**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