

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 41: The Canon, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, conclusion*

Because our Lord becomes present on the altar, the priest wipes his index finger and thumb on the corporal to purify them before taking the bread into his fingers for the first consecration. This is out of respect for the Body of Christ, which the host will soon become. After the consecration, the priest holds his index finger and thumb together except when he has to handle the consecrated host. This is in reverence for our Lord and in case a particle of the host sticks to his fingers. Every particle is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior, and therefore great caution is taken not to let any particle fall to the floor. The finger and thumb will not be used to turn pages in the missal or even open the tabernacle until they have been purified after communion is finished.

This second consecration of the wine begins with the prayer *Simili Modo*. *Simili modo* (in like manner) refers back to the narrative before the words of consecration over the bread and holds us in the historical context of the Last Supper. This point is important because the consecration has to take place in the specific context of the Mass and the narrative before the words of consecration keeps the context.

The words of consecration are very close to the four accounts of the Last Supper (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians of St. Paul), but it is likely that they come from a parallel Tradition, which would be like a fifth account of the Last Supper. In any case, the words spoken by the priest are the words of Jesus. Along with the words of prayer, there are also the actions of the priest during this prayer: he takes the chalice and raises it when he says "taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands"; bows his head when he says "and giving thanks"; and then makes the sign of the cross over the chalice when he says "He blessed and gave it to His disciples." These actions help accentuate the identification of the priest to Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

*Christmas through Epiphany Mass Schedule on the hall table and website.*

#### New Schedule for Confession Times:

30 minutes before Mass, ends 5 min. before Mass

Saturdays, 8:30-9:00 a.m. or until all confessions are heard

No confessions after 7:00 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays or Thursdays

Please try to go to confession during the week or Saturday to avoid the long lines on Sunday and allow those travelling long distances to go on Sunday.

## Announcements

Religious Items to be blessed are placed on the cart 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 cart 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, 80% Funded. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED/GIFTED TO DATE \$8,060.

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 TICKETS. \$5 each/\$20 for packet of 5 tickets. Drawing on Sun., Dec. 13, 2020 after High Mass. Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign. Grab a flyer to learn more.

◇ If you sold tickets, please return raffle ticket stubs and money to the Raffle Table no later than Dec. 10

◇ If you have any *unsold* tickets, please return those tickets to the sales table before Dec. 10.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar and chapel during the Christmas season. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

### COMING SOON! 2021 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS!

#### TODAY:

~ CCD resumes.

~ Donation box for purchasing Christmas flowers is on the hall table. More information provided above.

~ 2021 Stewardship Envelopes are on the hall tables for pick up. Please pick up your boxed set. If you use stewardship envelopes and do not see a boxed set in your name, please contact the parish office.

Tues., Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception:

~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7 p.m. (High). There is no 9 a.m. Mass.

~ Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary prayer will be recited after both Masses by those renewing or making their first consecration. Scapulars, medals and the prayer will be available.

Sun., Dec. 13, Raffle drawing after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

#### Cambio en el horario de confesiones:

Empiezan 30 minutos antes de la misa y terminan 5 minutos antes de la misa.

El sábado, las confesiones serán de 8:30 a 9:00 a.m. o hasta que todas las personas de la línea se hayan confesado

El martes y jueves no habrá confesiones después de la misa de las 7:00 p.m.

Por favor trate de confesarse durante la semana o el sábado en la mañana para evitar las filas muy largas en los domingos y para dejar tiempo a los fieles que solamente pueden venir los Domingos debido a que viven muy lejos.

# December 6, 2020, Second Sunday of Advent

Please read Rules for Mass in Pastor's Letter to Faithful (link on home page of parish website).

## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

December 6-12, 2020

### Sun., 12/6, Second Sunday of Advent

- 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., Rev. Michael Malain

### Mon., 12/7, St. Ambrose

- 6:30 a.m., Maria Connie Green, birthday

### Tues., 12/8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 a.m., Private Intention
- \* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**
- 7:00 p.m. (High), Lolita Bacon †

### Wed., 12/9, Feria of Advent

- 6:30 a.m., Living, deceased, & future FSSP priests
- \* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

### Thurs., 12/10, Feria of Advent

- \* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**
- 7:00 p.m., President Donald J. Trump

### Fri., 12/11, St. Damasus I

- 6:30 a.m., Elizabeth Padilla

### Sat., 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

- \* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**
- 7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of FOSS

\* 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 - Jerry Turner III  
Meets Mondays, 7 p.m.  
jwturner40@gmail.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 - Amy Gorhum  
Meets Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.  
Text or call 512-902-1427.

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 - Rules for Mass are on parish website. See link to Pastor's Letter to Faithful on home page.

Sundays See back page for temporary Sunday schedule

Mon., Wed., Fri. 6:30 a.m.

Tues., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays 7:30 a.m.

Adoration Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Confession 30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.