

Nov. 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 48

The Canon: Consecration. Immediately after each consecration, there is the Elevation of the Host and chalice, which permits all the faithful to adore our Lord. The practice of the Elevation of the Host after the consecration of the bread dates back to the late 12th century to the bishop of Paris, Eudes of Sully, in order to permit the faithful to see the Host, to adore our Lord, and to renew their faith in the Real Presence in the face of those who denied it. This practice also counters the argument that our Lord is only present on the altar after the second consecration (of the chalice). The elevation of the chalice dates from the 14th century. The genuflections at the consecration date to the 11th century. The ringing of the bells, in order to bring attention to the consecration, dates from the 13th century. There has been a general development of the liturgy throughout the centuries, but the essential core has always remained unchanged.

There is also the custom of ringing one of the exterior church bells to announce to the faithful in the village who are not present at the liturgy that the consecration is taking place. It was often the custom that when this bell, which is called the Sanctus Bell, is heard, the faithful would pause in silence and bow toward the church.

Another thing to note in the Traditional Liturgy is that immediately before the consecration of the host, the priest wipes his index finger and thumb on the corporal to purify them before taking the host into his fingers. This is out of respect for the Body of Christ, which the host is soon to become. After the consecration, the priest holds his index finger and thumb together except when he has to handle the consecrated host. This is out of respect for our Lord and in case there is a particle of the host stuck to his fingers. Every particle is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior, and therefore we must be careful not to let these particles fall to the floor. The finger and thumb will not be used to turn pages in the missal or even to open the tabernacle until after they have been purified once the communion is finished.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Information on the Traditional Mass and sacraments can be found on our website, reginacaeliparish.org.

Announcements

Fr. Van Vliet will be on retreat, leaving this afternoon 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.

FSSP 2017 Liturgical Calendar on sale at the table, \$13 each, cash or check payable to parish.

Today:

- ~ No CCD due to Thanksgiving weekend. CCD resumes Dec. 4.
- ~ Young Adults meeting, 6 p.m. in St. Athanasius Chapel Hall. Contact Stephen Gann for more info.
- ~ Donation box for Christmas altar flowers is on the table in the hallway. Your gift is appreciated.

Please step up! The more we do; the more we can do!

Cost savings allow more spending on parish projects and needed expansion.

Our janitorial costs will run over \$10,000 a year. If families and individuals can help clean on Sundays after CCD (or the last Mass if no CCD), savings can be applied to desired projects and activities. Everyone agrees we need to expand; volunteering gets us there faster. Please sign up at the table if you can assist.

Counting collections. If you are 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, including finishing fencing of the property, grounds maintenance and building projects. 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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Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Nov. 27-Dec. 4, 2016

Sun., 11/27, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

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

Mon., 11/28, Feria of Advent

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

Tues., 11/29, Feria of Advent

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

Wed., 11/30, St. Andrew

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

Thurs., 12/1, Feria of Advent

7:00 p.m., Cardinal DiNardo; requested by John & Barbara Martone

Fri., 12/2,

6:30 a.m., St. Vivian

Cardinal DiNardo; requested by John & Barbara Martone

7:00 p.m., Votive of Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mass followed by First Friday Devotions (private intention)

Sat., 12/3, Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory; by Ron Truong

Sun., 12/4, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier, requested by Cindy Limes

9:30 a.m., Pro Populo

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

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8-4 p.m.

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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
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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.

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.



Pastor: Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP
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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