

September 17, 2017 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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## From the Pastor

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### *Series on the Mass, Part 90*

*The Last Gospel, cont'd.* The first words of the Prologue of St. John are as follows: "In principio erat Verbum" – "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). It is important to note that beginning here is not about the beginning of God or the Word but the beginning of created things. The Holy Trinity has no beginning. It simply "is" as God said when He told Moses what to call Him: "I am who am" (Exodus 3:14). When God created everything, He was. In creating everything, He did not change. Change was only possible once created things existed, and so time, which is the measurement of change, only began with creation. Therefore when the evangelist says that "in the beginning was the Word," he means that when God created everything, the Word already was.

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity is called the Word, or, in the Greek, the Logos, which can signify not only the exterior word, but also, and more appropriately in this context, the interior word or thought. It symbolizes or even personifies Wisdom, which is at the foundation of all things made by God. Thus the Gospel continues, "and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). We also understand here that the Word is with the Father, indicating that He is indeed another distinct person, though of the same nature and substance as the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

SAT., OCT. 7 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY  
7:30 a.m. Mass followed by Rosary Procession

## Announcements

**Flood Relief/Assistance.** 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.

*Please continue to pray for those harmed by Hurricanes Harvey and 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,** third Saturday of every month, immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. 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. If you would like to learn more or enroll your child, please contact Jennifer Wingate at [smwingate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smwingate@sbcglobal.net).

**Mass requests.** The calendar for Mass requests is nearly full and we would like to leave the remaining open dates for urgent requests. We appreciate your understanding and patience. We will let you know when the calendar is opened up again.

**Fire Drill, Sept. 24** during CCD classes. CCD students are to stay with their teachers during the drill. All persons and families are asked to proceed outside to the open field beyond the parking lot.

**CCD Classes begin today,** 8:45-9:35. Children are asked to arrive on time. For the protection of the child, parent and church, parents of the lower two levels are asked to pick up their child at the class door. Classes will end promptly at 9:35.

TODAY:

- ~ CCD classes begin today at 8:45 a.m.
- ~ 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

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

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*September 17– September 23, 2017*

#### Sun., 9/17, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Rev. Joshua. Houck; requested by the Martone Family

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Johnny Martone; requested by the Martone Family

#### Mon., 9/18, St. Joseph of Cupertino

6:30 a.m., Frank Martone; by the Martone Family

#### Tues., 9/19, St. Januarius & Companions

7:00 p.m., RIP Agnes Carrier; by Cindy Limes

#### Wed., 9/20, Ember Wednesday

6:30 a.m., Pope Francis; by the Martone Family

#### Thurs., 9/21, St. Matthew

7:00 p.m., Daniel Cardinal DiNardo; requested by the Martone Family

#### Fri., 9/22, Ember Friday

6:30 a.m., Thanksgiving to Infant Jesus of Prague; requested by the Grants

#### Sat., 9/23, Ember Saturday

7:30 a.m., RIP Bill Sain; by Cody Sain

*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.  
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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.



## *Regina Caeli Parish*

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter  
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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