

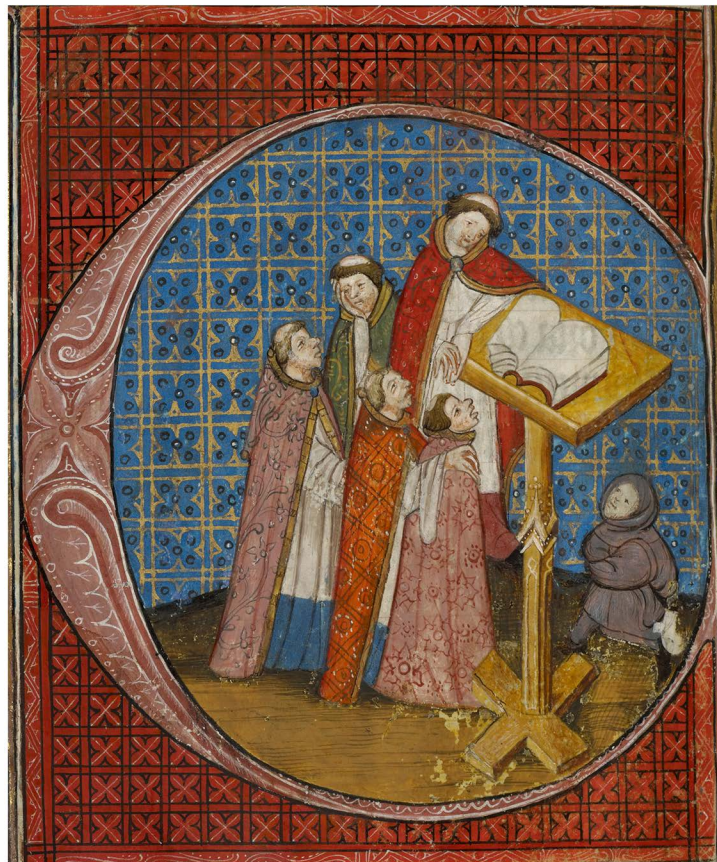
PARISH WEEKDAY PRAYER

Sometimes the faithful of a parish cannot be present at the Holy Eucharist during the week due to the absence of a priest or excessive travel requirements. Whilst daily Mass is highly encouraged and considered ideal, sometimes it is not possible. In these circumstances the faithful are likewise encouraged to gather and pray together.

There are many prayers and devotions which are available to a group of the faithful gathered in the absence of a priest; however the Liturgy of the Hours has pride of place since it is the 'Prayer of the Church'. The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the day and all human activity and this community prayer has a special dignity since Christ himself said: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them" (Mt 18:20).'

This book of weekday prayer has been prepared to allow those gathered on the weekdays of the Church's year to pray together the Liturgy of the Hours in such a way as to incorporate the Sacred Scripture that would be provided during the Liturgy of the Word at Holy Mass.

By adapting the Liturgy of the Hours in such a way, the faithful can continue to follow the sequence of readings that are presented to the Church during the liturgical year. This integral reading of Sacred Scripture during the celebration of this adapted Liturgy of the Hours is approved by the Archbishop, only for this Parish Weekday Prayer in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. Although this collection of Parish Weekday Prayer is envisioned to be celebrated in the morning it may also be used at other times of the day.



The Office of Divine Worship has produced a high quality booklet containing this adapted Liturgy of the Hours for use in parishes. The booklet is commercially printed on substantial stock for increased durability.

It is available to order from the Office of Divine Worship in quantities of 20 booklets. The first 20 booklets will be given to each parish free of charge. Further copies in multiples of 20 may be ordered for \$2 per copy and shipping.

The booklet is also available in a pdf format so that a parish may print its own copies. The file can be downloaded from the Divine Worship webpage or click [HERE](#).

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