

January 31, 2021, Septuagesima Sunday

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 48: The Canon, Per Ipsum

"By Him and with Him and in Him are ever given to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory, world without end." This doxology prayer brings the Canon to a fitting conclusion. Our Lord joins us to His Sacrifice and we should willingly unite ourselves to this act by which He offers Himself to the Father to give Him all the glory and honor. Our Lord died on the Cross in obedience to the Father and we should also offer our daily sacrifices to the Father in union with the Sacrifice of Christ.

The final "Amen," though said quietly by the priest, should also be our heartfelt expression of this union to Christ in His Sacrifice. Our Lord is the unique mediator between God and men. By Him present in the Host, we can give glory to God. With Him, we can do all things for He said: "without Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). In Him, we are members of His Mystical Body, the Church, and only by being in Him can we bear fruit. The Holy Ghost is the link in the Trinity, for He is the spirit of love, and it is love that unites while hatred divides. All good things come from God and so all glory should go to Him. This is the end of the liturgy and this should be the purpose of our life, to always give glory to God.

There are three Signs of the Cross that are made with the host over the chalice and two Signs of the Cross made in front of the chalice. The ones over the chalice represent the resurrection, whereby the Body is brought close to the Blood, which symbol will be seen even more strongly later with the placing of a particle of the host in the chalice. The first three Signs of the Cross point to our Lord, while the latter two point to the Father and Holy Ghost. The three persons of the Holy Trinity are at work in our redemption on Calvary and at the Mass. This prayer concludes with the minor elevation, which is contrasted to the major elevation after each consecration.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

May God reward you!

2020 Donation Acknowledgement Letters have been mailed. You may receive 1 or 2 letters. The parish sends a letter for stewardship donations and the Fraternity sends a letter for capital campaign donations. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns about the letter(s) you receive.

Announcements

NEW POLICY - RELIGIOUS ITEMS TO BE BLESSED.

Items will be blessed on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

- ~ The cart for placing items to be blessed will **only** be available on the days leading up to the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. **Please do not leave items to be blessed if the "To Be Blessed" cart is not there.**
- ~ Please place your name on every item to be blessed and group your items according to type (i.e., rosaries, medals, crucifixes, etc.)
- ~ Please pick up your items promptly on the day of the blessing or by the end of the last Sunday Mass the next day.

The next blessing of religious items will be Saturday, Feb. 13.

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.

The Legion of Mary is planning another *Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary* for Thursday, Mar. 25. The 33-day preparatory exercise will start Saturday, Feb. 20. Those interested should visit the Legion of Mary table for materials and more details.

Those who consecrated on Dec. 8, 2020 can renew on the same day in 2021.

Tues., Feb. 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

- ~ 9 a.m., Low Mass.
- ~ 7 p.m., Blessing of candles followed by procession (weather permitting) and Candlemas.

You may bring candles to be blessed for devotional use at home. Please try to have the candles in the designated area near the altar by 6:45 p.m. Candles should be unscented and preferably contain at least 51% beeswax. More information on the parish website.

Wed., Feb. 3, St. Blaise, Low Masses: 6:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Blessing of throats after each Mass.

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.



Please check the hall table to see if you have a 2021 boxed envelope set to pick up. If you do not need stewardship envelopes, please contact the parish office so that our files can be updated. Donations may be dropped off at the church, mailed to the parish or made online on the parish website. Thank you for your support!

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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 31 - Feb. 6, 2021

Sun., 1/31, Septuagesima Sunday

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Joselyn Hernandez
8:15 a.m., Private intention
10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo
2:00 p.m., Private intention
5:30 p.m., Aloysius Lourdes Reddy Kodathala †

Mon., 2/1, St. Ignatius of Antioch

6:30 a.m., Janice Blasio †

Tues., 2/2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

* 9:00 a.m., Private invention
7:00 p.m., Blessing of Candles, followed by
Candlemas, Donald Perez †

Wed., 2/3, St. Blaise

6:30 a.m., Paul Tschosik †
* 9:00 a.m., Private invention

Thurs., 2/4, St. Andrew Corsini

* 6:30 a.m., Private invention
7:00 p.m., Johnny Saldua, Jr., healing of stomach

Fri., 2/5, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Parents of Taylor & Connie Green †
7:00 p.m., Grandparents of Taylor & Connie
Green †, followed by **First Friday devotion**

Sat., 2/6, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* 6:30 a.m., Private invention
7:30 a.m., Ancestors of Taylor & Connie Green,
followed by **First Saturday devotion**

* 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.