

# THE ROMAN MISSAL 3RD EDITION

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## Reverence

“Eucharistic amazement” is expressed in reverence and in the dignity and care brought to every celebration of Mass. These are attitudes that befit not only the priest and other sacred ministers, but all the baptized. Through Baptism and Confirmation, God has prepared his children to stand in his presence and offer him worship. “Christian,” says Saint Leo the Great, “know your dignity” (*Sermon I on the Birth of the Lord*).

The first school of reverence is the home. Children can learn from their earliest years to make the sign of the cross slowly and deliberately, to kneel in adoration, to listen quietly, to stand in attention, and to treat holy things with respect. Adults can show by their example that the church is the house of God and the Mass the holiest of mysteries. In true reverence there is nothing constrained or artificial. Reverence is a joyful and gracious thing, akin to the wonder of one who finds himself face to face with a great beauty, or heart to heart with a great love. To every word and gesture of the Mass give the imprint of reverence. “I bow down before your holy temple,” says the psalmist, “filled with awe” (Psalm 5:8).



## WHAT'S 'OLD' & WHAT'S 'NEW'?

*Look for a different example of the new translation of the Roman Missal in our bulletin each week!*

DURING THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, AS THE GOSPEL IS INTRODUCED:

We are used to hearing:  
*The Lord be with you!*

We are used to responding:  
*And also with you!*

With the new translation, the priest (or deacon) will announce:  
*The Lord be with you!*

With the new translation, we will soon respond:  
*And with your spirit!*

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