

Dec. 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 51

The Canon: Unde et Memores. "The prayer immediately after the consecration begins with a recollection: "Therefore, Lord, in memory of the blessed passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, of His resurrection from among the dead, and His ascension to heavenly glory." This expression of the memory recalls the last words of the consecration "do this in memory of Me". The Eucharist is a memory (but not a simple memory, rather a re-actualization) of the passion, the resurrection, and the ascension of our Savior. The mention of the passion recalls our Lord's sacrifice whereby He conquered sin and death for us.

The mention of the resurrection recalls His victory over sin and death, and the ascension recalls the reconciliation with the Father. "We Thy servants"; i.e., the priest and his ministers, and "Thy holy people", meaning all the faithful, belong to God since the time of our baptism and, for the priest, in a particular way, since his ordination. Together we form the people of God as Israel did in times past.

We present to His Divine Majesty the offering from among the gifts He has given us, since all we have comes from Him. Here we present to Him the sacrifice of Calvary and our union to it with our own sacrifices and graces that God has given us. We are before God as little children who can only offer to their parents what the parents have given them. We need to realize this more and more each day, so that we can become as little children - like St. Teresa the Little Flower lived her life, according to the Gospel passage Matt. 18:3.

The priest then calls the Host on the altar the Victim perfect, holy and spotless, the holy Bread of everlasting life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation. We offer to God the only Victim that is perfect and worthy of Him, namely His own Son. We will eat of this Victim so that we may have eternal life and salvation. The priest makes signs of the cross over the consecrated host during this prayer, not to bless it, since it is blessed already through the consecration and transubstantiation, but as a means of piously pointing to the Victim that our prayer is mentioning at that time .

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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Announcements

PLEASE CONSIDER making a special year-end donation to the capital campaign. God has been good to us in providing us with this building and parish, but for us to expand, we must retire our existing debt. If you can make an extra donation this month, it would be greatly appreciated. May God reward you.

2017 Boxed Envelope Sets are on the hall table for pick up. Please pick up your box and save the parish postage. Everyone who is registered as a box. If you do not have a boxed set, you are not registered with the parish. Registration forms are on the table. If you are registered and do not see a boxed set, please contact C.C. Grant or email office@reginacaeliparish.org.

FSSP 2017 Liturgical Calendar on sale at the table, \$13 each, cash or check payable to parish.

LAST DAY to make cash/check donations for Christmas altar flowers. Your gift is appreciated!

Decorating St. Athanasius for Christmas, Dec. 24. St. Athanasius will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 24 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. If you can help, please sign up at the table or contact Juana Maria Olvera at office@reginacaeliparish.org.

Cleaning the building. Special thanks to all who volunteered. May God reward you. Gretchen Richardson is the coordinator. Anytime you can stop by and help, even if you did not sign up, please contact her to see what needs to be done. Contact information: 281-734-3337.

Silent prayer in the church. We would like to keep the building open for silent prayer during the following times, but need firm commitments that at least two people will be on the premises in prayer during these hours. 4-7 p.m. Friday, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. Please sign up at the hall table.

Today:

- ~ Last day for Christmas flower donations. Donation box on hall table.
- ~ Please sign up to assist with decorating building for Christmas (see above for more information).
- ~ Please sign up if you can commit to silent prayer in the church on Friday or Saturday evenings, or on Sunday afternoons (see above for more information).

CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY Mass Schedule

Christmas—Midnight, 7:30 a.m. Low, 9:30 a.m. High, 5:30 p.m. Low

Sun., Jan. 1, Octave of Christmas, 7:30 a.m. Low, 9:30 a.m. High

Thurs., Jan. 5, 7 p.m. High Mass followed by Blessing of the Epiphany Water

Fri., Jan. 6, Epiphany, 6:30 a.m. Low, 7 p.m. High Mass followed by First Friday devotions

NEW SUNDAY Mass & CCD Times, effective January 8, 2017

7:30 a.m. Low Mass 10 a.m. High Mass

8:45-9:35 a.m. CCD; classes resume January 8.

Your comments and suggestions on future Mass and CCD times were appreciated. Thank you!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Dec. 18-Dec. 25, 2016

Sun., 12/18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., RIP Josephine Dudas; requested by Joan Carson

9:30 a.m., Pro Populo

Mon., 12/19, Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., Regina Caeli; by a friend

Tues., 12/20, Greater Feria of Advent

7:00 p.m., RIP Gerald Dudas; by Joan Carson

Wed., 12/21, St. Thomas

6:30 a.m., RIP James J. Carson, Jr.; by Joan Carson

Thurs., 12/22, Greater Feria of Advent

7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory; by Joan Carson

Fri., 12/23, Greater Feria of Advent

6:30 a.m., RIP Deceased Priests; by Joan Carson

Sat., 12/24, Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

7:30 a.m., Blessings on Cardinal DiNardo through Mother Mary; requested by Nwachukwu Family

Sun., 12/25, The Nativity of Our Lord

Midnight, Pro Populo

7:30 a.m., RIP Sydney Cordeiro; by V. Cordeiro

9:30 a.m., RIP Fred Rodriguez; by J. Rodriguez

5:30 p.m., private intentions

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotions, which includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Private Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Tues., 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. Planned absence of a priest will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email

Men's Schola

Practice Thursday nights, 7 p.m.
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Young Adult Group

Contact: Stephen Gann
youngadults@reginacaeliparish.org

Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

Regina Caeli Moms

Contact: Jennifer McDonald
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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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Mass and Confession Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (High)
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