

August 9, 2020, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 28: The Offertory: Suscipe Sancta Trinitas

The last prayer of the offertory, the *Suscipe Sancta Trinitas*, is a summary of the Mass, for the Mass is a sacrifice that the whole Trinity will accept. The prayers of the Mass are generally addressed to the Father and conclude with the precision that the prayers are through the Son and with the Holy Spirit. Therefore the whole Trinity is present in the thought of the Church when it prays; nevertheless, it is good that certain prayers be addressed to the Trinity as a whole. Thus the unity and equality of the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity is taught.

The prayer evokes the passion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus, who will be soon be present on the altar. Christ suffered, died on the cross and rose from the dead to ascend into Heaven. This redemptive act of our Lord is made present on the altar at each Mass in a sacramental way. His death is signified by the separation of the Blood from the Body with the dual consecration and His resurrection is signified by the commingling of the particle of the consecrated host with the Precious Blood in the chalice just prior to the priest receiving communion.

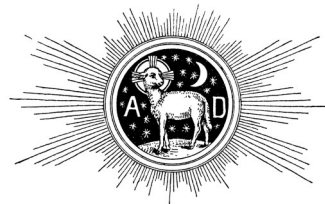
The prayer commemorates the communion of the saints when it mentions that the sacrifice is offered in the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, the Apostles Peter and Paul and all the saints. The Mass is always offered to God alone, but we can thank Him for the wonders He accomplished in the Virgin Mary and the saints, who fully realized in their lives the plan God had for them and thus show forth the splendor of His glory.

The words *et istorum* ("and these") inserted before the phrase "and all the saints" refers to the relics of the saints in the sepulcher of the altar. In the Traditional Liturgy, it is required that a relic of a martyr be placed in the altar stone when it is consecrated. This goes back to the ancient practice of celebrating Mass on the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs during the persecution of the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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.

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.

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.

First Communion (child age 7 by May 1, 2021)

Confirmation (child age 14 by March 31, 2022)

TODAY:

- ~ **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.
- ~ 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.
- ~ Please return CCD books used earlier this year by Aug. 30. There is a drop-off box in the hallway.

Sat., Aug. 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: 7:30 a.m. (Low) and 9 a.m. (High). The 6:15 a.m. Mass is cancelled.

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.)

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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 9 - 15, 2020

Sun., 8/9, Tenth 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., Jesus Garcia †

Mon., 8/10, St. Lawrence

- 6:15 a.m., Mr. & Mrs. Ellison †

Tues., 8/11, Ss. Tiburtius and Susanna

- * 6:15 a.m., Private intention
- 7:00 p.m., Catherine Cooley †

Wed., 8/12, St. Clare

- 6:15 a.m., Marilyn Lockett †
- * 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 8/13, Ss. Hippolytus and Cassian

- * 6:15 a.m., Private intention
- 7:00 p.m., Jacqueline, Sylina & Augustine Strong

Fri., 8/14, Vigil of the Assumption

- 6:15 a.m., Donald J. Bonneau

Sat., 8/15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- * 6:15 a.m., **CANCELLED**
- 7:30 a.m., Dominic and Allison Romano 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 9:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo

* 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.