

Follow up on the liturgy changes prescribed by the Archdiocese

Brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ! Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. As such we are invited to take at most care in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Keeping in mind the seriousness of the celebration and to uphold its sacred nature, the Archdiocese of Portland Liturgy Handbook has called for certain shifts in our practices during the Eucharist. There was a list of liturgical shifts that were proposed by the archdiocese and was published in the Catholic Sentinel issue dated 12/19/2018. These shifts recommended are not anything new to us but the practices we have failed to continue.

Now, after the promulgation of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Handbook, we are encouraged to make those shifts in our worship. I am glad that most of them are being followed by our parish. But I do understand that the following ones need to be understood with humility and at most care. For years, we have been doing things differently and at times even deviated from clearly laid out directives in THE ROMAN MISSAL. I request the parishioners to understand the mind of the church with diligence and start following the liturgical shifts recommended for our worship in our parish.

- **During the Our Father, only the priest should pray with hands extended, not the lay faithful, according to norms in the United States. The holding of hands during the Our Father is not envisioned in the Roman Missal. While the posture has been adopted by families with small children, it should not be considered the norm. Some people may feel uncomfortable if it is imposed on them.**
- **The sign of peace is an act of peace and unity, not a “neighborly greeting” and should not become “extended or protracted exchanges of handshakes, hugs, and kisses, which delay the Lamb of God and disrupt the flow of the celebration of the Eucharist.”**

Furthermore, Msgr. Gerrard O'Connor, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship conducts workshops on the Archdiocesan Liturgy Handbook throughout the archdiocese. It would be good for those who have questions and expect answers, clarifications, to contact him. After my initial announcement few weeks ago, I see, largely the parish has been following the shifts in the liturgy. On the other hand, I also see hesitation on the part of some parishioners. It has been brought to my notice that the community is confused, seeing people doing whatever they like. Please follow the directives in order to avoid such confusions. Furthermore, I humbly request those who have difficulties not to be a hinderance for those who follow in good conscience. Let us put our minds and hearts together, to make our liturgy vibrant and inspiring in our parishes. Blessings!

Fr. Michael Jeeva Antony



Knights you are cordially invited to a Social at 5:00pm on Sunday, April 7, at St. Mark's in the Parish Center. Please come we will be talking about getting a chapter started for St. Peter and St. Mark parishes.



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of Holy Communion.*

We are in great need of volunteers to serve the parish in these ministries.

