

Jan. 8, 2017 - The Holy Family

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 54

The Canon: Per Quem Haec Omnia. "Through Him, O Lord, Thou dost ever create these good things and dost hallow, quicken and bless them as gifts for us." This short prayer in the Canon is likely the remnant of a prayer whereby the priest blessed all the gifts that the faithful had brought for the support of the clergy. The offertory was a time when the donations of food and other support for the clergy were brought forward, in a very organized procession, and placed off to the side near the altar. Those gifts that could not be presented during the ceremony would likely be set to the side in advance. Now this offering has been replaced with our Sunday collection, whereby the faithful offer their tithe (10% of their earnings in the form of cash or checks.) It is an offering whereby the faithful join in the sacrifice of our Lord with something concrete that belongs to them, for is it a sacrifice to give freely.

When the gifts were in kind, the priest would make the sign of the cross three times in the direction of the gifts. The prayer was likely a longer prayer and this is what remains of it. This prayer in its shortened form, however, has a clear sense of recognizing that all the good things we have come from God through the mediation of His Son. The priest, as he says the three words "hallow, quicken and bless" makes three signs of the cross over the consecrated host and wine to show that this is where his attention is now concentrated; i.e., on the Sacrifice of Our Lord present on the altar through the consecrated species.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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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.

Altar Society. Ladies, if you would like to join the Altar Society, please sign up at the hall table. The Altar Society is responsible for upkeep of the sanctuary and sacristy. Juana Maria Olvera is Coordinator.

Ushers requested. Gentlemen, if you can serve as an usher at the Sunday Masses and on certain holy days of obligation, please sign up at the hall table. Ushers greet guests, help find seating for the faithful when Masses are especially full and take up collections during the offertory.

Silent prayer in the church. We need more people to sign up if we are to keep the building open for silent prayer during Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. A minimum of two persons/families are requested per hour. If you can make a firm commitment to present for one hour during these times, please sign up at the hall table: 4-7 p.m. Friday, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Today:

- ~ CCD classes resume today at a new time: 8:45-9:35 a.m.
- ~ Ladies who want to join the Altar Society, please sign up at the hall table (see above for more information).
- ~ Gentlemen who can serve as ushers, please sign up at the hall table (more information above).
- ~ 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 this month. 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.

Sun., Jan. 15, Youth Group, under the direction of Fr. Houck and Michelle Wolf, will meet in the large meeting room after the 10 a.m. High Mass. All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to attend.

Young Adults will be meeting this month. More information coming soon.

Thurs., Feb. 2, 7 p.m. Blessing of candles before the High Mass in celebration of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. More information on the types of candles that can be blessed will be available on the website and in future bulletins.



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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Jan. 8-Jan. 15, 2017

Sun., 1/8, The Holy Family

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

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

Mon., 1/9, Mass of First Sunday after Epiphany

6:30 a.m., Maria Nguyen; by Nhan Truong

Tues., 1/10, Votive Mass of the Angels

7:00 p.m., Joseph Nong; by Nhan Truong

Wed., 1/11, St. Hyginus

6:30 a.m., Joseph Nong; by Nhan Truong

Thurs., 1/12, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ our Holy Priest

7:00 p.m., Joseph Richardson (birthday) and RIP Terry Carr; requested by Gretchen Richardson

Fri., 1/13, Commemoration of the Baptism of the Lord

6:30 a.m., Maria Truong; by Nhan Truong

Sat., 1/14, St. Hilary

7:30 a.m., RIP Anthony Hung; by Ron Truong

Sun., 1/15, Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

10:00 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the Grants



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.

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Practice Thursday nights, 7 p.m.
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Young Adult Group

Contact: Stephen Gann
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Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

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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., 10:00 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