






# Word of God Sunday

## Pastoral Suggestions


  As Pope Francis has suggested, enthrone the Word in some exceptional way. Perhaps the Book of Gospels could be displayed prominently in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel. Today, this display might include candles, flowers, or plants.


 Preach the Sunday homily on the centrality of the Word of God in the life of the Church. You might refer to the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, particularly its Preamble (nos. 1-10). The readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time are provided elsewhere in this booklet.


 Reinforce the homily by inserting an article in the bulletin or on the parish website.


 Consider using Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasion – III “Jesus, the Way to the Father” with its focus on Christ as Word.


 If you don’t already, begin using the Book of Gospels on Sundays and on more solemn days.

 Provide catechesis on the Book of Gospels (Evangelium) and the Church’s tradition of richly decorating this liturgical text which contains the words of Christ and the four evangelists.

 This is a very appropriate day to bless or commission the readers [lectors] of the parish.

 Prior to this day, provide an evening/day of reflection for all those who proclaim the Word of God – including priests, deacons, lectors, catechists, psalmists, and cantors. Recruit and train more of these liturgical ministers as needed.

 Display icons of the four evangelists somewhere on the parish campus; perhaps display St. Luke in the church on this day, since St. Luke’s gospel is featured in the Year C readings.

 Be sure that all Lectionaries are dignified and in good repair.