



## CHURCHES OF

# Holy Family

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# St. Denis

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## Mission Statement

As a parish community, Holy Family and St. Denis Family Parishes are united in our mission to glorify God.

## Mass Schedule:

<b>Sunday:</b> (Location D = Denis; HF = Holy Family) Eve: 5:00 p.m. (D) Day: 8:00 a.m. (D) 9:30 a.m. (HF) 11:00 a.m. (D)	<b>Weekdays</b> (except for funerals) 8:00 a.m. (D)  Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) <b>Thursday:</b> 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m. (D)
<b>Holy Day</b> Eve: 6:30 p.m. (D) Day: 6:30 a.m. (D) 3:30 p.m. (D) 7:30 p.m. (HF)	<b>Saturday:</b> 3:45-4:45 p.m. (D) Other times by appointment.

## Programs and Services:

Prayer Chain, Ginny Moorman	526-4945
Health, Wellness, Grieving, Home Visits	526-4945
Baptismal Program, Joyce Liette	526-9117
"Elizabeth Blessings," Jeanne Turpen	526-4664
Emergency Meals, Kathy Miller	526-3836
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**Holy Family Church:** Intersection of Burns Road and S.R. 185.

**St. Denis Church:** Corner of Second Street and E. Wood Street.

### Sacrament of the Sick

We celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the first signs of serious illness or weakness, or immediately in case of emergencies. Please call the Rectory.

### Communion to the Sick

We bring communion to the sick. Please call the Rectory to schedule Sunday communion in your home.

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 12:00 noon

### Pastor

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### Deacon

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Eric & Nicole Voisard 526-3305

### Pregnancy Help Center

937-547-1112

### Maintenance Engineer

Louis J. Huber

### Baptisms

We usually baptize on Sundays, at Mass or after Mass, by appointment (526-4945).

### Marriages

We ask you to contact a Pastor at least eight months in advance so that we can help you prepare for marriage.

### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Jane Pierron (526-4002)

A process for looking at the Catholic Church to see if God has called the person to the Catholic Church and a process for entering the Catholic Church.

### Newcomers Welcome!

We invite you to register in the parish as soon as possible. You may do so after Mass or by phone (526-4945).

# JUNE 19, 2011 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## Sunday, June 19: The Most Holy Trinity

### Monday, June 20: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Dorothy Berger

6:30 p.m. RCIA (new)

7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (D)

### Tuesday, June 21: St. Aloysius

Genesis 13, 2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): John P. Simons

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting

### Wednesday, June 22: Weekday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

#### 5:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Special Intention

6-8:00 p.m. Right to Life Garage Sale/Youth Bake Sale

### Thursday, June 23: Weekday

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Jack Wood

9:00-8:00 p.m. Right to Life Garage Sale

8:45-5:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction at 5:30 p.m.)

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance

### Friday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:33-26; Luke 1:57-66. 80.

8:00 a.m. Mass (D) Norma Reed

9:00-7:00 p.m. Right to Life Garage Sale

### Saturday, June 25: Weekday

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17

3:45-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of penance (D)

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Louis Garke

### Sunday, June 26: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

What is one thing that you can do this week to make Christ present in others so that they experience him through your words and actions? The readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-158.

#### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

**Marriage Encounter** (enhances marriages). July 15-17, and September 16-18, 2011. Call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org).

**Retrouvaille** [French for Rediscovery] (troubled marriages): Call 513-398-3137 (\$150.00) for more information.

#### PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Call 937-492-4449 for more information. Call 513-588-0080 or email [pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com](mailto:pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

#### BAPTISMS

The next pre-baptismal program will take place in July. We shall have baptisms after Mass on June 19, July 17 and August 28. We have baptisms during Mass with two weeks' notice.

#### PRAYER MEETINGS

Weekly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in church basement (SD).

At noon on the thirteenth day of the each month at (HF).

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3:30 p.m. (SD)

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we take up the Peter's Pence Collection to provide the Holy Father with funds to carry out his charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged in the world. Please use the envelope in your box or extra envelopes are available at the doors.

#### LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: June 26, 2011

##### 5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday, June 25

*Ushers:* Group 4; *Lector:* Zita Henry

*Eucharist:* John Davis, Brittany Drees, Nicholas Harman, Andrew Kramer, Sharon Kramer, Donna Monnier, Erica Monnier, Dan Subler (C);

*Servers:* Kyle Dapore, Hannah Grilliot, Emily Kramer

*Gifts:* Volunteers

##### 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, June 26

*Ushers:* Group 7; *Lector:* Michael Liette

*Eucharist:* Cindy Bey, Cheryl Huelskamp, Linda Schmitmeyer, (P); Adam Borchers, Dave Huelskamp, Bethany Huelskamp, Eric Huelskamp, Caitlin Liette, Brittany McMaken, Shirley McMaken, Ken Moorman (C);

*Servers:* Cody Browder, Mallory Marshal, Noah Pleiman

*Gifts:* Volunteers

##### 9:30 a.m. Mass (HF):

*Ushers:* Adam Dirksen, Alan Stammen

*Lector:* Robert Mayo

*Eucharist:* Mindy Didier (P); Kari Didier, Ted Mangen (C);

*Servers:* Josh Didier, Jared Heitkamp, Mark Mayo

*Gifts:* Paul and Marsha Nieport

Cleaning: Alma May, Sharon Stammen, Marilyn Bergman

##### 11:00 a.m. Mass (D):

*Ushers:* Group 13; *Lector:* Ron Gehret

*Eucharist:* Danielle Condon, Joanna Cruz, Elaine Bohman (P) Joe Gigandet, Maria Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Bob Goubeaux, Brad Luthman, Kristi Luthman, Jacquie Moorman, volunteer (C);

*Servers:* D. J. Barlage, Melinda Barlage, Sarah Gigandet

*Gifts:* Volunteers

#### VOCATIONS

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” God’s love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a life-changing encounter. (John 3:16)

#### WELLNESS TIPS

**Body:** Wear sun block when in the sun to protect your skin from the sun’s rays. **Mind:** Use your brain to do calculations. **Spirit:** Make peace with a loved one.

#### WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to Raymond and Martha Treon who will celebrate their seventieth (70) wedding anniversary on June 21. Best wishes to them and to all celebrating anniversaries this week. David Coons and Elizabeth Heitkamp plan to marry at St. Nicholas, Osgood on July 2.

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Please send in your completed pledge card. As of June 10, Holy Family has pledged \$3,601.00, 183% of its goal with 29% participation. St. Denis has pledged \$17,997.30 or 198% of its goal of \$9,107 with 22.5% participation. As a whole, the archdiocese has reached 91.4% of its goal of \$4,000,000. Thank you.

#### COMMUNION TO THE HOMES

We need more Eucharist Ministers to take communion to the Versailles Health Care Center and to individual homes. Please call the office if you can help with this ministry. If you are leaving for college and will no longer be available to serve on our liturgical schedule, please email [gmoorman@stdenishf.org](mailto:gmoorman@stdenishf.org) or call the office at 526-4945.

Happy Father's Day

**FATHER DAVE'S COLUMN**

All fatherhood (and all motherhood), comes from the one God who reveals himself as three persons, whom we call Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This triune (triune means three in one) God fashioned us in his image and likeness and made man and woman one in the holiness of marriage. The virility of man and the femininity of woman, therefore, take their origin from the one God who created them. When we use these powers of creativity properly, then we give great honor and glory to the Trinity who created us.

We celebrate Father's Day today as a month ago we celebrated Mothers' Day. May the God of Trinity bless and make fruitful according to his plan the lives of all women and men in the parish.

**LITURGY AND THE ORDINARY**

In the language of the Church, ordinary does not mean ordinary in the ordinary sense of the word. It rather means ordered or keeping us ordered. We call the bishop of a diocese the Ordinary, because he keeps us ordered to the whole Catholic Church. We call the bishop, priest and deacon the ordinary ministers of communion because they have this office by their ordination. We call the lay distributors extraordinary because they function without holy orders.

In the same way, we have Ordinary Time. We call it ordinary, not because nothing extraordinary happens because when Christ comes, the extraordinary always happens. We call it ordinary because we number the Sundays and weeks by ordinal numbers. This week, for instance, we call the twelfth week in ordered or Ordinary Time. We have thirty-three or thirty-four weeks of this ordered time when we do not celebrate Easter, Christmas, Lent or Advent.

**31 CLUB**  
 Find an open day on the chart in back;  
 Find an open day.  
 Sign your name.  
 On that day every month, come to Mass or  
 pray in a special way for vocations.

**CEDAR POINT TRIP**

Holy Family Youth Group will go to Cedar Point this Wednesday, June 22. The bus will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m., after Mass at 5:30, and return at 10:00 p.m. We still have tickets available for \$55 (bus and admission). Pack your lunch or eat at the park. Contact Lisa Mayo at 337-1725 or 417-3442 for reservations and permission forms.

**"The Secret Garden":** June 23, 24, 25 at 7:00 p.m. and June 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Versailles Performing Art Center on the west side of the school. Tickets \$12 at 526-4602.



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**COLLECTIONS  
 June 12, 2011**

<b>Holy Family</b>	
Envelopes (37)	\$ 786.00
Loose (37)	\$ 160.00
Children (0)	\$
Total	\$ 946.00
Tornado	\$ 50.00
Mexico	\$ 110.00

<b>St Denis</b>	
Envelopes (183)	\$ 3754.00
Loose (160)	\$ 904.00
Children (4)	\$ 6.00
Total	\$ 4664.00
Tornado	\$ 30.00
Mexico	\$ 138.00

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**MANY THANKS**

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**Kentucky Work-Camp:** We will have the annual Kentucky Work Camp June 25-29. You can get information and forms at Mike's office. Early registrations are encouraged.

**Right to Life Bake Sale:** All youth ministry students are asked to donate three baked items and drop them off at the K of C Hall anytime on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. All proceeds will go to the Darke County Right to Life.

**Stuebenville Youth Conference:** You need to get final payments and forms in. Pick up information and forms at the youth office.

**Junior-High High Ropes:** The Junior High Youth Ministry sponsors a high ropes trip August 2-3. Meet at St. Denis at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2, go to Lima, and return about 3:00 p.m., Wednesday. We want all incoming eighth and ninth grade students to attend. You can pick up forms at the office.

**Leaders For Christ:** Turn in your Leader's For Christ forms and money to the rectory office. For more information, call Mike.

**Youth Leader's Meeting:** Our first youth leaders meeting for the new leadership team will be Wednesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. All 2011-2012 youth leaders should attend.

**NOTICES:**

**Right to Life Community Sale:** Wednesday, June 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 9:00-8:00 p.m., Friday June 24, 9:00-7:00 p.m. at the Versailles K of C hall. Donations can be taken to the hall on Monday and Tuesday, from 9:00-9:00. Any help setting up and loading truck for KY after the sale would be appreciated. Call Marlene at 419-582-2007 or Therese at 937-526-5566 with questions.

**Maria Stein Country Fest:** June 24-26, Go to [www.msccountryfest.com](http://www.msccountryfest.com) for more information.

**Benefit Tractor Pull:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State Championship Tractor Pull to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research, Saturday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. at Eldora Speedway. Kiddie tractor Pull at 4:00 p.m. Adults, \$12, ages 12 & under free.

**CCD REGISTRATIONS FOR 2011-2012**

Please return your CCD registration forms and fees as soon as possible, so we can plan for the coming year. Registrations forms for new students are available at the entrances to church. See today's insert for information the L.I.F.E. program.

**YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC**

All servers, eucharistic ministers, lectors or choir members, grades 5-12, are invited to the Maria Stein Spiritual Center on Thursday, June 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a vocations presentation and faith based team-building games (according to age groups). The day will also include lunch, kickball, corn hole, and volleyball, ending with a water balloon toss. The cost is free. For more information call Kathy Wood at 526-4465.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME**  
**Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30**  
**at Trinity Lutheran Church.**  
**We cook next on July 20.**

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**WELCOME**

We welcome all here, whether longtime residents or newly-arrived, whether Catholic or not, whether interested in the Catholic Church or not. If you have a comment or would like to register or give a change of address, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Kristopher W. Seaman

*Eucharist*, as we know, means “thanksgiving.” To be thankful is to be grateful—to offer gratitude. “Thank you” is the response we make to someone who has either given something to us or has done something for us. God did not give us something, as much as he gave us someone: his very own Son. In the Eucharistic Prayer we pray to God the Father, through the Son, that the Holy Spirit will transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ so that we might enter deeper communion with God and one another. We also pray that we are transformed, so that we “may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.” This prayer, then, is our response to God’s immense gift of love given to us, especially in the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification, is the “center and high point” of the Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 78). Because this prayer is the summit, everything that happens in the liturgy is leading us to this high point. The altar is prepared, gifts of bread and wine are brought up in a procession, given to the priest celebrant (or deacon) so that these gifts might be prepared. Then, the Eucharistic Prayer begins with the priest presider proclaiming, “The Lord be with you.” The great prayer concludes with the liturgical assembly singing, “Amen.”

Following the Eucharistic Prayer is the Communion Rite, which is a subsection of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This rite consists of the Lord’s Prayer (Our Father), the Sign of Peace, the fraction rite, the Communion Procession, the period of silence and/or the Song of Thanksgiving and finally the Prayer after Communion. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the document containing the majority of rubrics for the Mass) states, “In the Lord’s Prayer a petition is made for daily bread, which for Christians means principally the Eucharistic Bread, and entreating also purification from sin, so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy” (81).



This is a beautiful statement: “. . . so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy.” What makes us holy, the Body and Blood of Christ. After praying for our “daily bread” we are invited to offer a sign of peace. In scripture, Christ wished his disciples the greeting “Peace be with you!” on several occasions. As Christ offers us peace, we extend that peace to others. Christ’s peace calls us to holiness and prepares us for the reception of his body and blood. Then, the “Lamb of God” or *Agnus Dei* is sung while the priest celebrant or deacon breaks the host in preparation for the Communion procession. This is not a functional moment, but contains a beautiful theology: The one host is broken for the many so that the many may become

one body (see GIRM, 83). This is a definition of Communion: Many become one in Christ Jesus.

In the Communion Procession, three actions occur. The first action is the processing forward itself; the second is singing the Communion Chant; and the third is the reception of the body and blood of Christ. The Communion song’s “purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist” (GIRM, 86). The act of processing, the singing the song, and the receiving of Christ’s Body and Blood all manifest the liturgical assembly’s being brought closer into communion or unity with the Triune God.

Finally, the Liturgy of the Eucharist concludes with a period of silent prayer and the Prayer after Communion. This is the opportunity for the liturgical assembly to pray for Christ’s Body and Blood to bear fruit in their lives. Each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist—as well as the Liturgy of the Word—is about the Triune God working in our midst and calling us to become holy as God is holy.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Kristopher W. Seaman

I remember waking up, as the anesthesia wore off, after having gone through craniofacial surgery. For me, surgery is scary, but craniofacial surgery was terrifying. Above me was the surgeon who said with a big smile, “Everything went well. You’ll be fine.” What relief! What comfort! What good news! It made me think of many of the characters in the New Testament to whom Jesus spoke “Good News” and conveyed words of comfort. Jesus continues to speak to us, and not just through surgeons, family, friends, and even strangers, but also through his own words during the liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, as the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel” (GIRM, 29). Let us look at the structure of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading at the ambo. Typically, this reading is from the Old Testament; during Easter Time, the reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. A period of silence after the reading allows for people to reflect upon the word they just heard proclaimed. In many parishes in the United States of America, the Psalm is sung. Psalms reflect a vast array of emotions as we hear lament, thanksgiving, praise, and petition. These words help us to express our own varied expressions of faith.

The Second Reading is usually an epistle, that is, a letter from the New Testament. Again, a brief period of silence takes place after the Second Reading. During the Gospel procession, “Alleluia” is sung, or during Lent, an acclamation such as “Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!” In many parishes, the *Book of the Gospels* is accompanied with candles and, on solemn occasions, with incense. This leads to the climax of the Liturgy of the Word: the proclamation of the Gospel. Most



Sundays, these words are the words of Jesus as recorded in the accounts of the Gospel.

The homily should connect the readings to the lives of the assembly. In describing the homily, the GIRM states that it “is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners” (GIRM, 65). The homily juxtaposes the experiences of the people in the assembly with the texts of the liturgy. The texts may be a prayer that speaks to the needs of the assembly at that time, or it may be a part of the Eucharistic Prayer, or the psalm that speaks to people. God’s words comfort and challenge us. Perhaps, with that in mind, the

prayer may challenge us to an aspect of God’s compassion or mercy that will stir us to God’s mission.

After the Creed, the priest celebrant invites prayers of petition. The intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful flow from the homily and the Word of God. They juxtapose the needs of the Church, the world, the oppressed, and the local community with God’s word proclaimed in the liturgy. These prayers are general, meaning they are not particular for any one person or for any one thing. For instance, instead of praying only for Aunt Joan who is struggling with illness, we pray for all the sick and ill, especially Joan, Jim, Agnes, and Lucy. The closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful concludes the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, then, begins.

Though we cannot see words, their power, especially if they are Christ’s words proclaimed in liturgy, touch us with comfort or challenge us to live Christ’s mission given to the Church.

# The Concluding Rites

Kristopher W. Seaman

Of all the major sections or parts of the Mass (that is, the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist), the Concluding Rites are the shortest. The Liturgy of the Eucharist ends with the Prayer after Communion, and the Concluding Rites begin with—though not required—announcements. Typically, these announcements are brief and impact the liturgical assembly. They may point to the activities of the parish. Some examples may include announcements for help with the parish’s soup kitchen, the date for the World Youth Day fund-raiser, or a coming adult formation session. Since these announcements are not part of the Communion Rite, they are best not announced before the Prayer after Communion.

The priest celebrant then greets the people with, “The Lord be with you.” He proclaims a blessing over the people. On major feasts and solemnities, there is a solemn blessing. This solemn blessing contains three parts. After each part, the liturgical assembly responds, “Amen.”

The deacon or priest then dismisses the people from liturgy. The original Latin for the dismissal is *Ite missa est*. The word *missa* is the root for Mass and thus gives the Mass its name. It has become quite common to hear people talk about the connection between *missa* and mission. As we know, the Mass should bear fruit in our lives. It means that the Triune God sanctifies us in liturgy. Put another way, through the liturgy the Holy Spirit comes to us to make us grow in holiness. Of course, we have to be open, receptive, and embracing of God’s coming to us through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. If we are being called and sanctified by the Triune God, then we bear that mission in our families, workplaces and in our neighborhoods. Of course, we are imperfect human persons, and so each Sunday God continues to call us to grow in holiness by participating in the Sunday eucharistic liturgy.

This understanding of the missionary dimension of the Mass has been articulated by Pope Benedict XVI in his recent exhortation, *Sacramentum caritatis*. The Pope eloquently states, “The mystery of the Eucharist inspires and impels us to work courageously within our world to bring about that renewal of relationships which has its inexhaustible source in



God’s gift . . . . In a particular way, the Christian laity, formed at the school of the Eucharist, are called to assume their specific political and social responsibilities” (91). For the Pope, the Eucharist “schools” us and sends us out for our responsibilities as social and political persons. Therefore, the social dimensions of the Mass extend beyond the walls of the Church to live the mission Christ gives to the Church.

What is this social mission that Christ gives to us? The Pope offers two ways we embody the social mission of Christ. The first is through “the sanctification of the world” (92). To sanctify is to grow in holiness. God sends us forth to work for holiness in the political and the social

spheres of life. Pope Benedict XVI also alerts us to our mission of being good stewards of God’s creation. “The world is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit. Rather, it is part of God’s good plan . . . . (92). Therefore, as the Pope mentions, our second responsibility of the social mission of Christ is to work “responsibly for the protection of creation” (92). All of creation belongs to God alone. God entrusted to us this precious gift in order to take good care of it and all creatures.

In this same exhortation, the Pope acknowledges a need for new dismissal options. In the revised edition of *The Roman Missal*, the priest or deacon may say, “Go forth, the Mass is ended,” “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,” or “Go in peace.” “Announce the Gospel” and “glorifying the Lord by your life” both convey the meaning of the Concluding Rites. Namely, we are called to take inside ourselves God’s Word, Body and Blood and allow God to change us in holiness and to live this change in everything we do.

After the proclamation of the actual dismissal, the priest venerates the altar-table with a kiss and then a bow. The Mass has ended.

Although not required, a concluding song or hymn is common for the departure of the liturgical ministers from the liturgy. In some parishes, the organist will play a postlude during the recessional.