

February 21, 2021, First Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 51: The Pater Noster, Part 2

The Lord's Prayer begins with the endearing expression of "Father" to inspire confidence and love in those who pray and ask anything of God, for what is sweeter than the name Father for conveying the idea of indulgence and tenderness (*Catechism of the Council of Trent*). He is our Father for creating us, providing for us and even assigning a guardian angel to watch over us. He is particularly our Father for sending His only begotten Son to redeem us.

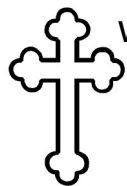
St. Ambrose says "He is Father in a special manner only of Christ and for us He is the common Father, since He only engendered Christ and us He created." St. Cyprian points out that the new man who is born again through baptism is made a son of God by grace, since he is now a son. This effect of baptism is only possible through our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross, whereby the sacraments receive their efficacy.

If we keep these things in mind, there will be duties that flow from them, duties of love, reverence, obedience and respect to Him who has created us and watches over us. We must be careful, however, not to think that God's watchfulness over us is going to be tied to prosperity and success or that trials and adversities are a sign that He is not well disposed to us. One look at a crucifix should dispel these thoughts since He allowed His only begotten Son to suffer at our hands so we can be redeemed. We too will have to suffer to make reparation for our sins and those of others. God chastises sinners so as to improve them by this lesson and He inflicts temporal punishments to deliver them from eternal torments.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.
every Friday in Lent

*Plenary indulgence
may be gained.*

KC Fish Fry to Go!
every Friday in Lent
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Adult plate: \$8 Children under 12: \$5



Laws of Discipline (fasting and abstinence) Now and 1962

See homepage of parish website.

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.

- ~ Items to be blessed may be left the Sunday through Friday prior to the date of the blessing. 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. 27.

2021 DSF WALK IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST - PARISH GOAL: \$15,000.

DSF funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is required to meet its goal and a shortfall is financed out of operating cash. The home page of our website has a direct link to the Archdiocesan webpage that provides information on the programs funded by DSF and allows for online donations. You can also pick up a pledge card/envelope off the hall table. Please specify Regina Caeli Parish when you make your donation so the parish gets credit. Thank you for supporting DSF.

TODAY:

- ~ Please welcome back Fr. Rock, who is here on temporary assignment from Phoenix.
- ~ Please visit the Legion of Mary table for information and materials if you intend to make or renew a Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Thurs., March 25th. The preparatory exercise began Sat. Feb. 20.

Mon., Feb. 22, Chair of St. Peter, 6:30 a.m. Low Mass. Plenary indulgence may be gained by members of the Confraternity of St. Peter. More information on the parish website.

Fri., Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m., Women's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all women.

Sat., Feb. 27, blessing of religious items after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. More information above.

2021 boxed envelope sets have been moved to the table in the large meeting room.

If you do not need stewardship envelopes, please contact the parish office so that our files can be updated. Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity! Your gifts support parish operations and construction. Donations may be dropped off at the church, mailed or made online via the parish website.

Lenten Food Drive Benefiting the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Panty

Wed., Feb. 17 - Passion Sun., Mar. 21

Please drop off nonperishable food in the bins in the hallway. Sponsored by the Little Flowers Group.

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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

February 21 - 27, 2021

Sun., 2/21, First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Ms. Chang, heath and conversion

8:15 a.m., Private intention

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

2:00 p.m., Private intention

5:30 p.m., Brandon & Wen Wang, marriage

Mon., 2/22, Chair of St. Peter

6:30 a.m., Wen Wang, healing from cancer

Tues., 2/23, Feria of Lent

* 9:00 a.m., Personal intention

7:00 p.m., Living & deceased Edwards children

Wed., 2/24, St. Matthias

6:30 a.m., Ludwina Hummel Tschosik †

* 9:00 a.m., Personal intention

Thurs., 2/25, Feria of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Personal intention

7:00 p.m., Barbara Pertuso

Fri., 2/26, Ember Friday

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

6:30 p.m., **Way of the Cross**

Sat., 2/27, Ember Saturday

* 6:30 a.m., Personal intention

7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

* 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.

Regina Caeli Parish

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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.