

Feb. 2, 2020, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 16: The Epistles*

The Epistles immediately follow the Collect prayer and are proper to each Mass. They are generally taken from one of the letters (*epistola* in Latin) of an apostle, but sometimes from another book of Sacred Scriptures. In the Traditional rite, there is usually one Epistle, the Gospel passage for the day and the Last Gospel, which is read at the end of Mass. There are times, however, when there can be more than one epistle, as occurs during the Ember Days, where there could be five Old Testament readings, an Epistle and Gospel. The longer form of the Ember Saturday Mass is used in conventual Masses (in religious houses and cathedrals where there are Canons in choir) and during ordinations.

At the High Mass, the Epistle is sung by the Subdeacon facing the altar. The reason for this orientation is that the Altar represents Christ facing us and we are listening to His instruction. Though the Subdeacon is doing the reading, the instruction is nevertheless from Christ and the Subdeacon is also being instructed. He is on the right side of the altar while facing it, which is the left side of Christ facing the congregation. Since the Epistle is a simple instruction from one of the Apostles as compared to the Gospel which quotes our Lord more directly and more often, the Epistle takes the lower place. The Gospel, on the other hand, is read from the more honorable side, which is Christ's right side (our left facing Him), since it is Christ directly teaching us through His Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

### **2020 DSF Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord**

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area, providing spiritual and pastoral care. To learn more about DSF, please go to [archgh.org/dsf](http://archgh.org/dsf).

Our parish goal is \$10,000 and any shortfall in funding will be financed out of parish operating funds. Each registered parishioner will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a pledge card. Please complete the pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at [archgh.org/dsf](http://archgh.org/dsf). *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF.

## Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m.      Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Bookstore kiosk, open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Items to be Blessed are placed on the blessing table located next to the holy water container near the baptismal font. After the priest blesses the items, he will move them to the "Blessed" basket for pick up.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Safe Environment Training, mandatory for those who work with children. More on our parish website.

Mass calendars are open. There is a limit on the number of Mass requests that will be accepted per family in the hopes of keeping the calendars open throughout the year. Thank you for your understanding.

*Please welcome Fr. Michael Malain, our new Assistant Pastor!*

Cake Reception following the 10 a.m. Mass

TODAY is DSF Sunday.

- ~ Blessing of candles begins at 10 a.m., followed by High Mass. If you brought candles to be blessed, please place in the designated area near the altar by 9:45 a.m.
- ~ CCD resumes.
- ~ Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale.
- ~ Lenton Choir meets in Epistle side room after the Angelus. Open to women and girls, ages 9 and older.
- ~ Old blessed palms accepted at the hall table. Palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Mon., Feb. 3, Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats after Mass. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 4, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys, ages 6 and older.

Fri., Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting in large room.

Sun., Feb. 9, Youth Group meets in large room after 10 a.m. Mass. Open to children, ages 13-18.

**Sat., Feb. 15, starting 8 a.m., Parish Work Day.** Fence maintenance and brush clearing. Wear protective clothing and bring water. Chain saws and tools helpful. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Matt Anderson or email [workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org](mailto:workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org).

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Mar. 25. Fri., Feb. 21 begins the 33-day preparatory exercise. New and renewing candidates should visit the Legion of Mary table for information. Those who consecrated on Dec. 8, 2019 can renew on the same day in 2020.

Around the Parish, Under the Covered Area, and in the Building. Please be mindful of others and toss your trash in the large trash cans. We welcome fellowship and parish activities, but without a full-time janitorial service, each of us has to do our part to keep the parish clean. *Thank you for understanding and pitching in!*

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*Feb. 2 - 8, 2020*

#### Sun., 2/2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m., Stuart Ormsbee †

10:00 a.m., Blessing of candles, followed by (High) Mass, Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Michael Kish †

#### Mon., 2/3, St. Blaise

6:30 a.m., Raymond Albert Nastoupil †

\* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

\* 7:00 p.m., Francis Truong †

#### Tues., 2/4, St. Andrew Corsini

\* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Theresa Truong †

#### Wed., 2/5, St. Agatha

6:30 a.m., Peter Trang †

\* 9:30 a.m., Private Intention

#### Thurs., 2/6, St. Titus

\* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:00 p.m., Rebecca Itz

#### Fri., 2/7, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Maeve Junker

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, private intention

#### Sat., 2/8, St. John of Matha

\* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:30 a.m., Hector & Salinas Tamacas

\* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion.

### Parish Organizations

Altar Guild - Juana Maria Olvera

*Meets second Saturday of month after 7:30 a.m. Mass*  
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

Altar Servers - Wayo Dorsey

*Training second & third Sat. of month after 7:30 a.m. Mass*  
altarserve@reginacaeliparish.org

CCD - Cheryl Hand; ccd@reginacaeliparish.org

Legion of Mary - Joseph Nwachukwu

*Meets Mondays, 7 p.m.*  
nwachukwuju@yahoo.com

Little Flowers Girls' Group - Jennifer Wingate

*Meets second Saturday of month, 9:30 a.m.*

Men's Schola - Kyle Lartigue

*Practice Thursdays, 7 p.m.*  
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Pro-Life - Melody Reece, pro-life@reginacaeliparish.org

St. Philomena Toddler Group - Katherine Nwachukwu

*Meets Wednesdays, 9:30-12 noon*  
st.philomenatoddlers@yahoo.com

Tower of David Study Group - Jennifer McDonald

*Meets Tuesdays, 8:25 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

Youth Group - Rev. Michael Malain

*Meets second Sunday of month after 10 a.m. Mass*

Welcoming Committee - Rae Bielakowski

welcome@reginacaeliparish.org

Work Crew - Matt Anderson

*Saturday work projects at property*  
workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org

#### Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

St. Joseph Hour for Holiness for men over 18 years struggling with sins against purity. Contact Fr. Van Vliet by email.

Sacraments - Please see parish website.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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#### Mass Schedule

Sundays 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.  
Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass

Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30 a.m.

Tues., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays 7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts

Vespers Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.