

March 26, 2017 - Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 65

The Pater Noster: Lead Us Not Into Temptation. This sixth petition of the Our Father helps to keep us humble and to recognize that we are weak sinners. Having received pardon for our sins, we must now try to avoid the dangers of a relapse by avoiding the occasions of sin. We should keep in mind St. Peter's warning: "it had been better for them not to have known the way of justice, than, after they have known it, to turn back from that holy commandment which was delivered to them" (1 Pet 2:21).

Our Lord is aware of our frailty and our need for His divine assistance, and so He has us pray not to be lead into temptation. We have to do our part in corresponding to the graces that He gives us. We cannot pray not to be lead into temptation, then run headlong into occasions of sin and expect to be able to conquer. We must use the rightly formed conscience to avoid occasions of sin, and when we are nevertheless confronted with a temptation, God will give us the grace to conquer. The Council of Trent reminds us that "Satan is overcome not by indolence, sleep, wine, reveling, or lust; but by prayer, labor, watching, fasting, continence and chastity." Our Lord also tells us to be watchful and pray, lest we enter into temptation (Matt 26:41). If we make use of the appropriate weapons in the conflict, we can put the enemy to flight and we resist him through our faithful prayer and sacrifices.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9, regular Mass schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13
7 p.m., (High) Mass of the Last Supper, with washing of feet

Good Friday, April 14
Stations of Cross, 11 a.m.
Boys' altar server practice, Noon Service, 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15
Boys' altar server practice, 10 a.m.
Solemn Easter Vigil starts at 10 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16
7:30 a.m. Low Mass
10 a.m. High Mass
5:30 p.m. Low Mass

5:30 p.m. Low Mass today, followed by Vespers

Announcements

2017 Diocesan Services Fund "Go Make Disciples!" Campaign. Our parish goal is \$10,000 and any shortfall in funding will be financed out of parish operating funds. Please complete a pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.

Weekend church hours. The church is open for private prayer on Fridays-Sundays as noted below. Please consider committing to one hour of prayer at least one day a month. Signup is at the hall table.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Saturday work days, 10-4 p.m. If you can spare time on Saturday to assist on parish projects and grounds maintenance, please come. You can also assist during the week, but check with Fr. Van Vliet first.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday

Legion of Mary meeting, NEW TIME: 7 p.m. every Thursday

Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. Fridays during Lent

Today: Cash and check donations for Easter flowers for the chapel can be offered at hall table. Thank you!

Thurs., Mar. 30 and every Thursday, 7 p.m., Legion of Mary meeting in large meeting room

Sat., Apr. 1, First Saturday devotions follow the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Mon., Apr. 3, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting

Fri., Apr. 7, There will be a 7 p.m. Mass of the Sacred Heart followed by First Friday devotions.

Sat., Apr. 8, Altar Society meeting after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., Apr. 9, Palm Sunday, no CCD. See Holy Week and Easter Schedule.

Sun., Apr. 16, Easter:

~ No CCD

~ No Youth Group meeting

~ No Young Adults meeting

Mon., Apr. 17, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting

Fri., Apr. 20, Men's Recollection cancelled for Easter Week

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment.
Pledges finance construction and retire interim bridge loans.*

*See website for days of abstinence and fast
under current practice and the discipline of 1962*

FSSP Camp Mater Dei for girls is accepting applications for Aug. 14-23. More on our website.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mar. 26-Apr. 1, 2017

Sun., 3/26, Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., RIP Teresa Truong; requested by Ron Truong

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Mr. & Mrs. Miguel A. Careaga; requested by the LeBlancs

Mon., 3/27, Monday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Teresa Truong; by Ron Truong

Tues., 3/28, Tuesday of Fourth Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Thaddeus Nguyen; by Ron Truong

Wed., 3/29, Wednesday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Thaddeus Nguyen; by Ron Truong

Thurs., 3/30, Thursday of Fourth Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Thaddeus Nguyen; by Ron Truong

Fri., 3/31, Friday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Thaddeus Nguyen; by Ron Truong

Sat., 4/1, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by First Saturday devotions

7:30 a.m., RIP Thaddeus Nguyen; by Ron Truong

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.



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 absences will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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Parish Organizations

Men's Schola

Practice Wednesday 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

Contacts for Altar Society and other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

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., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.

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