

SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

(These announcements and dates may need to be adjusted for your parish.)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” *A Resource Booklet for Small Christian Communities*

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” is the name of a Catholic resource for adults and young adults who are searching for ways to grow in their faith but do not have the time to commit to long-term programs. With the changes to the revised *Roman Missal* approaching Advent 2011. “EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” helps us prayerfully prepare for those changes.

Each booklet offers small groups of adults an eight-week program of ninety-minute sessions that combine Scripture readings, commentaries, questions for discussion and faith sharing, suggestions for prayer, and supplementary readings.

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church’s power flows. “EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” is important reading for those who wish to continue to nourish their faith and enhance their sense of Catholic identity.

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” is for adults of all ages: parents, teachers and catechists; those going through the Christian Initiation process [RCIA]; members of small church communities; and all adults and young adults who are seeking ways to grow in faith.

Each session will use a small-group faith-sharing format and will invite participants to learn, to pray, to share faith, and to grow in discipleship as they grow in their understanding of our Catholic faith and liturgy. We encourage all the adults and young adults of our parish to sign up for this opportunity to learn, to grow in faith, and to meet some very nice people.

We will offer “EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” at various times and in various locations in our parish. You can choose to sign up for a group that will meet at church or a group that will meet in the home of a parishioner. Sign-ups will take place [are taking place] in (location) after all the Masses (dates). Childcare is available and transportation can be arranged. Meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” *A Resource Booklet for Small Christian Communities* Join us for this Spring (Lenten) Opportunity

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” is a resource that invites adults to explore the upcoming changes to the people’s parts of the Mass and help you understand the context of and reason for the changes.

In this booklet, we will explore how the revised wording will make a difference in our Eucharistic celebration and how we can help each other in this transition.

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“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” will be an excellent tool for adult Catholics of all ages: parents, those going through the Christian Initiation process [RCIA]; members of small church communities; and all adults and young adults who are seeking ways to grow in faith. We invite all the adults and young adults of our parish to take part in this program. We encourage you to respond to this opportunity to grow in faith and discipleship.

We will offer this program at various times and in various locations in our parish. You can sign up for a group that will meet at church or a group that will meet in the home of a parishioner. Sign-ups will take place in (location) after all the Masses next weekend. Childcare is available and transportation can be arranged. Meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities.

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” *A Resource Booklet for Small Christian Communities*
SIGN UP TODAY!

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” is an easy-to-use tool for individuals and/or small faith-sharing communities, to reference, read, pray over, and treasure the rich resources of the *Eucharist*. By using these materials, we hope participants will study the *Roman Missal* in greater depth, share faith in Jesus Christ, learn more about their faith, and let their faith illuminate every aspect of their lives.

If you would like to join a small group of adults who want to expand their understanding of our Catholic faith and grow in discipleship, we invite you to take advantage of a great opportunity to reflect on the happiness God has planned for our lives. We invite you to sign up for **“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”**. The program will begin the week of (DATE).

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” will be offered at various times and in various locations in our parish. You can sign up for a group that will meet at church or a group that will meet in the home of a parishioner. Sign-ups will take place in (location) after all the Masses this weekend. Stop by and sign up for the day, the time, and the location most convenient for you. If you prefer, call (name of contact person) at (phone number) to sign up. Childcare is available and transportation can be arranged. Meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities.

FOURTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Prior to Week 1 of Program)

**“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” *A Resource Booklet for Small Christian Communities*
“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .” Begins Next Week!**

If you are not already part of a Catholic study group, we invite you to sign up to join a small group of adults who will gather once a week for a period of eight weeks to explore the Mass, Scripture, to pray, to share faith, and to grow in faith. We invite you to take advantage of this special opportunity to reflect on the meaning of God’s activity in our lives. The program is entitled **“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”**.

To sign up, call (name of coordinator or contact person) at (phone number). **“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”** will be offered at various times and locations in our parish. You can still sign up for a group that meets at church or a group that meets in the home of a parishioner. The choice is yours. Child care is available and transportation can be arranged. Meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities.

FIFTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 1 of Program)

**“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”
Week 1: Translation Issues, Dialogues**

The English translation, which Catholics in the United States have been using in the current “Sacramentary,” has been an important vehicle for our prayer and growth in holiness for more than forty years. In light of this experience, the Church has revisited the question of how to best translate the texts of Sacred Scripture and the liturgy. How will a different translation change your understanding of prayer? Or will it change?

We invite all the adults and young adults of our parish to take part in **“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”** and take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and discipleship. This eight week program begins this week. The program will be offered at various times and locations in our parish. You can still sign up to join a group of parishioners to reflect on our Catholic faith, to pray, to grow in faith, and to meet some very nice people. To sign up to be part of a small group, call (name of coordinator or contact person) at (phone number). Childcare is available and transportation can be arranged. Meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities.

SIXTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 2 of Program)

**“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”
Week Two: The Act of Penitence**

In Matthew 5:23-25, Christ calls for reconciliation with others before offering sacrifice. The Penitential Rite in the revised *Roman Missal* calls the community to “acknowledge” not just “call to mind” our sinfulness and invites us to make a proclamation of faith in our loving, kind and reconciling God. This allows the community to take on a much more active role.

SEVENTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 3 of Program)

“EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS... .”

Week Three: Glory to God

The Gloria has come down to us from ancient Christianity, modeled on hymns and canticles. How can the new translation help us understand how to give glory to God? What does glory mean to you?

EIGHTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 4 of Program)

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Week Four: Profession of Faith

The Creed, professed at Mass, is a summary of faith expressed by the Councils of Nicaea and of Constantinople. It was not prayed at Mass until Pope Benedict VII included it in the Roman Mass on all Sundays and on those feasts mentioned in the Creed.

NINTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 5 of Program)

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Week Five: Preface Dialogue

Although praise and thanksgiving characterize the whole Eucharistic Prayer, these elements particularly appear in the Preface, a term meaning “proclamation” or “speaking out” before or in the presence of God and God’s people. The body of the Preface is a statement of special reason for praising God, especially God’s work in creation and redemption.

TENTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 6 of Program)

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Week Six: Holy, Holy

The “Holy, holy, holy Lord,” a text inspired by the vision of Isaiah 6:2-3, was sung in the synagogue morning office from at least the second century. Even though this chant somewhat interrupts the flow of ideas, it finds a logical link in the evocation of the multitude of angels and the seraphim which has from ancient times concluded the Preface.

ELEVENTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 7 of Program)

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Week Six: Words of Institution, Mystery of Faith

All present Eucharistic prayers have the same words of institution, a uniformity requested not until Pope Paul VI following Vatican II. The “mystery of faith” has become the “memorial acclamation.” This acclamation belongs to the congregation and helps manifest the congregation’s participation in the Eucharistic prayer by their baptismal priesthood. It also affirms the whole mystery of the risen Christ present in the celebration.

TWELFTH ANNOUNCEMENT (DATE-Week 8 of Program)

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Week Six: Lamb of God, Invitation to Communion

Various prayers introducing the communion of the priest and the congregation entered the Mass in the Middle Ages. Today there is one invitation which precedes the Communion of both priest and people. The rite has thus been simplified, and all the formulas are taken from Scripture. The Lamb of God invites us to supper with Him. How will you respond?