

I have now experienced one full weekend of Masses at Corpus Christi. I was incredibly impressed by everyone's participation in the sacred liturgy, most especially, how all the faithful sang. I am so grateful for this, and I wish to express my desire that such participation continues.

On the evening of Tuesday, 8 July, our Liturgical Committee had its first meeting since I began as administrator. During the meeting, I shared some simple principles that I consider to be important regarding the sacred liturgy: that Mass is objective, sacred, and part of the Church's tradition, and that, as an *individual*, I must "disappear" so that my office as *priest of Jesus Christ* is clearly seen.

Considering these principles, the following will soon be part of our liturgies: 1) A prelude will be played before most Masses, allowing the faithful to prepare their hearts and minds to enter more deeply into the mystery of the sacred liturgy; 2) After the lights have been turned up, a bell will signal the start of the entrance procession, drawing our attention to the sacred actions about to take place; 3) Announcements will be offered after the General Intercessions, bridging together the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist; 4) The sign of peace will not be announced to invite the faithful to keep their attention fixed on the Lord Jesus present on the altar; 5) The organ will be played alone at the end of most Masses, encouraging the faithful to hasten to bring to others the Good News of salvation.

In time, more will be explained regarding these aspects of the sacred liturgy. Until then, I ask your patience and openness as, together, we continue to grow in the knowledge, love, and service of our Creator and Lord.

Father Frei