

NAVIGATING THE FOUR VOLUMES

WHAT IS IN THE FOUR VOLUMES?

FOUR VOLUMES OF THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

officium, meaning a "service," "duty," or "work"

- **Volume I — Advent/Christmas Season**
also Proper of Saints: November — January
- **Volume II — Lent/Easter**
Proper of Saints: February — June
- **Volume III Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17**
Proper of Saints: January — August
Solemnities: Trinity, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart
- **Volume IV Ordinary Time, Weeks 18-34 /s Christ the King**
Proper of Saints: August — November

In all of them, you will find:

- The Ordinary of the Liturgy of the Hours
- Psalter: Psalmody for Weeks I-IV
 - Night Prayer
 - Complimentary Psalmody for midday prayer
- Commons for various occasions:
 - E.g., Dedication of a Church, Blessed Virgin Mary, martyrs, virgins, etc.
- Office for the Dead
- Various Appendices

WHERE TO BEGIN?

WHEN DO WE PRAY WHAT AND ON WHAT DAYS?

- Step 1) **Consult the ORDO for your Diocese**
- Each Day will have a heading of HOURS.
 - Psalmody: This will indicate which week of the 4-week cycle to use
 - It will indicate which proper or propers one may choose from
- Step 2) **Each Volume includes the ORDINARY** - *never change*
- There is an outline with rubrics for each of the hours in the ORDINARY
- Step 3) Table of Contents:
Consult the **PROPER OF SEASONS** or the **PROPER OF SAINTS** in the Table of Contents
- Step 4) Table of Contents: consult the **PSALTER**
- Weeks I — IV are listed
 - Psalmody for Night Prayer have its own section
 - Complimentary Psalmody for Midday Prayer