

St. Mary Catholic School  
Tournament of Truth

Common Latin and Greek Terms from Catholic Tradition

**LATIN TERMS:**

1. *Habemus papam!* We have a pope! – this is what they say to announce the election of a new Pope.
2. *Agnus dei.* Lamb of God – this is one of the responses at Mass.
3. *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus.* Holy, holy, holy – this is one of the responses at Mass.
4. *In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
5. *Corpus Christi.* Body of Christ.
6. *Pater Noster.* Our Father.
7. *Ave Maria.* Hail Mary.
8. *Anima Christi.* Soul of Christ – the name of a traditional prayer.
9. *Oremus.* Let us pray – the priest says this before the opening and closing prayer at Mass.
10. *Ora pro nobis.* Pray for us – this is a response used for the litany of saints.
11. *Veritas.* Truth.
12. *Caritas.* Charity (or Love).
13. *Fiat.* Let it be done – this was Mary’s response to the Archangel Gabriel.
14. *Anno Domini.* Year of Our Lord – abbreviated as A.D., this marks the years in our calendar since the Birth of Jesus.
15. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.* Glory to God in the highest – these are the words of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.
16. *Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.* Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault – we often say this at Mass
17. *Urbi et Orbi.* For the City and the world – the Pope’s blessing on the City of Rome and on the world given at Christmas and Easter.
18. *Dominus vobiscum.* The Lord be with you.
19. *Et cum spiritu tuo.* And with your spirit.
20. *Ite, missa est.* Go, it is the dismissal – this is the traditional dismissal at the end of the Mass.
21. *Ecce Homo.* Behold the Man – these are the words of Pontius Pilate as he presents Our Lord, crowned with thorns, to the crowd.

**GREEK:**

1. *Kyrie eleison.* Lord, have mercy – we say these words at the outset of the Mass to ask forgiveness of our sins.
2. *IC XC.* Abbreviation of the name: Jesus Christ
3. *NIKA.* He conquers or He is the victor.