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## Introducing the Revised Order of Mass and The 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal In English

Beginning of the First Sunday of Advent, 2011 (November 26, 2011) all the countries of the *“English speaking world”* will begin the use of the revised translation of the Order of Mass and the Prayers of the Mass.

### Why a revised Missal?

The church is the living “Body of Christ” and as we journey through time we grow in grace and experience. The current 2nd Edition of the Roman Missal in English (called “The Sacramentary”) was published in 1985 and in the past 26 years many Masses (such as the inclusion of new saints) have been added to the Roman Calendar and to the Prayers of the Mass and has lead to this moment where the book itself needs to be both reprinted and “upgraded!”

### Why a revised translation of the Mass and the Prayer of the Mass?

The reprinting of the Missal gives the Church the opportunity to evaluate if the language we use to pray in the Liturgy is in harmony with the original text of the prayers which, for Roman Catholics, exists in the Latin language.

### Is the Mass “changing?”

No and yes. **The structure of the Mass will not change.** However, some of the responses and the common prayers which we use will have a different translation to which we are most familiar. The language of the Liturgy will be more formal, more poetic, and make more use of Sacred Scripture.

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## **What will be translated differently?**

In addition to the prayers used by the priests, the following are revised translations for the Laity:

- The greeting response of “And also with you” will become “And with your Spirit.”
- There are some changes to the text of the GLORY TO GOD.
- There are some changes to the text of the NICENE CREED, and there is an extended permission to use the APOSTLES CREED, especially during the Seasons of Lent and Easter.
- During the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, the response of “It is right to give him thanks and praise” will become “It is right and just.”
- The SANCTUS (Holy, Holy) will see a change from “God of power and might” to “God of hosts.”
- The use of “Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again” will no longer be one of the options for the MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION.
- The response following the raising of the chalice and host will become, “Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

***The Parish Liturgy Committee will be sharing the Church’s explanations for the above changes in the fall.***

## **What is new in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Roman Missal?**

- Restoration of the “Prayers over the People” for the days of lent
- Vigil Masses for the Solemnities of the Epiphany and the Ascension
- Additional Masses for Various Needs and Occasions
- Inclusion of the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions
- Addition of new Votive Masses (such as the Pro-life Masses)
- Test of the Masses for all the new saints canonized by Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI