Planning a Mass at the Cardinal Rigali Center

MASS PLANNING 101
In this great sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that the family of mankind may come to walk in the light of one faith, in one communion of love. We come then to this wonderful sacrament to be fed at your table and grow into the likeness of the risen Christ.
Grow into the likeness of the risen Christ

- That nourishes us
- It is our communion of love
- Walk in the light of one faith
- Strengthens us in holiness

It is our communion of love
Ecclesia de Eucharistia (April 2003)

“The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church.” (1)
“The Mass is NOT a part of my day... it is the heart of my day.”
MEETING TODAY

Not Theological

But

Practical
SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS & WEEKDAYS

Ranking a Mass celebration

Solemnities

Feasts

Memorials:  Obligatory
            Optional

Weekdays
SOLEMNITIES

Solemnities are counted as the principal days in the calendar and their observance begins with Evening Prayer I of the preceding day. Some also have their own vigil Mass for use when Mass is celebrated in the evening of the preceding day.

The celebration of Easter and Christmas, the two greatest solemnities, continues for eight days, with each octave governed by its own rules.
Feasts are celebrated within the limits of the natural day and accordingly do not have Evening Prayer I. Exceptions are feasts of the Lord that fall on a Sunday in Ordinary Time and in the Christmas season and that replace the Sunday office.
Memorials are either obligatory or optional. Their observance is integrated into the celebration of the occurring weekday in accord with the norms set forth in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Obligatory memorials occurring on Lenten weekdays may only be celebrated as optional memorials.

Should more than one optional memorial fall on the same day, only one may be celebrated; the others are omitted.
Sacramentary

Lectionary: Four volumes:
   1 Sunday,
   2 Weekday I,
   3 Weekday II,
   4 Ritual, Votive, Commons,

   Sundays three year cycle (A,B,C)
   Weekdays two year cycle (Year I, II)

Book of the Gospels

Ordo
The book from which the prayers are recited by the presider.

Contains: Ordinary: Call to worship, penitential rite, Lord have mercy, Gloria, creed, prefaces, Eucharistic prayers, Lord’s Prayer, Lamb of God, etc.

Contains: Proper (for particular Sunday), saints, various other occasional Mass.

Contains: Seasonal prayers-Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
LECTIONARY

Vol. 1 – Sundays, and depending on the particular publisher may be in 1 book with all three cycles or in 3 books
Vol. 2 – Weekday, Year 1 (odd years)
Vol. 3 – Weekday, Year 2 (even years)
Vol. 4 – Rituals, Votive, Commons
COMMON MASS TERMS

Sacred Vessels:
  Chalice

Paten

Ciborium

Communion Cups
LINENS:

Pall

Purificator

Corporal

Altar cloth
SANCTUARY

Altar
Altar Cloth – White
Ambo (Pulpit)
Presider’s Chair
Deacon’s Chair
Acolytes’ Chairs (Servers)
Credence Table with cruets
Dish and towel
Tabernacle
MISCELLANEOUS

Processional Cross
Bells
Monstrance
Lunette
Pyx
Thurible
Boat
Aspergillum