

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 27: The Offertory: Washing of the Hands, conclusion



Last week we commented on the part of Psalm 25 that is used during the washing of the hands in the offertory. In the book *Introibo ad Altare Dei*, written by a monk of the Abbey of Notre-Dame de Fontgombault in France, the author comments on the use of the psalms in the liturgy. I give a rough translation of that text here, which is also useful for our own praying of the psalms.

The psalms formed the Old Testament prayer par excellence. The Church took up the practice without changing it but added at the end of the psalms the doxology "Gloria Patri," which gives homage to the Holy Trinity and attests that the psalms are understood in the light of the Gospel. The psalms, being poetic texts written before the plenitude of the Revelation of the New Testament, need to be well understood in this light. We have to pray the psalms as our Savior and Our Lady would have prayed them, by enriching and elevating their sense.

Many psalms cannot be understood except by placing them on our Savior's lips. When Israel, Jerusalem or temple are mentioned, we can transpose in their place Heaven, the Church or our soul, or the temple of God. When there is mention of our enemies, we can think of the enemies of the Church and ask for the failure of their evil

designs or for their conversion. We should also think of the devil and our own evil tendencies. When the psalmist speaks of his own justice or sanctity, the Christian places these words on the lips of Christ or thinks of the dignity of being the son or daughter of God that was received at baptism. This full sense of the psalms was willed by God Who inspired the psalmist.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



*Fr. Van Vliet will be on retreat, Aug. 3-7.
Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.*

Announcements

Religious Items to be blessed are placed on the table located near the baptismal font. **Place your name on every item to be blessed. Pick up your items within one week** of dropping them off. Please read all the rules posted on the wall above the blessing table and on the parish website before dropping off your items..

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.

Confirmation & Covid Restrictions

Confirmation will be held Sat., Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. It will be limited to those receiving the sacrament, their sponsors and one parent each. Any more than that will exceed our 25% capacity. If restrictions are lifted, we can add more family members. There is a mandatory meeting/rehearsal for Confirmandi. They may choose either the Sun., Sept. 6, 2:30 p.m. session or the Sat., Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. session. It is recommended that sponsors attend.

CCD & Covid Restrictions

In order to practice social distancing, CCD will initially be limited to the sacramental classes. Other CCD classes will be added once the Gatehouse is complete and we have additional space. Registration for the sacramental classes begins today. Registration for the other classes will occur in early 2021.

TODAY:

- ~ Portiuncula Indulgence available today. Read more on the parish website.
- ~ Registration open for CCD First Communion and Confirmation classes. Deadline for registration is Sun., Aug. 30. Registration forms and class schedule are on the hall table and the parish website CCD page.
- ~ **Spiritual bouquet card on the hall table for Cardinal DiNardo.** If you have not yet done so, please sign the spiritual bouquet card and include your prayer intentions on the sign up sheet.
- ~ Please return CCD books used earlier this year by Aug. 30. There is a drop-off box in the hallway.

Sun., Sept. 27, 9:15-10:00 a.m., fall semester of First Communion and Confirmation classes begin.

May God reward you!

We are deeply moved by the continuing support of the faithful during this crisis. 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.)

August 2, 2020, Ninth 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

August 2 - 8, 2020

Sun., 8/2, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Juana Coelho †
8:45 a.m., Private intention
10:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
1:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Kathryn Suzanne McKnight Klock †

Mon., 8/3, Finding of the Body of St. Stephen

6:15 a.m., Kathryn Suzanne McKnight Klock †

Tues., 8/4, St. Dominic

* 6:15 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:00 p.m., Shannon Johnson †

Wed., 8/5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:15 a.m., Laura Lynn Hill
* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

Thurs., 8/6, Transfiguration of Our Lord

* 6:15 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:00 p.m., Bill Burnett †

Fri., 8/7, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:15 a.m., Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
7:00 p.m., Rev. Van Vliet, Rev. Malain & all FSSP priests, followed by **First Friday devotion**

Sat., 8/8, St. John Mary Vianney

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

* 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. Link is on the home page of the parish website. Daily Masses are live-streamed.*

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 Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sat. 8:30 a.m.

Vespers **SUSPENDED**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.