

OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

PRO POPULO MASS (MASS FOR THE PEOPLE)

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Each pastor, parochial administrator, and priest moderator of a parish with a parish director is obliged to apply a Mass for the people (*pro populo*) entrusted to him each Sunday and holy day of obligation. Should he be legitimately prevented from the celebration, he is to apply a Mass on these same days through another priest, or he himself is to apply it on other days. A pastor, parochial administrator, or priest moderator who has the care of several parishes is obliged to apply only one Mass in these instances for the people of all the parishes entrusted to him. (cf. cc. 534, 540.)