

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 43: The Canon, Elevation of the Host and Chalice

Immediately after each consecration, there is the elevation of the Host and Chalice, which permits all the faithful to adore our Lord. The practice of the elevation of the Host after the consecration of the bread dates back to the late 12th century to the bishop of Paris, Eudes of Sully, in order to permit the faithful to see the Host, to adore our Lord, and to renew their faith in the Real Presence in the face of those who denied it. This practice also counters the argument that our Lord is only present on the altar after the second consecration of the Chalice.

The elevation of the Chalice dates from the 14th century. The genuflections at the consecration date to the 11th century. The ringing of the bells, in order to bring attention to the consecration, dates from the 13th century. There has been a general development of the liturgy throughout the centuries, but the essential core has always remained unchanged.

There is also the custom of ringing one of the exterior church bells to announce to the faithful in the village who are not present at the liturgy that the consecration is taking place. It was often the custom that when this bell, which is called the Sanctus Bell, is heard, the faithful would pause in silence and bow toward the church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Charles Van Vliet.

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Christmas

12:00 a.m. Midnight Masses:
High Mass in chapel
Low Mass at St. Michael Shrine (overflow), dress warm
7:30 a.m. ("at risk"), Low Mass
8:30 a.m., Low Mass
10:00 a.m., High Mass
5:30 p.m., Low Mass

Sunday, December 27

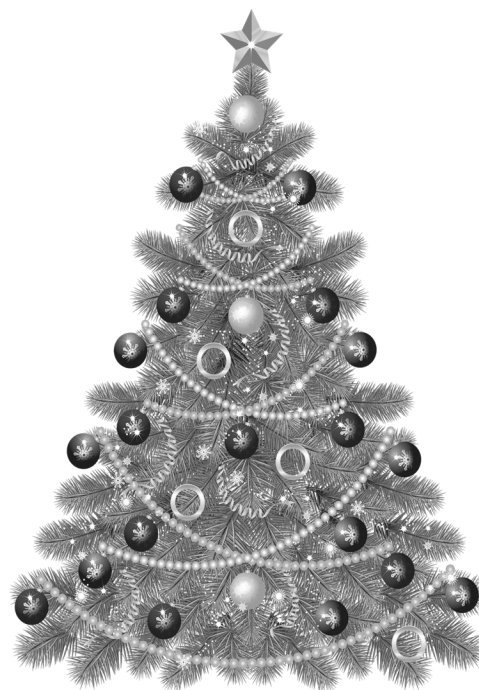
7:00 a.m. ("at risk"), Low Mass
8:15 a.m., Low Mass
10:30 a.m., High Mass
2:00 p.m., Low Mass
5:30 p.m., Low Mass

Thursday, December 31

7:00 p.m., Low Mass
11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 1, 2021
Octave Day of Christmas

7:00 a.m. ("at risk"), Low Mass
8:15 a.m., Low Mass
10:30 a.m., High Mass
5:30 p.m., Low Mass
First Friday devotion said privately.



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, 100% PLEDGED/GIFTED. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. 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!

KC TAMALE SALE TODAY, \$10/DOZEN

TODAY:

- ~ Booklets of devotional practices for those who consecrated to Jesus through Mary are on hall table for pick up. Provided by Legion of Mary.
~ 2021 Stewardship envelopes are on the hall tables for pick up.

Saturday, January 2

7:30 a.m., Low Mass
First Saturday devotion after Mass

Sunday, January 3

7:00 a.m. ("at risk"), Low Mass
8:15 a.m., Low Mass
10:30 a.m., High Mass
2:00 p.m., Low Mass
5:30 p.m., Low Mass

Tuesday, January 5

6:00 p.m., Blessing of Epiphany Water
7:00 p.m. (approx.), Low Mass

Wednesday, January 6
Epiphany of the Lord

6:30 a.m., Low Mass
7:00 p.m., High Mass

December 20, 2020, Fourth 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 20-26, 2020

Sun., 12/20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Ann & Raj Harkoo †
8:15 a.m., Private intention
10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
2:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Carolita Curiano, successful surgery & speedy recovery

Mon., 12/21, St. Thomas

6:30 a.m., Agnes Johnson

Tues., 12/22, Greater Feria of Advent

* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**
7:00 p.m., Theresa Phan †

Wed., 12/23, Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., Stephen Ray Richardson †
* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 12/24, Vigil of Christmas

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention
9:00 a.m., Private intention
7:00 p.m., **CANCELLED**

Fri., 12/25, The Nativity of Our Lord

12:00 a.m. Midnight Masses:
(High) *in chapel*, Pro Populo
(Low) *at St. Michael Shrine* (overflow; dress warm), Private intention
7:30 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Ediberto Salvador †
8:30 a.m., Private intention
10:00 a.m., (High), Joseph Nguyen †
5:30 p.m., Michael Samuel †

Sat., 12/26, St. Stephen

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention
7:30 a.m., Brent & Dinelle Cassim †

* 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.