

January 28, 2018 - Septuagesima Sunday

From the Pastor

Sermon from the Second Sunday after Epiphany: Marriage, Part 1

During the time of Epiphany, the Church looks at three manifestations of the Divinity of Our Lord. The first is the manifestation by the star showing the location of the King of Kings so that the Kings of the earth can come and acknowledge the divinity of the Newborn Savior. The Three Kings bring the gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, which gifts contain a divine mystery: the gold to show forth the power of the King, the incense used to show forth His priesthood, and the myrrh in preparation of the burial of the Lord.

The second manifestation, celebrated on January 13, 2018, is the Baptism of the Lord, where our Lord descends into the Jordan with John the Baptist to be baptized by him. In being baptized, our Lord sanctifies the water by His contact with it, and upon coming out of the Jordan, there is the manifestation of the Trinity, whereby we see Christ, the Savior, and the Holy Ghost descending upon Him in the form of a dove, and we hear the Father speaking from the clouds, "This is my Beloved Son."

The third manifestation is celebrated on the Second Sunday after Epiphany. The Gospel reading of that day is where our Lord works His first public miracle in the presence of His disciples and at the insistence of his mother during the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. (John 2:1-11) It is telling that this first miracle He wrought at a wedding feast. Marriage is a very important institution established by God in the beginning – in Genesis, Chapter 2 – and our Lord elevated it to the level of a sacrament so it becomes a source of grace and sanctification. It is evident from the way the Holy Ghost presents this sacrament in Sacred Scripture and the way the Church presents it in the liturgy, that marriage has an important role in the life of the Church.

Marriage has as one of its ends the rearing and raising of offspring to populate the world and to subdue it; that is, to use it in accordance with God's laws and for His greater honor and glory. But marriage also has the purpose of raising more saints for heaven – and to first populate the Church and thus prepare young souls for heaven.

To remain a virgin in the celibate state is a higher state in life, but it is also a special vocation to which God calls certain souls. For the most part, people are attracted to the married state.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

UPDATE! Bus Trip to FSSP Ordinations in Nebraska

Fri., May 25-Sun., May 27

Anyone seriously interested in going on the trip for Deacon Stephan Braun's ordination should complete a signup information card so we can more accurately obtain prices. At this time the costs for a 49 passenger bus is quite high, so we need to know what the interest is and try to work out a less expensive option. The ordination is a wonderful ceremony to witness and a beautiful way to encourage vocations to the priesthood.

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 have been mailed. Please contact C.C. Grant or the parish office if you have any questions or concerns about the letter(s) you receive.

Feb. 4, LAST SUNDAY to return old blessed palms

TODAY:

~ Second collection: Bishops' Fund for Latin America

~ 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.

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

Mon., Feb. 5, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to boys ages 6 and older.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 18, Blessed Olive Wood Creations will sell handcrafted religious items to benefit the Holy Land.

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

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

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

January 28 – February 3, 2018

Sun., 1/28, Septuagesima Sunday

7:30 a.m., RIP Frances A. Hofman, requested by Nikki Ormsbee

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased FOSS members on account of the membership of Evelyn Bulan, by Evelyn Bulan

Mon., 1/29, St. Francis de Sales

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased FOSS members on account of the membership of Cynthia Costelo, by E. Bulan

Tues., 1/30, St. Martina

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased FOSS members on account of the membership of Therese Augustine, by E. Bulan

Wed., 1/31, St. John Bosco

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased FOSS members on account of the membership of Diane Bulan, by Evelyn Bulan

Thurs., 2/1, St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:00 p.m., RIP Dr. & Mrs. J. Henry LaRose, requested by their daughter

Fri., 2/2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., RIP Jim Moffit, by the Misner Family

7:00 p.m., blessing of candles, procession and Mass followed by First Friday devotion, RIP Roy J. Palermo, requested by the Boss Family

Sat., 2/3, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by First Saturday devotion and blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise

7:30 a.m., RIP Roy J. Palermo, by the Boss Family



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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. 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