

Feb. 16, 2020, Sexagesima Sunday

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 18: The Gospel, part 1

The Low Mass ceremonies are based on what is done at the High Mass or, more properly, a Pontifical High Mass, though I will limit the descriptions to the former. An explanation of some of the High Mass ceremonies will help us to better understand the Low Mass.

At the High Mass there is an elaborate procession for the Gospel, wherein the deacon approaches the altar with the *Book of the Gospels (Evangelarium)* and places it at the center of the altar while the subdeacon moves the missal to the Gospel side. The deacon and subdeacon then assist the priest to prepare the incense that will be used to incense the Book of the Gospels. While the incense is being prepared, the acolytes and thurifer line up for the procession. Once the incense is ready, the deacon kneels down to say the prayer "Munda Cor" ("Cleanse my heart and my lips"), then stands and takes the *Evangelarium* from the altar and asks the priest for a blessing. The priest blesses him with the prayer "Dominus Sit in Corde Tuo" ("The Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may worthily and becomingly announce His Gospel. Amen").

The deacon, carrying the *Evangelarium*, joins the procession with the subdeacon, master of ceremonies, thurifer, and the two acolytes with candles to the left side of the sanctuary to sing the Gospel. If the altar is oriented in the traditional fashion, the priest faces east while celebrating Mass, so the left side of the sanctuary, when facing the altar, would be north. This procession is symbolic of the prayers that were said toward the direction where there was darkness and cold. During the development of the liturgy in medieval times, it was also the direction of the people not yet evangelized, namely the Barbarians from the North of the Alps. The Gospel was preached to the north to convert them.

Even today, we can spiritually understand this ceremony because we all need conversion. When we see the priest facing toward the north, where there is darkness in the Northern Hemisphere, we can think of our own darkness that needs to be dispelled by listening to the Gospel. In the Low Mass, the priest is not able to face completely north, and so when the missal is transferred to the Gospel side of the altar, it is set at a 45-degree angle to face north as much as possible.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

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.

9th Annual Lenten Pilgrimage, Feb. 29. Sat., 9-3 p.m., in Port Arthur, Texas. See poster on bulletin board or visit our parish website to learn more.



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.

2020 DSF Bring Your Greatest Gifts to the Lord. PARISH GOAL \$10,000.

DSF funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area and every parish is expected to meet goal, Any shortfall in funding will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete and mail a pledge card or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. 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. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.

Please welcome Fr. James Garrity, OSB from Clear Creek Abbey.

TODAY:

- ~ Little Flowers/Summer Camp Bake Sale after the Masses. Proceeds benefit Summer Camp.
 - ~ 12 noon, Lenten Choir meets in Epistle side room. 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.
- Tues., Feb. 18, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting.
- Fri., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.
- Sat., Feb. 22, Chair of St. Peter the Apostle. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7:30 a.m. (High).
- ~ Confraternity of St. Peter members may gain plenary indulgence. Learn more on the parish website.
 - ~ 12:30-3:30 p.m., Tower of David icon workshop in large room.

Lent is Fast Approaching!

Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sun., Feb. 23, after Vespers to 6:15 a.m., Mon., Feb. 24

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26

Low Mass times: 6:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Laws of Discipline for Fasting & Abstinence Now and 1962 accessible on the home page of parish.

Planning has begun for our 4th Annual St. Joseph's Altar.

Thurs., March 19, after the 7 p.m. Mass

Please stop by the hall table to volunteer. Let's make this year's altar the best yet!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Feb. 16 - 22, 2020

Sun., 2/16, Sexagesima Sunday

7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †

10:00 a.m. (High), Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Stuart Ormsbee †

Mon., 2/17, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., Cora Shannon †

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 2/18, St. Simeon

* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Miguel Angel Careaga †

Wed., 2/19, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., The Patrick Strong Family

* 9:30 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 2/20, Daily Mass for the Dead

* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:00 p.m., Deceased members of the Ormsbee & Michel Families

Fri., 2/21, Votive Mass of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., Confraternity of St. Peter

Sat., 2/22, Chair of St. Peter

* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:30 a.m. (High), Anthony Saunders

* 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 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.

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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.