

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 30: The Offertory, The Secret

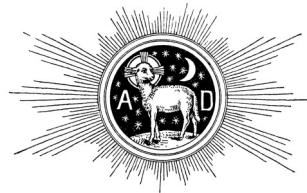
The Secret is the second of three proper prayers of the Mass, which change according to the day and feast. The first is the previously discussed Collect and the final is the Post Communion. The Collect and Post Communion are preceded by "Dominus Vobiscum" and the word oremus; the Secret, however, is preceded by "Orate Fratres". The Secret prayers usually allude to the offerings of the bread and wine that are on the altar in preparation for the consecration, where they will become the Body and Blood of our Savior. The origin of its name is disputed. It could be due to it being said silently so only the ministers at the altar can hear it. Or it could be that it originates from the Latin sense of the word secreta, in which case it would refer to the offerings that have been set aside for the sacrifice as opposed to those destined to be used by the poor and clergy. Another possibility is that it is the prayer before the Secreta; that is, before the sacred mystery that is about to take place on the altar at the consecration.

The concluding doxology of the prayer or prayers, if there is more than one, is said silently except for the final words. These final words introduce the Preface. Before they are said, either the priest or the Master of Ceremonies will turn the page of the missal to the Preface and then the priest will place his hands flat on the altar and sing out loud "Per Omnia saecula saeculorum". All respond "Amen".

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Charles Van Vliet.

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.



The KCs are still accepting pre-orders of BBQ brisket for pick up Sunday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$85. Contact John Wiechkoske, 713-208-7592, or Vince Dominic, 281-455-6737.

Announcements

Religious Items to be blessed are placed on the table located in the small meeting room. 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.

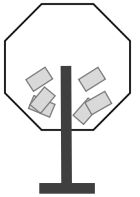
Mass calendars are open. There is a limit on the number of Mass requests that will be accepted per family.

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.

Raffle Fundraiser Coming This Fall!

The Fall Festival has been cancelled due to uncertainty of being able to have it, but there will be a Raffle Fundraiser. We are asking for cash or check donations to fund the grand prize of \$1,500. There is a Raffle donation box on the hall table. You can also donate online using the ParishSoft Giving link on the Capital Campaign Donations webpage. Many thanks!



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.
- ~ CCD & TOD registration continues for sacramental classes only. Deadline is next Sun., Aug. 30. Forms are on the hall table and the parish website CCD page. If your child will participate in the Tower of David program, please write TOD on the top of the form.
- ~ 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., First Communion and Confirmation classes begin.

Tues., Sept. 29, 10 a.m., TOD 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.

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 23, 2020, Twelfth 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 23 - 29, 2020*

Sun., 8/23, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Mark Douglas Hill
8:45 a.m., Private intention
10:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
1:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Ryan Hanson

Mon., 8/24, St. Bartholmew

6:15 a.m., Mark Douglas Hill

Tues., 8/25, St. Louis IX

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., William Walz †

Wed., 8/26, St. Zephyrinus

6:15 a.m., Margaret Rogers
* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 8/27, St. Joseph Calasance

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Leonard & Wanda Dominic

Fri., 8/28, St. Augustine

6:15 a.m., Paul & CC Grant

Sat., 8/29, Beheading of John the Baptist

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., Leonard & Wanda Dominic

* 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. / Tues.-Thurs. 6:30 p.m. / Sat. 8:30 a.m.

Vespers **SUSPENDED**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.