

March 22, 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

From the Pastor

Public Liturgies Suspended

Dear Faithful,

In concern for human life, which is a precious gift from God, and in obedience to the Cardinal, we will follow his requests as listed in his Message to the Faithful, dated March 17, 2020., which is included in this bulletin. He is requesting the following:

- ~ All public liturgies are suspended as of Wednesday, March 18, until further notice.
- ~ Baptisms and home visits will be postponed, except in the case of emergencies.
- ~ No Funeral Masses, but prayers at the grave sites of the deceased will be offered. Memorial Masses may be scheduled once the suspension of public liturgy is lifted.
- ~ Men's and women's recollections, group meetings, Fish Fry Fridays and all other parish activities are cancelled until further notice.

Regina Caeli Parish will be open daily for private prayer from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard every day from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. or until the line is gone. Confessions will also be heard Monday through Friday, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Please keep the line inside the chapel to a few penitents at a time to avoid a crowded area at the back of the chapel. Others can wait outside or stay clear of each other in the chapel until the line for confession goes down.

Please pray daily the Prayer in Times of Epidemics that our present situation be shortened. God is merciful and hears our prayers. He shall carry us through.

May God love you all.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Church is open for private prayers, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Confession Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. daily and 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Monday-Fridays

Wed., Mar. 25, Consecration of Jesus through Mary. For those participating in the 33-day preparatory exercise for the consecration, please make your consecration privately on this day using the prayer in your booklets.

Announcements

Public Liturgies Suspended Until Further Notice

All Parish Activity Suspended Until Further Notice

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.

Mass calendars. Existing Mass intentions will continue as scheduled to prevent a backlog but the Masses will be private as requested by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DINARDO, dated March 17, 2020

Peace be with you Brothers and Sisters!

Here in Texas, as elsewhere, the current health emergency has induced fear and anxiety in many hearts and minds. At the same time, it has brought unity to us as a people who seek the good for others. Our faith has to be lived with reason, prudence and good judgment.

I have consulted with Bishop George Sheltz and the Presbyteral Council and have decided to make the following modifications to my March 13, 2020 message. These modifications are to be followed until further notice.

MASS

- The public celebration of all weekday and Sunday Masses will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Churches are to remain open for individual and private prayer observing their normal hours, as discerned by the Pastors.
- Parishes, to the extent they are able, are to inform parishioners of the opportunity to view Masses either through network television or other live stream options over the internet
- Sunday is still the Lord's Day. Families should gather to pray, read scripture, recite the Rosary and reflect together on their faith.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be made available to our people where possible, with special consideration given to the age and circumstances of the Priests in our Parishes.
- I recommend that you consider offering confessions in spaces other than small confessionals. Please observe good spacing between the penitent and Priest. Those waiting for the priest are asked to observe "social distancing."
- Penance Services are all cancelled.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests are to attend to the needs of the sick, particularly, when they are asking for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. When celebrating this Sacrament in a hospital setting, please adhere to the current guidelines set forth by the medical facility.

The distribution of Communion for the Sick and viaticum for the dying are reserved to Priests only at this time.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed, unless there is danger of death.

WEDDINGS are limited to celebration of the Marriage Rite outside of Mass itself, with no more than 10 person in attendance, including ministers. It is recommended that pastors notify couples who are currently preparing for marriage or have already scheduled weddings.

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Liturgical Calendar MASSES SUSPENDED

March 22-28, 2020

Sun., 3/22, 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Paul Tschosik †

Healing for Joseph Ohnheiser

Mon., 3/23, Monday of the 4th Week in Lent

Souls in Purgatory

Tues., 3/24, Tuesday of the 4th Week in Lent

Healing for Joseph Ohnheiser

Wed., 3/25, Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Laneta Walz †

Wingate Children

Thurs., 3/26, Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent

William Marshall †

Fri., 3/27, Friday of the 4th Week of Lent

Delano Hendley †

Sat., 3/28, Saturday of the 4th Week in Lent

Anne-Sophie Strong

Message from Cardinal, cont'd.

FUNERALS may take place only in the form of "The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation" (also known as the "graveside"). A memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

HOLY WEEK Particular directives will be given for Holy Week in the event the crisis continues through that time period.

HOLY WATER FONTS Please drain and clean all Holy Water fonts and do not refill at this time.

This is a dynamic situation and the above directives may be modified as circumstances change.

I want to assure all the people of the Archdiocese of my daily prayers and concern for your wellbeing, particularly our Priests. We are facing a difficult and uncertain future and we may think the Lord is asleep. Through our constant prayer and works of charity, our Lord suddenly arises and calms the rough seas.

Sincerely in Christ,
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Parish Organizations ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

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 **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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. **SUSPENDED**

Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. daily and 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m. **SUSPENDED**