

**Lenten Series:
A Living Workshop on the Mass
Session One: March 13, 2014**

The Liturgical Calendar

- Overview of our three sessions
- A guiding principle for historians: “Every text has a context.”
 - : recent/immediate context -
 - : broader context -
- A discussion on symbols:
 - : People, places, and things can point to a meaning beyond themselves.
 - : The human mind has the capacity to understand symbols.
- Liturgy: literally, “public work” or “the work of the people”
 - : The Liturgy of the Hours, “the prayer of the Church”
 - : The Mass (the Eucharistic Liturgy)
- The Roman Missal >>>> The Sacramentary and the Lectionary >>>>>>>>
>>> The Roman Missal (and the Lectionary)
- The Liturgical Calendar is not standard until around the 9th century.
- The Roman Missal is not so rigid until the 16th century
- Every Sunday a celebration of Easter
 - : the martyrs
 - : the white martyrs
- Overview of the calendar:
 - : 33/34 weeks of Ordinary Time
 - : Four Seasons - Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter
 - : Liturgical colors