



why the Eucharistic Prayer changes?

There are actually 4 Eucharistic Prayers that the celebrant can choose from. The priest has some leeway but there are also guidelines to help him – and us. Eucharistic Prayer 1 (in use for over 1600 years) is appropriate for major feasts but is actually not used very often; Eucharistic Prayer 2 is the shortest and most frequently used especially for weekday Masses;

Eucharistic Prayer 3 is preferred on Sundays and feast days; and Eucharistic Prayer 4 is the longest and gives a fuller summary of salvation history but is not often used. So, if you like to follow along in the missalette, begin with Eucharistic Prayer 2 on weekdays and Eucharistic Prayer 3 on Sundays, and odds are pretty good that you will have found the right one! *Want to know more? Our Adult Ed offerings cover this and much more!*