

# May 21, 2017 - Fifth Sunday after Easter

## From the Pastor

### *Series on the Mass, Part 73*

*The Kiss of Peace at the High Mass.* The ceremony after the first apology prayer before communion is the kiss of peace, which is only used at the High Mass in the Traditional rite. This action is particularly suitable just before communion of the Body of Christ, Whose charity excludes no one. Though it is sad to say, it is likely that many a communion remains without fruit because of a lack of fraternal charity, and thus the kiss of peace at this point reminds us of that necessity to love our neighbor.

The kiss of peace is mentioned in the letters of the apostles, for example Romans 16:16 where St. Paul says "salute one another with an holy kiss." It is also mentioned by the Fathers of the Church on some occasions. The priest recites the prayer concerning peace, then kisses the altar, which represents Christ, the source of our peace. The priest's hands are placed on the altar while he kisses it to symbolize a sort of embrace. The deacon also kisses the altar but without placing his hands on it. He then turns to the priest and receives the kiss of peace from him. The priest says "*pax tecum,*" and the deacon responds saying "*et cum spiritu tuo*" ("Peace be with you"; "and also with your spirit"). As this peace does not represent a simple human affection but rather a supernatural charity that can only come from God, it starts with the altar and proceeds from there. The deacon will, in turn, give the kiss of peace to the subdeacon, who will then give it to the remaining clergy in order of hierarchy. It symbolizes the charity of which the clergy ought to be the example, and therefore, the kiss of peace is given only to the clergy who are present. Further, it is given only to the clergy who are in the sanctuary or present in choir, since the ceremony could be disruptive otherwise. Because this moment in the Mass is the final preparation for all to receive communion, the ceremony is kept short so as not to disrupt the Mass but still convey its historical content and significance.

The kiss of peace is always omitted at Masses for the dead and on Holy Thursday. In the Masses for the dead, we are focused on praying for the deceased faithful; at the Holy Thursday Mass, the kiss of peace and the preceding prayers are omitted because of the hypocritical kiss of Judas in betraying our Lord with a kiss that night.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Check the website for information on upcoming FSSP and other events!

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment.*

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

## *Announcements*

**2017 DSF Campaign.** PARISH GOAL \$10,000. RAISED TO DATE \$4,850. 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](http://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](http://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

**May 27, no private Mass.** Fr. Houck will be in Nebraska for priestly ordinations, leaving May 24 and returning May 27. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

### **TODAY:**

- ~ Please sign the spiritual bouquet for Fr. Houck at the hall table. The card will be presented to him on May 28 after the 10 a.m. Mass.
- ~ 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.

Tues., May 23, 7:15 p.m. in large room, Troops of St. George planning meeting for upcoming year

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

Sun., May 28, Cake after the 10 a.m. Mass in honor of Fr. Houck on the first anniversary of his ordination

### 3 EVENTS over 3 EVENINGS!

*Mini-Mission: Mass with Sermons by Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap*  
7 p.m., May 29-31

*Blessing of Outdoor Stations of the Cross by Fr. Tuscan*  
6:30 p.m., May 31

*Celebration of our Titular Feast Day!*  
Reception following 7 p.m. Mass, May 31  
Please bring individual-sized desserts to share!

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## Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*May 21-May 27, 2017*

#### Sun., 5/21, Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Lee Ignatius White; by Betty White

#### Mon., 5/22, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., RIP Lee Ignatius White; by Betty White

#### Tues., 5/23, Votive Mass of the Angels

7:00 p.m., RIP Lee Ignatius White; by Betty White

#### Wed., 5/24, Vigil of the Ascension

6:30 a.m., Jordan and Michele Sublett; requested  
by Estella LeBlanc

#### Thurs., 5/25, Ascension of the Lord

6:30 a.m., Fr. Joshua Houck; by a friend

7:00 p.m., RIP Efren Sabido; by Marietta Sabido

#### Fri., 5/26, St. Philip Neri

6:30 a.m., RIP James Edgar Gase; requested by  
Rebecca Malish

#### Sat., 5/27, St. Bede the Venerable

7:30 a.m., RIP James Edgar Gase; requested by  
Rebecca Malish



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.

**NO PRIVATE MASS** on Saturday, May 27.

### Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
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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