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Translations of the Scriptures Approved for Liturgical Use

As of this writing, there are still three translations of the Scriptures which are approved for regular liturgical use in the United States of America: the *New American Bible*, the *Jerusalem Bible* and the *Revised Standard Version*. In addition, the *Contemporary English Version* is authorized for liturgical use, though only in the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. Neither the *Revised New American Bible* nor the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Scriptures are authorized for liturgical use in the United States of America at this time.

ITS EDITORS LEFT NO STONE unturned in their quest for the best versions of these ancient Catholic hymns, combing through centuries of English translations from the sixteenth century to the present day. In the process, they have revealed much little-known material, and some that is published in a hymnal for the first time. [They] navigate this difficult terrain with assurance; indeed, the editors' explanation of the Urbanite reform and its impact on English translators is a model of clarity, and contains information this reviewer has not encountered elsewhere.

—Dr. Aaron James: 2019 review of the *Brébeuf Catholic Hymnal* in the *Journal of the Society for Catholic Liturgy* • <https://ocwatershed.org/hymn/>