

January 10, 2021, The Holy Family

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 44: The Canon, Memento for the Deceased*

"Remember, O Lord, your servants, who have gone before us marked with the sign of the faith...." In the first part of the Canon, we prayed for the Church Militant here on earth with the "Te igitur" and the "Memento" for the living prayers. We also invoked the Church Triumphant in heaven with the "Communicantes" prayer. Now we pray for the Church Suffering, the souls in purgatory. At this point the priest pauses to pray for the souls in particular for whom the Mass is being offered, if it was for a deceased person, but also for all those who are dear to him that have gone to their eternal reward. At a High Mass, the master of ceremonies (MC) steps back a little, as he did at the memento for the living, so he cannot hear the names that the priest might be whispering to himself.

The priest bows his head while praying for the souls of the faithful departed and this is a sign that the faithful should pray for those who are dear to them. We should not forget to remember the souls who have been most abandoned. The souls in purgatory can no longer pray for themselves and any prayers that we offer to them will be greatly appreciated. If we help release a soul from purgatory, we will have a dear friend in heaven to intercede for us while we are still in this vale of tears.

That purgatory exists is a truth of the Faith defined at the Councils of Lyon (1274), Florence (1439) and Trent (1563). The "mark of the sign of Faith" is the character of a child of God that was received at baptism. The place of refreshment, light and peace to which we pray for these souls to be released is, of course, the full beatific vision in heaven, where there will be no more suffering and where we will see God face to face. The custom of praying for the souls in purgatory can be traced back to the Old Testament in the books of the Maccabees.

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.

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

Calendars can also be ordered online at FSSP Publications.

### *Eagle Scout Project for the St. Michael Shrine*

Thomas Pham is presenting his Eagle Scout project this Sunday to add fencing and landscaping around the St. Michael Shrine. Stop by his display to see the proposed project and learn about the plans. Please consider donating funds for the project and or volunteering to assist with the work. Work days will be Saturday, January 16 and Saturday, January 23.

### TODAY:

- ~ Families not receiving an Epiphany home blessing with a priest can do their own home blessings any day during the eight days of Epiphany. Blessed chalk and booklets for the blessing are on the hall table.
- ~ CCD resumes.
- ~ 2021 Stewardship envelopes are on the hall tables for pick up.

Fri., Jan. 15, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Sat., Jan. 16, 5 p.m., Legion of Mary Patrician's Meeting open to all. An open discussion on the Faith directed by Fr. Van Vliet. Topic: Indulgences.

Fri., Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m., Women's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all women.

Sun., Feb. 7, Sale of religious wood carvings from the Holy Land after the Masses. Proceeds benefit the Melkite Catholic church in Bethlehem and in Houston. The Houston community is building St. Barbara Melkite Church, the first Melkite Catholic church in Texas.

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

### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

January 10 - 16, 2021

#### Sun., 1/10, The Holy Family

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Special intention of Robert A. Setele

8:15 a.m., Private intention

10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo

2:00 p.m., Private intention

5:30 p.m., Nicolasa Sanchez, health

#### Mon., 1/11, St. Hyginus

6:30 a.m., Johnny Saldua, Jr.

#### Tues., 1/12, Mass of 1st Sunday after Epiphany

\* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

7:00 p.m., Ramos Family, health

#### Wed., 1/13, Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

\* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

#### Thurs., 1/14, St. Hilary

\* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**

7:00 p.m., Consuelo Samudio Ortiz

#### Fri., 1/15, St. Paul

6:30 a.m., James Leo

#### Sat., 1/16, St. Marcellus

\* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**

7:30 a.m., Tammy Coffeen †

\* 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.*  
legionofmaryrcp@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.