

September 6, 2020, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 31: Preface, continued*

The Preface of the Mass can vary according to the liturgical season or the feast day; however, all the Prefaces have the end of giving thanks to Almighty God. There are fifteen different Prefaces for the Universal Church that bring out a particular aspect of a feast or liturgical season. Where there is no particular Preface that applies to a Mass, the Common Preface is used, which simply presents more universal reasons for adoring God, such as His existence and infinite perfection.

The Council of Trent limited the number of Prefaces from the great number that was being used to the few in the Missal. Other proper Prefaces were approved for use in particular dioceses, such as the Preface for Advent, Corpus Christi, St. John the Baptist, the Dedication of a Church, and patron saints for religious orders. At High Masses, the Preface is sung and these melodies are very ancient and quite beautiful.

The priest recites or sings the Preface with his arms held out at least shoulder width apart. At one time, the arms were held out stretched like Christ on the Cross and certain religious orders still do this. The Preface is the beginning of the Canon where the sacrifice of the Cross is made present sacramentally and the posture of the priest pointed to what he was silently praying at the altar. I suspect that the bringing in of the arms to shoulder width was the result of the heavier vestments that developed in later centuries and the advanced age of pontiffs, making the full arms extension difficult to hold through the length of the Canon. For the sake of uniformity in the celebration of Mass, the shoulder width position of the arms was mandated.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

### *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.*

## 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 listed on the blessing table and/or 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](http://archgh.org/dsf). Thank you for participating in DSF.

### **RAFFLE FUNDRAISER COMING THIS FALL!**

The Fall Festival has been cancelled, but there will be a Raffle Fundraiser. Please consider giving a cash or check donation to fund the \$1,500 Grand Prize. Donations are accepted on the hall table and online using the ParishSoft Giving link on the Capital Campaign Donations webpage. Many thanks!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC ESSAY CONTEST**

The parish KC is sponsoring a Catholic Essay Contest for students in grades 8 to 12. A winner will be selected from each grade level and will receive a \$25 gift card. The 5 winning essays will be forwarded to the KC District competition. See the bulletin board for specifics. Essays are due by October 1, 2020.

### **VEILS FOR SALE ON THE HALL TABLE!**

#### **TODAY:**

- ~ **Registration open for Home Study CCD** for children not attending in-person CCD/TOD sacramental classes. This program is designed to allow children to continue their catechism lessons until in-person classes open for all levels. To learn more and enroll in the program, please go to HomeStudy CCD on the parish website. Enrollment is online only.
- ~ 2:30 p.m., Confirmandi meeting/rehearsal. It is recommended that sponsors attend. Those Confirmandi who do not attend this meeting are required to attend next Sat., Sept. 12, at 8:30 a.m.
- ~ **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.

Sat., Sept. 12:

- ~ 8:30 a.m., mandatory meeting/rehearsal of Confirmandi that did not attend the Sept. 6 session. It is recommended that sponsors attend.
- ~ 6:30 p.m., initial meeting of the Safety & Observation Team. Steve Boss, Coordinator.

Sat., Sept. 19, 10 a.m., Confirmation. Only Confirmandi, their sponsors and one parent each may attend. Any more than that will exceed our 25% capacity. If restrictions are lifted, we can add more family members.

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.

Week of Sept. 27, Home Study CCD program begins.

*Happy Labor Day Weekend!*

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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 *September 6-12, 2020*

#### Sun., 9/6, 14<sup>th</sup> 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., D.A. Hendley †

#### Mon., 9/7, Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity

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

#### Tues., 9/8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\* 6:15 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., Kenneth Lawson

#### Wed., 9/9, St. Peter Claver

6:15 a.m., Nell Witkowski †  
\* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Thurs., 9/10, St. Nicholas of Tolentino

\* 6:15 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., Intentions of CSP

#### Fri., 9/11, Ss. Protus & Hyacinth

6:15 a.m., Allan Moore

#### Sat., 9/12, Most Holy Name of Mary

\* 6:15 a.m., Private intention  
7:30 a.m., Justin Mock

\* 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.

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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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.