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RITE OF ELECTION AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES  
WHO ARE PREPARING FOR RECEPTION INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, FEBRUARY 26, 2023  
AN ORDER OF SERVICE WITHIN MASS

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Hymn  
Sign of the Cross  
Greeting  
Introduction  
Penitential Act  
Collect

**LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A) RCIA 128**

First Reading	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 <i>The creation of our first parents, and sin</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17 <i>Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.</i>	
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 <i>Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.</i>	
Verse before the Gospel	Matthew 4:4b <i>One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.</i>	
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.	
Homily		RCIA 550

**RITE OF ELECTION and CELEBRATION OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

❖ Presentation of the Catechumens		551
❖ Affirmation by the Godparents [and the Assembly]	<i>Option A or B</i>	552
❖ Invitation and the Enrollment of Names	<i>Psalm 16 or 33</i>	553
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❖ Presentation of the Candidates		555
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❖ Prayer over the Elect and the Candidates	<i>Option A or B</i>	559
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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Intercessions for the needs of the Church and the world and Profession of Faith

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pastoral reasons, these may be omitted.”

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings

Presentation Hymn

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Preface

Preface: The Temptation of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

Lamb of God...

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, ...

Communion Hymn(s)

Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITE

[Announcements]

Greeting

Blessing

Prayer over the People

Dismissal of the Assembly

[Closing Hymn]

128. The rite is celebrated within Mass, after the homily, and should be celebrated within the Mass of the First Sunday of Lent. If, for pastoral reasons, the rite is celebrated on a different day, the texts and the readings of the ritual Mass “Christian Initiation: Election of Enrollment of names” may also be used. When the Mass of the day is celebrated and its readings are not suitable, the readings are those given for the First Sunday of Lent or others may be chosen from elsewhere in the lectionary.

When celebrated outside Mass, the rite takes place after the readings and the homily and is concluded with the dismissal of both the elect and the faithful.