

Vatican issues final text of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, for the Dioceses of the United States of America

New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass



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The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. **First use of the new text of the new *Roman Missal* will be on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011.**

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the revised edition of the *Missale Romanum* contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the *Roman Missal* will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

This website has been prepared to help you prepare for the transition. Here you will find helpful resources for the faithful, for the clergy, and for parish and diocesan leaders, so that all of us will be ready to implement the new Missal next Advent (2011). The receipt of the *recognitio* marks the beginning of the proximate preparation for the implementation of the *Roman Missal*. During the time leading up to actual first Sunday of use of the new text, pastors are encouraged to make use of the wide variety of resources available to prepare parishioners not only for the reception of the new text, but to engage in reflection and study about the Mass and the Eucharist.

May the implementation of the revised *Roman Missal* be a time of **deepening, nurturing, and celebrating** our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.



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I will print all of the changes in upcoming bulletins. The entire new Roman Missal can be found on our website www.stfrancismocksville.com