

March 1, 2020, First Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 19: The Gospel, conclusion

The Church has these specific ceremonies in preparation for the singing or reading of the Gospel because the Gospel is Our Lord speaking to us. The Gospels contain the core of Christ's teachings and we should listen with great attention and follow in our missals, trying to understand and absorb each word. We should receive the words of the Gospel with reverence, and so, we stand and face in the direction that the Gospel is being proclaimed. The Gospel is Our Lord being given to us in the form of words, for He is the Word of God, and this is similar to receiving Our Lord in Communion, where we receive Him under the appearance of bread. To be willfully distracted, or to distract others, during Mass and during the Gospel, in particular, is sinful and something to be corrected.

One thing that might help us fight distraction is to remember that, while assisting at Mass, we are assisting at our Lord's sacrifice. He is truly present in the tabernacle, in the proclaiming of the Gospel and during the consecration. Thus if we envision ourselves amongst the crowds that followed Jesus and listened to Him, we have great reasons to rejoice and pay attention, for our Lord is truly with us as He promised: "I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" (Mat 28:20).

Many who followed our Lord when He walked on the face of this earth failed to believe in Him and many persecuted Him and put Him to death. It is not the mere hearing of the words that is going to save; rather, it is what we do with them. The sound of the words enters through our ears so that the Word, our Lord, can enter our hearts. "It is the spirit that quickeneth" (John 6:64). The Gospel will only save us in the measure that we live it. This has to begin with attentively hearing the words of Christ and putting them into practice.

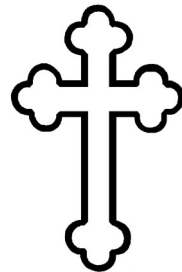
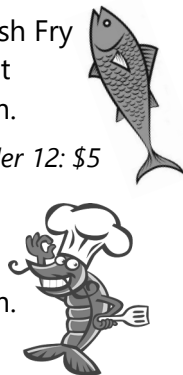
Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
every Friday in Lent
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Adult plate: \$8 Children under 12: \$5
&
First Fridays Only
Seafood Gumbo
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.

every Friday in Lent
*Plenary indulgence
may be gained.*

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. PLEDGED/GIFTED TO DATE \$1,280.

DSF funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is required to meet its goal and any shortfall in funding will be financed out of operating cash. Please fill out a pledge card and mail 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:

~ Second collection: Black & Indian Missions.

~ 12 noon, Lenten Choir meets in Epistle side room. Open to women and girls, ages 9 and older.

Tues., Mar. 3, Troops of St. George meet, 7-8:30 p.m. Open to boys, ages 6 and older.

Sat., Mar. 7, First Saturday. Approx. 10:15 a.m., please join us to peacefully pray a Rosary at the Houston Women's Clinic, an abortion facility located at 4820 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77004.

Sun., Mar. 8:

~ Daylight Savings Time begins. Set clocks forward one hour.

~ No CCD due to Spring Break. Classes resume Sun., Mar. 15.

~ Youth Group meeting cancelled. Re-scheduled for Sun., Mar. 15.

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. Maxmilian 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

March 1-7, 2020

Sun., 3/1, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †

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

5:30 p.m., Weena Gaullin

Mon., 3/2, Monday of the 1st Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., The Campaigne & Robichaux Family

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 3/3, Tuesday of the 1st Week in Lent

* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Doyle Derwood Watkins †

Wed., 3/4, Ember Wednesday in Lent

6:30 a.m., Theresa Truong †

* 9:30 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 3/5, Thursday of the 1st Week in Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:00 p.m., Theresa Truong †

Fri., 3/6, Ember Friday in Lent

6:30 a.m., Personal intention

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

7:00 p.m., Peter Tran †, followed by **First Friday devotion**

Sat., 3/7, St. Thomas Aquinas

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., Francis Truong †, followed by **First Saturday devotion**

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



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, 10:15 a.m.
Text or call 832-744-4125.

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.