

June 5, 2016 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 25

I have the joy to announce that we will have a second priest here at Regina Caeli Parish, beginning July 1st. Rev. Joshua Houck was ordained on the 28th of May and this will be his first assignment. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares to move to Houston. There will be many things to do and organize before his arrival, but it will be truly a blessing having a second priest here. We will have more details in the coming weeks concerning any changes to the Mass schedule and such that might occur as a result of having a second priest.

Though it has been some time since the articles have been printed in the SEAS bulletin, I continue with the same series on the Mass. Past articles are available on our website.

The offertory begins with the priest kissing the altar, and then turning to the faithful saying “the Lord be with you” to which the faithful reply “and with your spirit”. This greeting introduces the great prayer of the offertory, just as it does for the other important prayers of the Mass. The kissing of the altar before giving the greeting shows that the words that follow come from Christ. The priest is at once acting as the head of the faithful, showing reverence to Christ by kissing the altar, and then acting in the person of Christ when he turns to the faithful to greet them. He turns back to the altar and says “oremus”; i.e., “let us pray”, and reads out loud, at a Low Mass, the Offertory Antiphon. At a High Mass, the priest would say it silently while the Schola sings it. Liturgists speculate that there might have been another prayer said at this time, hence the “oremus.” This prayer, which disappeared, likely had the same object as the “mementoes” for the living and the dead in the Canon.

There was at one time a procession bringing the bread and wine used at Mass and also all the necessities for the support of the clergy and the poor. These items would all be blessed with the prayer “per quem haec omnia” toward the end of the Canon. This ceremony has been replaced with the taking up of the collection, which goes to the support of the clergy, poor and church buildings.

The offertory begins with removing the chalice veil and setting it aside on the epistle side of the altar. The chalice with the paten still on it is placed off to the right side slightly and then the paten with the host on it is brought to the center of the altar and raised up to offer it to God. If there is a ciborium to be consecrated, then it would be placed on the corporal at this time and the cover removed so that, as the paten with the large host is being offered up, the small hosts in the ciborium are being offered up. The prayer for the offering of the host is addressed to the Father and makes mention of the host being spotless. In the Middle Ages, the monks in the monasteries would take great care to use only the whitest wheat flour to make the hosts, so that the hosts would be white and spotless. The host is offered up in view of it becoming the Body of Christ, our spotless Lamb. At this point it is still bread, but the prayer looks forward to the consecration and the sacrifice that Christ did for us. The priest mentions his own unworthiness since he is in need of God’s mercy and also that the host will be offered for all the Christian Faithful, both living and dead.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Welcome to Regina Caeli Parish.

We appreciate the effort it takes to find and attend the Traditional Latin Mass. May God reward you.

We ask both men and women to respect modesty. The way we dress says something about our values and influences, how we behave and feel. God and His House are important. In His House, we should express this importance by our actions, our reverence, our silence, and most importantly, by the way we dress.

Announcements

Rev. Joshua Houck, FSSP will join our parish as parochial vicar on July 1. Deo gratias!

Spiritual bouquet card for Fr. Van Vliet in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood is on the FLC Table. More information below.

Every Saturday, work at site, 10-4 p.m. Volunteers needed and much appreciated!

DSF donations are mailed directly to the Archdiocese. Please be generous. This is the final year that we receive 100% of the funds donated by those who list Regina Caeli Parish on their DSF forms.

June 19 after the 8 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Van Vliet with a reception and presentation of the spiritual bouquet card.

- A cash box is available on the FLC Table. Checks are made out to Rev. Charles Van Vliet.

- If you would like to be involved with the reception and are not on the Reception Email list, please contact C.C. Grant or email office@reginacaeliparish.org.

TODAY: Adult Catechism Class, “Overview of the History of the Church”, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in FLC Room 14. Terry Bohannon will teach the course.

Sat., June 11, Men’s altar server practice, 7 p.m. in the FLC

Sat., June 18, Boys’ altar server practice, 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Sun., June 19, Father’s Day and parish celebration for Fr. Van Vliet after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Wed., June 29, Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, 6:30 a.m. Low Mass in Main Church. A plenary indulgence is available for members of the Confraternity of St. Peter. See the website for more details.

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment. May God reward you!
Please check the website home page for events Around the Archdiocese.*

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Liturgical Calendar &

Mass Intentions

June 5-12, 2016

Sun., 6/5, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m. High Mass, Pro Populo

11 a.m. Mass, Rev. Charles Van Vliet; requested by C.C. Grant

Mon., 6/6, St. Norbert

6:30 a.m. Mass, Confirmation of Jacque Halas; requested by Cari Tasin

Tues., 6/7, Votive of Holy Angels

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

Wed., 6/8, Votive of St. Joseph

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

Thurs., 6/9, Sts. Primus & Felicianus

6:30 a.m. Mass, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo; requested by Elvia Leyva

Fri., 6/10, St. Margaret of Scotland

6:30 a.m. Mass, RIP Jesus Garcia; requested by Elvia Leyva

Sat., 6/11, St. Barnabus

7:30 a.m. Mass, Souls in Purgatory; requested by Elvia Leyva

Sun., 6/12, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m. High Mass, Pro Populo

11 a.m. Mass, RIP D.A. Hendley; requested by Steven Hendley

Directory

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Pastor Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP
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Parochial Vicar Arriving July 2016

Website reginacaeliparish.org

Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email
office@reginacaeliparish.org

Men's Schola

Practice Tuesday nights
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue

Young Adult Group

Contact: To be announced

Youth Group

Contact: Daniel Bui

Regina Caeli Moms:

Contact: Jennifer McDonald

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

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.
Blessing of St. Athanasius Chapel Hall*

Followed by a High Mass celebrated by Fr. Van Vliet
in the presence of His Eminence.
Reception afterwards



Mass Schedule

Sundays
8:00 a.m. (High), 11:00 a.m.
Mondays—Fridays
6:30 a.m.
Saturdays
7:30 a.m.

Confessions

30 minutes before each Mass
Confession ends 5 min. before Mass.
Wednesdays and Fridays
5:45-6:45 p.m.