

Jan. 1, 2017 - Octave Day of Christmas

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 53

The Canon: Nobis Quoque Peccatoribus. After praying for the souls of the faithful departed, the priest now prays for himself and all those present, for we are all sinners in need of prayers. At the beginning of this prayer, he elevates his voice slightly and strikes his breast to symbolize an act of public self-humiliation and contrition. He recognizes in this prayer that he is a sinful servant needing God's mercy in order to be part of the communion of the saints. He then reads a list of fifteen Saints, starting with St. John the Baptist. St. John was already invoked during the Confiteor and in the last prayer of the Offertory. We will see him again during the Last Gospel. He was the last of the Old Testament prophets, and the first of the New Testament. He prepared the way for The Lord and continues to prepare the way for us to receive Him.

After the Precursor, the Canon lists seven martyrs, all members of the clergy: 1) St. Stephen, a deacon and protomartyr recorded in the Acts of the Apostles; 2) St. Matthias, chosen by the Apostles to replace Judas Iscariot, who betrayed our Lord; 3) St. Barnabas, who was the companion of St. Paul and also given the title of Apostle because of this (c.f. Acts 14:4 & 14); 4) St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was martyred in Rome around 110, and some of whose beautiful letters we still have; 5) St. Alexander, pope and martyr (+119); 6) St. Marcellus, a priest; and 7) St. Peter, an exorcist. These latter two were martyred around 304.

We then have a list of seven holy women martyrs: 1) St. Felicity, a Roman mother of seven martyrs; 2) St. Perpetua, a noble mother of Carthage (+230); 3 and 4) Sts. Agatha and Lucy, virgins and martyrs from Sicily in the 4th c.; 5) St. Agnes, a virgin martyred in Rome at 12 years old (+300); 6) St. Cecilia, a virgin martyred in Rome (+230); and finally, 7) St. Anastasia, a martyr from the East (+ 290).

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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EPIPHANY Mass Schedule

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

Fri., Jan. 6, Epiphany, 6:30 a.m. Low Mass and 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.

Announcements

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 has 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.

Epiphany House Blessings. If you would like your home to receive an Epiphany blessing, please sign up at the table. Priority will be given to houses that have never been blessed. Both priests will be available to bless homes during the period from Jan. 7-14, but the specific dates and times have not yet been finalized. Elvia Leyva will coordinate and schedule the blessings.

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:

- ~ *Veni Creator Spiritus* will be said at both Masses. Plenary indulgence may be gained. See website to learn more.
- ~ If you would like an Epiphany Home Blessing, please sign up at the table (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).

Saturday work days (grounds maintenance and other chores) resumes in January. Hours are 10-4 p.m. You may come for all or part of the time. You can also come during the week, but check with Fr. Van Vliet first.

Sat., Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m. Low Mass followed by First Saturday devotions

Sun., Jan. 8, Mass and CCD times change, as noted above. CCD resumes for all levels.

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Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

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Sun., 1/1, Octave Day of Christmas

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

9:30 a.m., RIP Ruth and Arrel Carrier; requested by Cindy Limes

Mon., 1/2, Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 a.m., RIP John Bapt. Thom Van Tran; requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Tues., 1/3, Feria in Christmastide

7:00 p.m., RIP John Bapt. Thom Van Tran; requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Wed., 1/4, Feria in Christmastide

6:30 a.m., RIP Miguel Angel Careaga; requested by Estella LeBlanc

Thurs., 1/5, St. Telesphorus

7:00 p.m., RIP John Bapt. Thom Van Tran; requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Fri., 1/6, The Epiphany of the Lord

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

7:00 p.m., High Mass followed by First Friday devotions; RIP John Bapt. Thom Van Tran; requested by Mr. & Mrs. Duc Tien Do

Sat., 1/7, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by First Saturday devotions

7:30 a.m., Maria Nguyen; by Nhan Truong

Sun., 1/8, The Holy Family

7:30 a.m., Raymond & Estella Anniversary Blessing; requested by Estella LeBlanc

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

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.

First Saturday of each month, First Saturday devotions follow the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Directory

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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
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Young Adult Group

Contact: Stephen Gann
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Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

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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.

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.



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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