

March 11, 2018 - Fourth (Laetare) Sunday in Lent

From the Pastor

Sermon from the Feast of the Holy Family, Part 2

From the foundation of solid virtue there will naturally be obedience. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity was subject to Mary and Joseph. This takes a lot of meditation and reflection: God subject to creatures! He is teaching us the importance of obedience. And not just a reluctant obedience, for He was subject to them for 90% of His life here on earth. What do we learn from this? That the little, and not-so-little, acts of prompt obedience on the part of children to their parents are an important way to practice being Christian, a follower of Christ.

Our Lord is obedient to the Father, obedient to death on the Cross, but He was also obedient to Mary and Joseph. This is such an important foundation for family life. There has to be proper order for peace to reign in the home, and if obedience lacks, or has to be fought for each time, there will be no peace and no happiness.

Happiness in the home does not just happen, nor is it a gift. It is not even a gratuitous gift from God. It is something we have to work on with God's grace. The people in the home have to work at making it to be a happy, holy home. It begins with each member making his own efforts.

The parents are set in authority over their children, and they should, with all charity and gentleness, guide the children in wisdom, having reflected on and studied, if necessary, how best to do this. It is not easy, but taking the time to reflect and guide the children properly pays dividends in the future. It is going to be the parents' solid practice of virtue that leads the children to do the same.

Without the practice of virtue, a happy home life simply cannot be. But with a genuine and deep love of Christ, and sacrifice and an openness to God's grace, this happiness is possible, even if injury or sickness or other misfortune strikes the family.

The modern redefinition of the family cannot lead to this happiness here below and certainly not to eternal happiness. The destruction of the family is leading so many souls away from God. But for those who want to serve God, God will give you the grace to rebuild family life in this country, starting with one family at a time. You have an important role in this country and in eternity.

May the Holy Family bless you.

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 \$3,750.

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 take a flyer from the hall table for more information. Food bins are located near the main entrance.

LAST SUNDAY to sign Spiritual Bouquet for Cardinal DiNardo. Please include your prayer intentions on the sign up sheet. Show your support for His Eminence, who has supported this 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!

Easter Flowers. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar during Eastertide. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

No private Masses March 12-14.

TODAY:

- ~ Last Sunday to sign the spiritual bouquet card for the Cardinal and list your prayer intentions.
- ~ 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 reception to celebrate and to thank the parish for its support in building the outdoor Stations of the Cross. All are invited to attend.

Fri., Mar. 16, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession and spiritual conference. Open to all men.

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

Sun., Mar. 18:

- ~ Youth Group meeting cancelled. Will resume April 15.
- ~ Evening adult lecture series cancelled. Will resume April 15.

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.
- ~ 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meet on the parish grounds.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

March 11 – March 17, 2018

Sun., 3/11, Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Peter Bau, by Ron Truong

Mon., 3/12, Monday of the 4th Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Peter Bau, by Ron Truong

Tues., 3/13, Tuesday of the 4th Week in Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Peter Bau, by Ron Truong

Wed., 3/14, Wednesday of the 4th Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Francis Truong, by Ron Truong

Thurs., 3/15, Thursday of the 4th Week in Lent

7:00 p.m., RIP Francis Truong, by Ron Truong

Fri., 3/16, Friday of the 4th Week in Lent

6:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, by Ron Truong

Sat., 3/17, Saturday of the 4th Week in Lent

7:30 a.m., Souls in Purgatory, 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

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.

NO PRIVATE MASS, March 12, 13, 14

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