

March 8, 2020, Second Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 20: The Homily

The priest, having read the Gospel or heard it sung by the deacon, will then give an explanation of the sacred texts or address some relevant topic dealing with faith or morals. The homily or sermon is required on Sundays and Feast Days, though it can be given any day of the year.

There is usually a small ceremony before the homily that involves the removal of the maniple. The maniple is only worn during the celebration of the Mass and not for any other liturgical function. Therefore, when the priest leaves the altar to go to the pulpit, he removes the maniple and places it on the missal or gives it to the deacon to place on the sedilia while the homily is given. The reason for removing the maniple is that the homily is an instruction or commentary of the priest and not an official text of the Church. This does not mean that what is taught during the homily is contrary to Church teaching, but only that it is not an official text being read from the missal.

During the homily, the language shifts from the Latin used for the Mass to the vernacular understood more easily by the faithful. This is also the time when announcements, which are clearly not part of the liturgy, are often given. Technically the announcements should be given before or after Mass begins, but for practical reasons, they are given before the homily.

On certain special occasions, the liturgical books recommend that the homily be given before the celebration of the Mass, such as at weddings, where the homily would be given before the couple pronounce their vows, which takes place before Mass, or at funerals, where it could be before Mass so as not to interrupt the prayers for the deceased. The present practice, however, is that a homily be given after the Gospel. Once the homily is finished, the priest returns to the altar, puts on the maniple and continues with the ceremonies of the Mass in Latin.

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



Lenten Food Drive Benefiting the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry, through Sun., Mar. 29.

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

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 will be financed out of operating cash. Please mail in a completed pledge card or donate online at archgh.org/dsf. Thank you for participating in 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:

- ~ **Spiritual bouquet card** on hall table for Cardinal DiNardo. Please list your prayer intentions (rosaries and/or Masses) on the sign up sheet and sign the card.
- ~ Bookstore closed. Re-opens Sun., Mar. 15.
- ~ No CCD due to Spring Break. Classes resume Sun., Mar. 15.
- ~ Youth Group meeting cancelled. Re-scheduled for Sun., Mar. 15.
- ~ 12 noon, Lenten Choir meets in Epistle side room. Open to women and girls, ages 9 and older.

Thurs., Mar. 12, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting in large room. Replaces Friday meeting.

Sat., Mar. 14, **Parish Work Day**, starting 8 a.m. Please RSVP via email at workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org. Matt Anderson, Coordinator.

Thurs., Mar. 19, Feast of St. Joseph. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7 p.m. (High), followed by St. Joseph Altar reception. Sign up sheet to assist with St. Joseph's Altar is on the hall table. Help is appreciated!

Sat., Mar. 21, 3 p.m., Acies, annual area-wide consecration ceremony of Legion of Mary members to Our Lady.

Sat., Mar. 21, Parish Confirmation with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

9 a.m., Confirmandi & Sponsors are to arrive. 9:30 a.m. Private talk with Confirmandi
10 a.m, Ceremony with Benediction, followed by reception

Rehearsal Dates for Confirmandi: Sun., Mar. 15 at 8:45 a.m. and Fri., Mar. 20 at 5 p.m.

TO ASSIST WITH THE RECEPTION, please contact Amy Podraza, abcpodraza@gmail.com.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

March 8-14, 2020

Sun., 3/8, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., Emma Seifert

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

5:30 p.m., Maria de la Cruz Gonzalez Madrigal †

Mon., 3/9, Monday of the 2nd Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 3/10, Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Lent

* 9:20 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Neva McDonald

Wed., 3/11, Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., Refugio Garza Martinez †

* 9:30 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 3/12, Thursday of the 2nd Week in Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private Intention

7:00 p.m., Julian Garza Gonzalez †

Fri., 3/13, Friday of the 2nd Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., Patrick Strong

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

Sat., 3/14, Saturday of the 2nd Week in Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., Martha Nifia Salazar †

* 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, 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.