

Preaching Exegesis

Your text, written in English and single-spaced, follows the outline below this text box.

Catholics must use the lectionary approved by the episcopal conference for the liturgical event. Students of other faith traditions please discuss this with your ITS director.

For each of the lectionary texts, use a scholarly biblical commentary approved by the Scripture faculty. You may include commentaries in other languages, but write your notes from them in English. Your notes from the commentaries should provide the information helpful to preparing your preaching (not every detail in the commentary). If you quote almost word for word, use quotation marks. Sort the information provided by the commentary following the three rubrics in the numbered prompts below. Give your own very brief remarks about how this information helps to shape your preaching.

Gospel: _____ (give the biblical citation for the passage; for example, Mt 18:10-14)

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2. literary features and links: genre, structure, parallel passages, Scripture quotes/allusions
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First Reading: _____

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¹ Provide a reference note here, formatted as in the OST Writing Guide, for the biblical commentary that you use, including the specific pages (or section numbering, if the commentary is so divided) containing the information that you give under the three rubrics.

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Psalm: _____

Mindful of the rubrics given above, provide in one paragraph the key exegetical information about this psalm text of which one should be aware in constructing your preaching.³

New Testament letter: _____

Mindful of the rubrics given above, provide in one paragraph the key exegetical information about this New Testament text of which one should be aware in constructing your preaching.⁴

Homiletic resource.⁵ Familiarize yourself with a good homiletic resource that includes exegetical comments (not just sermon thoughts) on the set of readings considered together by the homiletic resource (for example, the Sunday readings, the feastday readings, the weekday readings). This resource may be online or in print (see separate list of recommended resources). From this resource give only two things, stating each one in more than one or two words, but no more than one sentence:

1. A thematic link among the Scripture texts (a thought connecting the readings) that is pointed out by this resource is _____. (If none is given, state that).
2. A helpful new exegetical insight (if there is one) not given by the Scripture commentaries above is _____.

If you chose the readings yourself and there is no homiletic resource for the set of readings together – that may be the case for baptisms, weddings, or funerals, since there are many options for readings in those cases -- explain here what is the connecting thought or theme that guided you in choosing the readings that you selected.

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⁵ Insert a footnote here providing the full reference information for the homiletic resource.