

November 5, 2017 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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## From the Pastor

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### *St. Thomas Prayer After Mass, Part 2*

St. Thomas' beautiful prayer of thanksgiving continues by giving the advantages of having received communion worthily: "May it be unto me the armor of faith and the shield of goodwill." We must do battle to protect our faith and we must also exercise it toward our neighbor with good works. The theological virtue of Faith we received when we were baptized is a gift of God that we cannot acquire by our own means. We can study all the books on this subject that exist and it will not give us this supernatural Faith. Therefore, we also need a supernatural means of protecting and growing in it, and receiving our Lord in Holy Communion is an important means. Communion helps in this regard by protecting our faith as the armor protects a soldier in battle. We are constantly under the assault from the devil and his minions and so we need to protect ourselves with armor, and not just any armor, but a spiritual armor. It will also help us with our good works, which builds our love of God through our love of neighbor. Communion helps us to perform these good works that in turn help us to deflect the arrows of the enemy.

St. Thomas continues: "May it be the emptying out of my vices, the extinction of all concupiscence and lust, the increase of charity and patience, of humility and obedience and of all virtues." Holy Communion helps us to overcome sin and grow in virtue. St. Thomas, therefore, has us pray that the vices be conquered, and he mentions in particular concupiscence and lust, since these are particularly insidious and difficult to overcome. If we strive to keep our eyes turned toward heaven, we will less likely be drawn by the things of this world and our lower passions. What better way to keep that focus toward our heavenly home than receiving our Lord, Who is in heaven. Further, St. Thomas has us pray that we grow in virtue, particularly charity, which we must have to receive Holy Communion in the first place. We must have charity to grow in it and this growth also requires fertile soil which is prepared by the other virtues, and so he mentions patience, humility and obedience. With these virtues established and growing within us, we will have that good soil that will "bring forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold and some thirtyfold." (Matthew 13:8).

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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

FSSP Christmas Card Packets are on the hall table until they run out. Free will donations are mailed directly to the Fraternity in the envelope provided with each packet.

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:

- ~ Second collection: Retired Priests
- ~ CCD resumes
- ~ All Saints Festival after the 10 a.m. Mass

Mon., Nov. 6:

- ~ 7 p.m. Sung Requiem Mass for deceased members of the FSSP, CSP and benefactors. (The 6:30 a.m. Low Mass will also be a Requiem Mass for these faithful departed.)
- ~ 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys ages six and older.

Sat., Nov. 11:

- ~ Altar Society meets in the small meeting room after the 7:30 a.m. Mass
- ~ Altar server practice following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.
- ~ Little Flowers meets in the large meeting room, 9-10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5-11.

Thurs., Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Ladies' Social at a private residence. Open to all women. RSVP Gayle Misner at [gaylemisner@gmail.com](mailto:gaylemisner@gmail.com).

Fri., Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Men's recollection. Open to all men.

## Our First All Saints Festival!

Begins after the 10 a.m. Mass

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*November 5 – 11, 2017*

### Sun., 11/5, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., RIP Ruth and Arrel Carrier, requested by Cindy Limes

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Christine Bienvenu McArdle, requested by Chuck Bienvenu

### Mon., 11/6, Daily Mass for the Dead

6:30 a.m., Deceased members of the FSSP, CSP and Benefactors

7:00 p.m., Deceased members of the FSSP, CSP and Benefactors

### Tues., 11/7, Daily Mass for the Dead

7:00 p.m., RIP Jim Lee, by his family

### Wed., 11/8, Daily Mass for the Dead

6:30 a.m., RIP Paul Nguyen, by Nhan Truong

### Thurs., 11/9, Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior

7:00 p.m., David Sneed, by Deanna Sneed

### Fri., 11/10, St. Andrew Avellino

6:30 a.m., Kelly McArdle, by Chuck Bienvenu

### Sat., 11/11, St. Martin of Tours

7:30 a.m., Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of Prague, by the Grants

*First Friday of each month*, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, which includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*First Saturday of each month*, First Saturday devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 7:30 a.m. Mass.



## Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
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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.

# *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