
From the Pastor

Advent, Part 2

Advent is a penitential season and though the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* is not used during Masses of the season, the liturgy still uses the *Alleluia* since we are anxiously awaiting the coming of our Saviour who will restore all things: "Instaurare omnia in Christo" (Ephes. 1:10). The liturgy uses the most energetic expressions collected from the Sacred Scriptures to express the intense desire and joy with which the patriarchs, prophets and the just of the Old Testament awaited and prepared for the coming of the Saviour. We use these expressions now in the liturgy so that we can prepare ourselves each year to have the Christ Child come and dwell in our hearts more perfectly. The events of salvation history celebrated in the liturgical year are not meant to have us live in the past but rather to spur us on into the future in preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord at the end of time. The preparations that took place in the Old Testament for the coming of the Saviour in the manger are also preparations we need to make for the return of our Lord at the end of time.

The Fathers of the Church often speak of the three Advents of our Saviour. The first is His coming in the manger a little over 2,000 years ago when He came as a gentle, adorable Child to show us the way, the truth and the life, and then, to die so that we could be redeemed. In the second coming, He comes to us as a very dear friend to help us to be faithful and to follow the way of perfection. This is the period in which we live now, whereby He comes to us by His grace and particularly by receiving Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We must strive to make this friendship grow from day to day so we prepare ourselves for the third coming, which is also referred to as the Second Coming when He will come as our just Judge to judge every living creature. This great Day of Judgment will be a glorious day for our Lord's friends, when they will see how God's grace worked in their souls, and it will also be a terrifying day for those who were not faithful to the graces they were given to cultivate this friendship. Let us strive after perfection in our daily lives now and strive to serve Jesus in our neighbor so that it can be said of us on that great day "well done good and faithful servant."

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

A Tribute to Our Lady Today!
after the 10 a.m. Mass

CCD Children Lead Song in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

followed by

Traditional Mexican Reception in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

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, 7 p.m. every Thursday in the large meeting room, unless noted differently below

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.

Christmas Flowers. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar and chapel during the Christmas season. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

Please pick up your 2018 boxed set of stewardship envelopes. If you registered with the parish and do not see a boxed set of envelopes in your name, please contact C.C. Grant or the parish office.

No private 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 13

Saturday, Dec. 16, 6:30 a.m., our first candlelight Rorate Mass in honor of Our Lady!

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Retired Sisters
- ~ Special tribute to Our Lady after the 10 a.m. Mass. CCD children are asked to gather at the back of the chapel immediately following the blessing of the faithful, which precedes the Last Gospel.
- ~ Little Flowers selling hand-crafted ornaments after the morning Masses
- ~ Please consider a cash or check donation at the hall table for Christmas altar flowers. Thank you.

Fri., Dec. 15, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Open to all men.

Sat., Dec. 16, 6:30 a.m. Rorate (High) Mass, 7:30 a.m. Low Mass

Sun., Dec. 17:

- ~ Last CCD class of 2017. Classes will resume Jan. 7, 2018.
- ~ Youth Group in the large meeting room after the 10 a.m. Mass
- ~ Adult lecture series following Vespers

A Special Request

Because of your steadfast commitment to this parish and the blessings of our merciful God, Regina Caeli closed its first capital campaign debt free. We can now plan for the urgently needed expansion of our parish complex. A second capital campaign will be launched in the fall of 2018.

If you are able to make an additional year-end contribution to be used as seed money for the upcoming second campaign, please note capital campaign on the donation. Actual pledges for the campaign will come later; however, funds will be needed soon for the preliminary building plans, so please be as generous as you can.

May God, Whose munificence cannot be outdone, reward you.

December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

December 10 – 16, 2017

Sun., 12/10, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Barbara Laza, by John Laza, Jr.

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Bill Laza, by John Laza, Jr.

Mon., 12/11, St. Damasus I

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Tues., 12/12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 p.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Wed., 12/13, St. Lucy

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Thurs., 12/14, Feria of Advent

7:00 p.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Fri., 12/15, Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Sat., 12/16,

6:30 a.m., Mass of the Blessed Virgin in Advent, private Intentions

7:30 a.m., St. Eusebius, RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

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

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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. 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.

NO PRIVATE MASS WED., DEC. 13.

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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