

Structure of the Eucharistic Prayer

- Preface
 - Dialogue between celebrant and assembly
 - Thanks and praise
 - *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy)
- Praise of God's holiness
- *Epiclesis* – Calling down the Holy Spirit to sanctify and transform the bread and wine
 - Hands extended over the gifts, then sign of the cross over them
- Words of institution (consecration)
 - Combination of the Last Supper narratives from Matthew, Mark and Luke, and Paul's description in 1 Corinthians 11
 - Elevations of host and chalice, with genuflexion each time
- Memorial acclamation (addressed to Jesus)
- *Anamnesis* – Remembrance and thanksgiving for what Christ has done
- Prayer for unity in Christ (a.k.a., second *Epiclesis*)
- Intercessions (order and content vary)
 - Prayer for the unity of the Church, mentioning the Pope and the local bishop by name
 - Prayer for all the deceased
 - Prayer for the gathered assembly, for our salvation and communion with the Apostles and other saints
 - Mary, the “Mother of God,” is always mentioned.
 - Pope Francis added a reference to “Blessed Joseph, her spouse.”
 - Other saints may be mentioned, especially the Patron Saint of the Parish.
- Doxology (glory and honor to the Father, through the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit)
- Great Amen – The assembly's assent to the entire Eucharistic Prayer