

May 2, 2021, Fourth Sunday after Easter

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 60: The Libera Nos, Part 2*

Last week we discussed the content of the Libera Nos. This week we will look at the liturgical action that takes place, its historical development and its signification.

During the Libera Nos, the priest uncovers the paten, which, at a Low Mass, has been "hidden" halfway under the corporal and covered with the purificator. At a High Mass, the paten is held in the humeral veil by the subdeacon. The priest takes the purificator and quickly purifies the paten, then takes it by the edge, resting it on the altar. He says the Libera Nos silently and, after the words "et omnibus Sanctis," makes the sign of the cross with the paten, kisses it and slips it under the consecrated host that has been resting on the corporal.

The Libera Nos is very ancient, dating to before the time of St. Gregory the Great (+604). St. Gregory was a legate in Constantinople before he was elevated to the papacy and the Eastern Rite influenced some of the changes he made to the liturgy, such as placing the Pater Noster in its present location in the Mass. St. Andrew was likely added to the prayer by St. Gregory since St. Andrew is particularly venerated in the East and adding his name after Ss. Peter and Paul shows a sign of friendship with the Eastern Church.

The uncovering of the paten during the Libera Nos is tied to the ceremony of the intinction which takes place after the prayer. There was a custom of taking a particle of the host from the Bishop's Mass and mingling it with the hosts of the Mass being celebrated by the priest to show the unity of the sacrifice. It would be at this time that the host was brought forward, so the paten is uncovered at the Low Mass (or brought to the altar by the subdeacon at the High Mass) in memory of that ceremony.

The sign of the cross with the paten points to the sacrifice that has taken place on the altar and is present in the Eucharist on the corporal. The paten is kissed since it will be receiving the Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

*Congratulations to our First Communicants!*

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.

## Announcements

### RELIGIOUS ITEMS TO BE BLESSED.

Items will be blessed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

2021 DSF CAMPAIGN, 20% FUNDED. PARISH GOAL: \$15,000 PLEDGED/GIFTED: 3,060.

Every parish must 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 DSF and allows online donations. You can also pick up a donation form off the hall table. Please specify Regina Caeli Parish when you make your donation so the parish gets credit. Thank you for supporting DSF!

DRESS CODE REMINDER. As the weather warms up, please keep in mind the dress code posted at the entrance to the chapel and on the bulletin board and parish website. This is a place of worship where God is present. Our dress and demeanor should reflect this.



The KCs are accepting pre-orders of BBQ for pick up on  
Sunday, May 30!  
Brisket \$85

Contact John Wiechkoske, 713-208-7592, or Vince Dominic, 281-455-6737.

Last day to order is Tues., May 25.

### **TODAY:**

- ~ 9:30 a.m., Crowning of Mary followed by High Mass.
- ~ Cake reception in honor of First Communicants after Mass.

Fri., May 7, First Friday. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. First Friday devotion follows evening Mass.

Sat., May 8:

- ~ Blessing of religious items after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. More information above
- ~ Parish Wide Workday, 9:00 a.m. Open to all who want to help maintain the property. Contact Matt Anderson, [workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org](mailto:workcrew@reginacaeliparish.org) for more information.

Thurs., May 13, Ascension of the Lord. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please be careful not to bring mud into the building, most especially the chapel. Please avoid muddy area and scrape mud off your shoes before entering the premises. Thank you!

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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

May 2- 8, 2021

#### Sun., 5/2, Fourth Sunday after Easter

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Ruth & Arrel Carrier †  
8:15 a.m., Private intention  
10:30 a.m., (High), Pro Populo  
2:00 p.m., Private intention  
5:30 p.m., Francisco Bermudez Olivas/birthday

#### Mon., 5/3, Finding of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., A.C. & Agnes Soukup †

#### Tues., 5/4, St. Monica

\* 9:00 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., George S. Fry †

#### Wed., 5/5, St. Pius V

6:30 a.m., George S. Fry †  
\* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Thurs., 5/6, St. John Before the Latin Gate

\* 6:30 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., Deanna & Mary Grace Sneed

#### Fri., 5/7, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Jackie Fry, children & grandchildren  
7:00 p.m., Peter Tran †, followed by **First Friday** devotions

#### Sat., 5/8, Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces

\* 6:30 a.m., Private intention  
7:30 a.m., Peter Tran †

\* Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.



### Parish Organizations

Altar Guild - Juana Maria Olvera  
*Meets third 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, 9:30 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. William Rock  
*Meets third Friday of month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

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.