TWELVE KEY PRINCIPLES AND FOUR LITURGICAL ARTS
OF AMAZING LITURGY

1. Liturgy never has “a theme.” The theme of every liturgy is the paschal mystery.
2. Liturgy, like a sentence, has a grammar. It has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
3. Liturgy is sequential and not episodic.
4. Liturgy is always public and communal. It is never private.
5. The assembly is always the primary actor. Its members are never spectators.
6. Liturgy is hierarchical. It is never clerical.
7. Liturgy is canonical. It may be spontaneous, but it is never improvised.
8. Liturgy is built around silence. Never speak when silence says more.
9. All speech in liturgy is ritual speech.
10. Liturgy is musical.
11. Liturgy is composed of symbols and symbolic acts.
12. Liturgy is art.

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<td>• Homilists, lectors, anyone who speaks during the liturgy, even bulletins, Web sites, and sign boards communicate something about how we understand our faith.</td>
<td>• Making music and singing together in prayer is an act of solidarity with one another, an act of submission to the song, an act of praise to God, an act of passion that goes beyond critical thought.</td>
<td>• Standing, sitting, making the Sign of the Cross, walking, carrying, etc., communicate what we understand of Incarnation, of the dignity of the human person, of our connectedness to the members of the body.</td>
<td>• As embodied persons, we look to how our bodies connect and interact with our surroundings. Incarnation is also about God entering into the human environment.</td>
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SUNDAY MASSES
Celebrations of the Word of God
Minor Exorcisms
Blessings of the Catechumens
Anointing of the Catechumens
[Presentations]
[Sending of the Catechumens for Election]

SUNDAY MASSES
FIRST SCRUTINY
Presentation of the Creed
SECOND SCRUTINY
THIRD SCRUTINY
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
Preparation Rites Holy Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES
Celebration near Pentecost
Eucharist with the Bishop
Anniversary of Baptism
Three levels of catechesis (General Directory for Catechesis, chapter 2)

- Scripture study
- Christian reading of current events
- Liturgical catechesis
- Occasional catechesis
- Spiritual formation
- Systematic theological instruction

Catholic baptized as infant with no further catechetical formation after Baptism

Other Christian baptized as infant

Rite of Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church

Confirmation & Eucharist
Event
an encounter with God

Conversion
how it challenges, confronts, affirms; why it matters; how will I live differently now?

Recollection
of the event’s symbols, actions, texts; taking time to remember

Connection
to my life, to my situation and relationships, to the world

Reflection
sharing what was most memorable, engaging, discomforting

Catechesis
what Scripture and Tradition teach us; what we can learn from the symbol, action, text

Mystagogy is:
Ambrose of Milan’s Method of Mystagogical Preaching, Craig Alan Satterlee, Liturgical Press, 2002
- scripturally based
- takes place within a liturgical setting
- addressed exclusively to the Christian community
- goal is formation of Christians rather than providing religious information to Christians

Sacramentum Caritatis, #64 (Pope Benedict XVI)
- corresponds interior disposition with our words and gestures
- enables us to live what we celebrate
- an encounter with Christ that
  - interprets rites in light of events of our salvation
  - presents the meaning of the signs in the rites
  - brings out significance of the rites for Christian life

Some mystagogical questions:
- What was your most memorable moment?
- What was your favorite part?
- What did you see/hear/do/feel?
- What did it mean to you?
- What does it remind you of from the Bible or from our Christian traditions?
- What does it tell you about God?
- What does it say about Christ?
- How did the rite communicate that?
- If that symbol could speak, what would it say to us about our faith?
- How does this change you?