

February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday in Lent

From the Pastor

End of Life Issues

The present loss of the sense of sin along with the ever pervading desire for comfort and quality of life has led to a new horror in our society, the sin of euthanasia. It is something that we have to fight in our present society, but before we can do that, we need to be aware that there is a serious problem. This problem is just one in the series of sins that result from the culture of death that Pope St. John Paul II spoke about. The Roe vs. Wade ruling that ushered in the era of abortion on demand was made in 1973. Since then over 60 million children have lost their lives. But the killing does not stop there. Now the elderly are more and more at risk of this culture of death.

In 1974, Dr. R. A Gallup said these frightening prophetic words:

Once you permit the killing of the unborn child, there will be no stopping. There will be no age limit. You are setting off a chain reaction that will eventually make you the victim. Your children will kill you because you permitted the killing of their brothers and sisters. Your children will not want to support you in your old age. Your children will kill you for your homes and estates. If a doctor will take money for killing the innocent in the womb, he will kill you with a needle when paid by your children. This is the terrible nightmare you are creating for the future.

Dr. Gallup's words are sadly coming true. There are a number of places where euthanasia is permitted in the U.S. and the pro-euthanasia groups keep trying to pass legislation in other places also. In California assisted suicide has been transformed from a crime to a "medical treatment". Now it happens that insurance companies will not pay for medication or treatment that patients need; rather, they will pay for doctor-prescribed suicide since it is now a less expensive medical treatment!

A few years ago, Rita L. Marker, Executive Director of the Patients Rights Council gave a talk at a FSSP priest meeting in Nebraska. She is doing a tremendous work at combating this scourge on our country, but you can imagine how difficult a task she has. She set up the council to help fight this sort of legislation and educate people concerning their rights when it comes to end of life issues. She put together the booklet "Closing the Road to Death on Demand". There are a limited number of booklets available at the entrance of the chapel on the table that you are welcome to take home and read, but please bring them back when done to make them available again so others can read them. You can obtain your own personal copy from her website: www.patientsrightscouncil.org. The website also has packages available with information concerning living wills and medical power of attorney as they apply in the state of Texas. Please keep up the prayers to end abortion and euthanasia.

May God have mercy on us.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED TO DATE \$2,850.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is expected to meet goal, and if the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete a 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. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/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. Maxmilian 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!

St. Joseph Altar. Monday, March 19, there will be a St. Joseph Altar and reception in the large meeting room after the 7 p.m. Mass. Please contact Angela Hebert, angela_hebert@att.net or 281-323-2289, if you would like to participate. Donation of food, labor, materials and ideas would be appreciated!

TODAY:

- ~ Spiritual bouquet card and prayer intentions for the Cardinal are on the hall table. More info above. Please do not forget to add your prayer intentions to the sign up sheet.
- ~ "Closing the Road to Death on Demand" booklets discussed in "From the Pastor" are on the hall table. Please return booklets after reading so that others may have a chance to read them.

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

Sat., Mar. 17, 10 a.m., Cardinal DiNardo will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the parish.

Mon., Mar. 19, Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

~ St. Joseph Altar and reception after the 7 p.m. Mass. More information above.



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.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

February 25 – March 3, 2018

Sun., 2/25, Second Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m., Anthony Elias, requested by Gayle Misner

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Maurice Michel, by the Ormsbees

Mon., 2/26, Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, by Gayle Misner

Tues., 2/27, Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., Benjamin Misner, by Gayle Misner

Wed., 2/28, Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Lent

and anniversary of the appointment of Cardinal DiNardo as Ordinary of the Archdiocese

6:30 a.m., RIP Lee Ignatius White, requested by Betty Lee White

Thurs., 3/1, Thursday of the 2nd Week in Lent

7:00 p.m., Fr. Joshua Houck, by a friend

Fri., 3/2, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, by the Grants

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, RIP Bishop David Hickey, SJ, requested by Betty Lee White

Sat., 3/3, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by First Saturday devotion

7:30 a.m., RIP Ernie Munshower, requested by Betty Lee White

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., 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.

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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