

Saint Mary

ON THE HILL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



News and Notes from Fr. Jerry

Getting Ready for the New Mass

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our preparations for the new Roman Missal, it is easy to become overly focused on the changes in wording alone. Rather, the advent of a new Missal is a wonderful opportunity for all of us — clergy and laity — to delve into the liturgy more deeply and more intentionally: What is it that we do in the liturgy, why do we do what we do, and how can we do it with greater devotion and attention? More than just changes to words or rubrics, the new Missal calls us to a more profound engagement with the Mystery made present in our worship — so that, transformed, we may more fully live Eucharistic lives.

Starting at the Masses during the first weekend of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011, all English-speaking countries throughout the world will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal. More information on the new translation is available at a special Web site that the U.S. Bishops have set up, at www.usccb.org/romanmissal. In order for us to be well prepared for this new translation, our parish staff has been working this summer on a plan that hopefully will prepare all of us for this new transition.

The plan is as follows:

1. In order to study the deep meaning of the Mass as well as some reasons for the new translation we'd like to encourage

all parishioners to participate in one of two opportunities to study the Mass.

- A morning session on Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Parish Hall with the Director of Religious Education for the Diocese, Ms. Ann Pinckney, and the Chair of the Diocesan Worship Committee, Fr. Doug Clark, who will be helping the teachers and catechists of the Augusta deanery prepare for the changes.

- An evening session on Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Church with a popular parish mission and retreat leader, Jerry Galipeau, who will be helping all the liturgical ministers in the Augusta deanery with a sense of the liturgical spirituality as we implement the new changes.

2. On Sept. 25, we will begin a series of bulletin inserts that will help to explain the changes.

3. Also towards the end of September, we will begin teachings some of the new sung Mass parts.

4. Towards the end of October, we temporarily will shorten our homily time so as to take some time at the beginning of each Mass to review some of the new responses that are a part of the New Missal.

In addition to preparing for the New Missal, one of the big projects of the summer has been preparing for a new pastoral focus. We haven't quite figured out a catchy phrase or theme for it yet,

Mass Schedule

Sunday, 7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Chapel is located at the corner of
Monte Sano and Bellevue.

Understanding the New Roman Missal The Liturgy of the Word and Profession of Faith

In previous parish newsletters, we discussed the implementation of the new English translation of the Third Edition of the *Missale Romanum* (Roman Missal) that will take place later this year, along with some of the changes Catholics can expect at Mass during the Introductory Rites. This month, we will focus on updates to the English text during the Liturgy of the Word and Profession of Faith.

The updated translation of the Liturgy of the Word is virtually identical to the previous translation that many of us are used to. Most of the changes to the new texts affect the priests and deacons who are celebrating Mass, and will barely be audible to the congregation. The two small exceptions will come during the exchange between the priest and the congregation prior to the Gospel reading.

When the priest or deacon addresses the congregation, he will still say, "The Lord be with you," but those assembled will now respond, "And with your spirit," as opposed to "And also with you," to maintain the practice that was established during the Introductory Rites. Additionally, when the Gospel is announced, the congregation will now respond, "Glory to you, O Lord," in place of "Glory to you, Lord." As Fr. Paul Turner points out in *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts*, "The word 'O' has been added throughout the Missal before words such as 'Lord' and 'God' in sentences that are prayers. It slightly lengthens the one-syllable form of address to God, and intends to show respect" (Turner 17).

While the Liturgy of the Word will remain largely unchanged, the Profession of Faith is a different story. The Nicene Creed, which is the Creed that Americans usually proclaim at Sunday Mass (it's not used at most weekday Masses), will contain the most noticeable shift in text of any part of the Mass said by the congregation. As with the rest of the Roman Missal, the goal behind these changes is to more closely adhere to the original Latin text, and to help Catholics throughout the world achieve a universal liturgical experience. As Fr. Turner says, "Catholics profess the Creed each Sunday in various languages all around the world. Especially for this



part of the Mass, it is important that we all say the same words; there is one faith (see Ephesians 4:5)" (Turner 19).

For a side-by-side comparison of the previous translation and new translation of the Nicene Creed, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site at www.usccb.org/romanmissal/samples-people.shtml#nicene. You can also find more information on this and other changes in the Third Edition of the *Missale Romanum*, at the Web site's home page, www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

St. Mary's Church and School: Working Together through Stewardship



Five days a week, in good weather and in bad, students from St. Mary on the Hill School walk a city block to attend daily Mass at the church. Wearing their school uniforms of white, navy and plaid, their presence along Monte Sano Ave. is an outward expression of our faith and a visible reminder how, through stewardship, the church and the school work together to form a vibrant parish community.

"Stewardship is about the parish at large, and not just about how the school is funded," explains Joe McBride, the school principal. "Living the principles of time, talent and treasure is for every one. They provide a good understanding of our Catholic faith and are a means for the church and school to reach out to members of the parish as well as the community at large."

Simply, stewardship calls us to ask the probing question: "What can we do to show our thanks to God?" The answer is found in stewardship, and by making it a way of life we learn to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in ways we can share our gifts.

And our parish has many talented individuals who are more than willing to let the Holy Spirit work in their lives. Mr. McBride says that the school has been blessed with parents, grandparents and parishioners who share these talents, whether it's by helping with repair and maintenance through St. Joseph's Guild, tutoring after school, helping Terry Wick in the cafeteria, coaching, or even reading aloud during library story time.

"There is no doubt that the school needs the involvement of the parish, but it does work the other way,

too," he explains. "We've had students teach technology – such as Cell Phone 101 – at the Senior Center; many have helped with Interfaith Hospitality or served at the Soup Kitchen; and some of our students are altar servers during funeral Masses."

For students such as Casey Mills and Harrison Catalano, both of whom recently graduated from St. Mary's, the Stewardship message has hit home. Both recently served as volunteers during Vacation Bible School, and Harrison has worked at the Soup Kitchen while Casey has done his fair share of carrying siding while volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

"This is how I give my time and talent," says Casey. "It's about doing good deeds."

In an ongoing effort to showcase our school and cultivate stewardship as a way of life for our children, student speakers periodically make school announcements at Mass and a feature called School Scoop was introduced in the weekly bulletin. Both serve to keep the parish informed of the students' academic achievements, ongoing service projects, and sports accomplishments.

Finally, by working together as a community, we know that when our students walk down that hill to attend daily Mass they are learning how to live stewardship by following in the footsteps of Christ. Ultimately, stewardship is the gift of self, and rising seventh-grader Colleen Bedenbaugh explains it best when she says, "If you love what you do, and believe in it, then that love is what makes you want to give back."

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Jason in front of St. Peter's in Rome



The Hulk (Jason) takes in a Clericus Cup soccer game



Jason teaches first graders at Mary Mount International School.

How does a young man who is an Eagle Scout and loves NASCAR — one who grew up in a small southern town in which he was often the only Catholic child in school — one day decide to enter the priesthood?

It's a story seminarian Jason Patrick Adams likes to share.

"I grew up in Cordele, Ga. and our church, St. Theresa's, had only 65 families," Jason explains. "Our parish was so small that my religious education was on and off — catechism until the fourth grade, then a few years of nothing until the eighth grade to prepare for Confirmation."

As a result, most of his Catholic upbringing was from his parents and grandparents. His mother's family, the Fitzgibbons, emigrated from Ireland and eventually settled in Cordele and established a lumber business in the early 1920s. Despite the fact that they were living in the deep south and that Cordele initially didn't even have a Catholic church, the family held on to their Catholic identity and passed it on from generation to generation.

"Whenever I had a question about my faith, I would ask someone in my family," Jason explains. "Many times their answer would simply be 'because the Church says so,' but I definitely grew up with the sense that it was a special thing to be Catholic."

But the priesthood was the furthest thing from his mind. Jason always planned to become a lawyer and work in public service, and after he graduated from high school he enrolled in Valdosta State University as a political science major. But by his junior and senior year he was no longer at peace about his decision; he still enjoyed the idea of public service, but he didn't feel as if a career in law was for him anymore.

Then, during a visit to Steubenville University in Ohio, Jason met his first seminarian — our very own Pablo Migone. While there, he also attended an Easter Vigil service and, for the very first time, witnessed Catholics who were excited and in love with their faith. The impressions from that visit remained with him, and

Jason Adams

The Right Question

when John Paul II passed away one week later, Jason began re-thinking his idea of a vocation.

“Up until that point I had always told God what I wanted to do,” he says. “I never thought to ask, ‘God what do you want me to do?’ ”

It was a question that called for prayer, guidance and discernment, and so Jason enrolled at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. Today he is currently in his fourth year of theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy – an experience which enables him to study alongside seminarians not only from all over the United States, but from all over the world.

“Studying in Rome has allowed me to experience the true meaning to the universal sense of the word catholic,” he shares. “I’ve learned to appreciate the dignity of difference in us all and how learning in a faith setting can transcend even language barriers.”

This October, Jason’s immediate and extended family will travel to Rome where he will be ordained a deacon at St. Peter’s Basilica, and in June 2012 he will be ordained into the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah. It’s a long way from Cordele to Rome, but Jason asked God what to do, and God showed him the way.

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Jason with his classmates at the Angelicum



Home in Cordele, Ga.



Jason sees the Holy Father for the first time



The Times, They are a Changin'

by Katie Conner

Ready or not, here it comes! Summer is winding down and the school year is gearing up. Our family will strike into new territory as we launch our oldest into his first year of college, 150 miles from home. Some of the routines are more familiar though as little ones move up a year in preschool, older ones into middle school and junior high and another into high school. These are a few tricks of the trade I have learned to make the transition from summer sleep-ins to school time schedule more manageable.

Bedtimes: I know of families who gradually rein in later summer bedtimes by backing up the time over several days, until they reach a saner "school-night" hour. I myself prefer not to fight the bedtime battle before I have to. I find the shock and awe approach, letting them keep their summer bedtimes until the eve of school, works just fine. The first-day-of-school butterflies get them out of bed and going just fine. After a few days of school and homework and soccer (you get the idea) they are too tired to fight the new school night routine.

Prayer times: If the family is the domestic church, our van is the chapel. The routines of the new school year make it a great time to establish or revamp family prayer times, and praying on the way to school is a great way to get in a daily devotion. As soon as everyone is buckled in his or her seats in the morning, we start our little prayer time. We offer our day to God, entrust ourselves to the care of Mother Mary, thank the Lord for His blessings, and ask help for sick friends, tests, tennis matches and so on. Evening prayer as a family is more likely to happen if my husband and I base it around a nightly event (as soon as everyone is in their PJs) or a specific time (at 8 p.m., whoever is at home and up participates).

Meal times: My motto is "stock up and save!" — my sanity, that is. Towards the end of the summer, or very early into the school year, I spend a few days cooking up dinners and stockpiling my freezer. When we are knee deep into homework and after-school activities with little time to plan and cook a meal from start to finish, these ready-made entrees are a lifesaver. Pre-planning for lunches helps, too. I try to have a pantry stocked with juice boxes and healthy packaged snacks for quick packing. Lunches for the little ones are made right after dinner and go into the fridge. I slice up fruit for the older ones and refrigerate it, too. In the morning the older ones just need to make a sandwich and grab a drink, snack, fruit and go.

After-school organization: I like to have very simple and very specific after school routines. Some of my family members find this annoying. They are free to be annoyed and they can do whatever they wish when they get their very own apartments. In the meantime, when we come in the door after school, they bring me any papers I need to sign, etc., put their backpacks in their cubbies, change out of uniforms and have a snack. Snack time ends at 4p.m. since we often have an early dinner. Then it's homework time followed by outside time.

Mom time: Otherwise known as "If mama ain't happy..." Each school year in our home seems to bring a different schedule based on who is going off to pre-school, who can now drive themselves, etc. As soon as I know who needs to be where and when, I plan for my own needs — spiritual, mental and physical — when I will get to weekday Mass, when I will get in weekly time in the adoration chapel, and have a daily prayer time alone; when I will exercise and what new challenge I would like to tackle for the year. This could be a Bible study I've wanted to do or some bedrooms I've wanted to organize.

Change is a challenge: The most important trick I have learned over the years is that all transitions, even healthy happy ones, are difficult. I fully expect the first several weeks to be a bit confusing for everyone, especially me. Eventually we all settle in to the new routines and the rhythm of the school year, with God's grace, begins. As to launching that college, student... I'll have to read someone else's column! Blessings to all the students and their parents and teachers, too.



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but we want to build on the wonderful family life that makes this parish so vibrant. The amazing life giving love that the Church promotes through the Sacrament of Matrimony and Catholic Family life is under attack from all sides. It is something that gives so many of us joy and strength and we need to share it with our world. So, in next month's *Marianite*, I will share more on our new pastoral focus, which will underscore the importance of "Formation in Catholic Marriage and Family Life."

Moving towards this new focus there is a program that has already been life-changing for a good number of couples in our faith community. It is called Living in Love, and the next Living in Love weekend is only a few days away. Whether you have been married six months or 60 years, Living in Love will affirm your decision to marry and take your marriage to a whole new level.

This retreat for married couples will be held on Aug. 6-7. It runs all day Saturday with a lovely romantic dinner and ends by 3:30 on Sunday. It takes place in the parish hall so

you don't have to go anywhere, and couples sleep at home so it is really "user friendly." It is not too late to register by calling Lorena Smith at 706-840-3707, online at the parish web site, or at www.Livinginlove.org.

An old proverb says, "We never live so intensely as when we love strongly." Another proverb says, "When love reigns, the impossible may be attained." Through Living in Love, I'd ask you to join with us as we try to make God's love an even great reality in this wonderful parish of ours. I am so very grateful that so very many of you in so many different ways are giving of your time, talent, and treasure to build up God's Kingdom of Love as members of St. Mary on the Hill Church.

God bless you,



Fr. Jerry

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*Classes begin at St. Mary on the
Hill School on August 16. Please
pray for all our faculty, staff and
students as they begin the year.*