

Jan. 15, 2017 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 55

The Canon: Per Ipsum. "By Him and with Him and in Him are ever given to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory, world without end." This doxology prayer brings the Canon to a fitting conclusion. Our Lord joins us to His Sacrifice, and we should willingly unite ourselves to this act by which He offers Himself to the Father to give Him all the glory and honor. Our Lord died on the Cross in obedience to the Father, and we should also offer our daily sacrifices to the Father in union with the Sacrifice of Christ.

The final "Amen," though said quietly by the priest, should also be our heartfelt expression of this union to Christ in His Sacrifice. Our Lord is the unique mediator between God and men. By Him present in the Host, we can give glory to God. With Him, we can do all things for He said: "without Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). In Him, we are members of His Mystical Body, the Church, and only by being in Him can we bear fruit. The Holy Ghost is the link in the Trinity, for He is the spirit of love, and it is love that unites while hatred divides. All good things come from God and so all glory should go to Him. This is the end of the liturgy and this should be the purpose of our life, to always give glory to God.

There are three Signs of the Cross that are made with the host over the chalice and two Signs of the Cross made in front of the chalice. The ones over the chalice represent the resurrection, whereby the Body is brought close to the Blood, which symbol will be seen even more strongly later with the placing of a particle of the host in the chalice. The first three Signs of the Cross point to our Lord, while the latter two point to the Father and Holy Ghost. The three persons of the Holy Trinity are at work in our redemption on Calvary and at the Mass. This prayer concludes with the minor elevation, which is contrasted to the major elevation after each consecration.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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Announcements

2017 Boxed Envelope Sets are on the hall table for pick up. *If you have not already done so, please pick up your box and save the parish postage.* If you do not have a boxed set, you are not registered with the parish. To become registered, please complete the parish registration form on the table and return to the office. 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. Once these are gone, there are no more.

Altar Society. Ladies, if you would like to join the Altar Society, please sign up at the hall table. The Altar Society is responsible for upkeep of the sanctuary and sacristy. Juana Maria Olvera is Coordinator.

Ushers requested. Gentlemen, if you can serve as an usher at the Sunday Masses and on certain holy days of obligation, please sign up at the hall table. Ushers greet guests, help find seating for the faithful when Masses are especially full and take up collections during the offertory.

Silent prayer in the church. We need more people to sign up if we are to keep the building open for silent prayer during Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. A minimum of two persons/families are requested per hour. If you can make a firm commitment to present for one hour during these times, please sign up at the hall table: 4-7 p.m. Friday, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Lost and Found. Lost and found items are kept in the parish office for 30 days. If unclaimed after 30 days, items will be donated to Goodwill or other charity, discarded, or added to the parish inventory, as appropriate.

Guest Speaker. Hugh Owens of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation will be giving a talk at our parish in February. Topic and dates are being finalized. The Kolbe Center defends the Traditional Catholic view of creation and related topics. If you are interested in helping advertise this event, please contact Fr. Van Vliet.

Today:

- ~ Youth Group, under the direction of Fr. Houck and Michelle Wolf, will meet in the large meeting room after the 10 a.m. High Mass. All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to attend.
- ~ 6 p.m., Young Adults meet at St. Athanasius Chapel Hall. Contact Stephen Gann for more information.
- ~ Sign up sheet to join the Altar Society is on the hall table (see above for more information).
- ~ Sign up sheet to serve as usher is on the hall table (more information above).
- ~ Please sign up if you can commit to silent prayer in the church on Friday or Saturday evenings, or on Sunday afternoons (see above for more information).

Saturday work days (grounds maintenance and other chores) resumes this month. Hours are 10-4 p.m. You may come for all or part of the time. You can also come during the week, but check with Fr. Van Vliet first.

Thurs., Feb. 2, 7 p.m. Blessing of candles before the High Mass in celebration of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You may bring candles to be blessed to the altar area 15 minutes before Mass. Please see the website for information on the types of candles that can be blessed.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Jan. 15-22, 2017

Sun., 1/15, Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

10:00 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; requested by the Grants

Mon., 1/16, St. Marcellus I

6:30 a.m., RIP Ruth and Arrel Carrier; by C. Limes

Tues., 1/17, St. Anthony

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

Wed., 1/18, St. Prisca

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

Thurs., 1/19, Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum

7:00 p.m., RIP Ruth and Arrel Carrier; by C. Limes

Fri., 1/20, Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

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

Sat., 1/21, St. Agnes

7:30 a.m., RIP Anthony Hung; by Ron Truong

Sun., 1/22, Third Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., RIP Anthony Hung; by Ron Truong

10:00 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, which includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Saturday of each month, First Saturday devotions follow the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

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
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Young Adult Group

Contact: Stephen Gann
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Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

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Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

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

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Mass and Confession Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 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