

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 33: The Canon, Firm Rule

Canon here means "rule" for it is the prayer of the rule for the confection of the Sacrament. Benedict XIV says: "Canon is the same word as rule. The Church uses this name to mean that the Canon of the Mass is the firm rule according to which the Sacrifice of the New Testament is to be celebrated." (De SS. Missae Sacr., Lib. II, xii) It is a rule in the sense that nothing changes. Other parts of the Mass are variable, but the Canon of the Mass in the Traditional rite has, for the most part, been unchanged since St. Gregory the Great (died 604), and some of the prayers date to the 3rd century, though the words of consecration date back to Our Lord Himself. The present Canon was only codified; that is, made the norm for the Western Church, by St. Pius V in the 16th century.

Around the words of consecration there is a parallelism that frames the consecration: a memento for the living before the consecration and a memento for the deceased after; a series of blessings before and after the consecration; and so on. There is also a whole choreography of movements of the priest that allows the faithful to carefully follow the Canon, even though the prayers are said silently at the altar. All the great events of the history of salvation took place in silence. St. Ignatius of Antioch said: "The virginity of Mary, the Incarnation at the Annunciation, and the death of our Lord are three striking mysteries that God worked in silence." (St. Ignatius' letter to the Ephesians 19/1)

Pope Benedict XVI, when he was Cardinal Ratzinger, wrote:

The liturgy requires words and silence The silence is the progression toward what is interior; it is the interiorization of the word and sign ... it is indispensable for a veritable active participation. It gives time; it permits man to recognize what lasts, by dwelling on it We are not required to say with a loud voice the whole of the Canon. (Communio, 1978 #6).

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Charles Van Vliet.

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Request from N. American District Superior: Please recite daily the Prayer for the Church and Civil Authorities

Prayer is on the hall table and parish website.



In this time of trial for the Church and nation, and amidst continued restrictions on the sacraments and churches, North American District Superior Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP has asked friends of the Fraternity to recite the Prayer for the Church and the Civil Authorities daily during October 2020, invoking God's intervention on behalf of our ecclesiastical and civil leaders.

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. Thank you for participating in DSF.

Volunteers Needed for Fall Raffle Fundraiser

If you can help distribute raffle tickets on Sundays, Oct. 11 through Dec. 6, please contact Tammy Bassler at tebassler@comcast.net.



TODAY:

- ~ Consecration of the FSSP N. American District to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be recited after all Masses.
~ Prayer for the Church and Civil Authorities on the hall table. Please pray daily in month of October.
~ Leaflets on the hall table on the Mass and the Passion of our Lord. Provided by Legion of Mary.

Wed., Oct. 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary:

- ~ 6:15 a.m. Mass
~ 6:40 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Hope. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament cancelled.
~ 7:00 p.m., Mass, followed by candlelight Rosary Procession.

Sar., Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m., Parish Safety and Observation Team meeting.

Sat., Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m., Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Catholic Church, led by Fr. Malain. We will walk from Annunciation Church to St. Joseph Church, praying for the spiritual needs of the Archdiocese and for the City of Houston. Plenary indulgence may be gained. See our website for details on the indulgence.

Since October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, consider adding strength to your Rosaries by joining an official confraternity dedicated to the Rosary. Printed forms are available on the hall table and more information can be found online.

Confraternity of the Rosary (commit to 15 Decades of the Rosary per week)

www.rosarycenter.org

Universal Living Rosary Association (1 Decade of the Rosary per day)

www.philomena.org

Confraternity of St. Peter (1 Decade of the Rosary per day and Prayer for Fraternity Priests)

www.fssp.org/en/help-us/confraternity-of-saint-peter



October 4, 2020, Eighteenth 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 October 4-10, 2020

Sun., 10/4, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 a.m., Ruth & Arrel Carrier †
8:15 a.m., Private intention
10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
2:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Ruben Gustavito Ortiz †

Mon., 10/5, St. Placid & Companions

6:15 a.m., Intentions of Jerry & Jessica Turner

Tues., 10/6, St. Bruno

* 9:00 a.m., Private Intention
7:00 p.m., Emilio Anthony Krislock

Wed., 10/7, Our Lady of the Rosary

6:15 a.m., Damian Athanasius Krislock
* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

7:00 p.m., Private intention, **followed by Rosary Procession** in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary

Thurs., 10/8, St. Bridget of Sweden

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., Mary Kathryn Manthei

Fri., 10/9, St. John Leonardi

6:15 a.m., Danny Neil Manthei †

Sat., 10/10, St. Francis Borgia

* 6:15 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., John Bosshard

* 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	See back page for temporary Sunday schedule
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.