

## *Contents of Lectionary (1970; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1981)*

The first English edition of the *Lectionary* (1970) was published in one volume. With the revision of various sacramental rites, etc., the Roman Lectionary was expanded and a second Latin edition was approved in 1981. This was published in a second English edition in four volumes (1998-2002). References in the following descriptions are to the four-volume current edition.

### 1. Seasons of the Year

- The Seasons of the Year (Advent-Christmas & Lent-Easter) section has a 3-year cycle of readings for Sundays, as well as a 3-year cycle of readings for the major solemnities or feasts of the Lord [found in Volume I]. It also contains the weekday readings for these seasons [found in Volume II (for Year I) and in Volume III (for year II)].

### 2. Ordinary Time

- Ordinary Time has a 3-year cycle of readings for the 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time [found in Volume I]. It has a 2-year cycle of readings for the 34 Weeks of Ordinary Time [found in Volume II (for Year I) and in Volume III (for year II)].

### 3. Proper of the Saints

- The Proper of the Saints contains special readings for a particular saint's day [found in both Volumes I and II]. At times, usually depending upon the rank of the celebration, these special readings are required; most times, however, they are for optional use.

### 4. Commons of the Saints

- The Common of the Saints contains selected readings for categories of saints (e.g., apostles, martyrs, etc.) for use when no special readings are provided for a saint's day [found in both Volumes I and II].

### 5. Ritual Masses

- The Ritual Masses section contains selected readings for the celebration of the sacraments, religious profession and certain blessings (e.g., consecration of an altar) [found in Volume IV].

### 6. Masses for Various Needs

- The Masses for Various Needs section contains selected readings for Church needs, public needs, and miscellaneous occasions [found in Volume IV].

### 7. Votive Masses

- Votive Masses are Masses of devotion or piety. This section contains selected readings for such themes as The Holy Name of Jesus, The Sacred Heart, etc. [found in Volume IV].

### 8. Masses for the Dead

- This section contains selected readings for the various Masses of Christian Burial [found in Volume IV].