

Nov. 20, 2016 - 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 47

The Canon: Consecration. At the words of consecration, our Lord becomes truly present on the altar. At the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, Jesus anticipated in a sacramental fashion the sacrifice that He was to offer the next day on the Cross. At Mass, Jesus, by the hands of the priest, makes this one same sacrifice present on the altar once again. The Mass truly is a sacrifice. With the separate consecration of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord, we have the sacramental – i.e., by means of signs – separation of the Body and Blood of our Savior. When we separate the Blood from the Body, we have death. Thus, by means of signs, we have the separation of the Body and Blood on the altar, and we have the sacramental making present once again of the Sacrifice of Christ.

On the altar, Christ is truly present and always offers Himself to the Father, as He truly offered Himself at Calvary. He no longer suffers with His natural Body when Mass is celebrated, but His glorious Body, which suffered for us, still carries the marks of His crucifixion and Passion. That same love that inspired Him to offer Himself on the Cross continues to be the motive for His sacrifice at each Mass, where the same sacrifice is made present in an unbloody fashion. Our Lord does continue to suffer, however, in His Mystical Body, the Church.

St. Pius X said:

The Sacrifice of the Mass is substantially the same sacrifice of the Cross in that in both the one and the other Jesus Christ is the priest and victim. They differ, however, in the manner in which they are offered. On the Cross, Jesus Christ is offered by pouring out His Blood and meriting for us; while on the altar, He sacrifices Himself without the effusion of blood and He applies the fruits of His Passion and death.

.Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Please stay current on your pledge commitment. May God reward you.

Other Announcements

On the website: October 29 photos of Blessing Ceremony and Mass

On the hallway table: FSSP 2017 Liturgical Calendar, on sale \$13 each, cash or check payable to parish

Also on the table: FSSP Christmas Card Packets for a Novena of Masses for your loved ones. Each packet includes a form to list their names and an envelope for mailing directly to the Fraternity, along with any donation you would like to make.

We're Listening

We appreciate the enthusiasm and kindness everyone is showing while we work on the building and begin establishing full parish operations. As we settle in, parish life can be developed more fully and policies set that will make planning activities a smoother process. Starting the week of November 27, the building will be open during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, as well as 30 minutes before each Mass. More hours will be added soon.

We are on a tight budget, trying to conserve funds for needed expansion and to retire debt, while also covering the yet unestablished operating costs. Several FSSP apostolates have families and individuals that volunteer to clean the facilities, including restrooms, and we would like to implement a similar program (see the volunteer section below). The Altar Society, once established, will be responsible for the sanctuary and sacristy areas.

Some concerns have been raised concerning the Sunday Masses and CCD, which we are trying to address. The Parish Council will meet in early December to discuss these concerns and possible solutions. Please be patient with us in the interim. We welcome your constructive comments on this and any other subject. Please pass them back to Parish Council members Michael Charba, Paul Grant, Juana Maria Olvera, Anthony Saiz or John Wiechkoske. You may also email office@reginacaeliparish.org.

We are listening. We want this parish to be your spiritual home, inviting and holy. We will try to accommodate concerns and programs whenever possible.

Announcements

Fr. Van Vliet will be on retreat, leaving Sunday Nov. 27 and returning Friday, Dec. 9. There will be no private Masses during his absence. Please pray for a safe trip and be kind to Fr. Houck while he is gone.

Today: Regina Caeli Moms Group invites all families in the parish to join them today in a "bring your own picnic basket" lunch on the parish grounds after CCD ends.

Thurs., Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day. The public Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. In addition, there will be a 6:30 a.m. private Mass.

Sun., Nov. 27, Thanksgiving weekend, no CCD. CCD resumes Dec. 4.

Volunteers needed. Can you help?

Clean up crews for the building. Please sign up at the table if you can volunteer to do a general tidy-up of the hallways and classrooms and clean the restrooms after CCD ends on Sundays or after the last Mass if CCD is not in session. We are looking for a rotating group of families or individuals who can take on this responsibility one Sunday of each month. Since we are asking volunteers to pitch in and save us janitorial costs, we further ask that any group using the facilities after CCD for a reception or group meeting take on the cleaning responsibilities for that Sunday. Groups who meet during the week at our facilities are asked to do a general cleanup, including a check of the bathrooms, and everyone is asked to be considerate when using our facilities.

Counting collections. If you available to count collections after any of the Sunday Masses, please contact Michael Charba at office@reginacaeliparish.org.

Saturday workdays. Work, under the direction of Fr. Van Vliet, continues on the grounds, including finishing the fencing on the property, grounds maintenance and projects for the building. Hours are generally 10-4 p.m., but you can come the times that work best for you. You can also come during the week. To volunteer or learn more, contact Michael Charba at office@reginacaeliparish.org.

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Liturgical Calendar &

Mass Intentions

Nov. 20-Nov. 27, 2016

Sun., 11/20, 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Anthony Vu; requested by Nhan Truong

9:30 a.m., Pro Populo

Mon., 11/21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Anthony Truong; by Nhan Truong

Tues., 11/22, St. Cecilia

7:00 p.m., Anthony Truong; by Nhan Truong

Wed., 11/23, St. Clement I

6:30 a.m., Maria Truong; by Nhan Truong

Thurs., 11/24, St. John of the Cross

(Thanksgiving Day - No evening Mass)

9:00 a.m., Maria Truong; by Nhan Truong

Fri., 11/25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

6:30 a.m., Maria Nguyen; by Nhan Truong

Sat., 11/26, St. Sylvester

7:30 a.m., Maria Nguyen; by Nhan Truong

Sun., 11/27, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

9:30 a.m., Francis Truong; by Nhan Truong

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotions.

Private Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Thurs., Sat. 6:30 a.m.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available. Planned absence of a priest will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

NO PRIVATE MASSES NOV. 28-DEC. 9.

Directory

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Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email

Men's Schola

Practice Thursday nights, 7 p.m.
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Young Adult Group

Contact: Stephen Gann
youngadults@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

Regina Caeli Moms

Contact: Jennifer McDonald
reginacaelimoms@reginacaeliparish.org

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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Mass and Confession Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (High)
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts