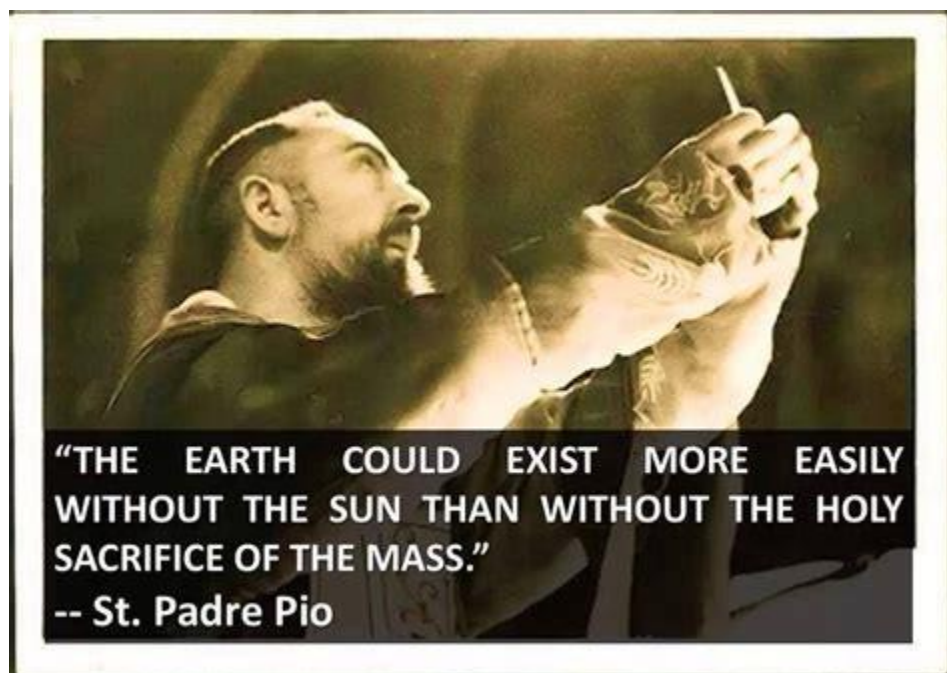


FROM FATHER JOHN: *"Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. For you are not pleased with sacrifices; should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn."* ~ Psalm 51

A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

Our Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Friday Meatless Meals from 4 to 7 PM each Friday during Lent, dine in or carry out. The food has been fantastic and there are food specials each Friday. The food special this Friday is Fish Tacos. The Knights will also be serving several of your Lenten favorites including pasta varieties, grilled cheese, soups, salad and more.

The Ladies of our Council of Catholic Women are providing wonderful home-baked goods for desert, young people from Religious Education are busing and cleaning tables while members our Youth Ministry group are selling 50-50 raffle tickets. I cannot encourage you enough to come out for a great meal in support of our parish, the Knights of our parish, the ladies of our CCW, and the youth of our parish.



There are two books that we use to celebrate the mass. These books do two things for us. First, all the scripture readings and the prayers that we use in the celebration of the Mass are in these two books. The second thing these books give us are the liturgical laws that govern the celebration of the mass. These two books are the *Roman Missal* and the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* has the scripture readings that we use at each mass while the *Roman Missal* has the prayers and most of the rubrics (rules/laws) which govern the celebration of the mass.

The form of the *Roman Missal* that is used in the United States is the English Translation of the *Editio Typica* of the *Roman Missal*. *Editio Typica* means *Typical Edition*. This is the book that you see the altar servers commonly bring to the priest during the celebration of the mass.

The first post-Vatican II edition of the *Editio Typica* of the *Roman Missal* was promulgated in 1970 by His Holiness Paul VI. A second edition was promulgated by Paul VI in 1975. His Holiness John Paul II promulgated the third edition of the *Editio Typica* of the *Roman Missal* in the year 2000. This is the current version of the liturgy that is used around the world.

The *Editio Typica* of the *Roman Missal* is a text that is in Latin. It is then translated into various languages for celebration of the mass. We use the English Translation during the mass here at St. Ann's but there are also translations in Spanish, French, Italian, Tagalog, German, etc.

In its Liturgy, the Church always attempts to follow the “norm of the holy Fathers.” This effort “requires not only the preservation of what our immediate forebears have handed on to us, but also an understanding and a more profound pondering of the Church’s entire past. . . . this broader view allows us to see how the Holy Spirit endows the People of God with a marvelous fidelity in preserving the unalterable deposit of faith, even though there is a very great variety of prayers and rites” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 9).

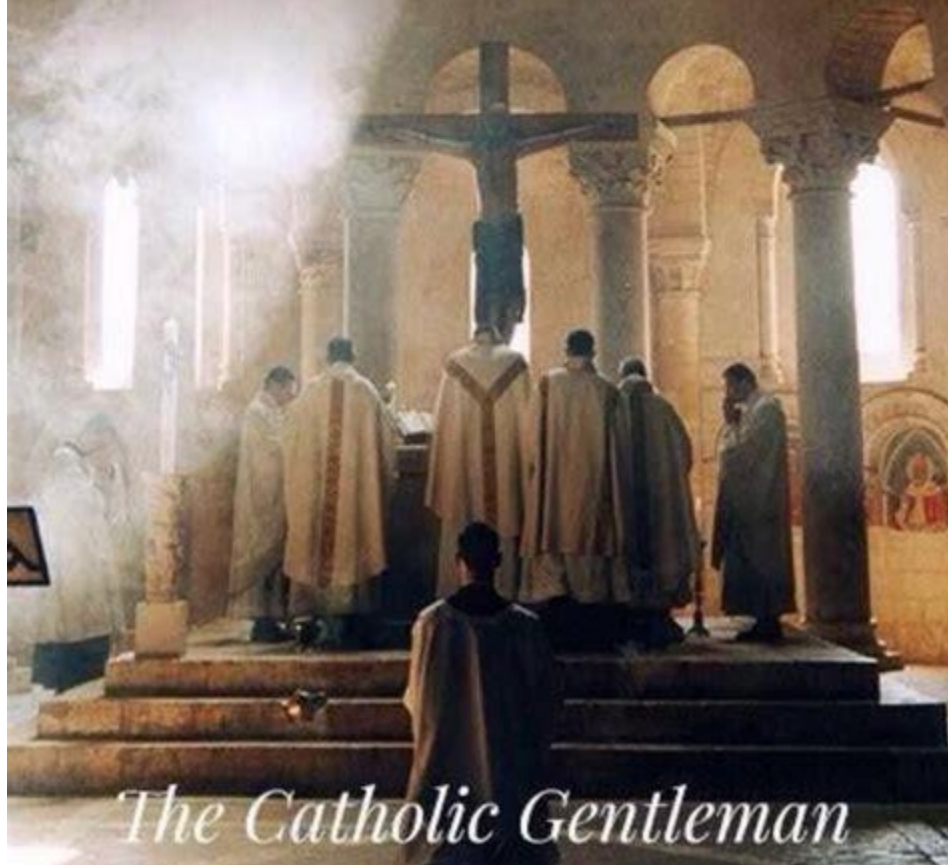
The Liturgy must, therefore, always celebrate and make present the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ—his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The language that we hear and say in prayer is more formal and somewhat more complex than the language of ordinary conversation. It conveys rich theological concepts and retains biblical language and images. By delving more deeply into

the scriptural background of the Mass, we come to know more closely our Lord Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, whose Paschal Mystery we celebrate.

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.

Renew your faith by attending Holy Mass.
Keep your mind focused on the mystery
that is unfolding before your eyes. In
your mind's eye transport yourself to
Calvary and meditate on the Victim who
offers Himself to Divine Justice, paying
the price of your redemption.

- St. Padre Pio -



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