

October 31, 2021, Christ the King

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 82: Final Blessing, conclusion*

Current practice is for the simple priest to give a blessing at the end of the Mass in a single sign of the cross. First the priest places his hands on the altar and kisses it; next, lifting his hands and forming a circle as he does so, he says: "May almighty God bless you"; and, as he turns to the faithful, continues: "the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost." The faithful respond: "Amen."

The action of venerating the altar first is a sort of borrowing from Christ the benediction that is to be given to the faithful. The priest begins this blessing facing the altar that represents Christ and the image of the crucifix there reminds us of the source of grace that we receive. The priest's hands extended to heaven forming the circle is an invocation for grace to descend upon us. It has always been the custom to kneel, if we are able to do so, to receive the blessing from the bishop or priest.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



### NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO POOR SOULS

**Mon.-Mon., Nov. 1-8**, Plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls in Purgatory, may be gained.

*Granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed, provided the usual conditions are met. More details about the indulgence is on our website.*

**In light of the continuing pandemic**, the Apostolic Penitentiary has decreed that this indulgence will be granted on any eight days in November chosen by the individual. The days do not need to be consecutive. More information about the decree is on our website.

**Mon., Nov. 1**, All Saints, Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Tues., Nov. 2**, All Souls, Mass times (all Low): 6:15 a.m., 7 a.m., 9:20 a.m., 12 Noon, 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Fri., Nov. 5**, Mass for deceased members of the FSSP & Confraternity of St. Peter (CSP): 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7 p.m. (High).

## 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.

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

**GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY.** Legion of Mary, Mon., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Tower of David, Tues., 8:30-2:20 p.m.; St. Philomena Toddler Group, Wed., 10-12:30 p.m.; Junior Legion of Mary, Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Catechism in Spanish, Thurs., 8-9 p.m.

**2021 DSF CAMPAIGN, 67.6% FUNDED.** PARISH GOAL: \$15,000; PLEDGED/GIFTED: \$10,145.

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.** 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.

*Special Thanks to the  
Festival Committee & Volunteers!*

### TODAY:

- ~ The Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be recited after every Mass. A plenary indulgence may be gained. More information on our parish website.
- ~ Poor Souls Remembrance. If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones placed on the altar during the All Souls Masses on Nov. 2, please write their names on the sheets provided on the hall table and place in the basket. No stipend, please; the priest cannot accept it.

Mon., Nov. 1: All Saints:

- ~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The USCCB dispensed the obligation for this holy day because it falls on Monday; however, we encourage you to attend.
- ~ Legion of Mary meeting CANCELLED.

Tues., Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting.

**NEW TIME!** Wed., Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., Junior Legion of Mary meeting in large room. Open to youth who have received First Communion up to 17 years of age.

Fri., Nov. 5, **33-Day Exercise for Total Consecration to Mary** begins. The consecration will occur at the end of each Mass on Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Those who consecrated on Mar. 25 can renew on the same day in 2022. All materials and information are online on the parish website. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

Sun., Nov. 7, Daylight savings time ends. Roll clocks back an hour.

Fr. Van Vliet will be out of town to preach a retreat from Nov. 8-19.

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Oct. 31 – Nov. 6, 2021

### Sun., 10/31, Christ the King

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m., Private intention

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

2:00 p.m., Private intention

5:30 p.m., Thanksgiving/Harkoo Family

### Mon., 11/1, All Saints

6:30 a.m., Shirley Strubing †

7:00 p.m., Thanksgiving/Harkoo Family

### Tues., 11/2, Commemoration of All Souls

6:15 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

7:00 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

9:20 a.m., Melanie Byrd †

12:00 Noon, Anna Vu †

12:45 p.m., Holy Father's intentions

7:00 p.m., Holy Father's intentions

### Wed., 11/3, Daily Mass for the Dead

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †

\* 9:00 a.m., Private Intention

### Thurs., 11/4, St. Charles Borromeo

\* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Deceased Grant & Johnson family members

### Fri., 11/5, Daily Mass for the Dead

6:30 a.m., Deceased FSSP & CSP members

7:00 p.m., (High), Deceased FSSP & CSP members, followed by **First Friday devotion**

### Sat., 11/6

6:30 a.m., Daily Mass for the Dead, Rev. Ryan †

7:30 a.m., Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Taylor Green/Birthday, followed by **First Saturday devotion**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 6:30 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 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.