

March 4, 2018 - Third Sunday in Lent

From the Pastor

Sermon from the Feast of the Holy Family, Part 1

"O Lord Jesus Christ, who when Thou was subject to Mary and Joseph didst sanctify the home life with ineffable virtues: grant that by their assistance, we may be instructed by the example of the Holy Family and become partakers of their eternal happiness." (Collect, Feast of the Holy Family)

As we celebrate the mysteries surrounding the Epiphany, we also celebrate the example of the Holy Family as something to study and meditate upon and to put into practice in our own families. This time of year (Christmas) is a time when families get together and we feel a need to be close to them. We also sometimes feel a need to comfort those who cannot get close to their own families. There is also a proper order, by Divine Design, within the family, but in our own times this order is being attacked. Women libbers would do away with families, and the LGBT's want to redefine it. What do they have to offer to take its place? Nothing. Emptiness, sadness, loneliness – which lead to discouragement and despair.

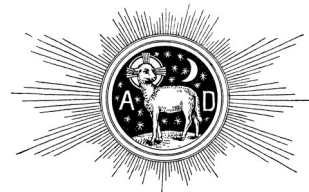
The Collect from the Mass on the feast day of the Holy Family offers some good advice for us to strengthen our families in the present attacks against it. First, it is addressed to Our Lord, Who sanctified home life with untold virtues, being subject to Mary and Joseph. Then we beg from Him the help of His parents that they may assist us to imitate the example of the Holy Family so that the end of eternal salvation can also be ours.


So there is the foundation of virtue that is so critical to family life. If we want our homes to be happy, loving places that lead to eternal happiness, then virtue in each member is necessary and each one has to strive to practice it on his own. This is not always an easy task. The epistle on this feast day lists some of these virtues: "put ye on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another if any have a complaint against another." (Col. 3:12ff)

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 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. 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!

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!

No private Masses March 12-14.

*Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Zachary Akers, FSSP, who is visiting with us today.
He will preach at all the Masses and be available to talk afterwards.*

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.

Sat., Mar. 10:

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

Sun., Mar. 11:

- ~ No CCD. Enjoy Spring Break!
- ~ After the 10 a.m. Mass, there will be a short ceremony in recognition of Simon Misner-Elias' achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, followed by a cake reception to celebrate and to thank the parish for its support in building the outdoor Stations of the Cross. All are invited to attend.

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.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

March 4 – March 10, 2018

Sun., 3/4, Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Ruth Lawson, by Betty Lee White

Mon., 3/5, Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Marion Gustave Budzinski, SJ, requested by Betty Lee White

Tues., 3/6, Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent

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

Wed., 3/7, St. Thomas Aquinas

6:30 a.m., RIP Beatrice Boler, by Betty Lee White

Thurs., 3/8, Thursday of the 3rd Week in Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Margaret Summers, requested by Bill Pellerin

Fri., 3/9, Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Maria Thanh, by Ron Truong

Sat., 3/10, Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent

7:30 a.m., RIP Maria Thanh, by Ron Truong



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.

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 cancellation will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

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.



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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