**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