

The New Roman Missal 3rd Edition

Dear Friends in the Lord Jesus Christ,

You must have heard that something new, but at the same time enlightening is about to happen to the Liturgy of the Mass. The first week of Advent 2011, English-speaking Catholics around the world, including Catholics in the United States of America, will receive a new translation of the Roman Missal (the book used by the priest at Mass which includes both instructions on what is to be done and how to do it, as well as prayers to be said). As a result, there will be significant differences in both the words of the priest and in the people's responses. Moreover, in this Third Edition of the New *Roman Missal*, prayers have been added, new Saints are being celebrated, and adjustments have been made to some of the details of how the Triduum is observed. However, it is very important to know that the overall way that we celebrate the Mass is staying the same. We are adding texts and translating them differently; we are not changing the structure of the Mass.

Hence, this revised *Roman Missal* will contribute to "building up the Body of Christ" and assist every individual "to grow to full maturity, into the fullness of the stature of Christ" in our own time. It is part of the ongoing task of liturgical renewal in continuity with the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the subsequent teaching of the Church and the directives of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America.

Therefore, for us here at St. Luke, we will begin the preparation for the implementation of the New Roman Missal with a workshop that will take place on **Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, in the Church**. All parishioners are invited to attend in order to be informed of the "why" and the "how" of the New Roman Missal. By this very participation, we will all help foster our full, conscious and active participation in the worship of God at Mass.

Grace and Peace!

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