

Looking Forward in 2011

A Year of Awakening and Renewal

2011 will be a year of preparation for the Roman Catholic Church. Beginning with Advent 2011, we will experience the New Roman Missal which the Apostolic See, (the leaders), of the Catholic Church have been refining for the last many decades.

The reason for the New Roman Missal is to renew our devotion and life in the church and the Eucharist. It is the church's hope and our mission to "bring people back to the household of faith and revive a sense of liturgy which stands at the center of the church's life," (Bishop Kicanas).

The priests and staff of St. Peter Church have attended many Archdiocesan and National conferences to prepare for these changes. Our first impressions are that the priest's prayers are the most affected. Small refinements of our liturgy and the way we pray will come to be familiar as we incorporate them in our worship.

In the year to come, you will see articles which will try to answer questions concerning these matters. As Advent 2011 grows closer, we will continue to prepare so we will be ready to respond together in prayer.

As with change or anything different, we may stumble in our wording. We will have prayer cards or booklets to assist in the liturgy. We will prepare and rehearse so that we are comfortable. The goals of the changes may not be immediately seen, but the intention of the church is to involve and engage you in participation. If we can accomplish the two concerns of the church bringing people back to church and center on spirituality and the Eucharist; then this will truly be a change of renewal and awakening.

Please look for more articles in the Bulletin which will appear regularly during the year.

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