

September 10, 2017 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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## From the Pastor

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### *Series on the Mass, Part 89*

*The Last Gospel.* The Prologue to the Gospel of St. John fits well at the end of Mass since the Incarnation that it presents is prolonged through the Eucharistic celebration. This Prologue beautifully summarizes the entire Gospel of St. John. He who rested his head on the Sacred Heart at the Last Supper drew from that Heart a doctrine that is simple but also wholly spiritual. The Prologue is a very rich text which we never tire of reading.

In the Middle Ages, the faithful frequently demanded from the priests that they read a passage from the Gospel. The reading of the Gospel is a sacramental, a sign that obtains graces for those who use it well. In the face of these demands, the habit began of reading a passage for all the faithful at the end of Mass. The priests would often read the Prologue of the Gospel of St. John, though other texts were read also. This practice began in the 12th c. and generalized from there. The practice was enshrined in the rubrics of the Mass with the codification of the missal by Pope St. Pius V, becoming obligatory for all.

Prior to the reform of Pope St. John XXIII in 1962, the Last Gospel was often the impeded Gospel of a saint or feast when a higher ranking feast superseded it. So if two feasts fell on the same day, then the Gospel of the feast celebrated during the Mass would be read, and the Gospel of the feast that was commemorated would be read as the Last Gospel. Since 1962, the Prologue of St. John's Gospel is read with the one exception of Palm Sunday. On this day, if a Low Mass is celebrated without the procession of the palms, then the Gospel of the procession is used as the Last Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

MEN'S RECOLLECTION this Friday, Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULTS resumes every third Sunday, beginning Sept. 17

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB will meet every third Saturday, beginning Oct. 21

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

## *Announcements*

**Flood Relief/Assistance.** Some families in our parish are hurting from the effects of the hurricane and many are asking how they can help. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Volunteer labor would be very helpful, and certain goods or items may be needed. As the need for labor and goods become clearer, Fr. Van Vliet will post requests for assistance on the home page of the website. Please do not bring goods to the church unless the items are specifically requested. May God reward you.

*Please pray for those who may be in harm's way of Hurricane Irma.*

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

**Altar Server Practice** will be the third Saturday of every month, immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. The first practice will be September 16. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

**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, beginning Oct. 21. 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:

~ Second collection: Catholic University of America/St. Thomas University

~ CCD Teachers/Aides meeting in the large meeting room, 8:45 a.m. CCD classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17.

Tues., Sept. 12, Little Flowers organizational meeting in large meeting room, 7 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 15, Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, confession and spiritual conference; open to all men.

Sat., Sept. 16, Boys' altar server practice immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., Sept. 17:

~ CCD classes begin

~ Youth Group meets in the large meeting room after the High Mass

~ Young Adults meet at the church after Vespers

Mon., Sept. 18, Troops of St. George meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. at the church

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*September 10– September 16, 2017*

#### Sun., 9/10, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., RIP Terry Carr; requested by Gretchen Richardson

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Thanksgiving for 25th anniversary of Msgr. Francis Nave; requested by Kyle and Valerie Clement

#### Mon., 9/11, Ss. Protus & Hyacinth

6:30 a.m., RIP Nicholas Ceritelli; requested by the Martone Family

#### Tues., 9/12, Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00 p.m., RIP Gemma Ceritelli; requested by the Martone Family

#### Wed., 9/13, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., RIP Domenick Martone; requested by the Martone Family

#### Thurs., 9/14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 p.m., Priests of the FSSP; requested by the Martone Family

#### Fri., 9/15, Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the Grants

#### Sat., 9/16, Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

7:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the Martone Family

*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

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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*

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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