

Dec. 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 49

The Canon: Simili Modo. The separate consecrations of the bread and wine represent the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, where His Blood was poured out from His Body. This second consecration of the wine begins with the prayer "*Simili Modo*" – "in like manner" – and so keeps us in the historical context of the Last Supper. This latter point is important, since the consecration has to take place in a specific context of the Mass, and this narrative before the words of consecration helps keep the context. This was also the case with the narrative before the words of consecration over the bread.

The words of consecration are very close to the four accounts of the Last Supper (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians of St. Paul), but it is likely that they come from a parallel Tradition, which would be like a fifth account of the Last Supper. In any case, the words spoken by the priest are the words of Jesus. Along with the words of prayer, there are also the actions of the priest during this prayer: he takes the chalice and raises it when he says "taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands"; bows his head when he says "and giving thanks"; and then makes the sign of the cross over the chalice when he says "He blessed and gave it to His disciples." These actions help accentuate the identification of the priest to Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

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

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May God reward you!*



Announcements

Fr. Van Vliet is on retreat, 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.

2017 Boxed Envelope Sets are on the hall table for pick up. If you do not have a boxed set, you are not registered with the parish. Registration forms are on the table. If you are registered and do not see a boxed set, please contact C.C. Grant or email office@reginacaeliparish.org.

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

Cash/check donations for Christmas Altar Flowers can be made at the table. Your gift is appreciated!

Today: CCD resumes after 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Thurs., Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception, holy day of obligation. Mass times are:

- ~ 6:30 a.m. Low Mass
- ~ 7:00 p.m. High Mass followed by Compline

Sun., Dec. 11, two celebrations in honor of Our Lady:

- ~ CCD children will lead faithful in singing "Immaculate Mary" at the end of the 9:30 Mass. There will be a cake reception in honor of the Immaculate Conception after Mass and before CCD.
- ~ Reception after CCD in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please stay and enjoy some traditional Mexican treats.

Christmas Masses will be Midnight Mass, 6:30 a.m. Low Mass, 9:30 a.m. High Mass, 5:30 p.m. Low Mass. The Mass schedule for the Christmas season will be posted in the bulletin and online when finalized.

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

Dec. 4-Dec. 11, 2016

Sun., 12/4, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

9:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier, by Cindy Limes

Mon., 12/5, Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., Irma Thompson's Father's Birthday (RIP), requested Irma Thompson

Tues., 12/6, St. Nicholas

7:00 p.m., RIP Bob Wilson, by Gretchen Richardson

Wed., 12/7, St. Ambrose

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Holman White, by Betty Lee White

Thurs., 12/8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Holman White, by Betty Lee White

7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Compline, Pro Populo

Fri., 12/9, Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Holman White, by Betty Lee White

Sat., 12/10, Feria of Advent

7:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Holman White, by Betty Lee White

Sun., 12/11, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

7:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Holman White, by Betty Lee White

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
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Pastor Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP
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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.



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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