

# April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday

## From the Pastor

### Series on the Mass, Part 67

*The Libera Nos, continued.* Last week we discussed the content of this prayer. This week we will look at the liturgical action that takes place, its historical development and its signification. During the *Libera Nos*, the priest uncovers the paten which, at a Low Mass, has been "hidden" halfway under the corporal and covered with the purificator and, at a High Mass, is held in the humeral veil by the subdeacon. The priest takes the purificator and quickly purifies the paten, then takes it by the edge, resting it on the altar. He says the *Libera Nos* silently and, after the words "et omnibus Sanctis," makes the sign of the cross with the paten, kisses it, and slips it under the consecrated host that has been resting on the corporal.

The *Libera Nos* is very ancient, dating to before the time of St. Gregory the Great (+604). St. Gregory was a legate in Constantinople before he was elevated to the papacy, and the Eastern Rite influenced some of the changes he made to the liturgy. The Pater Noster was placed in its present location in the Mass due to this Eastern influence. St. Andrew was also likely added to the *Libera Nos* prayer by St. Gregory since St. Andrew is particularly venerated in the East and adding his name after Sts. Peter and Paul shows a sign of friendship with the Eastern Church.

The uncovering of the paten at this time is tied to the ceremony of the intinction which takes place after the prayer. There was a custom of taking a particle of the host from the Bishop's Mass and mingling it with the hosts of the Mass being celebrated to show the unity of the sacrifice. It would be at this time that the host was brought forward, so the paten is uncovered (or brought to the altar by the subdeacon) during this prayer in memory of that ceremony. The sign of the cross with the paten points to the sacrifice that has taken place on the altar and is present in the Eucharist on the corporal. The paten is kissed since it will be receiving the Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

### Triduum Schedule

<i>Holy Thursday, April 13</i>	<i>Holy Saturday, April 15</i>
7 p.m., (High) Mass of the Last Supper, with washing of feet	10 a.m., Boys' altar server practice 10 p.m., Solemn Easter Vigil starts
<i>Good Friday, April 14</i>	<i>Easter Sunday, April 16</i>
11 a.m., Stations of Cross Noon, Boys' altar server practice 3 p.m., Solemn Ceremonies	7:30 a.m., Low Mass 10 a.m., High Mass 5:30 p.m., Low Mass

## Announcements

**2017 DSF Campaign.** PARISH GOAL \$10,000. RAISED IN FIRST QUARTER \$3,600. If the goal is not met, the shortage 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,** 7 p.m. every Thursday; cancelled Holy Thursday, April 13

**Easter Flowers for Chapel,** today is the LAST DAY to offer cash or check donations at the hall table for Easter flowers for the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

**TODAY,** Palm Sunday:

- ~ No CCD
- ~ 7:30 a.m. no Blessing of Palms before the Low Mass. Blessing of Palms will be at 9:30 a.m.
- ~ 9:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms and distribution, followed by procession and 10 a.m. High Mass
- ~ 5:30 p.m., palms blessed at 9:30 a.m. will be available at the Low Mass

Tues., Apr. 11, 7 p.m. public Mass cancelled due to priests attending Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral

Holy Thursday, Apr. 13, Legion of Mary meeting cancelled for Holy Week

Good Friday, Apr. 14, Confessions will be heard from 2:30-3:00 p.m. and after the Solemn Ceremonies until all confessions are heard.

Easter Sunday:

- ~ 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.*

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

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*Apr. 9-Apr. 15, 2017*

### Sun., 4/9, Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m., RIP Mabel Wiechkoske; requested by John Wiechkoske

9:30 a.m., Blessing of Palms and Procession

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Vertie Stovall; by Theresa Moore

### Mon., 4/10, Monday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m., RIP Vertie Stovall; by Theresa Moore

### Tues., 4/11, Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 p.m. MASS CANCELLED

### Wed., 4/12 Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m., RIP John Amato; by Theresa Moore

### Thurs., 4/13, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper

7:00 p.m., Alan Moore; by Theresa Moore

### Fri., 4/14, Good Friday

11:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m., Liturgical Solemnity in Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord

### Sat., 4/15, Holy Saturday, Solemn Easter Vigil

10:00 p.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.

### Private Mass Schedule

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

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

Private Masses are subject to cancellation if a priest is unavailable. Cancellations 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