



# SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

## What a Leader of Prayer Does

In a *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (SC)* who leads a particular element of the liturgy and how it is done differs whether led by one deacon or two laypeople. The chart indicates similarities and differences in the elements and leadership responsibilities for SCs between deacons and laypeople.

## Similarities & Differences in Leading SCs

INTRODUCTORY RITES	D	L1	L2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief explanation of SC</li> <li><b>Sign of the Cross &amp; Greeting</b></li> <li>Opening Prayer</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
LITURGY OF THE WORD	D	L1	L2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invitation to listen to God's Word</li> <li><b>Gospel Proclamation</b></li> <li><b>Homily</b></li> <li><b>Reflection</b></li> <li>Dismissal of Catechumens</li> <li><b>Profession of Faith</b></li> <li>Opening &amp; closing of Universal Prayer</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
COMMUNION RITE	D	L1	L2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Prepare altar, light candles, retrieve consecrated hosts from tabernacle</i></li> <li><b>The Lord's Prayer</b></li> <li><b>Invitation to Communion</b></li> <li><i>Self-communicate</i></li> <li><b>Distribute Communion</b></li> <li><i>Return consecrated hosts to tabernacle, extinguish candles, clear altar</i></li> <li><b>Act of Thanksgiving</b></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
CONCLUDING RITE	D	L1	L2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to collection &amp; announcements</li> <li><b>Invitation to Pray for Priestly Vocations</b></li> <li><b>Blessing prayer</b></li> <li>Bless assembly with Sign of the Cross</li> <li><b>Sign of Peace</b></li> <li>Greet assembly at main door afterwards</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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**D = Deacon (vested, sit in sanctuary)**

**L1 = Primary Layperson (Sunday best, sit in front pew)**

**L2 = Associate Layperson (Sunday best, sit in front pew)**