



Mt. Hope Catholic Community

Saint Francis of Assisi / Saint Dominic

Swansea, Massachusetts

August 5, 2020

SUNDAY MISSAL:

Sisters and Brothers,

Considering the situation that we have been facing with COVID-19, it seems unlikely that we will be returning to a normal Mass schedule for weekdays or weekends anytime soon. Even after we resume Masses, it is unlikely that we will be returning the missalettes to the pews immediately, simply to be cautious in not taking any risks in transmitting the virus. Recently, however, I noticed a parishioner at St. Dominics following the Mass on Sunday with a Sunday Missal. Younger folks may not be terribly familiar with missals, but when I was a youngster, both of my parents and all of my grandparents had their own missals. Missals fell somewhat out of vogue after Vatican II simply because churches began to provide missalettes in the pews. However, both Weekday and Sunday Missals are being printed and available for purchase. The value of a Missal, even with missalettes being available in church, is that you can look over the reading before coming to Mass, and use the reading afterwards to reflect on the homilies or simply for some spiritual reading.

Websites like www.ilpmusic.org (International Liturgy Publications) and www.paulinestore.com (Daughters of St. Paul) sell Missals at reasonable prices. For those who might like to take a ride or shop locally, Tally's Church Supply in Cranston, RI (www.tallys.com) also has a selection of Daily and Sunday Missals. So for those of you who prefer to have something in front of you, particularly for the responsorial psalm, there is a solution that you can buy!