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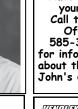
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February 21, 2021 The First Sunday of Lent

"One" word changed at Mass: did you notice?

On Ash Wednesday, the English translation of the Mass changed a single word that the priest says at every Mass—did you catch it? Below is an explanation of this change from *The Pillar* (www.pillarcatholic.com) published on February 9th.

God bless.

Fr. Peter

The U.S. bishops' conference issued a memo last week explaining that the "collect," one of the opening prayers of the Mass, has been mistranslated since Mass translations in English were first published after the Second Vatican Council.

Effective Ash Wednesday, bishops and priests celebrating Mass are instructed to pray the collect with the appropriate translation. The Pillar answers your questions:

How many words are changing?

One.

What word is changing? "One."

Here's what's happening:

The "collect" is a prayer that concludes the opening rites of the Mass. The collect invites people to pray in silence for a moment, and then offers a prayer to God that is drawn from the readings or feast of the day. or the purpose for which the Mass is being offered.

The collect ends with an invocation to Christ, which includes mention o the Father and the Holy Spirit, and ends, in Latin, with "...Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum."

In English this has been translated as "one God, forever and ever." A particular collect might conclude, for example, "Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

But here's the thing. In Latin, the prayer doesn't say "one God." It just

And the prayer isn't meant to be an affirmation of the oneness of the Holy Trinity. Instead, it is meant to affirm that Christ is God — because of the pervasiveness of the Arian heresy, which taught otherwise, in the centuries in which the prayer first came into being.

So to better reflect this — and to more accurately convey the official Latin text of the Mass — the English text will drop the word "one." The prayer above will now read: "Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." (bold added for clarity.)

Other conclusions to the collect prayer will undergo similar changes.

Why is this changing?

In May 2020, Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments, wrote to English-speaking bishops' conferences pointing out the error, and asking them to change it. The U.S. bishops voted to make a change to their official English translation of the Mass, as have episcopal conferences in England and Wales, Canada, and Ireland.

Ok, but, there's a global pandemic. And world hunger. And wars! Why spend time and money to change something like

I guess this is a matter of perspective. The Church has an ancient maxim: Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi— as we pray, so we believe, and so we live.

This saying is meant to remind the Church that prayer is central to Catholic life, and forms minds and hearts, which in turn form action. In this sense, praying with the Church, in the prayers the Church prescribes, accurately translated, might be the best formation for believing and living like a Catholic — which includes loving the poor, caring for the sick, being peacemakers, and doing other good things.

It might seem like a minor thing, sure. On the other hand, in the grand scheme of things, it hasn't taken all that much to get it right, either.

Were Masses celebrated with a mistranslation invalid? Illicit?

No. The words of the collect are not the central words of consecration in the Mass, and do not affect the validity of the Masses celebrated with them, either.

The Masses weren't illicitly celebrated either, since — even while priests are warned not to change any of the words of the Mass unilaterally — this was an official mistake, and one officially approved by the Vatican, not a personal choice by some priest to change the words to his personal preference. In fact, it would, arguably, [have been] contrary to the Church's rules for a priest to change the words of the collect ahead of the official Ash Wednesday change, since he is exhorted to follow the missal exactly.

Why are priests urged in that way? Because the Mass is the prayer of the entire Church, not the prayer of one priest who wants to change things to suit his personal viewpoints or preferences.

So do I have to do anything?

Probably not. Especially if you are not a priest. The collect is prayed by a priest. So starting on Ash Wednesday, just listen and pray along, as you would any other day, but with a

nuanced change to the meaning of the prayers.

If you are a priest, you've likely already seen a memo from the bishops' conference, which suggests that you probably don't have to buy a new missal to remember to omit the word "one." Hopefully, that proves true.

There is one exception worth noting. The USCCB has clarified that the change applies to all liturgical books, so if you pray the Liturgy of the Hours, then starting Feb. 17, you should drop the "one" as appropriate — and if you don't pray the Liturgy of the Hours, you should consider it. Could be a good practice for Lent.

Mass Schedule - Week of February 22, 2021

MONDAY The Chair of St. Peter

8:00am The Frank Family-Herb & Elaine Frank

5:30-6:00pm Confession (Inside Church)

TUESDAY St. Polycarp

8:00am Intentions of Fr. Peter-Parish Family 1:00pm-6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

5:30-6:00pm Confession (Inside Church) 6:30pm Dee Malouf-The Rosary Group

THURSDAY

8:00am Intentions of Drew & Shayna

FRIDAY

Traditional Latin Mass 8:00am Intention of the Celebrant 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

3:45-4:30pm Confession (Ring rectory doorbell) 5:00pm Matilde Borraccia-The Thurley Family

SUNDAY Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 22:1-2,10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

7:45am Fr. Edward Frank-Herb & Elaine Frank

9:30am People of St. John's

11:15am Anna M. Casle-Marge & Scott Murphy &

the Murphy Clan

Memorials: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn for Jeanne Cunningham

Requested by: Steven Nenni

Finance Update

As was reported in the August 9th bulletin, our 2020–2021 fiscal year budget takes into account both our decrease in revenue during the pandemic (especially our lack of *fundraisers*), but also monies allocated by the federal government for small businesses—including 501(c)(3)s like ours—through the Paycheck Protection Program. We recently received funding through a second draw on the Paycheck Protection Program as provided for in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. As always, a full accounting of where we stand financially will be presented in several months' time in our annual stewardship report, but I thought that an update might be appropriate. In summary: having received these funds, and thanks especially to your continued generosity, we are doing fine!—Fr. Peter

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Collection 2/14/21:	\$6,134.50
Weekly amount needed for budget:	\$9,254.00
Year To Date Collection:	\$280,674.37
Year To Date Needed for budget:	\$305,382.00

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Collection 2/7/21:	\$11,832.10
Weekly amount needed for budget:	
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1:00-5:00pm	Grace Collaborative		S	School	
7:00pm	Peace Faith Sharing Group		P	PC Dining Rm	
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	Sunday	, February 28			
12:30pm	Lenten Bibl	e Study	P	C Basement	



Lenten Bible Study Begins Today Sunday, February 21, 2021 12:30-1:45pm in the Parish Center Basement

This Lent, St. John's will offer a Bible Study for Sunday readings. Each Sunday we will meet to discuss the Sunday readings we just heard in Sunday Mass. All are welcome!



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We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



You are welcome to join us here at St. John's in church each Friday at 7:00pm during Lent for the Stations of the Cross.

Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion!

The Stations of the Cross provide us with great material for prayer and meditation.

Tracing Jesus's journey from condemnation to crucifixion increases both our sorrow for our sins and our desire for His help in avoiding temptations and in bearing our own crosses. Meditating on Christ's passion can help us become more like Him in imitating His virtues of obedience, humility, charity, patience and perseverance. www.ourcatholicprayers.com/stations-of-the-cross

LENT 2021

ReflectRepent

Restore

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u>, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent

Social Ministry News

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me.

Poor Box Collections for February will go to Birthright of Rochester. They provide non-judgmental counseling so that the distressed mother does not feel pressured into an abortion. "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born" -Birthright's motto.

Ecumenical Food Shelf needs jelly, canned chicken & paper towels. If you need food assistance, call 397-0290.



Lenten Practices to Help Save God's Creation:

- Read Matthew 6: 16-21. Spend some time praying, meditating, or journaling about your decision to adopt Lenten practices that draw you closer to God, your neighbor, and creation.
- Stay cozy and save energy by checking your windows and doors for air leakage. Make a plan to caulk and weatherstrip as needed.
- The average adult receives 41 pounds of junk mail annually. This requires 53 million trees and 56 billion gallons of water to produce. Visit www.dmachoice.org to help stop unwanted junk mail. Call one or two companies to unsubscribe from their mailings.
- Give up two degrees: for every degree the thermostat is below 68 in the winter or above 78 in the summer there's a 3 -5% savings in your energy use and cost.
- Check the light bulbs in your house. Are they the most efficient possible? Energy savings from LED light bulbs pay off quickly for God's creation and your energy bill.

From Creation Justice Ministries Lenten Calendar

St. John's Men's Club Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:00pm in the School Rm. A

The meeting will begin at 6:00pm and will include dinner followed by a spiritual talk given by Fr. Peter

- Mass Schedule: See page 2
- Confession: Sat. 3:45 to 4:30, Mon. & Wed. 5:30-6:00pm or by appointment.
- Baptisms: We look forward to the Baptism of your child. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements.
- Sacrament of Marriage: Couples are to meet at least six months in advance with the parish priest or deacon. Pre-Cana attendance is required. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.
- Hospital Visits: Please state you are a parishioner from St. John's Spencerport during your intake if you want to be visited or call the parish office.
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