

May 7, 2017 - Third Sunday after Easter

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 71

The Communion in the Sacrifice. St. Last week we looked at sacrifice in general and made some application of it to the individual's participation in it through the joining of his/her sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Today we will look at communion in this sacrifice.

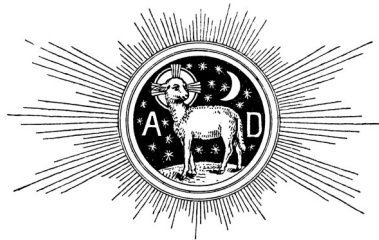
In Judaism and paganism, sacrifices were offered to God, or to false gods, in the case of the pagans. Usually an animal was sacrificed; part of it was burnt, which is the part offered to God since we can no longer make use of it, and part of it was consumed by men. The union with God was accomplished through the intermediary, though a fictive one, of consuming the victim shared with Him.

In the Sacrifice of the New Covenant, the victim is God Himself and no longer a fictitious one. Dom Paul Delatte, O.S.B., in commenting on the Letter to the Corinthians, says that this revelation explains the "cries of joy" that the catechumens experienced when revealed the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Though the Bread will be divided in the breaking of the Host, the unity of Christ remains undivided and living. This is why we receive Holy Communion, to realize the unity of the Body of Christ, which is the Church, by all communicating with God. We are united to Christ by receiving Him, and we also united to one another in Him. But we can only receive Him in Communion, which is a strong form of union, if we have that fundamental union of Charity or Sanctifying Grace in the first place. This is why only Catholics and those in the state of grace may approach for Holy Communion.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Men's Recollection, Friday, May 19, 7 - 9 p.m.
Holy Hour, Confession, Spiritual Conference
Open to all men

There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Announcements

2017 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. RAISED TO DATE \$4,200. 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

WELCOME BACK, FR. BERG!

Fr. John Berg, Superior General of the FSSP, is visiting our parish this weekend. Everyone is invited to come and meet with him after Mass. Let's let him know how much we appreciate the Fraternity, its priests and our parish!

TODAY: May Crowning at 10 a.m.

Sat., May 13:

- ~ 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal
- ~ Altar Society meeting after 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., May 14, First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by parish reception to honor the First Communicants. Please feel free to bring your own individual sized desserts/food to share. If you would like to assist with this or future receptions, email the parish office to join the Receptions Committee. Thank you!

Fri., May 19, Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m.

Sun., May 21:

- ~ Youth Group meet with Fr. Houck after the 10 a.m. Mass
- ~ Young Adults Group is on summer break. Meetings resume this fall.

Mon., May 22, Troops of St. George meeting, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Open to men and boys, ages 6 and older. More information on the parish website.

Thurs., May 25, Holy day: Ascension of Our Lord. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming FSSP events (see parish website for more details)

June 8-11, Men's Ignatian Retreat led by Fr. Buckley at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Cost is \$195.

Aug. 14-23, FSSP Camp Mater Dei for girls in the Black Hills of Rapid City, South Dakota

Please stay current on your pledge commitment. Thank you!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

May 7-May 13, 2017

Sun., 5/7, Third Sunday after Easter

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Sydney Cordeiro; requested by Vitalia Cordeiro

Mon., 5/8, Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces

6:30 a.m., RIP Stella Golba; by Joan Carson

Tues., 5/9, St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 p.m., Healing and purification of I. Ramirez; requested by Carlos & Marie Aguirre

Wed., 5/10, St. Antoninus

6:30 a.m., RIP A.C. Soukup; by the Grants

Thurs., 5/11, Sts. Philip & James

7:00 p.m., RIP Isaura Cabral; by Vitalia Cordeiro

Fri., 5/12, Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras

6:30 a.m., Healing and purification of I. Ramirez; requested by Carlos & Marie Aguirre

Sat., 5/13, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (100th Anniversary of first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal)

7:30 a.m. Healing and purification of I. Ramirez; requested by Carlos & Marie Aguirre



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

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.

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.

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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