

September 5, 2021, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 75: Purification of the Fingers of the Priest

The priest will purify his fingers once the wine has been consumed from the chalice along with any particles that were gathered from the paten and ciborium. Until this is done, the priest holds his thumb and index finger together lest any particles that may be on them are lost. The priest takes the chalice – or the ciborium if there is one to be purified – and holds it with his thumbs and index fingers held over the chalice so that the wine and water that is poured on his fingers by the altar server will wash these particles into the cup of the chalice. While doing this, the priest recites the following prayer: “May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my inmost parts, and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom these pure and holy sacraments have refreshed.”

As our body has received the Body and Blood of our Savior and He cleaves to our inmost parts, so should our intellect and will cleave to our Savior. If we sin, we separate ourselves from Him and so, with the reception of this sacrament, we should desire that all trace of sin be removed and our nature be restored. This prayer dates from the 7th century in Gaul. In earlier times, there existed rites for the purification of the faithful, which disappeared when communion was only given under one species on the tongue.

After consuming the water and wine in the chalice, the priest uses the purificator to dry the chalice and ciborium, then builds up the chalice like it was at the beginning of Mass. The purificator is placed over the chalice, then the paten followed by the pall. The corporal is folded and placed in the burse, the chalice veil is placed over the chalice, and the burse is placed on top.

In the meantime, the altar servers have transferred the missal back to the epistle side of the altar where the priest will read the communion antiphon.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for our 4th Annual

Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 30, 2021

12 noon-8 p.m.

It's the 10th Anniversary of the Houston Apostolate! Let's celebrate!

Please help make this festival a success! Sign up online on our 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.

BOOKSTORE KIOSK. Open Sundays, 9:15-10:25 a.m. Located in the short hallway.

GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY. Legion of Mary, Mon., 7-9 p.m.; Troops of St. George, Tues. 7-8:30 p.m.; St. Philomena Toddler Group, Wed., 10:15 a.m.; Junior Legion of Mary, Sat., 10-11 a.m.

2021 DSF CAMPAIGN, 55.6% FUNDED. PARISH GOAL: \$15,000; PLEDGED/GIFTED: \$8,385.

Online donations may be made 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, written in English and Spanish, which is posted at the entrance to the chapel and on the bulletin board. It is also on the parish website. This is a place of worship where God is present. Our dress and demeanor should reflect this.



NEW! First Day of Sunday CCD will be Sept. 19.

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas.
- ~ Bookstore kiosk closed. Opens again next Sun., Sept. 12.
- ~ Parents: a list of CCD books, by class level with links to suggested purchase sites, is on the parish website and bulletin board. Please purchase your child's books for Sunday CCD, which begins next Sun., Sept. 19.
- ~ Pick up your preordered brisket from the KCs, 8 a.m.-12 Noon.

Tues., Sept. 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George, first meeting of fall 2021. Open to fathers and sons, ages 7-18 years. Learn more at www.reginacaelitroops.org.

Fri., Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting.

Sat., Sept. 11:

- ~ Blessing of religious items after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. More information above.
- ~ 9 a.m., Parish Wide Work Day. Open to all who want to help maintain the property.
- ~ 9:15-11 a.m., Little Flowers meets in large meeting room. Open to Moms and girls, ages 5-10 years.
- ~ 9:30 a.m., Altar Server practice. All servers are requested to attend this practice. Minors should be accompanied by a parent/guardian as policies will be presented and there will be paperwork to fill out. If you cannot attend, please inform the head MC so an alternate meeting time can be arranged.
- ~ 10-11 a.m., Junior Legion of Mary meets in the small meeting room. Open to youth who have received First Communion up to 17 years of age.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sept. 5 – Sept. 11, 2021

Sun., 9/5, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass, **masks mandatory**),
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., Maria Eugenia de Lobaton †

Mon., 9/6, Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., Wanda Dominic †

Tues., 9/7, Votive Mass of the Holy Angels

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., LaNell Witkowski †

Wed., 9/8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Aubrey Wingate

* 9:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 9/9, St. Peter Claver

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Maria de la Cruz Gonzalez †

Fri., 9/10, St. Nicholas of Tolentino

6:30 a.m., Maria de la Cruz Gonzalez †

Sat., 9/11, Saturday of Our Lady

* 6:30 a.m., Private 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

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 2nd & 4th Saturday of month, 9:30-11:30 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 - Mary Catharine Maxian

mcmxian@gmail.com; see website for details.

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.

Youth Group - Rev. William Rock

Meets third Saturday of month, 9:30-11:30 a.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 click Groups/
Ministries on the parish website.

St. Joseph Hour for Holiness for men over 18 years
struggling with sins against purity. Contact Fr. Van
Vliet by email.

Tower of David - Amy Podraza,
director.towerofdavid@gmail.com.

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 - *The Masses listed below are the public Masses. See full Mass schedule on back page.*

Sundays 7:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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.

**Happy Labor Day
Weekend!**