

November 21, 2021, 24th (Last) Sunday after Pentecost

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 85: The Last Gospel, Part 3*

The first words of the Prologue of St. John are as follows: "In principio erat Verbum" – "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). It is important to note that beginning here is not about the beginning of God or the Word but the beginning of created things. The Holy Trinity has no beginning. It simply "is" as God said when He told Moses what to call Him: "I am who am" (Exodus 3:14). When God created everything, He was. In creating everything, He did not change. Change was only possible once created things existed, and so time, which is the measurement of change, only began with creation. Therefore, when the evangelist says that "in the beginning was the Word," he means that when God created everything, the Word already was.

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity is called the Word, or, in the Greek, the Logos, which can signify not only the exterior word, but also, and more appropriately in this context, the interior word or thought. It symbolizes or even personifies Wisdom, which is at the foundation of all things made by God. Thus, the Gospel continues, "and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). We also understand here that the Word is with the Father, indicating that He is indeed another distinct person, though of the same nature and substance as the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



(Though the turkey might not.)

## 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, 75.8% FUNDED. PARISH GOAL: \$15,000; PLEDGED/GIFTED: \$11,370.

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.

*Fr. Rock will be on holidays, Nov. 22-27.*

Private Masses are cancelled this week. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

TODAY:

- ~ Bake Sale after the Masses. Sponsored by Maiden Wreath, a group for girls, ages 11-14. Maiden Wreath is an extension of Little Flowers.
- ~ Bookstore Kiosk is closed. Kiosk will re-open Dec. 5.
- ~ KC is selling raffle tickets. \$5 each/\$20 for packet of 5 tickets. Drawing will be held on Dec. 19. Proceeds benefit the capital campaign.
- ~ Tower of David continues to accept pie orders for pick up Fri., Dec. 17. Place your order on the sign up sheet on the hall table and drop your check in the box. Last day to order is Dec. 5.

Tues., Nov. 23, Tower of David classes CANCELLED. Classes resume Nov. 30.

Wed., Nov. 24:

- ~ 12 Noon-6 p.m., Pick up your pre-ordered smoked turkey.
- ~ 6:30 p.m., Junior Legion of Mary meeting CANCELLED.

Thurs., Nov 25, Thanksgiving Day:

- ~ 9 a.m., Low Mass.
- ~ 7 p.m., Mass and Catechism Class in Spanish are CANCELLED.

Fri., Nov. 26, 7 p.m., Women's Recollection CANCELLED.

Sat., Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m., High Mass Altar Server Practice CANCELLED.

Sun., Nov. 28, CCD classes CANCELLED. Classes resume Dec. 5.

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Nov. 21 – Nov. 27, 2021

### Sun., 11/21, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 a.m. ("at risk" Mass), Harkoo Family, Thanksgiving

8:15 a.m., Private intention

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

2:00 p.m., Private intention

5:30 p.m., Souls in Purgatory

### Mon., 11/22, St. Cecilia

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

### Tues., 11/23, St. Clement I

\* 9:20 a.m., **CANCELLED**

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory

### Wed., 11/24, St. John of the Cross

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

\* 9:00 a.m., **CANCELLED**

### Thurs., 11/25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

\* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**

9:00 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m., **CANCELLED**

### Fri., 11/26 St. Sylvester

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

1:00 p.m., Nuptial Mass: Maria Pena Sulbaran & Adan Elizalde

### Sat., 11/27, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

\* 6:30 a.m., **CANCELLED**

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

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.

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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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.