

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 24: The Offertory, Part 1

The Offertory begins with the priest kissing the altar, then turning to the faithful, saying “the Lord be with you”, to which the faithful reply “and with your spirit”. This greeting introduces the great prayer of the Offertory, just as it does for the other important prayers of the Mass. The kissing of the altar before giving the greeting shows that the words that follow come from Christ. The priest is at once acting as the head of the faithful, showing reverence to Christ by kissing the altar, and acting in the person of Christ when he turns to the faithful to greet them. He then turns back to the altar and says “oremus”(“let us pray”) and, in a Low Mass, reads out loud the Offertory Antiphon. In a High Mass, he would say it silently while the Schola sings it. Liturgists speculate that there might have been another prayer said at this time, hence the “oremus.” This prayer, which disappeared, likely had the same object as the “mementoes” for the living and the dead in the Canon.

At one time, there was a procession to bring the bread and wine used at Mass together with the necessities to support clergy and poor. All these items would be blessed with the prayer “per quem haec omnia” towards the end of the Canon. This ceremony has been replaced with the taking up of the collection, which goes to the support of the clergy, poor and church buildings.

The Offertory begins with removing the chalice veil and setting it aside on the epistle side of the altar. The chalice with the paten still on it is placed slightly off to the right side and the paten with the host on it is brought to the center of the altar and raised up to offer to God. If there is a ciborium to be consecrated, it would be placed on the corporal at this time and the cover removed so that, as the paten with the large host is being offered up, the small hosts in the ciborium are also being offered up to God.

The prayer for the offering of the host is addressed to the Father and makes mention of the host being spotless. In the Middle Ages, the monks in the monasteries would take great care to use only the whitest wheat flour to make the hosts, so that the hosts would be white and spotless. The host is offered up in view of it becoming the Body of Christ, our spotless Lamb. At this point, it is still bread, but the prayer looks forward to the consecration and the sacrifice that Christ did for us. The priest mentions his own unworthiness since he is in need of God’s mercy and that the host will be offered for all the Christian faithful, living and dead.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Announcements

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 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 Campaign, 67.6% Funded. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED/GIFTED TO DATE \$6,755.

Each parish is required to meet its goal and a shortfall is paid from operating cash. Please mail in a completed pledge card or donate online at archgh.org/dsf. Thank you for participating in DSF.

Live Streaming of Daily Masses  *Church Open, 7 a.m.-7p.m. daily Confession Times. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. Also by appointment.*

Happy Father's Day!



The KCs are accepting pre-orders of BBQ for delivery on Saturday morning, July 4!
Brisket \$85

Contact John Wiechkoske, 713-208-7592, or Vince Dominic, 281-455-6737.

Wed., June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Mass times: 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mon., June 29, Ss. Peter & Paul. Mass times: 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Plenary indulgence may be gained by members of the Confraternity of St. Peter. More information on the parish website.

Wed., July 1, Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mass times: 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Our Catholic Community: An Online Program for 2020. This summer program for children in the parish will run through July. To enroll or learn more, go to the parish website home page for the link to the program.

May God reward you!

We are deeply moved by the continuing support of the faithful during this crisis. At the same time, we understand some may be impacted financially by the effects of the pandemic. As an all volunteer parish, our operating budget is as low as humanly possible, but there are inflexible expenses, such as utilities, that need to be paid and ongoing costs to build the Gatehouse. Please continue to make stewardship and capital campaign donations if you can. Donations may be made online or at the church.

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ParishSoft Online Giving is available for stewardship and capital campaign donations! Give online at the parish website using credit card or bank account. Gifts may be one-time or recurring, at your option. (PayPal is also available for the cap campaign.)

June 21, 2020, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Please read Rules for Mass contained in Pastor's Letter to Faithful. Link is provided on home page of parish website. The daily Mass is live streamed and a link is posted on the home page of our parish website for viewing throughout the day.

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

June 21-27, 2020

Sun., 6/21, Third Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., George Henry Graas
8:45 a.m., Private intention
10:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
1:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †

Mon., 6/22, St. Paulinus

6:15 a.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †

Tues., 6/23, Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †

Wed., 6/24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:15 a.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †
* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:00 p.m., Private intention

Thurs., 6/25, St. William

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †

Fri., 6/26, Ss. John & Paul

6:15 a.m., Nicanor T. Macalalag, Jr. †
~~7:00 p.m., Private intention~~ **ERROR**-no Mass

Sat., 6/27, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

~~* 6:15 a.m., Private intention~~ **CANCELLED**
7:30 a.m., Joe Grant †

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

TAN Books, www.tanbooks.com, is offering a 30% discount on books purchased online. Type CAELI77064 at checkout! Offer ends June 30.

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 - Please read Rules for Mass contained in the Pastor's Letter to Faithful, dated May 1, 2020. Link is on the home page of the parish website.

Sundays	Temporary schedule provided on the back page of bulletin.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:15 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 **SUSPENDED**

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.