

July 23, 2017 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 82

Communion of the Faithful, cont'd. Communion of the sacred Host comes from the Church, and therefore the faithful approach the altar rail to receive communion from a minister of the Church. The priest acts in *persona Christi* and gives himself communion as our Lord did at the Last Supper; then the priest in turn gives communion to the others who approach for communion. This is where we see the dual role of the priest, who is one of the people but chosen from them and set aside to represent them before the altar, and who in turn brings Christ to them through the consecration and communion.

In the liturgy, the priests and other clerics who are going to approach for communion come forward in order of precedence and receive communion at the footpace of the altar. They usually assist at Mass from a place in the sanctuary inside the communion rail. At a Pontifical Mass, when the bishop is distributing communion, it used to be the custom that, after he made the sign of the cross with the host but before giving communion, the communicant would kiss the bishop's ring as a sign of respect, fidelity and affection toward the one who brings us Christ.

When a priest is distributing communion, he simply makes a small sign of the cross with the host and says the formula: "May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul to life everlasting. Amen." Many times during Mass the priest had said "the Lord be with you," and now the moment arrives when this promise is truly fulfilled with communion of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior.

The priest also asks that this sacrament preserve our soul. We receive communion through the body, but it is the soul that is preserved. Our body will fail us eventually, but the soul lives forever. In preserving the soul, our Lord helps us to remain faithful to our baptismal promises and to remain in friendship with Jesus so that when the hour of death arrives, we will be welcomed to life everlasting. The priest also says the "Amen, so be it" confirming, so to speak, the effects that the Eucharist can have in our souls, even if imperceptible to the senses. It is up to each one to realize the effect of these graces in our life.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Announcements

2017 DSF Campaign, 97% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date 9,740. Many thanks to all who contributed to DSF on behalf of Regina Caeli Parish. May God reward you.

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.

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.

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

Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m. every Thursday unless noted differently below

Want to become a member of Regina Caeli Parish? Registration forms are on the hall table. You must be registered to enroll your child in CCD. If you are not sure if you are registered, please contact the parish office by phone or email at office@reginacaeliparish.org.

CCD Registration. Register your child for CCD, which starts in September. Registration forms and class schedule are on the website and the hall table. Registration deadline is August 27.

Mon., July 31 - Sat., Aug. 12, no private Masses. Fr. Van Vliet will be on holidays. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

Sat., Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, no Saturday work days

TODAY: CCD registration continues. Forms and class schedule are on the hall table.

Sat., July 29, 4-7 p.m., Altar server get-together at a private residence. Altar servers, please join us for prayer, food, fun and games! Contact Gayle or Michael Misner for address and more information. RSVP Regrets Only to michael.misner-elias@earthlink.net.

Pope Francis and the Bishops want to hear from you!
October 2018 Synod on Youth and Faith
Survey link is on our website, reginacaeliparish.org

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

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment.
May God reward you!*

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

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

July 23-July 29, 2017

Sun., 7/23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Michael Dionne; requested by Jeff Manica

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Lori Manica; by Jeff Manica

Mon., 7/24, St. Christina

6:30 a.m., Frederick Troquille; requested by Gretchen Richardson

Tues., 7/25, St. James the Greater

7:00 p.m., Wally Wilson; by Gretchen Richardson

Wed., 7/26, St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., RIP Lillian Marie Hatch Meyer; requested by Victor Pacheco

Thurs., 7/27, St. Pantaleon

7:00 p.m., RIP - Sydney Cordeiro; requested by Vitalia Cordeiro

Fri., 7/28, Sts. Nazarius & Celsus, St. Victor I & St. Innocent I

6:30 a.m., Wylie Boone Ketchum; requested by Gretchen Richardson

Sat., 7/29, St. Martha

7:30 a.m., Family conversion; requested by Bruno Bazan



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.

Mon., July 31- Sat., Aug. 12, no private Masses will be celebrated.

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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To confirm Mass requests or dates:
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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.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available. Advance notice of cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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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