

Liturgy Makes Our Faith Visible

Why do we come? We come for Eucharist—thanksgiving—to give God thanks and praise. We come to encounter Christ—present in the gathered community, present as the leader of our worship, present when God’s word is proclaimed, present in his body and blood.

There is an old saying, in Latin, which says, “The way we pray shapes what we believe. The way we believe shapes how we pray. The way we pray and believe should affect the way we live.”

While we begin to adjust to the changes that will take place beginning the first of Advent, we are mindful of two important considerations. First, while some of the words are changing, the Mass is not. Second, “full, conscious, active participation by all of the people is the aim to be considered before all else” as originally articulated in the Constitution on the Liturgy (1963) remains the hope and the goal of the Church.

To become more familiar with the new *Roman Missal*, you are encouraged to go on the Internet at www.usccb.org/romanmissal/. This site includes Frequently Asked Questions, Order of the Mass, People’s Parts, Priest’s Parts, and Other Resources. In addition, we will soon begin an overview of the Mass with a particular emphasis on the change in the words and postures. Our choirs will soon begin to view new Mass settings for our Masses here at Newman.