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## Ordering of the Divine Office

### The Sunday Office

This belongs to Sundays on which there does not occur a feast which is preferred to the Sunday itself. However, there is a special ordering for Easter and Whit Sundays and the Sunday within the Christmas Octave.

At I Vespers:

everything from the preceding Saturday, except for what is proper.

At the following Compline:

of Saturday.

At Matins:

invitatory and hymn as in the Ordinary or Psalter;  
antiphons, psalms & verse of the single nocturn as in the Psalter on Sunday;  
absolution *Exaudi*, blessings *Ille nos, Divinum auxilium, Per evangelica dicta*;  
I and II lessons, with their responsories, of Scripture occurring, III lesson  
of the homily on the Gospel of the day;  
*Te Deum*, which is however omitted on the Sundays of Advent and from  
Septuagesima Sunday to Palm Sunday, when III responsory is said.

At Lauds:

antiphons, unless they are proper, from the Psalter;  
psalms from the Psalter for Sunday, taken from I or II scheme, according to  
the season;  
chapter, hymn and verse from the Ordinary or Proper;  
the rest from the Proper.

At Prime:

antiphon, unless proper, and psalms from the Psalter for Sunday;  
everything else from the Proper or Common;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
short lesson of the season.

At Terce, Sext and None:

all as in the Ordinary and Psalter, except for what is proper.

At II Vespers:

all as in the Ordinary and Psalter, except for what is proper.

At Compline:

of Sunday.

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## The Festal Office

This belongs to I Class feasts.

At I Vespers:

everything from the Proper or Common.

At the following Compline:

of Sunday.

At Matins:

everything from the Proper or Common;  
*Te Deum*.

At Lauds:

everything from the Proper or Common, psalms from the Psalter for Sunday  
from I scheme.

At Prime:

I antiphon of Lauds with Psalms 53, 118i and 118ii;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
short lesson of the season.

At Terce, Sext and None:

II, III and V antiphons of Lauds, respectively;  
the rest from the Proper or Common.

At II Vespers:

everything from the Proper or Common.

Compline:

of Sunday.

## The Semifestal Office

This belongs to II Class feasts.

At Matins:

all as in the Festal Office.

At Matins and Lauds:

all as in the Festal Office.

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At Prime:

antiphon and psalms from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
short lesson of the season.

At Terce, Sext and None:

antiphons and psalms from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
the rest of the feast, as in the Proper or Common.

At Vespers:

all as in the Festal Office.

Compline:

of Sunday

## The Ordinary Office

This belongs to III Class feasts and the Saturday Office of Our Lady.

At Matins:

invitatory and hymn from the Proper or Common;  
antiphons, psalms and verse of the one nocturn from the Psalter of the current day of the week, unless proper ones or from the Common are assigned;  
I and II lessons with their responsories of Scripture occurring, III lesson of the feast;  
*Te Deum.*

At Lauds:

antiphons and psalms from the Psalter for the current day of the week, unless proper ones or from the Common are assigned;  
the rest as in the Proper or Common.

At Prime:

antiphon and psalms from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
short lesson of the season.

At Terce, Sext and None:

antiphons and psalms from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
the rest of the feast, as in the Proper or Common.

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## At Vespers:

antiphons and psalms from the Psalter for the current day of the week, unless proper ones or from the Common are assigned;  
the rest as in the Proper or Common.

## At Compline:

of the current day of the week.

## The Ferial Office

This belongs to all ferias and vigils, except the Sacred Triduum and the Vigil of Christmas.

## At Matins:

invitatory and hymn from the Psalter or Ordinary;  
antiphons, psalms and verse of the one nocturn from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
then on ferias - three lessons from Scripture occurring or from the homily on the Gospel of the day with their responsories;  
or on vigils – three lessons from the homily on the Gospel of the day with the responsories from the current feria;  
*Te Deum* only on ferias of Christmastide and Eastertide, at other times a III responsory is said.

## At Lauds:

all as in the Psalter of the current day of the week, and in the Ordinary according to the season, except whatever is assigned as proper;  
then on ferias - a proper prayer, if there is one, is used, otherwise that of the preceding Sunday unless another is assigned;  
or on vigils – the proper prayer is said.

## At Prime:

antiphon, unless proper, and psalms from the Psalter of the current weekday;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
short lesson of the Season.

## At Terce, Sext and None:

antiphon, unless proper, and psalms from the Psalter of the current day of the week;  
chapter etc. as in the Ordinary;  
prayer as at Lauds.

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At Vespers:

all as in the Psalter of the current day of the week, and in the Ordinary according to the season, except whatever is assigned as proper; then on ferias - a proper prayer, if there is one, is used, otherwise that of the preceding Sunday unless another is assigned; or on vigils – the proper prayer is said.

Compline:

of the current day of the week.

(Gen. Rub. of Breviary 165-171)

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## **Notes on the tables of occurrence and concurrence**

A feast of OLJC of the first or second class, occurring on a Sunday, takes the place of the Sunday with all its rights and privileges and hence, no commemoration is made of the Sunday.

If two feasts of the same Divine Person or two feasts of the same saint or beatus occur on the same day, the office is that of the feast which holds the higher place in the Table of Precedence and the other is omitted.

If a feast of OLJC of the first or second class concurs with any Sunday, or vice versa, Vespers are ordered according to the table of concurrence, but a commemoration is never made of the concurring Sunday in Vespers of OLJC or vice versa.

In occurrence, a Sunday of I Class is preferred to any feast, however whenever the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent the feast is to be celebrated and the Sunday commemorated.

(Gen. Rub. of Breviary & Missal 15)

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## Table of occurrence

When on the same day there occurs:

a	Universal I Class Feast	0	7	1	1	1	1	6	8	1	7	3	3	3	7	3	7
	Particular I Class Feast	3	7	1	1	1	1	8	7	1	7	3	3	3	7	3	7
	Universal II Class Feast	3	2	4	4	4	0	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	5	2
	Particular II Class Feast	0	2	4	4	9	5	2	2	4	2	3	3	5	2	5	2
	Universal III Class Feast	0	2	5	0	5	5	2	2	5	2	5	3	5	2	2	2
	Particular III Class Feast	0	2	9	4	5	5	2	2	5	2	5	3	5	2	2	2
	II Class Vigil	0	0	4	4	5	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	III Class Vigil	0	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
		with a															
		day in a II class octave	day in a I class octave	particular feast of III class	universal feast of III class	particular feast of II class	universal feast of II class	particular feast of I class	universal feast of I class	II class vigil	I class vigil	III class feria of Lent and Passiontide	III class feria of Advent	II class feria	I class feria	II class Sunday	I class Sunday

1. Office of the 1<sup>st</sup>, nothing of the 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Office of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, nothing of the 1<sup>st</sup>
3. Office of the 1<sup>st</sup>, comm. of the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lauds & Vespers
4. Office of the 1<sup>st</sup>, comm. of 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lauds
5. Office of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, comm. of the 1<sup>st</sup> at Lauds
6. Office of 1<sup>st</sup>, transfer of the 2<sup>nd</sup>
7. Office of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, transfer of the 1<sup>st</sup>
8. Office of the higher, transfer of the other
9. Office of the movable feast, comm. of the other at Lauds.

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## Table of concurrence

If II Vespers of a	I Class Sunday	1	0	0
	II Class Sunday	2	0	0
	I Class Feria	1	0	0
	II Class Feria	2	0	0
	III Class Feria	2	0	0
	IV Class Feria	3	0	0
	I Class Feast	1	1	1
	II Class Feast	3	1	3
	III Class Feast	3	3	3
	Day within II Class Octave	2	3	0
	concurr with I Vespers of a	I Class Feast	II Class Sunday	I Class Sunday

1 Vespers of the current Day with a commemoration of the following Day.

2 Vespers of the following Day with a commemoration of the current Day.

3 Vespers of the following Day, nothing of the current Day.