

August 20, 2017 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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## From the Pastor

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### *Series on the Mass, Part 86*

*The Ite Missa Est.* Having read the post-communion prayers, the priest returns to the center of the altar. Again he places his hands on the altar and kisses it as before, then turns to the faithful saying "*Dominus vobiscum*". The faithful again respond "*et cum spiritu tuo*". The priest continues with the dismissal, saying or singing "*Ite Missa Est*", "go the Mass is ended". At one time this was the end of Mass, and the faithful could depart. Now there is still another quiet prayer, the blessing, and the Last Gospel before the faithful can leave.

One might ask why wasn't the *Ite Missa Est* moved to the very end? The reason goes back to how the blessing was introduced at the end of the Mass. In the early liturgies, there was no blessing given by the priest. It was given only by the bishop while he walked down the aisle returning to the sacristy after Mass, just as bishops still do today. Eventually this blessing was transferred to the altar before beginning the procession out of the sanctuary. From then on, it has been given not only by bishops or abbots, but also by priests. The order of these ceremonies in the Mass was retained the way they came into existence and we can still understand them in that sequence. The priest dismisses us, then blesses us as we leave.

In certain Masses there is a further liturgical action that follows the Mass, and on these occasions, the *Ite Missa Est* is replaced by the "*Benedicamus Domino*" (Let us bless the Lord), to which the faithful respond as before, "*Deo Gratias*". The reason for the change is that the faithful are not being dismissed since there is a further liturgical function in which they should be taking part. One example is the Feast of Corpus Christi when there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament right after Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar after Holy Communion, and following the post-communion prayer, there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction at the end.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



## Announcements

**2017 DSF Campaign, 99% pledged/funded!** Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$9,940. 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 at any time during these hours.

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

Registration forms to become a member of the parish 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](mailto:office@reginacaeliparish.org).

**Aug. 27 Last Day to Register for CCD.** Registration forms and class schedule are on the website and the hall table. CCD classes begin Sunday, Sept. 10.

**Altar Server Practice** will be the third Saturday of every month, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The first practice will be September 16.

**Little Flowers Girls Club** for ages 5-11 is being formed. The group will meet the third Saturday of every month from 9-10:30 a.m. in the large meeting room. Little Flowers teaches virtues through the lives of Mary and the saints, scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Girls earn badges for the virtues and skills they learn. If you would like to learn more or enroll your child, please contact Jennifer Wingate in person or email her at [smwingate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smwingate@sbcglobal.net).

TODAY: CCD registration continues. Forms and class schedule are on the hall table and the website. Deadline for CCD registration is August 27. Classes begin September 10.

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](http://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

*August 20– August 26, 2017*

#### Sun., 8/20, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; requested by a friend

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Isaura Cabral; by Vitalia Cordeiro

#### Mon., 8/21, St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6:30 a.m., Cecilia Rae Ketchum; requested by Gretchen Richardson

#### Tues., 8/22, Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:00 p.m., RIP Rudy Miculka; by the Boss Family

#### Wed., 8/23, St. Philip Benizi

6:30 a.m., Michael Truong; by Ron Truong

#### Thurs., 8/24, St. Bartholomew

7:00 p.m., Private intention for Katy Ngo; requested by Ron Truong

#### Fri., 8/25, St. Louis IX

6:30 a.m., Andrea Pellerin; requested by Gloria & James Pinedo

#### Sat., 8/26, St. Zephyrinus

7:30 a.m., Rod Apuyan in his new job; requested by Emelina Apuyan

*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. Advance notice of cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

### Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
Telephone: 832-328-0876  
*To confirm Mass requests or dates:*  
registrar@reginacaeliparish.org

Pastor Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP  
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frjhouck@reginacaeliparish.org

Website reginacaeliparish.org

### 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.



## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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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