

Beginning Sunday, November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent, there will be changes in the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Mass. The changes will involve some of the responses of the congregation, some of the prayers of the assembly, and the prayers of the priest. These are found in the Roman Missal, known by many as the Sacramentary, the book used by the priest when presiding at Mass.

In the coming weeks and months, *Embracing the Changes* will help all of us prepare for these changes with information provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Topics will be:

- † Parts of the Mass
- † Guide to unfamiliar words in the Mass
- † Questions about the Roman Missal
- † Liturgical participation
- † Praying with body, mind and voice
- † Reclaiming the Lord's Day: Celebrating Sunday
- † Liturgy and life
- † Questions on dealing with change in the Liturgy
- † Scripture and Liturgy

Preparing for these changes will provide us with an opportunity to examine and renew our celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy that stands at the heart of Catholic Christian Life.

Preparing for these changes will provide us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Liturgy, nurture liturgical practices that will lead to fuller liturgical participation, and celebrate the Liturgy with renewed purpose.