

# EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

## Adult Education Zoom Series

*Session Two: Epiclesis*  
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# EPICLESIS

## THE CALLING DOWN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



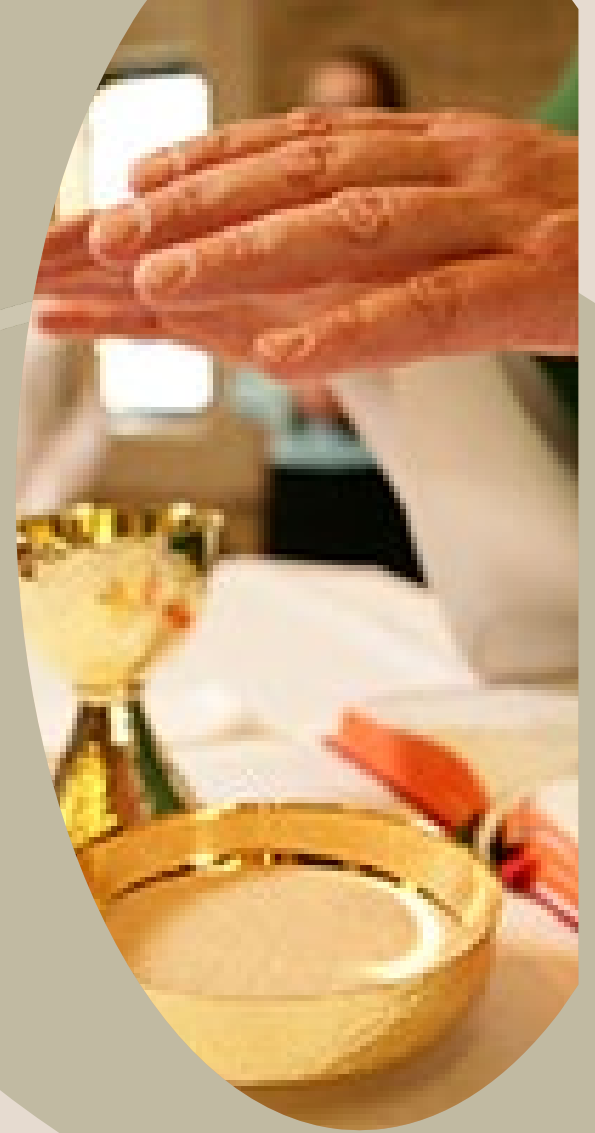
ΕΠΙΚΛΗΣΙΣ  
ἐπίκλησις

Greek word  
meaning

“invocation.”



The priest asks the Father to  
send the Holy Spirit in order to  
sanctify these offerings of  
bread and wine so that they  
may become the  
Body and Blood of Jesus.



The suffering, death  
and resurrection of  
Jesus are made  
present in the Mass.



The EPICLESIS  
makes that event  
present so that what  
took place in Jesus  
can take place in us.



The connection  
between the  
EPICLESIS at Mass  
and the  
Annunciation.



Gabriel said to Mary:  
“The Holy Spirit will  
come upon you and the  
child will be holy and  
called the Son of God.”



Second invocation of  
the Holy Spirit shows  
the Holy Spirit can  
transform the faithful,  
similar to how  
the Spirit  
transforms the gifts of  
bread and wine.



In the Eucharist by the power of the  
Holy Spirit, we are to become  
what we receive.

Receive who you are...  
become who you receive.  
St. Augustine



Ringling of the bells  
signifies the  
sacredness of the  
EPICLESIS.



The EPICLESIS  
reminds us of our  
dependence of the  
Holy Spirit.



# REFLECTION

*What is your awareness  
of the first and second  
epiclesis in the  
Eucharistic prayer?*