

# First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2011

*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.  
— Mark 13:33*



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### TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands  
(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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### MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CLOSED  
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch. CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY.**

**Rosary Dedication November: For the poor souls in Purgatory.**

**This Week at Our Lady of Sorrow**

**Saturday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 – 3:30 Confessions

Mass – 4:00 pm

**Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

K of C Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

Mass – 10:30 am

Mass – 5:00 pm, Spanish

**Mon, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass- 8:00 am

**Tuesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8:00 am

Zumba Class, 6pm GYM

**Wed. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Rectory Closed**

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

Mass – 6:30 pm,

RCIA, 7 pm KH

**Thurs. Dec 1st**

Mass– 8:00 am

Church History – 9:30-11:30

Zumba classes, 6-7 GYM

Youth Group, 7-8

STVDP, 7 pm KH

**Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass-8:00 am

Adoration 9 am

Benediction, 12

**Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass -8:00 am

K of C Breakfast for Altar Guild, 9 am  
cafeteria

3:00 – 3:30 Confessions

Mass – 4:00 pm

**Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

PRE – 9 am

Mass – 10:30 am

Christmas caroling after 10:30 mass

Mass – 5:00 pm, Spanish

Church History – 6:30 -8:30 pm KH



**St. Francis Xavier**

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

**Altar Guild** has Cheese ravioli for sale, if interested please call Patty at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

**The students of Our Lady of Sorrows** school will be presenting “**Advent Lessons and Carols**” on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church. Come out and support our students their presentation will leave you filled with expectation.

**A THANKFUL HEART**

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Nov 26 & 27***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	E. Monroe G. Hooten	L. Hall P. Stavrum	L. O'Donnell Deacon Henry	E. Roque R. Roque
Reader:	B. Roth	J. Hall	R. Henderson	J. Isabel/Maria Barrera
Altar Servers:	W. Durbin M. Najera A. Bowers	K. Hudson Al. Martini	S. Roque A. Roque	G. Lopez L. Lopez J. Lopez

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Dec 3 & 4***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	Deacon Henry* F. Bursi	Deacon Henry* C. Vasquez	Deacon Henry* A. Humphrey	Deacon Henry* N. Vinturella
Reader:	B. Pettit	J. Bish	B. Bustos	D. Marquez/ E. Roque
Altar Servers:	L. Carter W. Solomon	K. Owen An. Martini	C. Bailey D. Bailey	J. Rivera N. Villanueva

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, Deacon Don Bennis, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Jessica Mann Dean, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Bill Johnson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Joseph Mangold, Alex Mosby, Dewitt O'Brien, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Ester Ralph, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, Jean Shemwell, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Mike Walsh, Victor Weirich, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

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**Stewardship of the Altar** – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

**House for Sale:** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air and heat, fence in back yard, if interested please call Carol Benzel at 651-4645 leave a message and your call will be returned.

**Help Needed:** Volunteers needed to help Kim Hissong moved the playground equipment from the inside of the Gym to outside behind the GYM, Sunday, Dec 4 after 10:30 Mass. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the vestibule or call Carolyn at the rectory. 353-1530

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat. Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Mary Timby+

**Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Mary Timby+

**Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Monsignor Bill Davis+

**Monday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Mary Timby+

**Tuesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 28:00 am**

Monsignor Bill Davis++

**Wednesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Kathleen Harley+

**Thurs. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am**

Louise Macdonald+

**Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am**

Int. of Trudi Collier

**Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm**

Angelo Bursi+

**Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Int. of Trudi Collier

**Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Mary Timby+

### **PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Helene Weiss**

**St. Francis Nursing Home**

**5959 Park Ave, room 328**

**Memphis, TN 38119**

**Ginger Shemwell**

**King's Daughters & Sons**

**3568 Appling Rd, room 144**

**Bartlett, TN 38133**

**Dolores Bair**

**Ava Maria Home**

**St. Lukes**

**2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness**

**Spring Gate Healthcare**

**3909 Covington Pike #302**

**Bartlett, TN 38135, 371-3182**

**Vera Trudell**

**Grace Healthcare**

**Room 306 A**

**955 N. Germantown Pkwy**

**Cordova, TN 38018**

**Jean Shemwell**

**Millington Healthcare Center**

**5081 Easley Ave, room 57**

**Millington, TN 38053**

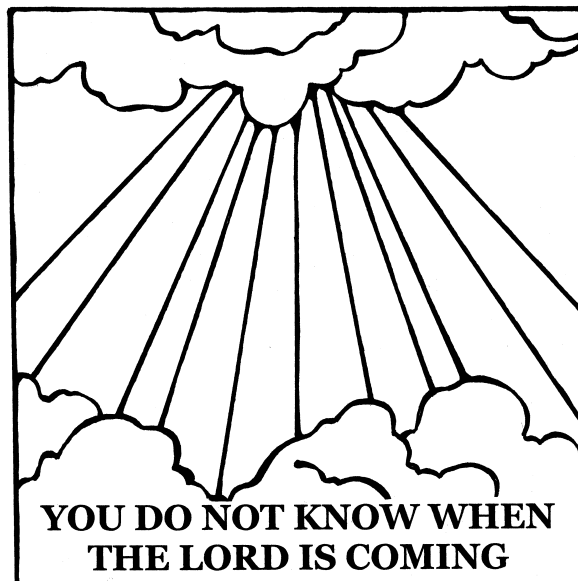
**Office Closings and December Bulletin Deadlines** – The Parish Office and School will be closed on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Bulletin deadline every week in December will be on Monday at 12:00 noon due the many short work weeks. Please be considerate of the office staff and get your bulletin items to Carolyn Roberts **before** the deadline.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Thursday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of both our nation and our diocese. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!!! All Catholics and those preparing for reception into the Church are required to assist at Mass on that day. One may fulfill this obligation at a Mass on the evening before the Holy Day at 6:30 pm or on the Holy Day itself. Masses on December 8 will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m

**2012 Parish Calendars** -- The new parish calendars for 2012 will be available this weekend. We ask that you take only one per family to allow distribution to all the parishioners. Be sure to thank the sponsors of the calendars for assuming the cost of their publication.

**Financial Report  
Weekend of 11/20/2011**

Envelopes	\$2,114.60
Loose Checks & cash	428.00
Improvements	196.00
Debt	55.00
All Saints	186.00
Poverty	96.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>3,075.60</b>
Church Budget for the week	<u>- 4,449.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	\$ ( 1,373.40)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ <b>68,103.09</b>
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>88,980.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (21,875.91)



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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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**Giving Tree 2011 –**



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent De Paul Society with gifts from the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree for each gift you wish to provide. Do not send private checks or deliver individual gifts to the organizations for which you take ornaments. This is a parish project and we want to deliver the gifts as a parish. If writing a check, please make the check out to OLS and indicate what organization you wish to assist. When you deliver your gifts in fulfillment of your ornaments selection, please take a red or green leaf ornament and place it on the tree so that the parish can see the generosity of our community bloom before our eyes.

**Advent Penance Service:** The annual Advent Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

**2012 Mass Intentions –** We are scheduling Mass intentions for the 2012 calendar year. The cost to have a Mass offered is \$5.00 for weekday Mass and \$10.00 for Sunday/Holy Day Masses. Dates fill up quickly. Call the Parish Office at 353-1530 and speak to Carolyn to schedule Masses.

**Almanacs Needed:** OLS School is in need of current almanacs for the library. If you have an almanac for 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011, please consider donating it to our parish school.

**OLS Centennial of Catholic Ministry:** Our Lady of Sorrows will be celebrating 100 years of Catholic ministry in the Frayser community throughout 2012. Our kick-off celebration will be on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, with Mass to be celebrated by Bishop J. Terry Steib followed by a catered dinner and dancing to a live band. Mark your calendars now! Reserve the date!

**First Communion & Confirmation Mass Attendance:** All OLS parishioners desiring to celebrate their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this Spring 2012 must meet the following criteria:

- Have been enrolled and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

Those just beginning their sacramental preparation process must complete the following if they wish to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in Spring 2013:

- Be enrolled in and an active participant in religious education for at least two full consecutive years at the time of the sacramental celebration;
- Participate in the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, even during summer months;
- Receive a Mass attendance ticket from Fr. Timby following each Sunday liturgy and give it to their religion teacher for safe-keeping.

**Diocesan Choir for Our Lady of Guadalupe** A diocesan choir is now forming in preparation for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. We cordially invite the choirs to be part of it. Rehearsals will at the Cathedral, 1695 Central Ave., on Thursday, November 17 and December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. The celebration will be on Monday, December 12 at the cathedral. If you would like to join the choir for this event, please call Lupe Balderas at 901-722-4759.



**OLS Alumni?:** We are seeking the names addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of any and all who every graduated from or attend Our Lady of Sorrows School so we can invite them to our homecoming events planned for 2012. If you have children who attended OLS school please get the information to us by mail, telephone or email. Please do it even if you have supplied the information to us before because e lost a lot of data in recent years. Also, if you have friends and acquaintances who used to attend OLS Church but have moved away from the neighborhood, we are looking to contact them about our Big Homecoming events of 2012 so get out your Christmas card list, your address books, and work on your memories and sent the information to us ASAP by mail, telephone, or email. Thank you!

**Joan of Arc Jelly Is In Stock:** Padre's Kitchen is pleased to announce that its almost world-famous Joan of Arc jelly is in stock. The supply is limited so pick up your soon. Also, fresh to the shelves is Salsa Picante. Padre's Kitchen is a great place to do some Christmas shopping. It's the only place where there is a Hail Mary packed in every jar of jam, jelly, pickles and salsa.

**Do You Know a Family in Need This Christmas?** – The parish staff is not always aware of people in need, even among parishioners because people are ashamed to call. Friends know the real situation, however. If you know a parishioner or school family in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office by December 13 so they may be offered as a family to be adopted this year. Your call will be kept in the strictest confidence as we tend to our brothers and sisters. Last year, parishioners were so generous in adopting families that we didn't have enough families for everyone with a desire to help. Let's see if we can be as bold this Christmas ... even if these aren't the best of times for us.

**Benefit Show at OLS** for 8 year Tori Taylor is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, beginning at 4pm inside the OLS gymnasium. Tori Suffers from a fatal disease called, Ataxia Telangiectasia and is in desperate need of funds for further medical treatments and other expenses. Show stars Singing Impressionist, Tim Rowland along with many famous Stax records Artists as well as other talented performers! Food will be sold and all proceeds go to Tori Taylor Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 8 yrs old."

**Posadas:** In Hispanic culture it is customary to keep a novena leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Beginning on Dec. 16, members of the community gather for prayer, scripture reading and food or refreshments. Then, on the evening of Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), they come together for Mass and a festive dinner afterward. If you are interested in participating on the Posadas this year, please sign up in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to put how many family members will participate.



**Annual Christmas Caroling:** Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am mass. Meet in the parking lot. We will be visiting the homebound parishioners. Come join us for fun and festivities. For more information call Sharon O'Brien at 357-7078.

**Christmas Flower Collection** – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 17-18. Please use the envelopes that come in your sets or the ones included in Fr. Timby's Advent letter, which you should receive in coming days. Please print the names of those you will remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.



**The Scholastic Book fair is here again!** The Book Fair will be open after all Masses the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Fair will run that following week each day during regular school hours, ending on Thursday Dec 15th. This is a great way to support the school and buy some great Christmas gifts.

**Young Adult Ministry:** The Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry is organizing regional Young Adult Groups to provide opportunities for Social Events, Small Faith Groups, Service Opportunities, Retreats, and more. To keep up with what's going on, register with us at [www.cdom.org/youngadult/youngadult-home.htm](http://www.cdom.org/youngadult/youngadult-home.htm) and click on "Register Here".

**ST. AGNES ACADEMY - ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL:** Invites you to a Sweet Shopping Extravaganza at THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE December 2 and 3 in Siena Hall on campus. The Gingerbread House features over 50 vendors, holiday movies for children, breakfast with Santa, and much more! The event kicks off with a Ladies Night Preview Party on Friday, December 2nd from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost for Ladies Night is \$25 for advance purchase and \$30 at the door. Each Ladies Night ticket includes delicious cocktails and canapés, exciting raffle prizes, and a free ticket into the venue on Saturday. The Gingerbread House is open for shopping Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is \$5. For more information contact [info@saa-sds.org](mailto:info@saa-sds.org) or call 435-5820.

**Advent Begins on the Last Sunday of November** – Be sure to have your Advent supplies ready for the start of the “season of preparation” for Christmas. The Altar Guild has Advent wreaths and candles available. The “Little Blue Books” of daily prayer and reflection for the Advent-Christmas season will be available the weekend before Thanksgiving.

**OLS Youth Group:** The OLS Youth Group will meet on Thursday, December 1. Our Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 29, in the rectory. The Youth Group is for parish members and students/graduates of our parish school who attend other churches and are in at least 6th grade.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** A procession and Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, December 12. The procession will depart from Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Ave., at 6:00 pm going to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue. Liturgy will be at 7:00 pm. Presider: Most Reverend Bishop J. Terry Steib, S.V.D. Homilist: Rev Juan Antonio Romo-Romo, S.V.D. Reception will follow after Mass in Marion Hall. For more info, call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 722-4759

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta Dinner:** To benefit Our Lady of Sorrows School Saturday, December 10, OLS School Cafeteria Immediately following 4:00 p.m. Mass. The dinner consists of: *Spanish rice with Beef, Chicken & Mexican Sausage Fajitas, regular drink and dessert. Adults: \$8.00 Children (age 2-11): \$4.50 We will offer Margaritas for a \$4.00 donation.* Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend after all Masses.

## ON GUARD

The author of Saint Mark's Gospel was what we call a straight shooter. His writing style is plain, with no elaboration or sophistication. In today's Gospel reading he gets right to the point: be on your guard; stay awake; the Lord must not find you asleep when he arrives. Advent comes from the Latin word

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*advenire*, which means "to come to." The season of Advent, then, is a time to think about and to reflect on three advents in particular: God's coming into the world as a human child, God's coming into our world today, and God's glorious coming at the end of time. These reflect three promises: God's promise to bring salvation to all people, Jesus' promise to be with those who follow him, and Jesus' further promise to return at the end of time. It is not enough simply to admire Jesus and be impressed by what he says. We are asked to take the extra step and follow the way of discipleship. We do not know where the path of discipleship will lead us, or when Christ himself will return. In the meantime we are the gatekeepers, the stewards, and the ones left in charge. Our responsibility is to stay alert and focused, even when others seem to be asleep or distracted, so that we are ready to welcome Christ into the world when he comes again. We are also asked to be

attentive to the coming of God into our lives today: in the sacrament of Christ's Body; in the unlikely guise of the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner, the addict in whom Christ appears before us; and in the Spirit who is within us. We are urged to live with hope in our hearts for Christ's final return.

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### **WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PRAYERS AT MASS?**

At Masses today, Catholic parishes in the United States are for the first time in about forty years using a new English translation of all the prayers. These prayers are found in *The Roman Missal*, the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. In particular, he and other Church leaders felt that the English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more like the Latin texts upon which they are based, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and today we begin using this new translation at Mass. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.