

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 46; Eucharistic Prayer Options

Having just joined the angels in singing the Holy, Holy, Holy, we next kneel down in adoration for the Eucharistic Prayer. Why do we kneel at this time? We kneel to prepare ourselves for the Lord Jesus to be really, truly, and substantially present on the altar. As Fr. Stefano Manelli relates, St. Louis IX, King of France, who was known to be regularly at Mass and would kneel on the floor, once said, “At Mass God offers Himself as a sacrifice, and when God sacrifices Himself, kings should kneel on the floor” (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love, p. 24). Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is really an extension of the adoration we have for Jesus on the altar after the Consecration and in the elevations of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Mass.

The Commonalities and Differences between Eucharistic Prayers

You may have noticed that there are several options for the Eucharistic Prayer, which begins after the Sanctus. Although each Eucharistic Prayer is unique and has particular emphases, each has the same main elements, including the epiclesis, institution narrative and Consecration, anamnesis, oblation, intercessions, and concluding doxology. We will cover each element in detail as we continue.

Looking through our current Roman Missal, we find ten Eucharistic Prayers from which the priest can choose. The first four (The Roman Canon: Eucharistic Prayer I, along with Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV) are probably the most familiar, as they are often included in worship aids and other prayer books. The Missal also includes two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation and four Prayers for Masses for Various Needs. These options have the following titles: “The Church on the Path of Unity”; “God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation”; “Jesus, the Way to the Father”; and “Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good.” These last four prayers come with suggestions for when they might be appropriate to use; for example, the prayer “Jesus, the Way to the Father” would be a good fit for a Mass “For the Evangelization of Peoples” or “For Persecuted Christians.” There are also three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with children (found in a separate book and prescribed only for Masses in which the majority of the participants are children).

Eucharistic Prayers I–IV

Sometimes people ask if I have a favorite Eucharistic Prayer. My honest answer is that each one is special in its own way. I really do like each of them! Eucharistic Prayer I includes many names of saints, which reminds me that we are supported by the witness and prayers of those who have gone before us (more on these saints in the near future). It also has several unique prayers for special days like Christmas and Easter. Eucharistic Prayer I is also called the Roman Canon, indicating its origin and centuries-long use in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. Eucharistic Prayer II has some of the oldest known prayers in the Mass, which go back to the 200s A.D. I am always strengthened by the thought that those early saints and martyrs were praying almost word-for-word the same words we use today; that is unity throughout time and place! Eucharistic Prayer III notes the Holy Spirit in particular and has a place for inserting the name of the saint of the day or patron saints. Eucharistic Prayer IV is really a tour of salvation history and reminds me of the Gospel of St. John with phrases like, “And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior.”

Phrases from Other Eucharistic Prayers

Among the other Eucharistic Prayers, here are a few phrases that I really love to pray: “Help us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom, until the hour when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven” (Reconciliation I). “May he make your Church a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace among all people” (Reconciliation II). “Lord renew your Church (which is in N.) by the light of the Gospel” (Various Needs I). “And so, having called us to your table, Lord, confirm us in unity...” (Various Needs II). “You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God, who love the human race and who always walk with us on the journey of life” (Various Needs III). “Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened” (Various Needs IV).

After taking a closer look, we see there really is a rich variety in the different prayers we can use at the altar in the Mass. Which-ever of these Eucharistic Prayers is prayed, be assured that the same holy sacrifice of Christ takes place, glory and honor is given to God, and the very Body and Blood of Jesus becomes present on the altar in front of us!

For Reflection:

1. Take time to pray, slowly, with each of Father Luke’s favorite phrases from different options of the Eucharistic Prayer. Make note of the insights or inspirations you receive in prayer.
2. Next time you participate in Mass, engage the celebrant afterward by asking about which Eucharistic Prayer he chose. As you get to know the Eucharist Prayer options better, see if you can identify which prayer you hear.

This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.

Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church
Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



Many who heard Jesus were astonished.
They said, “Where did this man get all this?
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”
Mark 6: 2,3

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday (en Español) 5:30PM
Wednesday –Friday 8:30AM
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass 6:30PM

WEEKLY PARISH
ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

LA HORA DE DIOS
PRAYER GROUP
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.
For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7 if you would like to spend time to visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the door code contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew.

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Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

July 6, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Robert & †Marion Schicker (Family)

†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

SUNDAY

July 7, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)

†Aurora & †Jose Javier Mendoza (Family)

†Lorenza & †Jovita Lara (Daniel Lara & Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Santos Garcia (Family)

†Gloria Cadriel (Mom and Family)

†Guadalupe & †Israel Perales (Severo Perales)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Adrian G Flores (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

†Emilio Peña Sr. (Ernest & Linda Garcia)

Health of Lino Cruz (Family)

Special Intentions for Bryan Hartnett, Jesse Torres

TUESDAY

July 9, 2024

5:30PM: Special Intention for Kindle Thompson

WEDNESDAY

July 10, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intention for Krisi Thompson

THURSDAY

July 11, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Ryder Thompson

FRIDAY

July 12, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Teague Thompson

SATURDAY

July 13, 2024

5:30PM:†Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)

†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

SUNDAY

July 14, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca Family)

†Aurora & †Jose Javier Mendoza (Family)

†Herminia Lara & †Juana Garcia (Daniel Lara & Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Santos Garcia (Family)

†Lorna Gomez (daughter)

†Martha & †Israel Perales (Severo Perales)

†Ernesto, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Adrian G Flores (Family)

†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

†Emilio Peña Sr. (Annette Freeman)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,709.00
Loose Collection	\$1,846.46
Children’s Collection	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
Online Giving	\$195.00
Collection Total - June 29/30	\$3,790.46
Peter’s Pence Collection	\$523.00


Special Collections for the Month of July

6/7 - Building Fund

20/21 - Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa



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† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

Valerie Aleman,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Jorge Hernandez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Paula Avila,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	San Juanita Saenz,
Rafael Baez	Jaime Jimenez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rosa Barrera,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Adan Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Alejandro Mora,	Gracie Salazar,
Johnny Cruz,	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
Sandra Davila,	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Adela Escobedo,	Augustin Moreno III,	Dora Tagle,
Aurora Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Gloria Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Carmen Ortiz,	Joe Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Luis Peña Jr.,	Alex Zambrano Jr.,
Juanita Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
Violet Guerrero,	Julia Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. July 13 Sun. July 14	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM		Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Pedro
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond
12:00PM		Alma

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today’s scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are “[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart” (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a “thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that “[he] was amazed at their lack of faith” (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

OBSTÁCULOS

El profeta Ezequiel, san Pablo y el Señor Jesús tienen algo en común en las lecturas de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy. Todos encontraron obstáculos en su ministerio. Ezequiel fue llamado para que profetizara a los israelitas, convertidos en “un pueblo rebelde” (Ezequiel 2:4). San Pablo relata cómo se le ha metido una “espinas clavada en mi carne” (2 Corintios 12:7). El Señor Jesús no puede realizar demasiados milagros en su tierra natal. El Evangelio nos dice que “estaba extrañado de la incredulidad de aquella gente” (Marcos 6:6). Nosotros, también, algunas veces nos topamos con obstáculos al transitar el camino de la fe. Muchas veces en nuestro viaje nos sentimos débiles. Que las palabras del Señor a san Pablo nos animen hoy: “Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad” (2 Corintios 12:9).

JULY MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Andrew will be taking his vacation during the month of July. During this time Fr. Zenon will be celebrating all Masses. Masses will be celebrated at their usual days and times. Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays (unless otherwise announced). If you have any emergency pastoral emergencies, please contact the parish office.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Write out a list of the areas in your life in which you struggle to have faith in God. Then, in prayer this week, instead of saying, “I struggle to have faith in (fill in the blank),” say, “I will have faith in your will for me and (fill in the blank) because your plan is perfect for me.”

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 11th and Friday, July 12th in for a summer break. We will re-open again on Monday, July 15th.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate towards the Altar Arrangements you can pick-up a Flower Donation Envelope on the table in the entrance of the Church and leave it in the collection basket. Altar Flowers may be requested for a special occasion or in honor or memory of someone. The suggested donation is \$100 to reserve for a specific weekend. The florist designs and delivers them so the person/family requesting does not need to choose the arrangements or call the florist. For more information contact David at the Parish office.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



READINGS & SAINT OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: St. Benedict

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: St. Henry

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

BISHOP’S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Consider a recurring online pledge. Scan the QR code to be taken to the BSA website to learn more about the appeal.



TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once. The sign-up sheet is currently listed through December. Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

David & Michele Sanchez

Raymond & Brenda Flores