p>The Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>Located immediately after the “Second Sunday after the Nativity”</p>
<p>The Weekdays of Christmas Time</p>	<p>One set of Christmas Time weekday prayers (Monday through Saturday) are found in the Missal after the Epiphany of the Lord. As indicated in the Missal rubrics, these are used with the appropriate Collect (according to whether the weekday is before or after the celebration of Epiphany) and an appropriate Preface.</p>

<p>Prefaces</p>	<p>During Christmas Time, the Preface for the Baptism of the Lord is located alongside that Feast’s proper prayers. The other Prefaces used during the season are found with the separate collection of Prefaces in the Order of Mass, before the Eucharistic Prayers.</p>
<p>Solemn Blessings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the Nativity of the Lord 2. For Mary, the Holy Mother of God 3. For the Epiphany of the Lord 	<p>“Blessings at the End of Mass and Prayers over the People” is the section immediately following the Concluding Rites of the Order of Mass.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use no. 2 for the Nativity of the Lord 2. Use either no. 2 for the Nativity of the Lord OR no. 3 for “the Beginning of the Year” 3. Use no. 4 for the Epiphany of the Lord

OTHER MATTERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the Roman Missal includes a rubric within the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord saying, “the Creed is said,” the Creed would actually not be used if the Baptism of the Lord were transferred to a Monday (as is the case in 2012). • Reminder of Genuflection during the Creed at Christmas: The Missal rubrics call for all to genuflect during the words about the Incarnation (“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man”) at all four Christmas Masses. • Reminder: The <i>Gloria</i> is sung each day during the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. • Masses on January 1st: The rubrics under the Mass “At the Beginning of the Civil Year” (No. 25 under “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions”) and the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (No. 30 under “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions) each stipulate that “this Mass may not be used on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, on January 1.”
