

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 42: The Canon, Chalice of My Blood

"For this is the chalice of my Blood" – these are the essential words of the consecration of the chalice. To these are joined: "of the new and eternal Testament." This New and Eternal Testament was established on Calvary between God and all men by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This New Testament replaces the Old Testament between God and Israel, which was established by Moses when he received the tablets of the Law on Mount Sinai. The Old Testament was good, but it was imperfect, and it prefigured the New Testament, which was to come.

We then use the words "Mystery of Faith". These words refer to the Eucharist, which is the great Mystery of our Faith and which summarizes and contains all the others. We have in it the Trinity, since where one Person of the Holy Trinity acts, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity are also present. The Incarnation is set before us, for it is through His becoming man that Christ makes Himself present on the altar to suffer and die for our salvation. Our Redemption is present since the sacrifice of Calvary is made present once again. When our Lord announced this Mystery for the first time after the multiplication of the loaves, many of the disciples left Him, but the apostles remained faithful, even though they did not understand. St. Peter said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:68) We will never fully understand the Mystery of the Eucharist, but our faith in it is the mark of a Catholic.

Then come the words "which shall be shed for you and for many unto the remission of sins." On Calvary, our Lord shed His Blood for us so that our sins and those of all men may be forgiven. But it is up to each one of us to make this objective redemption that our Lord won for us our personal redemption. This is where many will not make the effort to be converted and live. Any sin can be forgiven because of the infinite graces and merits won for us by our Savior, but not everyone is going to humble himself and ask for that forgiveness; hence, the word "many" is used instead of "all".

After the words of consecration, the priest says, as he genuflects: "As often as you shall do these things, you shall do them in memory of Me." It is because of this command that the Church celebrates daily the Sacrifice of the Mass for over two thousand years. This is also the passage as defined by the Council of Trent where our Lord establishes the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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.

2021 PUBLIC & PRIVATE MASS CALENDARS ARE OPEN. Only intentions scheduled for public Masses are listed in the bulletin. Intentions for private Masses (the starred Masses on the back page) are not listed in the bulletin. No more than 12 Mass requests per family will be accepted in 2021 in the hopes of keeping the calendars open throughout the calendar year.

2020 DSF CAMPAIGN, 86% FUNDED. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED/GIFTED TO DATE \$8,560.

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.

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!

2021 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS ON SALE, \$11/EA!

RAFFLE DRAWING AFTER 10:30 AM MASS!

TODAY:

- ~ Please welcome Fr. Zachary Akers, Development Director, N. American District of the FSSP.
- ~ Raffle drawing after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- ~ 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.

Fri., Dec. 18, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Next Sunday, KC Tamale Sale! \$10/dozen.



Christmas through Epiphany Mass Schedule

Available on the parish website and hall table.

December 13, 2020, Gaudete (Third) 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 13-19, 2020

Sun., 12/13, Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m., LaDonna Craven
8:15 a.m., Private intention
10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
2:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Severino Bulan †

Mon., 12/14, Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., Natividad Barrera †

Tues., 12/15, Feria of Advent

* 9:00 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m. (High), Flora Bascos †

Wed., 12/16, Ember Wednesday of Advent

6:30 a.m., Avelina Sunga †
* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

Thurs., 12/17, Greater Feria of Advent

* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:00 p.m., Alyssa Harkoo, examinations success

Fri., 12/18, Ember Friday of Advent

6:30 a.m., Michael Douglas Hill

Sat., 12/19 Ember Saturday of Advent

* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:30 a.m., Xaviera Mohammed, examinations success

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Wednesday, 6:40 p.m.