

March 18, 2018 - Passion Sunday

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## From the Pastor

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### *Passion Sunday*

"Jesus hid Himself." Jn 8:59

Toward the end of today's gospel we read that Jesus had to hide Himself. This fact of our Lord having to hide Himself explains why we cover the statues in the church. The focus of the liturgy during Lent until now has been on the catechumens and public penitents. Now the focus is on our Lord Himself and His passion.

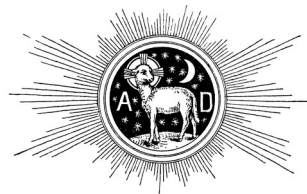
The 8th chapter of St. John's Gospel has it's a dramatic contrast between its beginning and end. The chapter begins with the women caught in the act of adultery who is brought to our Lord. According to the Law, she ought to be stoned and Pharisees and scribes bring her to our Lord and ask Him how He would judge her. They are trying to set a trap for our Lord so they can catch Him contradicting the Mosaic Law. Jesus, however, bowed down and wrote in the sand with His finger. Then, at the persistence of the crowd, Jesus told them: "let he who is without sin cast the first stone". As each of them approached they saw what Jesus was writing and then walked away. Did each one see his sins written in the sand? In any case, all her accusers left and in the end, Jesus does not condemn her either, but tells her to sin no more.

Compare this scene, where the loving Savior has the sentence of death reversed for a sinner caught in the act of adultery, to the condemnation He receives from the unbelief of the Jews. They take up stones to stone Him, and He hides from them. What a punishment our Lord inflicted on them! Jesus Who could forgive sin ends up withdrawing and hiding from them, leaving them in sin. In John 7:21, our Lord says: "I go and you shall seek me, and you shall die in your sins." This hiding Himself is their punishment because they rejected His love and graces. Let us not make the same mistake, but rather, turn to Him, asking forgiveness for our sins.

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 \$5,050.

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](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. More on DSF can be found at [archgh.org/dsf](http://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

LAST SUNDAY! 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.

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](mailto: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 6:30 a.m. Mass March 24.

No public 7 p.m. Mass March 27.

No CCD March 25 and April 1. CCD resumes April 8.

TODAY:

- ~ Last Sunday of the Lenten Food Drive.
- ~ CCD resumes.
- ~ Please consider making a donation for altar flowers at Easter. Donation box on the hall table. Thank you.
- ~ 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.

Fri., Mar. 23, 9 a.m. in the large meeting room, there will be an informal public speaking forum for children of all ages. Sponsored by the St. Athanasius Homeschoolers.

Sat., Mar. 24, no private 6:30 a.m. Mass.

*Holy Week flyers on the hall table with Mass times and other information.*

## March 18, 2018 - Passion Sunday

### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*March 18 – March 24, 2018*

#### Sun., 3/18, Passion Sunday

7:30 a.m., Deceased members of the Olvera Family, requested by Juana Maria Olvera

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Scott Kenneth Gregory Johnsgard, Jr. requested by his mother

#### Mon., 3/19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Intentions of Vanessa Vance Laney, requested by the Pellerin Family

7:00 p.m., Private intentions

#### Tues., 3/20, Anniversary of the Coronation of Pope Francis

7:00 p.m., Intentions of CSP, by the Ormsbees

#### Wed., 3/21, Wednesday of Passion Week

6:30 a.m., Intentions of CSP, by the Ormsbees

#### Thurs., 3/22, Thursday of Passion Week

7:00 p.m., Rev. Goodwin, by the Misner Family

#### Fri., 3/23, Friday of Passion Week

6:30 a.m., Jill Ostertag, by the Misner Family

#### Sat., 3/24, Saturday of Passion Week

7:30 a.m., Rev. Alar, by the Misner Family

*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  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
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*To confirm Mass requests or dates:*  
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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. 6:30 a.m.

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

NO PRIVATE MASS MARCH 24

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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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