

**Coming Soon! November 27, 2011, First Sunday of Advent:
The Third Edition of *The Roman Missal*
NEW WORDS, SAME MASS, DEEPER MEANING**

This continues our series on the Mass and how its words are changing. Find these and previous articles on the parish website: <http://maryscathedral.com/>.

The Prayer of the Faithful
Corinna Laughlin and Kristopher W. Seaman

The Prayer of the Faithful, which concludes the Liturgy of the Word, is composed of a series of petitions (from the Latin for “request”). First, the priest celebrant invites us to pray. Then a deacon, reader, or cantor proclaims each petition. Through the petitions, we pray for the Church, for public authorities, for the salvation of the whole world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, for the dead, and for the unique needs of our local community. We pray that the whole world may be transformed in accord with God’s will, that God’s kingdom may come. Part of what it means to be baptized priests, prophets, and kings (see 1 Peter 2:5, 9) is to pray to the high priest, Jesus Christ, on behalf of the whole world. It is a privilege of the baptized, which is why, when there are catechumens preparing for Baptism, they are dismissed before the Prayer of the Faithful begins. Through this prayer together, we embrace the whole world, and ask God to be present to us in it.

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The Liturgy of the Eucharist
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In the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray to God the Father, through the Son, that the Holy Spirit will transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ so that we might enter into deeper communion with God and one another. We pray that we too may be transformed. Because this prayer is the center and summit of the Mass, everything that happens in the liturgy is leading us to this high point. Following the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray the Lord’s Prayer, and share the Sign of Peace. As Christ offers us peace, we extend that peace to others. At peace with one another through Christ, we dare to approach the altar to receive his Body and Blood. The Liturgy of the Eucharist concludes with a period of silent prayer and the Prayer after Communion. Through this prayer spoken by the priest, we pray for Christ’s Body and Blood to bear fruit in our lives.

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Learn More about How the Words of the Mass Are Changing

Attend an information session or workshop
and prepare to participate on November 27th.

Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, October 16:

Short *Roman Missal* information sessions
between the 9 and 11 Masses (approximately 10:10 – 10:45)
St. Mary's Upper Cathedral Center
Presented by Bari Colombari from Oregon Catholic Press.

Saturday, October 15

Parish Liturgy Day
Presented jointly by the Archdiocese of Portland and the Federation of
Diocesan Liturgical Commissions as part of FDLC's national meetings.
Morning and afternoon break-out sessions on a variety of vital liturgy
topics, including the Third Edition of *The Roman Missal*.
Doubletree Hotel, Portland Lloyd Center.
Learn more / register at <http://www.fdlc.org/LiturgyDay.htm>

Saturday, October 22

Workshop especially for liturgical ministers, but all are welcome.
St. Mary's Lower Cathedral Center
Presenter: Michael Prendergast, liturgist and presenter at several
archdiocesan workshops on this topic.
<http://www.sacredliturgyministries.org/>
8:30 Gathering and refreshments
9:00 Prayer
9:15 – 10:15 Presentation
10:15 – 10:30 Break, refreshments
10:30 – 11:30 Presentation with Q & A
No charge, but please call 503-228-4397 to let us know you're coming