

Liturgical Information
National Day of Penance
Friday, January 22, 2010

Diocese of Madison
Office of Worship

According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (no. 373):

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 21 of the “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.

The *Ordo* prepared for use in the United States by the USCCB Secretariat for the Liturgy states:

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[Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr]

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I Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19 (315) or, for the day of penance, any readings from the *Lectionary for Ritual Masses*, vol. IV, the “Mass for Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891.