

February 11, 2018 - Quinquagesima Sunday

## From the Pastor

### *Sermon from the Second Sunday after Epiphany: Marriage, Part 3*

Our Lord was present at the wedding because He and His mother were invited. Couples getting married and families have to remember to invite our Lord to be part of their family. If He is given central place in the home, He will also help the family to carry the burdens of daily life. "My yoke is easy and my burden is light," says our Lord (Matthew 11:30) because He helps us to carry them.

Fulton J. Sheen speaks in "Three to Get Married" of the three tensions in love that are present in every marriage. The first is the tension between the body and the spirit. Love craves for unity. While two spirits can be easily united, the material bodies, which cannot occupy the same space at the same time, are not capable of the same unity as the spirit. We are, however, both body and spirit, and so there is a certain tension that results. Love desires permanent union, not capable by the body but desired by the soul.

This tension is resolved through the begetting of offspring, where the child becomes a bond of unity outside the mother and father. The parents cooperate with God in begetting a new human being, which child is a permanent expression of their love for one another.

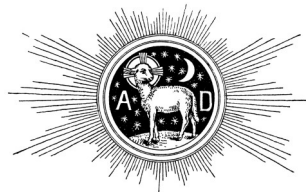
Another tension in married love arises between the individual person and humanity. Married love is very personal and private, and it should remain that way, and yet with the bringing forth of children, there is the social aspect of married life also. Fulton Sheen reduces this tension down to the personal nature of love itself and the act which one appropriates for the generation of offspring.

This tension is, of course, resolved through the begetting of children when the couple fully cooperates with the Creator. The tension will increase when the begetting of children is not desired or even blocked. Our society today with its licentiousness has separated the procreative act from its proper context, creating incredible tension in society and much hatred and selfishness. Where married life is meant by God to be the natural and beautiful release for this tension, society today is attacking this institution, leaving in its wake much hatred, discouragement and despair. The solution, of course, is to keep inviting Christ to the marriage. We do this by living according to His laws and fulfilling our religious duties toward Him.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Lent

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

## 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](http://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](http://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

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the large meeting room unless otherwise noted below

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 bins provided by the Little Flowers Group for distribution to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry in the Cy-Fair area. Bins will be in the hallway near the front entrance to the building.

### TODAY:

- ~ After Vespers through 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 12, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for Lent. Please come and spend time with our Lord.
- ~ Sign up at the hall table to assist in cleaning the building.
- ~ 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 p.m.
- ~ The Universal Church requires fasting and abstinence from meat on this day. See letter from Bishop Sheltz on the bulletin boards.
- ~ Lenten Food Drive begins. More information above.

Fri., Feb. 16:

- ~ 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross
- ~ 7-9 p.m., Men's recollection, including Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, confession and spiritual conference. Open to all men.

Sun., Feb. 18:

- ~ Blessed Olive Wood Creations will sell handcrafted religious items to benefit the Holy Land.
- ~ Youth Group meets in the large room after the 10 a.m. Mass.
- ~ Adult lecture series after Vespers: "Ceremonies of the Mass, Part 3" taught by Fr. Van Vliet. Open to all.

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*February 11 – February 17, 2018*

#### Sun., 2/11, Quinquagesima Sunday

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Baby Hazlewood, requested by the Hazlewood Family

#### Mon., 2/12, Seven Holy Servite Founders

6:30 a.m., RIP Patricia Tigner, by the Grants

#### Tues., 2/13, Votive Mass of the Angels

7:00 p.m., Baby Hazlewood, requested by the Hazlewood Family

#### Wed., 2/14, Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m., Baby Hazlewood, requested by the Hazlewood Family

7:00 p.m., RIP Dominique Tran by G.M. Tran

#### Thurs., 2/15, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m., RIP Ruth and Arrel Carrier requested by Cindy Limes

#### Fri., 2/16, Friday after Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m., RIP Maria Vu, by Nhan Trang

#### Sat., 2/17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m., RIP Cora Shannon by the Grants



*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

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
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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