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## Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

### Saturday, April 2

5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

### Sunday, April 3

7:30 a.m. ~ Father John

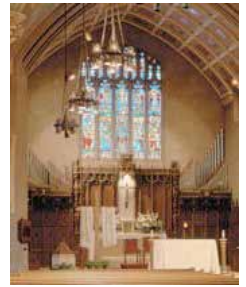
9 a.m.\* ~ Father Armstrong

10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Church)\*\*

10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Gym)\*\*

12:30 p.m. ~ Father John

5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jlm



\*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

\*\*Nursery services, kindergarten room under the school gym

### Weekday & Saturday Masses

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m.

**Filipino Mass** in Tagalog every 4th Sunday at 4 p.m.

### Holy Day Masses

Eve of the Feast: 5:30 p.m.

Day of the Feast: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

### Holy Hour

Thursday before first Friday of each month: 9 - 10 p.m.

Exposition: Monday - Friday, 3 - 5:15 p.m., in the church

## This Weekend

**Second Collection** — For the people of Japan.

**Outreach Weekend** — Monthly collection for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

**Coffee & Doughnuts** — Sunday, following the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the school auditorium.

**“Reason To Believe” Presentation** — Sunday, 2 p.m., Duffy Parish Center. A fascinating journey of Australian lawyer Ron Tesoriero and investigative journalist Mike Willesee.

**Join MOMS Group Lenten Activity** — Sunday, 4 p.m., school auditorium. Prepare bagged lunches for Martha’s Table.

**Youth Group** — Sunday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., HS Open Gym

## Readings • 4th Sunday Of Lent • April 3, 2011

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a** • God’s ways are not our ways. When Samuel comes to anoint a new king from among Jesse’s sons, no one thinks to call the youngest, David. It was the firstborn who was to be specifically dedicated to the Lord according to the law. This reading completes the sequence which has brought us through salvation history, from Adam and Eve, to Abraham, to Moses, and now to David, the ancestor of Christ.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14** • An ancient name for Baptism was “enlightenment,” and this passage quotes what scholars believe is an ancient baptismal hymn: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead...” Paul equates light with Christ and the fruits of the Christian life. The juxtaposition of this reading with the Gospel makes it clear that we are to understand the giving of sight to the blind man in terms of Baptism.

**Gospel: John 9:1-41** • Jesus’ healing of the man born blind is told, like the encounter with the woman of Samaria, in a carefully patterned, gradual unfolding, as the man moves from darkness to light, ignorance to understanding. At the end of the passage, the man is expelled from the synagogue, and only then does he encounter Jesus again - and see him face to face. The story that began in darkness ends with the light of faith, as the blind man believes in Jesus and worships him.

## 4th Sunday Of Lent

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### Assistants on Weekends

Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap, Catholic University  
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### Duffy Parish Center

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### Sacraments

**Baptism** — Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. We recommend that this take place before the child is born. Contact the Religious Education Office at 202.449.3989 for more information.

**Matrimony** — Please contact one of the parish priests six months in advance. All couples who are to be married at Blessed Sacrament must complete our parish marriage preparation program.

**Reconciliation** — Friday and Saturday after the 11 a.m. Mass (if no funeral); Saturday 4 - 5 p.m. and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, or anytime by appointment.

### Parish Services & Information

**Care Of The Sick & Homebound** — If you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a priest to visit, or if you know of anyone who is homebound who could benefit from a regular visit, please contact the parish office at 202.966.6575.

**New Parishioners** — Welcome to Blessed Sacrament! Please register for parish membership by stopping in at the Duffy Parish Center and filling out a registration form. Forms also available in the pamphlet rack inside the Quesada Street entrance to the church and on the parish Web site.

**Bulletin Announcements** — Please send all announcements to [bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.

**Newsletter** — Please send articles, photos and other content to [newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Web Site Postings** — Please send requests for postings for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Web site to [website@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:website@blessedsacramentdc.org).



### From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

We have been a little slow in responding to the terrible disaster of the 9.0 earthquake in Japan, which was followed by a tsunami and extensive damage to a nuclear power plant there. Entire cities were destroyed; more than 10,000 people were killed; and, many thousands of people lost their homes, their livelihood and have been separated from their families. There is also the ongoing worry about the nuclear power plants in Fukushima. More than 500,000 people have been left homeless, and many thousands remain without drinking water and other basic necessities. Once again, the Archdiocese has asked us to respond, and once again, I know Blessed Sacrament will respond with great love and care for the victims of this natural disaster.

Thus, today there will be a second collection at all the Masses for the people of Japan. All money received will be sent to Catholic Relief Services and funneled to Caritas Japan for relief operations of the bishops of Sendai. These relief operations will be coordinated by Caritas.

It seems the world has been affected by numerous disasters in the last few years, both on a national and international scope. The recent earthquake in Haiti devastated a people who live very close to our borders, and now another quake has hit a nation far from our borders with families and children just like us. They need your assistance and support.

Thank you for anything you can do to assist in the rebuilding of cities and the re-establishment of the many thousands of families who have been displaced by the tsunami. Your gracious support is most appreciated.

*Father John*

**Poor Box Donations in April** will benefit Bethlehem House, which provides quality care and a family-like atmosphere in its two group homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The small communities are located in Northeast Washington and in Riverdale, MD.

**Thank You!** — A special thanks to all those who have signed up for Faith Direct, the Blessed Sacrament-approved online giving system. Following our fall sign up initiatives, we have registered an additional 184 participants, and weekly contributions have increased by about 25 percent compared to last year's participation level! Blessed Sacrament now has the highest Faith Direct participation rate in the archdiocese. Over half the parish now participates. We welcome your participation too! Join [FaithDirect.net](http://FaithDirect.net) today!

### Did You Know??

Did you know that the American Sign Language interpreted Mass is moving to Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Remember when encountering a deaf member of our parish community to speak directly to them, not to the interpreter. For more information about this ministry and how Blessed Sacrament is becoming a more inclusive community, contact Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Program Coordinator, at 202.449.3990 or at [evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org).

## Youth Corner

**Thought For The Week** — Share what it means to produce goodness, justice, and truth – by your actions, words, and thoughts. (Source: [www.harcourtreligion.com](http://www.harcourtreligion.com))



### Youth Group Calendar Of Events

Sunday, April 3: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., High School Open Gym  
 Friday, April 8: Last day to register for New Orleans trip  
 Sunday, April 10: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bingo Night  
 Sunday, April 17: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., 7th & 8th Grade Open Gym  
 Sunday, April 24: No Youth Group  
 June 26 - July 1: Community Service Trip to Appalachian  
 Coming in May: Youth Group Car Wash!!

**Pilgrim's Faith Journey** — This Tuesday, **April 5**, 6 to 9 p.m. Deepening and strengthening our prayer life is one way to equip lay leaders to harness their own spirituality in service to their ministry. All lay leaders of the parish, and those who have served in that capacity or feel called to serve, are invited to the parish's Pilgrim's Journey-Renewal in the Spirit program, led by Father Bob McCreary, OFM Cap. and Susan Timoney, Executive Director of Family Life and Evangelization at the archdiocese. This presentation begins with dinner and will be in lieu of the regular Pastoral Council/Commission meeting. Please RSVP to Father John if you are able to join us: [jenzler@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jenzler@blessedsacramentdc.org).



**Sanctuary Sodality News** — The proceeds from our annual bazaar support both in-parish and out-of-parish causes. This year, as part of the Centennial celebration, we are funding a few special gifts for the church: the rebinding of 13 sacramental record books and the purchase of a new ceremonial record book of life as well as purchasing a hanging crucifix for the chapel. We are also making donations to the following charities as per requests from individual units: Bethlehem House, Center City Public Charter Schools-Petworth Campus, Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place, D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project, Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School, Dysautonomia Youth Network of America, Families For Families, Growing Together, John Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, Prison Outreach Ministry & Welcome Home Reentry Program, Project Rachel Ministry, St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, St. Anthony Catholic School, St. Augustine's Book Drive, Washington Middle School for Girls and Wider Circle. Next sodality meeting is this Thursday, **April 7**. Mass at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast/meeting hosted by Magnificat and Purification.

**Special Talk About The Apparitions At Medjugorje** — 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, **April 9**, music room, Duffy Parish Center. Speaker: attorney and author Janice T. Connell. RSVP to Betsy Toland at [fstandmbt@aol.com](mailto:fstandmbt@aol.com) or 202.363.4343. Sponsored by the parish library and the Order of Malta.

**Calling All Children: Reenact The Passion During The Gym Mass On Palm Sunday** — Please join the Gym Mass community on Sunday, **April 17**, as the children of the parish reenact the Passion. All children are welcome to participate. If you are interested in taking part in the reenactment, please contact Heather Conley, 301.215.6673 or [conley@starpower.net](mailto:conley@starpower.net) to sign up. One rehearsal immediately prior to the Palm Sunday Gym Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium where parts and costumes will be assigned and a light breakfast will be served.

## Lenten Activities This Week

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we participate in the Scrutinies. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion.

**This Sunday, April 3: Second Scrutiny, Gospel Story: The Healing of the Man Born Blind** — 10:30 Mass. We beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight.

**Wednesday, April 6: The Light Is On For You;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. Stop by any parish in the archdiocese during this time (every Wednesday evening during Lent) to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Friday, April 8: Stations of the Cross Followed by Pizza Social;** 6:10 p.m. Join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the church followed by a pizza social in the Duffy Parish Center, main level.

### Upcoming:

**Thursday, April 14: Faith on Tap;** 7 to 8:30 p.m., school auditorium. Monsignor Robert Panke, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, will be the speaker; topic: "The Eucharist and its capacity to transform our lives and through us, transform the world." Beverage and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Childcare available. RSVP so we can plan for childcare: Mary Shimp at [mshimp@alumni.cmu.edu](mailto:mshimp@alumni.cmu.edu) or 703.201.9803.

**2011 Annual Jubilarian Mass** — The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 5**, 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Donald Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Registration forms, available in the back of the church and in the parish center, should be turned into the parish office by Monday, **April 11**.

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Disabilities Ministry, Looking For A Few New Members!!** — The Disabilities Ministry at Blessed Sacrament Parish exists to welcome people with disabilities; to address their spiritual, physical and social needs; and help to incorporate them as fully as possible into parish life. To learn more, please join us for our next open ministry meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, **May 16**, in the parish library.

## Newly Baptized

John Kevin Calamis  
 John Caden Dubinsky

## Rest In Peace

Valentina Girolami Jordan  
 Noreen McGuire Prettyman  
 Deacon William Thomas

**Please include our sick in your prayers that they may experience healing and comfort**

Zachary Balog	Mary Jo Nash
Joaquinita Diaz	Judy O'Hara
Mary Lou Gomez	Peter Sullivan

**Visit Your Parish Library**

**A Visionary Voice For Lent**

Sister Joan D. Chittister, O.S.B., Benedictine nun, author of more than forty books and founder of Benetvision ([www.benetvision.org](http://www.benetvision.org)) a research center for spirituality, has won many awards for her work to foster justice and peace. She was prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA, for 12 years and robustly speaks for contemporary women in the church. Read some of her books; they are eloquent and send a forceful message about the bedrock of our faith:

“Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light” (248.8 C449 I6). Can we be ‘contemplative in the midst of chaos’? Yes, suggests the author. She shows us how to develop our innate qualities ‘from the inside out’. Each chapter, from A – Z, from ‘Awareness’ to ‘Zeal’ begins with a story from different faith traditions. This is a great book for family reading and discussion.

“In search of Belief” (238.11 C449 I1). This is a timely book about the creed. Its conversational tone probes modern concerns realistically. In Chapter 7 for example, the author tells us: ‘I believe in God...the creator...of earth’ may be one of the most proclaimed – and least believed, barely practiced – assertions of all the propositions in the Creed’. She then discusses some of the ‘mixed messages’ we hear.



**Chimes Chatter** — Last Friday March 25, we celebrated Feast of the Annunciation: “Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae” or “Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary” that she would conceive a child to be born the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38). “Angelus” is Latin for “angel,” and as you know, our chimes toll the Angelus sequence each day at morning (7 a.m.), noon and night (6 p.m.). This practice of

devotion dates back to 13th Century Franciscans honoring the Incarnation with bells ringing triple peals repeated thrice, with short intervals between each set of three (for each invocation), followed by nine final strokes (for concluding prayer), completed in 50 seconds. **Who Knew?:** The famous 1857 “Angelus” painting (by French artist Jean-Francois Millet) was originally commissioned “Prayer for the Potato Crop” depicting a peasant couple pausing in prayer. When the purchaser failed to take possession, Millet changed title to “Angelus” having added a steeple in the background, amid twilight’s golden warmth suggesting something sacred and eternal. Millet wrote “the scene reflects his childhood memories of his grandmother, upon hearing church bells ringing while working in the fields, always made us stop working to say the Angelus prayer. Can you hear the bells?” (Questions about “your” chimes? Call 202.244.4833).

**Sponsor Of The Week**

We would like to thank **Brookville Landscape Supply** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**THE ADULT CENTER** invites all parishioners, 39 and holding, to the Chevy Chase Apartments, #1, for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Bring a sandwich and join the activities. For transportation, call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

<b>Monday</b>	Tour of the Baltimore Cathedral
<b>Tuesday</b>	RENEW and the Word
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Class With Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

**Blessed Sacrament Adult Center: A Look Back...**

The center was created in 1981 by then-pastor Msgr. Corbett as a gathering place for the retirees of the parish to meet for fellowship and camaraderie on weekday afternoons after the 11 a.m. Mass. In the 30 years of volunteering and varied activities that have passed since then, many of our parish seniors have found great friendship and enjoyment in hours spent in companionship with their peers. In the very recent past, several of our most active seniors have moved on; our numbers are dwindling and we need a “shot in the arm” to keep things going. Would you consider joining us as a participant and/or volunteer? Contact Rita Killian at [r.killian@verizon.net](mailto:r.killian@verizon.net) or 202.363.5069.

**Outreach**

**Join The Blessed Sacrament Stream Team** — 8:45 a.m. to noon, Saturday, **April 9**. Meet at intersection of Broad Branch Road and Linnean Avenue; park on nearby streets. Clean up will follow Broad Branch tributary to intersection with Rock Creek at Beach Drive. Bags, gloves, and maps provided. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Register at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/april85>. Questions? Jon Foley 301.585.5991 or [foley5east@gmail.com](mailto:foley5east@gmail.com).

**Social Concerns Day Of Recollection Sunday, April 10** — After the 10:30 Masses, on the main level of the Duffy Parish Center. Join members of the Social Concerns Office and Outreach Commission for a Day of Recollection to discuss “Homelessness and Hunger in our Community Today.” Speakers from Mary House and the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place will conduct this seminar. Listen to personal stories like how one individual responded to God’s call to the help the needy and poor and another individual’s struggle into and out of homelessness. Learn what faith communities can do to assist individuals in their journey to secure safe and affordable housing. Lunch provided. RSVP to Pat Kavanaugh at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3987.

**Centennial Event: A Celebration Of Aging, 1911 - 2011** — 11 a.m. – noon, Saturday, **April 16**, Duffy Parish Center, main level. Phyllis Theroux, noted author, columnist and former Northampton Street resident, will share her remembrances of Blessed Sacrament and the surrounding neighborhood. Copies of her 1988 Washington Post essay, “Funeral for a Bag Lady,” highlighting Msgr. Duffy’s pastoral spirit of generosity in the community will be distributed. Refreshments, book sales/signing: 10:30 – 11 a.m.; Journaling Seminar, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost for journaling seminar, including hardcover copy of her book, is \$30. Registration and payment for journaling seminar only: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/event/2011-04-16-book-journaling/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/event/2011-04-16-book-journaling/). Questions? Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987 or [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org). Sponsored by the Wellness Committee.

**April SHARE News** — In time for Easter, the SHARE food co-op at Blessed Sacrament is offering a special Easter dinner of a five-pound honey-baked, boneless ham plus a three to four pound oven-roasted, boneless turkey breast for just \$23. The April Value Package, for \$20, has chicken breasts and drumsticks, salmon nuggets, turkey sausage links, deli roast beef, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Order forms can be found on the parish Web site. Deadline for orders is Monday, **April 4**. For more information, leave a message in the Blessed Sacrament SHARE voice mailbox, 202.449.4611, or send an e-mail to [SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Afghans For Infants** — A group of knitters and crocheters meets **Wednesdays** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish library to make afghans for the Christ Child Society Layette Program. Bring your needles or hooks; we will provide patterns for a 36" square afghan or applaud your creative choice, offer advice and a choice of yarn colors. Contact [eogreenberg@gmail.com](mailto:eogreenberg@gmail.com) for more information or drop by the library on a Wednesday. **April dates:** April 6 and 27; we will not be meeting April 13 and 20 due to the Easter holidays.

**From The Community**

**Celebrate With Bethlehem House** — Join Dolores Wilson and the Bethlehem House community for their 25th Anniversary Celebration, next Sunday, **April 10**, at St. Anselm's Abbey Commons, 4501 South Dakota Avenue, NE. Shep Abell and George Stephanopoulos, who were among the original sponsors, are co-chairs of this celebration. Abbot Aidan Shea is Celebrant for the Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. A silent auction and brunch will follow. Auction items include vacation homes in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Deep Creek Lake and Dewey Beach; tickets to sports events and museums; pottery and antiques. Bethlehem House provides a Christian residential community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides acceptance, hospitality, prayer and a commitment to living together in peace. Bethlehem House residences are located in Brookland, DC and Riverdale, MD. For more information, contact Kathy Healy at 202.363.6631 or Dolores Wilson at [bhmdwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:bhmdwilson@hotmail.com).

**Lenten Creation Stewardship Calendar 2011** The Environmental Outreach Committee in the Department for Charity and Justice, Archdiocese of Washington, has developed a Lenten calendar of spiritual reflection and sacrificial actions everyone can consider taking during Lent (below are activities for the **month of April**). The daily actions in the calendar will conserve energy and natural resources and help us to be good stewards of God's gift of Creation now and for future generations. You are invited to use this calendar creatively in your preparations for Easter. If you are interested in other opportunities to care for Creation and care for the poor, please contact the Environmental Action Ministry at Blessed Sacrament at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/environmental-action-ministry](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/environmental-action-ministry) or contact Kevin Kelley at [kellyk301@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyk301@yahoo.com), 301.741.7752 or the Social Concerns office (202.449.3987).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Check the tire pressure of your car today to maximize mileage and save gas. <b>1</b>	Save paper: print double-sided. Wrap your next present in color comics, or a reusable gift bag. <b>2</b>
Minimize disposables at home. Use cloth napkins at a meal. Wipe up with a dishcloth instead of paper towels. <b>3</b>	Begin spring gardening by going organic. Grow your lawn and garden without toxic chemicals. <b>4</b>	Many people are working to protect Creation. Learn what the Franciscans are doing and consider signing up for their e-newsletter at <a href="http://www.franciscanaction.org">www.franciscanaction.org</a> . <b>5</b>	Are you recycling everything you can? Refresh your memory today on what items you are allowed for curbside recycling. <b>6</b>	Practice "Carry in. Carry out." when visiting a park or the wilds. <b>7</b>	When heating water on the stove, use a pot with a lid to conserve energy. <b>8</b>	It's hard to open ourselves up to the realities of the climate crisis. Learn more about Church teaching through the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change at <a href="http://www.catholicsandclimatechange.org">www.catholicsandclimatechange.org</a> . <b>9</b>
Have an "embrace the silence" Sunday. Turn off everything unnecessary. Reflect on God's glory in Creation: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). <b>10</b>	Celebrate Spring! Plant a native tree, or support tree-planting in other countries. <b>11</b>	Purchase more mindfully, question your need before buying. <b>12</b>	Give the dryer a rest and save your clothes. Hang your clothes to dry on a rack or clothesline. Get free drying that doesn't wear out clothes or age elastic/stretch material by heating it. <b>13</b>	Help people on the "front lines" of climate change. Catholic Climate Covenant links US churches with carbon reducing projects in developing countries. See: <a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org">www.catholicclimatecovenant.org</a> . <b>14</b>	Contact publishers of any magazines you receive asking them to use environmentally responsible practices. <b>15</b>	Learn about mountain-top removal mining to access cheap coal. Google "Appalachia's Wounds" in <i>America</i> magazine (10/4/10). <b>16</b>
Help your kitchen fridge to function more efficiently by placing jugs of water in the unused space. <b>17</b>	Pick up some litter when you are out walking and dispose of it properly. <b>18</b>	When driving obey the speed limit. Every 10 mph in speed reduces fuel economy by 4 mpg. <b>19</b>	Place an insulating cover over your electric water heater. If you have oil or gas you may need a plumber to install it. <b>20</b>	Holy Thursday: Reflect on Pope Benedict XVI's message for the World Day of Peace, "If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation." Google the title. <b>21</b>	Good Friday: Meditate on the mystery of love: "Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. Come, let us worship." <b>22</b>	Holy Saturday: Remember your Baptism and the power of water. Thank God for this gift and ask him to help you be a good steward of his gifts, which reveal his love. <b>23</b>

Catholic Resources: Franciscanaction.org; USCCB.org; Catholic Climate Covenant.org; CRS.org; Ncric.com; Catholicsandclimatechange.org; Catholiccoalitiononclimatechange.org; Other faith-based resources: Gwipl.org; NCCecjustice.org; Christiansforthemountains.org

**24 Easter Sunday** "At a time of world food shortage, of financial turmoil, of old and new forms of poverty, of disturbing climate change ... of growing fears over the future, it is urgent to rediscover grounds for hope. Let no one draw back from this peaceful battle that has been launched by Christ's Resurrection. ... Christ is looking for men and women who will help him to affirm his victory using ... justice and truth, mercy, forgiveness and love." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Urbi et Orbi*, Easter 2009)



**Take some time today to reflect** on all of the activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with God's plan for Creation and all life. Conclude your Carbon Fast by making a personal pledge to serve God and serve others by pursuing a more sustainable way of life.

# Ten Questions On The Roman Missal, Third Edition

## 1. Why the changes?

Pope John Paul II issued the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* (the Latin text of the Roman Missal) during the Jubilee Year in 2000. This new edition included many new texts requiring translation. In addition, the experience of the years after the Second Vatican Council gave rise to a desire for more formal and literal translations of the original Latin texts. This new translation will employ the best of what we have learned about translation and liturgical language in two generations of celebrating the Liturgy in the vernacular. It will provide an opportunity to reflect ever more deeply on the eucharistic celebration that lies at the heart of the Church's life.

## 2. Who is doing the work of translation?

The process of translating liturgical texts from the original Latin is a highly consultative work done by several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) prepares English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the other member conferences receive draft translations of each text and have the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. Then ICEL proposes a second draft, which each conference approves and submits to the Vatican for final approval. Each conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text. At the Vatican, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examines the translated texts, offers authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of the texts, and grants permission for their use. Currently the Congregation is aided by the recommendations of *Vox Clara*, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries. The translation and review process is guided by the guidelines in *Liturgiam Authenticam*, issued in 2001, an instruction from the Congregation that outlines the principles and rules for liturgical translation. In 2007, the Congregation also issued a *ratio* outlining the specific rules for translation in English.

## 3. What's new or different about the revised translation?

The style of the translation of the third edition is different. In accord with the rules for translation established by the Holy See, the revised translation follows the style of the original Latin texts more closely, including concrete images, repetition, parallelisms, and rhythm. The English used in the Mass texts is more formal and

dignified in style. Where possible, the texts follow the language of Scripture and include many poetic images. In addition, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and prayers for various needs and intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (or instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.

## 4. What is the timeline for the approval and implementation of the Missal?

After the Latin *Missale Romanum* was published in 2002, ICEL began its work of preparing a draft English translation of the text. ICEL presented the first section—the Order of Mass, which contains the fixed prayers of the Mass, including the people's parts—to the English-speaking conferences of bishops in 2004. The USCCB approved the final version in 2006, and the Holy See confirmed this section in June 2008. The remaining sections were approved between 2007 and 2009. The USCCB completed its approval of the Missal in November 2009. The Holy See granted the final approval of the text in the spring of 2010. Cardinal Francis George, OMI, president of the USCCB, announced that parishes may begin using the revised translation on November 27, 2011.

## 5. Can we start using the texts approved by the bishops immediately?

The translation of the *Missale Romanum* could not be used in the celebration of the Mass until the complete text was confirmed by the Holy See. Now that the translation has received the *recognitio*, the USCCB has established the first day on which the new translation may be used. Use of the revised text requires preparation and catechesis for both priests and the faithful. When the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical settings for the liturgical texts will be readily available.

## 6. What will the process of implementation look like?

Now that the *recognitio* has been granted, final preparation and publication of the Missal will commence. Catechesis on the new translation and on the Liturgy itself will become even more important. Training for priests, music ministers, and other liturgical leaders (liturgy committees and liturgical commissions), as well as formation for all Catholics, will help to ensure the successful implementation of the new text.

## 7. What will the new Missal mean in my parish?

In the months before the revised translation is implemented, parishes will have to do many things. The parish will have to replace liturgical books and participation aids. Priests will practice proclaiming the new texts and will prepare homilies helping the faithful to understand the new translation and to deepen their appreciation for the Liturgy. The music ministers and the people will learn new musical settings for the parts of the Mass (such as the Gloria and the Sanctus). Catechists and teachers will help parishioners learn the new prayers. Parishes may also use this opportunity to undertake a thorough reexamination of their liturgical practices.

## 8. If my parish likes the old translation better, can we continue using that one?

Now that the Holy See has granted the *recognitio* to the revised translation, the USCCB has established a date for first use and a date for mandatory use. No parish may continue to use the current translation after the mandatory use date. Parishes will need to use the period before the mandatory use date to help parishioners renew their love for the Sacred Liturgy, to understand the changes, and to develop an appreciation for the revised translation.

## 9. Do these changes mean that the old translation was not valid and orthodox?

The current translation was approved by the conferences of bishops and confirmed by the Holy See. Until the new text becomes effective, the current translation remains the valid ordinary form of the Liturgy in the Roman Rite. The revised translation attempts to address some inadequacies in the present translation by introducing a more elevated style of language and by retaining many poetic texts and scriptural allusions. The current translation fostered the faith of two generations of Catholics and retains a valid place in church history.

## 10. What opportunities does the new Missal offer the Church?

Implementing the new Missal will give the Church an opportunity to take a fresh look at its liturgical practice and to renew its celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, which is the "source and summit" of Christian life (Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], no. 11). The faithful, encountering the Liturgy anew in the new text, can deepen their sharing in Christ's sacrifice, offering their lives to the Father as they worship "in Spirit and truth" (Jn 4:23).