

July 10, 2016 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 30

The washing of the hands during the offertory had a very practical origin that also has a deeper spiritual signification. The washing of the hands takes place after the incensation of the altar since the hands of the priest could get some black soot on them from the thurible or dust from the incense boat. Further, it was during the offertory in the Early Church that the priest would receive the various gifts from the faithful, such as food for the support of the clergy. Some of these could also dirty the priest's hands in handling them. Since the priest's hands need to be clean to touch the Body of Christ, he would wash his hands at this point in the offertory. To this practical necessity, part of Psalm 25 was recited which speaks of the innocence that is needed to approach the altar. In our case, it is an innocence that has to be acquired; only our Savior is perfectly innocent and could say: "Who among you could accuse me of sin?" (Jn 8:46). The deeper spiritual meaning here is, of course, that at the moment when the priest acts in persona Christi, (the person of Christ), he has to purify the soul. In the Imitation of Christ, we read "Oh, how clean should be the hands, how pure the mouth, how holy the body and how undefiled the heart of a priest, into whom so often the Author of all purity enters." (Imitation, Bk 4; Chap 11; Para 6) We must all strive after this purity if we are to receive communion frequently, so let us make the priest's washing of the hands an occasion for us to purify our souls with renewed contrition.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

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Pledges finance construction and retire interim bridge loans.
May God reward you!*



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

Fr. Van Vliet is on holidays, visiting his family, from July 7 to July 15. Please pray for a safe trip and be kind to Fr. Houck. This is his first week alone in a parish.

Mass intentions change notice: With two priests in the parish now, we will have more Masses being offered, at least for most weekdays; therefore, there will be more opportunities for having Masses offered. The second intentions will be offered at a private Mass and will not be announced in the bulletin. If you do not mind not knowing when the Mass will be offered, please leave the box unchecked on the Mass intention envelope where it says: "If you want the Mass listed in the church bulletin, check here".

CCD registration begins today. Registration forms and class schedules are available at the FLC Table and online. Registration deadline is August 14. Please drop completed registrations in the box on the FLC Table or give to Mrs. Haddox or the parish office. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed to ccd@reginacalieparish.org.

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.

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag Annual Collection
 - ~ Adult catechism class resumes in FLC Rm. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Sat., July 16, Boys' altar server practice, 6:30 p.m. in FLC

*Please check the website home page for events Around the Archdiocese.
Also on the website: photos of construction and parish events.*



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Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar &

Mass Intentions

July 10-July 17, 2016

Sun., 7/10, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m. Mass, Pro Populo

11 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel;
requested by M. Michel

Mon., 7/11 St. Pius I

6:30 a.m., RIP Summer Edwards; requested by
Margaret Tipps

Tues., 7/12, St. John Gualbert

6:30 a.m., RIP Summer Edwards; requested by
Margaret Tipps

Wed., 7/13, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel;
requested by M. Michel

Thurs., 7/14, St. Bonaventure

6:30 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel;
requested by M. Michel

Fri., 7/15, St. Henry the Emperor

6:30 a.m., Special intentions of M. Michel;
requested by M. Michel

Sat., 7/16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 a.m., RIP John Dudas, Jr.; by Joan Carson

Sun., 7/17, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8 a.m., Pro Populo

11 a.m., RIP Gerald Dudas; by Joan Carson

Directory

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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.



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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.