

July 3, 2016 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 29

At the High Mass after the offering of the chalice and the two apology prayers, incense is used to incense the offerings, altar, priest and all present. The incense is blessed, and so it is a sacramental signifying that it will procure grace for those who use it well. The prayer invokes St. Michael, who stands at the right side of the altar of incense, and all the elect, so that through their intercession, our Lord may deign to receive its sweet fragrance. The sweet fragrance is a biblical expression (e.g. Ex. 29:18) signifying that God accepts the sacrifice. Further, the incense offered by the angels is a symbol of their adoration which rises unceasingly toward God (e.g. Rev. 8:3).

After this beautiful prayer blessing the incense, the priest incenses the bread and wine with another prayer: "May this incense which Thou hast blessed rise up to Thee, O Lord, and may Thy mercy come down upon us". This incensation and prayer has two senses: first, the bread and wine must be as pure as possible since they will become the Body and Blood of our Lord (fire is used to purify); second, we must honor God by giving Him a sweet odor to the things we offer Him. While saying this prayer the priest traces three crosses over the gifts and three circles. After incensing the gifts, the priest incenses the cross, relics (if present) and the altar while reciting part of Psalm 140, which speaks of the offering of our prayers to Him like incense rising to Heaven. And yet, how can our prayers rise to God if we have harsh words for our neighbor?

The sight of the incense rising should give us pause to reflect on our own prayers and need for purification. When the thurifer directs the incense toward the congregation, we should strive to purify ourselves and join our prayers to those of the Mass. St. Thomas Aquinas in the *Summa Theologica* has a beautiful explanation of the use of incense at Mass: "the use of incense has reference to two things: first the reverence due to this sacrament ... secondly, it serves to show the effect of grace, wherewith Christ was filled as with a good odor ... and from Christ it spreads to the faithful by the work of His ministers ... and therefore, when the altar has been incensed on every side, then all are incensed in their proper order." (Pt. III, q. 83, a. 5 ad 2) Grace radiates out from the altar, which represents Christ and where our Savior will be present at the consecration.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Welcome to Regina Caeli Parish.

We appreciate the effort it takes to find and attend the Traditional Latin Mass. May God reward you.

We ask both men and women to respect modesty. The way we dress says something about our values and influences, how we behave and feel. God and His House are important. In His House, we should express this importance by our actions, our reverence, our silence, and most importantly, by the way we dress.

Announcements

Fr. Houck is Here!

Visit with Fr. Houck over Coffee & Donuts
Following the 8 a.m. Mass and Blessing

Fr. Joshua Houck, FSSP was born and raised in Central Michigan and is the eldest of four children. After graduating high school, he entered Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in 2009 and was ordained at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, May 28, 2016 by the Most Reverend Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Lincoln. He offered his First Solemn High Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Omaha the following day. He will be our first parochial vicar.

LAST CHANCE to sign welcome card for Fr. Houck. Will be presented to him after the 11 a.m. Mass

Fr. Van Vliet will be making a short trip home to visit family. A family reunion that was planned some time ago. He will be gone from the 7th to the 15th of this month. Please pray for a safe trip and be kind to Fr. Houck. It will be his first week alone in a parish.

Every Saturday, work at site, 10-4 p.m. Volunteers needed and much appreciated!

DSF donations are mailed directly to the Archdiocese. Please be generous. This is the final year that we receive 100% of the funds donated by those who list Regina Caeli Parish on their DSF forms.

Happy Fourth of July Weekend!

TODAY:

- ~ Fr. Houck will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8 a.m. in the FLC, followed by a blessing of the faithful at the communion rail. The blessing will also be offered after the 11 a.m. Mass. A plenary indulgence may be gained if all the conditions are met. See website for more information.
- ~ Visit with Fr. Houck at the coffee and donut reception

Second collection for Peter's Pence was not announced last Sunday and will be repeated today.

No adult catechism class today. Classes resume July 10 in FLC Rm. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sat., July 16, Boys' altar server practice, 6:30 p.m. in FLC

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment. May God reward you!
Please check the website home page for events Around the Archdiocese.*

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The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar &

Mass Intentions

July 3-July 10, 2016

Sun., 7/3, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m. Mass, Pro Populo

11 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier; requested by Cindy C. Limes

Mon., 7/4 Commemoration of All Holy Popes

6:30 a.m., RIP Ed Sain; by Cody Sain

Tues., 7/5, St. Anthony Mary Zaccariah

6:30 a.m., RIP Mary Otto; by Naomi Miller

Wed., 7/6, St. Maria Goretti

6:30 a.m., RIP Mary Otto; by Naomi Miller

Thurs., 7/7, Sts. Cyril & Methodius

6:30 a.m., RIP Karen Dion; requested by Alice Claire Mansfield

Fri., 7/8, St. Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30 a.m., Intentions of Confraternity of St. Peter; requested by Steve Boss

Sat., 7/9, Saturday of Our Lady

7:30 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel; requested by M. Michel

Sun., 7/10, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m., Pro Populo

11 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel; requested by M. Michel

Directory

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Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email
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Men's Schola

Practice Tuesday nights
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue

Young Adult Group

Contact: To be announced

Youth Group

Contact: Daniel Bui

Regina Caeli Moms

Contact: Jennifer McDonald

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.



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SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.
Blessing of St. Athanasius Chapel Hall*

Followed by a High Mass celebrated by Fr. Van Vliet
in the presence of His Eminence.
Reception afterwards



Mass Schedule

Sundays
8:00 a.m. (High), 11:00 a.m.
Mondays—Fridays
6:30 a.m.
Saturdays
7:30 a.m.

Confessions

30 minutes before each Mass
Confession ends 5 min. before Mass.
Wednesdays and Fridays
5:45-6:45 p.m.