

August 30, 2020, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 31: Preface, Introductory Dialogue

The dialogue of the Preface is found in all the liturgies of the East and West since the 2nd or 3rd centuries. The first versicle and response of the dialogue is the conclusion of the Secret prayer. The priest next says "Dominus vobiscum" without turning to the faithful as he generally does during the Mass. His hands are on the altar, which represents Christ, and his attention is focused on the sacrifice that will be accomplished.

At the "Sursum corda" (lift up your hearts), the priest begins the motion of raising his hands. The lifting of the hands symbolizes the leaving of the things of this world for the things of heaven. In some places, this is when the faithful stand for the Preface, particularly with the response "Habemus ad Dominum" (we have lifted them up to the Lord).

The motion of the priest's hands continues with the next versicle, "Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro" (let us give thanks to the Lord our God), to which the faithful respond "Dignum et justum est" (it is meet and right to do so). The continuing hand motion symbolizes the bringing together of the prayers and petitions of the faithful and the priest and presenting them to God. The priest bows his head when he says "Deo nostro" in adoration to God. The versicle expresses the theme of the Mass, namely thanksgiving. The word Eucharist, often used for the Mass or communion, comes from the Greek word εὐχαριστία, which means thanksgiving.

The introductory dialogue has a certain pressing nature to it, for we are entering into the most sacred act of our Faith, the sacramental re-presenting once again of the one sacrifice of our Savior.

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.



LAST DAY to place BBQ brisket order with the KCs 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.

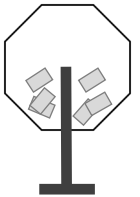
Public Mass calendar is closed. Private Mass calendar remains open. There is a limit on the number of Mass requests that will be accepted per family.

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:

- ~ **LAST DAY to sign up for in-person CCD & TOD** sacramental classes. 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
- ~ **Spiritual bouquet card for Cardinal DiNardo** on the hall table. If you have not yet done so, please sign the 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., In-person First Communion and Confirmation classes begin.

Tues., Sept. 29, 10 a.m., In-person 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.

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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 available for the capital campaign only.

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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 30 - September 5, 2020

Sun., 8/30, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Linh Ngo Mochet †
8:45 a.m., Private intention
10:00 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
1:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Conversion of Rangaraj Family

Mon., 8/31, St. Raymond Nonnatus

6:15 a.m., Gilberto Repunte †

Tues., 9/1, St. Giles

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., The Campaigne & Robichaux Family

Wed., 9/2, St. Stephen of Hungary

6:15 a.m., Clive Staples Lewis †
* 9:00 a.m., CANCELLED
10:00 a.m., Funeral Mass for Timothy Marshall

Thurs., 9/3, St. Pius X

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Conversion of Rangaraj Family

Fri., 9/4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:15 a.m., Conversion of Rangaraj Family
7:00 p.m., Conversion of Daniel Stidham,
followed by **First Friday** devotion

Sat., 9/5, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., William Marshall †, followed by **First Saturday** devotion

* 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.