

# Bulletin Inserts on the New Roman Missal

February 2011

*In preparation for the implementation of the new Roman Missal in November, we're encouraging parishes to include a short blurb in their bulletins each week. The Office of Worship will send suggested bulletin inserts monthly. Since this is an excellent opportunity for catechesis on the liturgy, some blurbs will focus specifically on the upcoming changes; others will focus on our celebration of the Eucharist in general.*

*Below are the bulletin inserts for February 2011:*

## **Sunday, February 6, 2011**

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

Why do we gather week after week for the celebration of the Mass? Some of us come because it's a habit. Others come because they are grateful for God's gifts. And many of us come for several of those reasons combined. More basic than all of those reasons, however, we all come because God has called us here. It was God who chose us to be members of the Church. It was God who called us to share God's own life through baptism. It was God who called us to carry on the mission of Christ in the world today. We come in response to God's call.

## **Sunday, February 13, 2011**

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

We come together each Sunday for Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. We gather each week to give God thanks and praise. Sometimes we may forget that. It's easy to focus on what we hope to get out of coming to church rather than on giving thanks for what has already been given us. The most important thing we find when we gather for Mass is the presence of Christ himself. Christ reveals his presence to us in various ways. He is present in our very gathering, living in each of us. He is present as the leader of our worship. He speaks directly to us when God's word is proclaimed in our midst. He offers us his own body and blood as our food and drink so that we will be more closely united with him and with one another. We come together for Mass because Christ is present there and because he calls us.

## **Sunday, February 20, 2011**

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

Every time we gather in his name, Christ has something to say to us. We forget too easily that what we are hearing in the liturgy of the Word is nothing less than God speaking to us. Our reading, proclaiming and hearing the Word of God is an intimate encounter between God and his people. It is the Father speaking to his beloved, teaching us the mysteries of life. Reverence for Christ present in his word calls us to attentive listening. It may be helpful to realize, however, that our primary task is not to get every

word that is spoken, but to listen carefully for whatever word the Lord wants each of us to hear that day. In the silence after the readings and after the homily, you might ask yourself two simple questions: What did you hear Christ say? And how will you live that word this week? The answers to those questions can change your life!

**Sunday, February 27, 2011**

*On Sunday, November 27 of this year, Catholics in the United States will begin worshiping with the newly-translated texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal.*

Have you ever wondered why we sit for the first two readings at Mass but stand for the Gospel? This is one of several ways that the liturgy indicates the special significance of the portion of the Bible that is found in the four gospels. We believe, of course, that Christ speaks to us in all the readings. Because he is the Word of God made flesh, whatever God says to us comes to us through Christ. Yet there is still something special about those four books that give us most of our information about Jesus himself. The gospels reveal him to us, recounting his teaching and his miracles, his journeys and his encounters with people of his time, his death and his resurrection. It is in the four gospels that we find the fullest picture of Jesus and his meaning for our lives. Through the gospel, Christ challenges us to imitate him and to walk in his ways. That's why the liturgy treats it with such solemnity and reverence.