

February 18, 2018 - First Sunday in Lent

From the Pastor

Sermon from the Second Sunday after Epiphany: Marriage, Part 4

The third tension results from the way the human heart was created. God placed within our heart a desire for eternal, infinite happiness, while in married love there is the limit of human love. The couple promises something they cannot deliver. They are, of course, sincere in their marriage promise when they pledge their love for each other, but they are going to need help to keep the promise. This is, of course, where our Lord comes in to resolve the tension. Marriage is a sacrament which is meant to help the couple obtain eternal salvation, but the sacrament can only be of assistance if it was validly received and faithfully lived.

This first miracle in Cana of Galilee is so important today when the very foundation of marriage is being attacked that we must return to it, to invite our Lord to the wedding feast so that He can keep working the miracles of grace in our world today and gladdening our hearts with the wine of His divine grace.

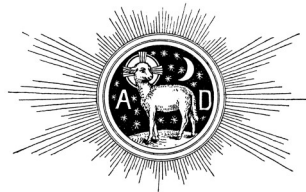
In John 4:46-54, we read that "Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He made the water wine." Though the Gospel does not say, it is not too much to presume that our Lord, in returning to Cana, visited the couple at whose wedding He worked His first miracle. It is also here that we see another important lesson on married life. A certain ruler whose son was sick at Capharnaum came to Christ in Cana, begging Him to heal his son. This is the other miracle of Cana we must never forget – the role of parents interceding for their children. If you have a sick child, whether spiritually or physically, beg our Lord, "come down before my son die" (vs 49). It is that faith that saved the child, and it is that faith that will save your children also. Parents have the duty to pray for their children even after they leave home.


Cana remains important today.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



 Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Lent
Plenary indulgence may be gained.

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.

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

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

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

Spiritual bouquet for Cardinal DiNardo. Cardinal DiNardo will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on March 17. Please sign the spiritual bouquet card and include your prayer intentions on the sign up sheet. Show your support and affection for our shepherd who has supported our parish and apostolate!

No private Mass on Saturday, Feb. 24.

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Black & Indian Missions.
- ~ Spiritual bouquet card and prayer intentions for the Cardinal are on the hall table. More info above.
- ~ 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.

Mon., Feb. 19, Troops of St. George, 7-8:30 p.m. Open to boys, ages 6 and older.

Thurs., Feb. 22, Chair of St. Peter:

- ~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- ~ Members of the Confraternity of St. Peter (CSP) may gain a plenary indulgence. More information on the parish website.

Fri., Feb. 23:

- ~ 9 a.m., in the large meeting room, an informal public speaking forum for children of all ages.
- ~ 6:30 p.m., in the chapel, Way of the Cross.

Sat., Feb. 24, no private Mass.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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Sun., 2/18, First Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet, requested by the LeBlancs

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Joseph Tuan, requested by Chris Oba

Mon., 2/19, Monday of the First Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Simon and Mattha Tran, requested by Simon Maria Tran

Tues., 2/20, Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Dominic and Anna Vo, requested by Simon Maria Tran

Wed., 2/21, Ember Wednesday of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Rev. Massimino, requested by Simon Maria Tran

Thurs., 2/22, Chair of St. Peter

6:30 a.m., Private Intentions

7:00 p.m., RIP Rev. George Lefas, requested by Simon Maria Tran

Fri., 2/23, Ember Friday of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Rev. Joseph Ngo, requested by Simon Maria Tran

Sat., 2/24, St. Matthias

7:30 a.m., Isaac Misner, by Gayle Misner

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

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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. 6:30 a.m.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available.

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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