



## Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In a couple of weeks, as we begin the new liturgical year, you'll see a small but noticeable difference in the church. In consultation with the pastoral council and the music leaders, we have decided to replace our current *Gather* hymnals with a new worship aide called *Ignatius Pew Missal*. This new resource is subscription-based, meaning that there will be a new edition each year. We've been using *Gather* for almost ten years now, and as those books begin to age, it has become clear that this was a good time for a change.

There are several features of the *Ignatius Pew Missal* that will be a great benefit to us. First, there is beauty in the sacred art on the cover and in the two-colored layout within the book. Also, it will continue to offer us the full readings for Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; but it will also offer the antiphons and the references for the readings for daily Mass all through the year. It has a large collection of hymns and Mass settings; but left out are the many hymns in the old hymnal that we avoided because of their theological problems and/or the lack of a sacred character of those songs. It offers a generous collection of "Common Prayers" (including the Prayer to St. Michael that we pray at the end of every Mass), the Stations of the Cross, and the prayers for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. Finally, it offers the "Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion" from the United States Bishops, which is very helpful for weddings and funerals when non-Catholics or fallen-away Catholics join us in prayer but may not know what to do when it comes time for Holy Communion.

We will begin to use the *Ignatius Pew Missal* on November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> for the First Sunday of Advent; but in the meantime, we will put out a few copies on the counter in the back of the church as a preview. *Please don't remove these preview copies from the church!*

One last thing... Don't forget our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day. What better way to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessing to us that in the Eucharist, the great prayer of Thanksgiving of God's Holy Church! (The 9am Mass will take the place of our normal 7:00am daily Mass.)

To Jesus through Mary,

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