

May 6, 2018 - Fifth Sunday after Easter

## From the Pastor

### Sorrow

"And you shall be made sorrowful" John 16:20

We all go through difficult times and face sorrow at one time or another in our life. Our Lord speaks of a "little while" and that our sorrow will be turned into joy. When we are going through a tough period in our life, it can be difficult to remember that, in the end, if we persevere in grace, we will be rewarded with joy, sometimes in this world, but otherwise in the world to come. The "little while" our Lord uses is not defined. Is it a little while in terms of life here below or is it a little while in terms of eternity? If the latter, a 100 years would be a little while.

When sorrow strikes us, we need to deal with it, and so it is good to understand what can help us with this. Sorrow is a passion that falls under the concupiscible appetite and we experience it when an evil is present to us. During His Passion, our Lord was the "Man of Sorrows" because the evil of our sins were placed upon Him and He bore them for us, so we in turn could be freed from sin. If we are to conform ourselves to Him, we know we will be purified by sorrow also.

Sanctity is measured by our conformity to Christ, and so the more we resemble Him, the more we may have to suffer. In our suffering, we may not resemble Him in the outward appearance of wearing a crown of thorns and being scourged and nailed to a cross, but we will have a share in His inward suffering and thus imitate Him in this manner. There is the outward reality of the suffering and then there is the inward reality and our response to it that conforms us to Christ. It is usually best that we do not see the resemblance to Christ since pride can set in and destroy any merit. We are more likely to share in the dereliction of Gethsemane than the outward carrying of a wooden cross. The evil, however, that is present to us must be dealt with properly and our sorrow kept in proper bounds.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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

## Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign, 83% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$8,335. 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](http://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](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.

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 Mass May 12. Fr. Houck will be leaving May 10 for a wedding and returning May 12. Please pray for him to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Spiritual Bouquet Card for Rev. Mr. Stephen Braun, who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 26 in Omaha, Nebraska. Please sign the card and list your prayer/Mass intentions on the signup sheet on the hall table. There is a box on the table for cash or check gifts. Checks should be made out to Fr. Stephen Braun, FSSP.

TODAY:

- ~ Please sign the spiritual bouquet card for Fr. Stephen Braun, who will be ordained May 26, and include your prayer/Mass intentions on the signup sheet. More information above.
- ~ 10 a.m., May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Mass.
- ~ Please join us after the 10 a.m. Mass for a reception in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

Thurs., May 10, Ascension of Our Lord. Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sat., May 12:

- ~ No private 6:30 a.m. Mass.
- ~ 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.

*Check the website for upcoming FSSP Young Adult Weekend, pilgrimages and other events!*

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*May 6-May 12, 2018*

#### Sun., 5/6, Fifth Sunday after Easter

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Deanna Sneed, by the Sneeds

#### Mon., 5/7, St. Stanislaus

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

#### Tues., 5/8, Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces

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

#### Wed., 5/9, Vigil of the Ascension

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

#### Thurs., 5/10, Ascension of the Lord

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

7:00 p.m., RIP A.C. Soukup, by the Grants

#### Fri., 5/11, Ss. Philip & James

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

#### Sat., 5/12, Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, & Pancras

7:30 a.m., 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.

#### 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. Advance notice of cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

NO PRIVATE MASS MAY 12.

### Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
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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.



## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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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