

Feb. 23, 2020, Quinquagesima Sunday

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 19: The Gospel, part 2

In the Low Mass, the preparations for the Gospel begin immediately after the Alleluia or Tract, with the priest going to the center of the altar while the altar boy moves the missal. The priest bows down at the center and prays the "Munda Cor", a prayer recalling how the prophet Isaiah recognized his unworthiness to announce the coming of the Messiah, the Son of a Virgin (Is. 7:14). An angel appeared and touched his lips with a burning coal, a sign that God purified him. In reciting the "Munda Cor", the priest expresses his desire to be purified like the prophet before he proclaims the Word of God. He further requests a blessing with the prayer "Dominus Sit in Corde Meo" ("May the Lord be in my heart and on my lips that I may worthily and fitly proclaim the Gospel. Amen").

While these prayers are being said, the altar boy moves the missal from the Epistle side of the altar to the Gospel side; that is from the right side to the left when facing the altar. He places the missal and stand at a 45-degree angle. This little ceremony, though quite simple, is rich with historical meaning and best explained by looking at the High Mass, which we examined last week. The priest then says: "Dominus vobiscum" (The Lord be with you), and the faithful respond, "Et cum spiritu tuo" (And with your spirit).

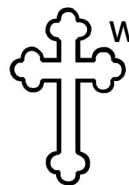
As the priest reads the introductory line of the Gospel, he makes a small Sign of the Cross at its beginning and also on his forehead, lips and heart. The faithful make these Signs of the Crosses as well. This action of triple signing is a prayer: on the forehead, that our intelligence can adhere to Christ by Faith; on the lips, that we are prepared to proclaim the Faith; and on the heart, that we are prepared to receive the doctrine with love. The faithful respond to the introductory line with the words "Gloria tibi Domine" (Glory to you O Lord), and, after the Gospel is read, "Laus tibi, Christe" (Praise to you, O Christ). The priest then kisses the missal, raising it part way to his lips saying, "Through the words of the Gospel, may our sins be blotted out."

Listening to the Gospel is a sacramental that obtains graces for us, particularly the pardon of our venial sins.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.
every Friday in Lent
*Plenary indulgence
may be gained.*

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
every Friday in Lent
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Adult plate: \$8 Children under 12: \$5



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.

Dress Code Reminder. As the weather warms up, please keep in mind the dress code posted at the entrance to the chapel and on the bulletin board and parish website. This is a place of worship where God is present. Our dress and demeanor should reflect this.

TODAY:

- ~ Lenten Choir practice cancelled. Resumes Sun., Mar. 1.
- ~ Overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after Vespers and ending 6:15 a.m., Monday.
There are open hours to be filled. Please sign up for a Holy Hour with our Lord.
- ~ Last day to return old blessed palms for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Wed., Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday. Low Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 28, 7-9 p.m., Women's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all women.

Sat., Feb. 29:

- ~ 12:30-3:30 p.m., Tower of David icon workshop in large room.
- ~ 9th Annual Lenten Pilgrimage, 9-3 p.m., in Port Arthur, Texas. See poster on bulletin board or visit our parish website to learn more.

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!

Lenten Food Drive Benefiting the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Party

Wed., Feb. 26 - Passion Sun., Mar. 29

Please drop off nonperishable food in the bins in the hallway. Sponsored by the Little Flowers Group.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Feb. 23 - 29, 2020

Sun., 2/23, Quinquagesima Sunday

7:30 a.m., David Benjamin Sublett

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

5:30 p.m., Deceased relatives of the Olvera Family, followed by Vespers and **Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mon., 2/24, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., Hector & Selina Tamacas

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 2/25, St. Matthias

* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Benita & David Saunders

Wed., 2/26, Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m., Intention for relatives in the Olvera Family

* 9:30 a.m., **Cancelled**

7:00 p.m., Mauricio A. Jimenez Gonzales, Jr. †

Thurs., 2/27, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:00 p.m., Adrienne Hill †

Fri., 2/28, Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m., Christian Edmond

6:30 p.m., **Way of the Cross**

Sat., 2/29, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

* 6:30 a.m., **Cancelled**

7:30 a.m., Christian Edmond Family

* 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, 9-11 a.m.
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.