

July 31, 2016 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 33

After the priest has finished the *Suscipe Sancta Trinitas* prayer, while inclined slightly at the center of the altar, he bows more profoundly and kisses the altar, then turns to the faithful as he does for the *Dominus Vobiscum* and says out loud: "*Orate fratres.*" The remainder of the prayer is said silently as the priest turns back to the altar. This prayer varied somewhat in the history of the liturgy. The text we use today dates back to the 9th century. Some of the variations before that had only the two words we say out loud, which might explain why only these two words are still said out loud.

The altar represents Christ, and so it is essentially Jesus who asks us to pray when the priest turns and says the "*Orate Fratres*", just as He had asked the apostles to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. This "*Orate Fratres*" is like a more solemn *Dominus Vobiscum* which concludes the offertory. In the "*Orate Fratres*," the priest uses the expression "my sacrifice and yours" and not "our sacrifice," for though the sacrifice is profitable to the priest and to the faithful, their roles are very different. The priest, with the powers of Holy Orders, acts in the person of Christ, taking His place to offer the sacrifice of the Cross. The faithful are present and unite themselves to the sacrifice as Our Lady and St. John did at the foot of the Cross. The priest takes the place of Christ and speaks the words of consecration the same way that our Savior spoke them on the night before He suffered. The faithful are witnesses to this sacrifice and should strive to unite themselves to it.

The prayer continues with the response of the altar boy: "May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His name, to our own benefit, and to that of all His holy Church." This is like the response "*Et cum spiritu tuo*" but more developed. The Mass is a sacrifice offered for the glory of God. This glory is increased by the sanctity of the faithful and of the whole Church, which the Mass favors. When the priest turns toward the faithful to ask them to pray, he continues the full circle back to the altar. This is the first time he does so at Mass and it is, as Dom Gueranger comments, "like the priest is bidding farewell to the faithful "and to the things of the world as he is about to enter into the great prayer of the Canon, where he becomes an instrument in the hands of Christ .

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

CCD registration continues. Registration forms and class schedule are available at the FLC Table and online. Registration deadline is August 14. Please drop completed registrations in the box on the FLC Table or give to Mrs. Haddox or the parish office. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed to ccd@reginacaeliparish.org.

Mass intentions: Public Masses will be listed in the bulletin; private Masses will not. If you do not need to know when a Mass will be offered, please leave the box unchecked on the Mass intention envelope where it says: "If you want the Mass listed in the church bulletin, check here".

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.

TODAY:

~ Adult catechism class, FLC Rm. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sun., Aug. 14, last day to register for CCD classes

Mon., Aug. 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ 6:30 a.m. Low Mass in FLC

~ 7:30 p.m. High Mass in FLC

Sat., Aug. 20, Boys' altar server practice, 6:30 p.m. in FLC

Please stay current on your pledge commitment.

Check the website for the latest photos and events Around the Archdiocese.



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The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar &

Mass Intentions

July 31-Aug. 7, 2016

Sun., 7/31, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m. Mass, Pro Populo

11 a.m., In Thanksgiving; requested by A. Klepper

Mon., 8/1, St. Peter in Chains

6:30 a.m., RIP Patria V. Tapia; requested by Julio & Josephine Perez Blanco

Tues., 8/2, St. Alphonsus Ligouri

6:30 a.m., RIP Karen Dion; by Betty Bayley

Wed., 8/3, Finding of the Body of St. Stephen

6:30 a.m., RIP Karen Dion; by Betty Bayley

Thurs., 8/4, St. Dominic

6:30 a.m., In Thanksgiving; by A. Klepper

Fri., 8/5, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

6:30 a.m., Douglas Lacey; by Betty Lee White

Sat., 8/6, Transfiguration of Our Lord

7:30 a.m., Douglas Lacey; by Betty Lee White

Sun., 8/7, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m., Pro Populo

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

Directory

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Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email
office@reginacaeliparish.org

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.