

April 29, 2018 - Fourth Sunday after Easter

From the Pastor

Death

"Whither goest thou?" John 16:5

This is a question we all have to answer one day since each of us will leave this earth and enter into eternity. This question has only two answers: Heaven or eternal damnation. St Paul in Hebrews (9:27) says that "it is appointed unto men once to die".

Death is the separation of the soul from the body; thus the end of time for that soul and the beginning of eternity, the end of ambitions, earthly joys, sorrows and such. It is the end of the time of trial and probation. Death was not intended from the beginning, but entered the world as a consequence of sin. In Wisdom we read "God created man incorruptible" (Wis 2:23). Everyday thousands and thousands of people die all over the world. Death is one thing that is certain, yet knowing this, though it is fearful, it is also salutary. It helps us to be properly prepared for the eventuality. We do not know when it will happen, though sometimes we can know it is near. It can happen at an early age or we might live many years. We do not know where we will be, or the manner of death, whether suddenly, from an illness and slowly, or just naturally. Will a priest be present to give the sacraments? We sure hope so, but we cannot be certain of this, since often deaths are sudden and unexpected.

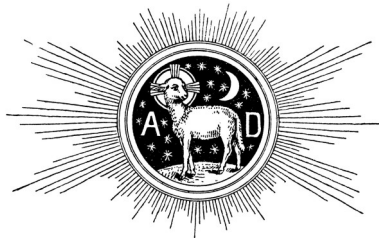
We know death is a certainty and it is good for us to remember that. It will help us to avoid sin and overcome temptation. It can help us to be prepared at all times and to detach our hearts from the earth. No matter how rich we are, we leave it all behind to face our Creator. At the time of death, temptations can be very strong because the devil does not want us saved. Thus when the priest comes to give Extreme Unction and Viaticum, he first blesses the room to chase away any demons and he invites the holy angels to keep watch. This is a great comfort for the dying. We should not wait too long to call the priest if we know we are sick and in danger of death.

What can we do to prepare for that day when we pass into eternity? Live a good holy life. This is the only real preparation. If we are faithful in serving God with everything we do, we will have nothing to fear at the approach of death.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign, 80% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$7,985. Please consider a gift to the DSF. If the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of parish operating funds. DSF envelopes are available on the hall table or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. 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 supporting the parish and 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.

Grounds Maintenance Request. Please watch that children do not throw rocks on the church grounds. Rocks create a mowing hazard for our volunteers. Please also prevent children from drinking coffee creamers and throwing the empty cartons on the grounds. Your supervision will help us maintain the grounds and keep costs down. Thank you!

No private Masses April 30 - May 2. Fr. Houck will leave Sunday evening, April 29, returning Thursday, May 3. A family member is very ill. Please pray for his safe trip and for his family.

Please extend a hearty welcome to
Fr. Gerard Saguto, North American District Superior of the FSSP!

Sun., Apr. 29:

- ~ Please welcome Fr. Saguto to the parish. Light refreshments will be offered after the morning Masses.
- ~ Last day of CCD.

Sun., May 6, 10 a.m., May Crowning, followed by Mass and light refreshments:

- ~ Please bring your own gift of flowers to offer to Our Lady. The parish will have some flowers for those who cannot bring their own, but the offering is meant as a gift to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. The parish will provide flowers for the First Communicants.
- ~ First Communicants, please wear your First Communion clothes today.

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

Sat., May 12:

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

Sun., May 13, Mother's Day. CCD children will receive First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass. There will be a celebratory reception afterwards.

Fri., May 18, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection, open to all men. There will be no Recollection during the summer months. Recollections will resume in the fall.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

April 29-May 5, 2018

Sun., 4/29, Fourth Sunday after Easter

7:30 a.m., Ian Pellerin, requested by Gayle Misner

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP M. Jesus Garcia, by Elvia Leyva

Mon., 4/30, St. Catherine of Siena

6:30 a.m., Michelle Saenz, by Gayle Misner

Tues., 5/1, St. Joseph the Workman

6:30 a.m., Private intentions

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

Wed., 5/2, St. Athanasius

6:30 a.m., RIP Gilberto A. Repunte, by his family

Thurs., 5/3, Finding of the Holy Cross

7:00 p.m., RIP Agnes B. Soukup, by the Grants

Fri., 5/4, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., RIP Gilberto A. Repunte, by his family

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, RIP Gilberto A. Repunte, by his family

Sat., 5/5, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:30 a.m., followed by First Saturday devotion, RIP Gilberto A. Repunte, by his 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.



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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

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.

NO PRIVATE MASSES APRIL 29 - MAY 2.

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Mass 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