

December 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

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## From the Pastor

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### *Third Sunday of Advent*

The Introit for the Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent is taken from the Epistle reading (Philippians 4:5) and fits very well at this time since Christmas is near: "Let us rejoice always in the Lord for He is near." Joy fills our heart. Not the false joy of the world with its primarily exterior focus on the celebration of Christmas with the lights, trees and gifts. Rather, let us be sure and have the interior peace communicated by the Holy Ghost to those who are faithful in doing the will of God and preparing for His return at the end of time. The exterior gifts, trees and lights can help us with the interior preparation, and to that extent they are good, but we really have to make an effort to be sure the interior preparation is first.

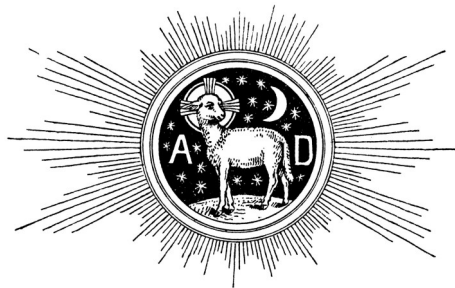
St. Paul says: "Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh." Modesty is a virtue that moderates all the internal and external movements and appearance of a person within the bounds and limits proper to one's state in life, intellectual ability and wealth. There are four virtues included under modesty: humility, studiousness, modesty of exterior behavior and modesty of dress.

The modesty that St. Paul recommends urges us to accomplish our daily duty in a manner that is fitting and proper, observing reasonable decorum in externals. If we exercise this modesty in all things, then the exterior troubles and difficulties, which we cannot avoid, will not remove our interior peace and joy. The disordered attachment to temporal things will always lead to unrest for we cannot take these things with us into eternity. Likewise, if we dress immodestly, we sin, we cause others to sin, and we draw an inappropriate type of attention that will cause loss of peace and joy. A proper observance of modesty can help us have the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, and keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, followed by the next class in the adult lecture series: "The Ceremonies of the 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 stewardship envelopes** if you have not yet done so. 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.

**Little Flowers Ornament Sale continues today!** Ornaments on sale after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.

**No private 6:30 a.m. Mass** on Saturday, Dec. 23

### TODAY:

~ Last CCD class of 2017. Classes resume Jan. 7, 2018.

~ Youth Group in the large meeting room after the 10 a.m. Mass

~ Adult lecture series continues after Vespers: "The Ceremonies of the Mass" taught by Fr. Van Vliet. Open to all.

Mon., Dec. 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys and youth, ages 6 and older. More information on the parish website.

Sat., Dec. 23, no private 6:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., Dec. 24, no 5:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas through Epiphany Mass Schedules are available for pick up on the hall table.

### *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.

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

December 17 – 23, 2017

### Sun., 12/17, Third Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Joseph Hoang Kim Bao, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

### Mon., 12/18, Greater Feria of Advent

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

### Tues., 12/19, Greater Feria of Advent

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

### Wed., 12/20, Ember Wednesday

6:30 a.m., God's blessings on Iggy through St. Ignatius, requested by the Nwachukwu family

### Thurs., 12/21, St. Thomas the Apostle

7:00 p.m., RIP Gladys Albers, by Michelle Saenz

### Fri., 12/22, Ember Friday

6:30 a.m., Baby Hazlewood, requested by Stephen & Elisabeth Hazlewood

### Sat., 12/23, Ember Saturday

7:30 a.m., RIP Agnes D. Carrier, by Cindy Limes

*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.



NO 5:30 P.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24

## 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

### 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. 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 SATURDAY, DEC. 23

# 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