In observing special themes in connection with Sunday liturgies, it is important not to violate the integrity of the liturgy itself. These themes have greater or lesser importance according as they are directed to be observed by the bishop, promoted for observance by a diocesan office but left to the discretion of parish leadership, or simply the choice of a parish.

Special themes presently on the calendar:

- **CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**  
  January 17-25

- **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**  
  2nd Sunday in February

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
  2nd Sunday of Easter

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
  4th Sunday of Easter

- **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**  
  3rd Sunday in September

- **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**  
  1st Sunday in October

- **ROSARIES FOR PEACE SUNDAY**  
  2nd Sunday in October