

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 25: The Offertory, "In Spiritu Humiliatatis" & "Veni Sanctificator"

Once the chalice has been offered up, the priest says an apology prayer in which he offers himself and the faithful to God. "In the spirit of humility (*in spiritu humiliatatis*) and with a contrite heart receive us, O Lord...." Being humble is necessary for our proper place before God: we need to understand that we are His creatures and sinners in need of His forgiveness. From this recognition, contrition and sorrow follow. Contrition in Latin means to crush or grind. We are crushed out of fear because we have offended God with our sins and, for this reason, the prayer is recited while slightly inclined to manifest our humility.

The prayer, inspired by the prayer of the three boys of Daniel 3:39-40, brings to mind their words when they were thrown into the fiery furnace during the Babylonian exile for refusing to adore the king. All they could do was offer themselves to God and ask that He accept them as a sacrifice. God in His mercy saved them.

The prayer "Veni Sanctificator" invokes the Holy Spirit. While this prayer is being recited, the priest first raises his eyes to Heaven, then makes a large circle with his hands and blesses the gifts. The large circular motion with the hands symbolizes the calling down of the Holy Spirit, which is followed by a Sign of the Cross to bless the gifts in anticipation of the consecration.

In Eastern liturgies, this invocation, called the "Epiclesis", comes after the words of consecration and calls down the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Savior. The "Quam Oblationem" of the Roman Canon has the same sense.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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.

UPDATED RULES! Religious Items to be Blessed are placed on the blessing table located next to the holy water dispenser near the baptismal font. **Place your name on every item to be blessed. Pick up your items within one week** of dropping them off and please verify your name is on every item you take. **Jugs of water will be blessed only** when water in the dispenser is replenished and blessed. Small water bottles may be filled from the holy water dispenser and will not be blessed. These rules are posted above the blessing table and on the website for easy referral. Learn how sacramentals work by reading Fr. Malain's short article, which can be found on the home page of the parish website.

Mass calendars are open. There is a limit on the number of Mass requests that will be accepted per family.

2020 DSF Campaign, 69% Funded. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED/GIFTED TO DATE \$6,855.

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.

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Parish Safety & Observation Team. Volunteers are needed to assist our safety personnel by acting as additional eyes and ears. Open to registered male or female parishioners, at least 21 years or older. Ex-military or peace officer experience a plus. This team will act separately from our ushers.

2 Blessed Statues Missing from Items to Be Blessed Table in Chapel. A 10" statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the three children disappeared two weeks ago and a statue of St. Joseph with the Child Jesus, which disappeared in early May. Please check your recently blessed items and return if a statue was taken in error.

July 17, Homeschool Graduation Ceremony, 7 p.m. Open to homeschooled children who will be graduating this year. Contact Kathleen Morris at kkmart44@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

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.

Plenary Indulgence Possible for Pilgrimage Visit to St. Joseph Church in Houston, through Mar. 24, 2021. Church address, hours and conditions to be fulfilled to gain the indulgence is on our parish website.

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.)

July 12, 2020, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Please read Rules for Mass in Pastor's Letter to Faithful (link on home page of parish website).

The daily Mass is live streamed and a link posted on the home page of our parish website for viewing throughout the day.

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

July 12 - 18, 2020

Sun., 7/12, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:30 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †
- 8:45 a.m., Private intention
- 10:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
- 1:00 p.m., Private intention
- 5:30 p.m., Gereald & Dimple Woods †

Mon., 7/13, Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity

- 6:15 a.m., Intentions of CSP

Tues., 7/14, St. Bonaventure

- * 6:15 a.m., Private intention
- 7:00 p.m., Mark Medlenka Family

Wed., 7/15, St. Henry

- 6:15 a.m., Helena Sulzen's second child
- * 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 7/16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

- * 6:15 a.m., Private intention
- 7:00 p.m., Living & deceased members of the Scott & Carol Johnsgard Family

Fri., 7/17, St. Alexius

- 6:15 a.m., Mrs. Maydelle Burkhalter †

Sat., 7/18, St. Camillus de Lellis

- * 6:15 a.m., Private intention
- 7:30 a.m., Living & deceased Edwards children

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



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.