

October 29, 2017 - Christ the King

From the Pastor

St. Thomas Prayer After Mass, Part 1

The Roman Missal has the beautiful prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas among the prayers of thanksgiving for the use of the priest. This prayer begins showing that our Savior comes to us because of His great mercy: "I give Thee thanks, O holy Lord, Father almighty eternal God, who hast vouchsafed, not for any merits of mine, but solely out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to satisfy me a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ." These words were composed by a great Saint who, according to the witness of his confessor during the canonization process, probably never committed a mortal sin in his life. If St. Thomas thought that he was unworthy and still relied on God's great mercy, we too should strive to have this disposition of humility and unworthiness in approaching this Sacrament. St. Thomas had penetrated deeply into this wonderful Sacrament during his years of study, prayer and meditation, he wrote eloquently about this sacrament, and yet he still recognized that our Lord comes to us in this sacrament because He loves us and has mercy on us, not because we have a right to receive Him. We must do our part in receiving this Sacrament by being in the state of grace, that is, baptized and not conscious of any grave sin. 'Communion' is a strong form of 'union'; consequently, we must have that union of supernatural charity as we approach the altar so that our reception of Communion can strengthen this fundamental union of grace.

St. Thomas therefore says: "I pray that this Holy Communion be not to me a condemnation unto punishment, but a saving plea unto forgiveness." If we are not in the state of grace, receiving Communion will only separate us further from Christ, since we are committing a serious sin of sacrilege, but when we receive worthily, we are further conformed to Christ. St. Paul says to the Corinthians: "But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgement to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord." (1 Cor 11:27 f).

.Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Today, October 29

Our One Year Anniversary on the Property!

And the successful end of our first capital campaign!

Celebration Reception after the 10 a.m. Mass

Announcements

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

Knights of Columbus. If any members of the parish are already members of the Knights and would like to establish a council in our parish, please let Fr. Van Vliet know so he can evaluate whether it is feasible at this time.

Nov. 2, All Souls Masses. If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones and friends placed on the altar during the All Souls Masses, please write their names on the sheets provided on the hall table and place in the basket. Please note that these are not Mass requests and there is no stipend offered. The priest during the Memento of the Dead will bring to mind this list of names and pray for their souls at each Mass on All Souls Day.

Nov. 5 All Saints Festival. Begins after the 10 a.m. Mass with a procession and recitation of the Litany of the Saints. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite saints. There will be games, goody treats, hot dogs and hamburgers.

2018 FSSP Liturgical Calendars on Sale at the hall table, \$13 each, cash or check. Please make checks payable to Regina Caeli Parish and note "calendar" on the memo line.

TODAY, Feast of Christ the King:

- ~ Recitation of the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after all Masses. Plenary indulgence may be gained. More information on the parish website.
- ~ Anniversary celebration after the 10 a.m. Mass
- ~ No CCD. CCD resumes Nov. 5.

Wed., Nov. 1– Fri., Nov. 8, Plenary indulgence may be gained by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. See the parish website for more information.

Wed., Nov. 1, Holy day, All Saints. 6:30 a.m. Low Mass and 7 p.m. High Mass

Thurs., Nov. 2, All Souls Day. Six Low Masses: 6:30 a.m., 7:10 a.m., Noon, 12:40 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 5, All Saints Festival. Children are encouraged to dress as saints on this day.

- ~ Daylight Savings Time ends; roll clocks backward.
- ~ CCD resumes.

Mon., Nov. 6.:

- ~ 7 p.m. Sung Requiem Mass for the deceased members of the FSSP and CSP
- ~ 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys ages six and older.

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

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

October 29– November 4, 2017

Sun., 10/29, Christ the King

7:30 a.m., RIP Janice Solick, requested by Pat Scott

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Walter Emory Combs, requested by Bill Pellerin

Mon., 10/30, Mass of 21st Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 a.m., Rev. Justin Wylie, requested by the Misner Family

Tues., 10/31, Votive Mass of the Angels

7:00 p.m., Goduti Family, by Gayle Misner

Wed., 11/1, All Saints

6:30 a.m., Misner Family, by Gayle Misner

7:00 P.M., Rev. Joshua Houck; requested by the Misner Family

Thurs., 11/2, Commemoration of All Souls

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

7:10 a.m., Souls in Purgatory

12 Noon, Holy Father

12:40 p.m., RIP Miguel Angel Careaga, requested by Estella LeBlanc

6:30 p.m., RIP Consuelo Elena Careaga, requested by Estella LeBlanc

7:10 p.m., Holy Father

Fri., 11/3,

6:30 a.m., Daily Mass for the Dead; RIP J.R. Tran, requested by G.M. Tran

7:00 p.m., Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotion; private intentions

Sat., 11/4, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by First Saturday devotion

7:30 a.m., David and Deanna Sneed, requested by Deanna Sneed

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

Altar Society

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

Contacts for 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.

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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