



**Priests &
PLCs,
the *Roman
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A Quick Reference Guide for Priests on the *Roman Missal*, *third typical edition*

1. Take some time to prayerfully prepare (yourself and the texts) before Mass.
2. Pray slowly, speak clearly, and be mindful of your pacing – don't panic if you or the people make small mistakes – just be prayerful.
3. Model how you want them to respond in the manner you lead the prayer.
4. Offer the prayers in a way that favors the people's understanding.
5. No matter what your intentions – don't change any of the words.
6. Join the people for the Glory to God, Creed, Holy Acclamation, and Lord's Prayer – don't let your voice dominate.
7. The celebrant doesn't share in praying the Memorial Acclamation or the Amen.
8. You have permission to use 'these or similar words' at these moments:
 - a. Form C of the Penitential Act, and
 - b. Invitation and concluding prayer to the Prayer of the Faithful.
9. You don't have permission to use other words at these moments:
 - a. Invitation to the Penitential Act,
 - b. Invitation to the Gloria and the Creed (there isn't one),
 - c. Invitation to the Lord's Prayer,
 - d. Invitation to Holy Communion, and
 - e. Dismissal.
10. You may make these adaptations within Mass:
 - a. BRIEF introduction to the Mass (before the Invitation to the Penitential Act),
 - b. BRIEF introduction to the Liturgy of the Word (before the First Reading),
 - c. BRIEF introduction to the Liturgy of Eucharist (before the Preparation of the Gifts),
 - d. BRIEF announcements at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion).

*Some wisdom, suggestions, and recommendations
as we begin this new moment.*

Consider memorizing these new English translations of the “quiet” or “private” or “low voice” prayers of the Priest during Mass:



Prayer before the Gospel

Deacon: Your blessing, Father.

Priest: May the Lord be in your heart and
on you lips,
that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily
and well,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, +
and of the Holy Spirit.

Or

Priest: Cleanse my heart and my lips,
almighty God,
that I may worthily proclaim your holy
Gospel.

Prayer after the Gospel

Through the words of the Gospel
may our sins be wiped away.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Mingling before the Lamb of God

May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Private Preparation of the Priest for Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and
Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your
commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

Or:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.

Priest's Communion

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

Prayer at the Purification of the Vessels

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given us in time
may be our healing for eternity.