

## **#18 – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – What to Expect Next Sunday**

Beginning next week with the start of the new liturgical year (Advent), Catholics around the English-speaking world will begin using the new Roman Missal. For the past ten years, the universal Church has been reflecting on and, yes, debating the translation of the liturgical texts for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (Mass). Here at the Newman Center we began preparing for these changes back in January with a series of articles followed by seventeen articles titled “Catholic Customs at Mass.”

I encourage you to go on the Newman’s web site to read about these changes in greater detail. Our three choirs have been preparing for several months the new Mass parts that accompany these changes. While there are several changes that the congregation will need to become familiar with, the greatest number of changes are reflected in the prayers the priest says during Mass. There will be a long learning curve for all of us—the congregation, the choirs, Fr. Innocent and Deacon Clark. There are no changes to Liturgy of the Word, so our Lectors do not need to worry about any changes to the readings.

When you arrive for Mass on Nov. 27 (only one Mass at 10am) and in future weeks, you will find a laminated card on each of the seats in the Chapel. This card, “Mass Responses and Prayers” will help all of us learn the new prayers and responses. It is likely we will be using these cards for a long time. You will be asked to leave the card on the seat when you leave Mass. We will also be introducing a new missalette, “Breaking Bread” that will have the Order of the Mass in front, and the sung Mass parts in the back #917-926. The booklet has many of the songs we will be singing but we will also continue to use “Gather” and “Spirit and Song.”