

January 21, 2018 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

From the Pastor

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In today's Gospel (Matt 8:5-13), we are given a beautiful example of humility in the Roman officer who begs our Lord Jesus to heal his sick servant. Though a non-Jew and a man of great authority and power, the centurion directly approaches our Lord, a Galilean. Immediately upon hearing the centurion's heartfelt request, our Lord assures him, "I will come and cure him." With even greater humility and boundless confidence, the centurion answers him: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." And marveling at his great faith, Jesus declares: "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel."

St. Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (Rom 12:16-21) not to be wise in our own conceits (vs 16). That means, among other things, realizing how desperately we need our Lord and doing whatever we possibly can to humbly receive His saving grace, especially in the sacraments, and to generously cooperate with it. We greatly please Jesus by sincerely admitting our powerlessness and helplessness and confidently begging Him to heal our souls. That is what the centurion did, and we who are followers of Christ can do nothing less. Then, as we pray in today's Offertory, we truly shall "live, and shall declare the works of the Lord" (Ps 117:17).

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Bus Trip to FSSP Ordinations in Nebraska

Fri., May 25-Sun., May 27

Join us as we depart Friday late afternoon to Nebraska for the FSSP ordinations to the priesthood and in support of Rev. Mr. Braun, known to many in the parish. We will leave Nebraska after he celebrates his First Mass on Sunday. Trip is in the planning stages. Additional information will be released when available.

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

Altar Society, second Saturday of every month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, in the small meeting room

Altar Server Practice, second 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, second Saturday of every month, 9 –10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5-11.

Festival Committee meets periodically during the year to plan, develop and implement the All Saints Festival in the fall, which will serve as a fundraiser for the parish. Open to all.

Overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for Lent. Begins after Vespers, Sun., Feb. 11 and ends 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 12. Please sign up for an Holy Hour at the hall table.

Year-end donation acknowledgement letters will be mailed this week. Please contact C.C. Grant or the parish office if you have any questions or concerns about the letter(s) you receive.

Sat., Jan. 27, no private Mass

TODAY:

~ Adult lecture series after Vespers: "Ceremonies of the Mass, Part 2" taught by Fr. Van Vliet. Open to all.

~ Sign up at the hall table to join the Altar Society

~ Sign up at the hall table for overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Feb. 11-12

~ Return old blessed palms at the hall table. Palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Mon., Jan. 22, day of penitential observance for the sin of abortion by decree of the Bishop's Conference

~ 7:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys and youth, ages 6 and older.

Sat., Jan. 27, no private Mass

Fri., Feb. 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

~ 6:30 a.m. Low Mass

~ 7:00 p.m., Blessing of candles, procession, and High Mass. First Friday devotion will follow Mass.

You may bring candles to be blessed for devotional use at home. Please try to have the candles in the designated area near the altar by 6:45 p.m. Candles should be unscented and preferably contain at least 51% beeswax. More information on the parish website.

Sat., Feb. 3, St. Blaise. Following the First Saturday devotion at the end of the 7:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise. The blessing will also be offered after the 6:30 a.m. private Mass.

Sun., Feb. 4, Festival Committee bake sale after the Masses to raise funds for the 2018 All Saints Festival

Check the website for information on upcoming FSSP pilgrimages and other events!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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Sun., 1/21, Third Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Maria Truong, requested by Ron Truong

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Maria Truong, by Ron Truong

Mon., 1/22, Votive Mass for Peace

6:30 a.m., Anthony Hung, by Ron Truong

Tues., 1/23, St. Raymond of Penafort

7:00 p.m., Anthony Hung, by Ron Truong

Wed., 1/24, St. Timothy

6:30 a.m., Anthony Hung, by Ron Truong

Thurs., 1/25, Conversion of St. Paul

7:00 p.m., Intentions of Rev. Joshua Houck, requested by a friend

Fri., 1/26, St. Polycarp

6:30 a.m., Josh-Silvera Family, by Nunia Josh

Sat., 1/27, St. John Chrysostom

7:30 a.m., Intentions for family members, requested by Nikki Ormsbee



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 PRIVATE MASS ON SAT., JAN. 27



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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. Advance notice of cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

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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