

May 16, 2021, Sunday after Ascension

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 62: The Agnus Dei and Sacrifice, Part 1

The Agnus Dei is a prayer that entered the Roman liturgy in the West from the Eastern usage by Pope St. Sergius I (+701), a native of Antioch. In the Early Church when they had the processions from the “collect church” to the “stational church”, the various litanies would be sung, in which the Agnus Dei was a part of the prayer, as it is today. It is quite likely from this practice that the prayer entered the liturgy, first in the East and then in the West.

Agnus Dei is the name given to Christ by St. John the Baptist. It signifies a victim offered to God to expiate sin, just as the lambs that the Jews sacrificed in the Old Testament were consumed at the Passover. This image of the slaughtered lamb was a prefigurement of the sacrifice of Christ.

After addressing Christ as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world, we ask Him for mercy because we are sinners in need of forgiveness. This is why we strike our breast at each of these invocations, which recalls the actions of the publican standing afar, who “would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven, but struck his breast saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13).

The third invocation ends with “grant us peace”. This was added in the 11th century because of all the serious troubles there were at the time and it was kept ever since. This peace that we pray for is the result of a pure conscience. On Holy Thursday the *miserere nobis* is used a third time because the Passion of our Lord has begun.

Sincerely in Christ



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Important Changes to Note

Effective May 9, collections are taken up at Sunday Masses.

Effective May 11, Mass times are 6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
This schedule will be revised when Tower of David resumes in the fall.

Effective today, the Bookstore Kiosk re-opens!
Located in the short hallway, it will be open 9:15-10:25 a.m.

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 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.

2021 DSF CAMPAIGN, 20% FUNDED. PARISH GOAL: \$15,000 PLEDGED/GIFTED: 3,085.

Learn more and make online donations by clicking on the DSF link on the home page of our website or pick up a donation form off the hall table. Please specify Regina Caeli Parish when donating so the parish gets credit. If goal is not met, the parish pays the difference. 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.

Today, Second collection: Catholic Communications

Fri., May 21:

- ~ 6:30 p.m., Youth Group meeting cancelled. This meeting was held last Sat., May 15.
- ~ 7-9 p.m., Men’s Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Sat., May 22, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass:

- ~ Blessing of religious items. More information above.
- ~ Altar server practice. This practice replaces the Sat., May 15th, practice that was cancelled due to the re-scheduled Youth Group meeting.
- ~ 9:30 a.m., Floral workshop, last session. To learn more, contact Elvia Leyva, elvialeyva@protonmail.com.

Sun., May 23, Pentecost Sunday. Plenary indulgence may be gained. More information on parish website.

Fri., May 28, 7-9 p.m., Women’s Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all women.

Please be careful not to bring mud into the building, most especially the chapel. Thank you!



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.

May 16, 2021, Sunday after Ascension

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

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

May 16– 22, 2021

Sun., 5/16, Sunday after Ascension

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), King Ivey †

8:15 a.m., Private intention

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

2:00 p.m., Private intention

5:30 p.m., King Ivey †

Mon., 5/17, St. Paschal Baylon

6:30 a.m., King Ivey †

Tues., 5/18, St. Venantius

* **New Time!** 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory

Wed., 5/19, St. Peter Celestine

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 5/20, St. Bernardine of Siena

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Special intention for Alexis Saldua

Fri., 5/21, Votive Mass of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., Special intention for Alexis Saldua

Sat., 5/22, Vigil of Pentecost

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., Special intention for Susan Tarantino

* 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

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Pastor: Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Priest in residence: Rev. William Rock, FSSP

pastor@reginacaeliparish.org

frwrock@reginacaeliparish.org

8121 Breen Dr., Houston, Texas 77064

Telephone: 832-328-0876

Hours: Mon. & Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Website: reginacaeliparish.org

Email: office@reginacaeliparish.org

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.