

February 4, 2018 - Sexagesima Sunday

From the Pastor

Sermon from the Second Sunday after Epiphany: Marriage, Part 2

Marriage is the lawful contract between a man and a woman by which is given and accepted the exclusive and perpetual right over each other for the purpose of bringing forth offspring in a natural fashion. As said, this beautiful contract has been raised to the level of a sacrament so that the couple can be assured of God's special help of sacramental graces throughout their entire married life.

Let us look at Genesis, Chapters 1 and 2. "And God created man to His image; to the image of God He created Him, male and female He created them. And God blessed them and said: 'Increase and multiply & fill the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27, the sixth day of creation) Later we read in Chapter 2, after God created Eve from the rib of Adam: "This is bone of my bone, and flesh from my flesh; she is called woman since she was taken from man. On which account man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife; and they are two in one flesh."

We see in Sacred Scripture and in the Liturgy that marriage plays an important role in the life of the Church. Right at the beginning this institution is presented to us. It is the foundation of society.

Marriage is also one of the first sacraments presented to us in the Gospel.

This is very important for couples to remember. Whenever two baptized people, a man and a woman, get validly married, they have a whole treasure house of graces at their disposal. This is why the spiritual preparation for a wedding should be more important than the material ones. The marriage is more than the wedding day – it is a lifelong commitment. In the marriage contract, it does not say that there will be more good days than bad; rather, it says the couple has married for life. Good times or bad, sickness or health, richer or poorer – it doesn't matter, they are married for life. I do not insist on this to discourage couples from getting married, but that they take it seriously if they do and look to Cana of Galilee where our Lord worked His first miracle.

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

2018 DSF Instruments of God's Mercy Campaign. The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area, including pro-life activities and the Apostleship of the Sea. To learn more about DSF, please go to archgh.org/dsf.

Our parish goal is \$10,000 and any shortfall in funding will be financed out of parish operating funds. Each registered parishioner will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card. Please complete the pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF.

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

NEW! Legion of Mary. Effective Feb. 6, the Legion will meet at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the large meeting room, unless noted differently below. (Prior meetings were held on Thursdays.)

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.

Cleaning the building. Please sign up if you can assist in the weekly cleaning of the building. It takes only a few hours and will save the parish more than \$20,000 in contract cleaning services. The more who sign up, the less work for all. Thank you.

Lenten Food Drive, Feb. 14– Mar. 18. Please drop off nonperishable foods in the bin provided by the Little Flowers Group for distribution to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry in the Cy-Fair area.

TODAY:

- ~ Festival Committee bake sale after all Masses
- ~ Sign up at the hall table to assist in cleaning the building
- ~ Sign up at the hall table for overnight adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Feb. 11-12
- ~ LAST DAY to return old blessed palms. Palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

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

Sat., Feb. 10:

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

Sun., Feb. 11, St Valentine activity and treats for children in the large meeting room after the 10 a.m. Mass. Sponsored by Little Flowers. Open to all families.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The universal church requires fasting and abstinence from meat on this day. See letter from Bishop Sheltz on the bulletin boards.

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.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

February 4 – February 10, 2018

Sun., 2/4, Sexagesima Sunday

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Alexander Sung, clockmaker, requested by a friend

Mon., 2/5, St. Agatha

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Hazlewood Family

Tues., 2/6, St. Titus

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Hazlewood Family

Wed., 2/7, St. Romuald

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Hazlewood Family

Thurs., 2/8, St. John of Matha

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Hazlewood Family

Fri., 2/9, St. Cyril of Alexandria

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Hazlewood Family

Sat., 2/10, St. Scholastica

7:30 a.m., Baby Hazlewood, requested by the Hazlewood Family

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.



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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