

Feb. 12, 2017 - Septuagesima Sunday


From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 59

The Pater Noster: Who Art in Heaven. "Who art in Heaven": St. John Chrysostom in commenting on these words says: "It is not that God is only in heaven, but for the sake of us stuck here below, we ought to lift up our eyes to heaven to admire the beauty of the things which await us." The Catechism of the Council of Trent confirms this: "All who have a correct idea of God will grant that He is everywhere and in all places. This is not to be taken in the sense that He is distributed into parts and that He occupies and governs one place with one part and another place with another part. God is a Spirit, and therefore utterly incapable of division into parts."

So why do we look to the heavens? The Catechism goes on to explain that the heavens, which we see above us, are the noblest part of the world; they remain incorruptible, surpass all other bodies in power, grandeur and beauty, and are endowed with fixed and regular motion. So when we look to heaven we more easily contemplate God's infinite power and majesty. Therefore, when we pray, let us keep in mind the image of God reigning in heaven so we can have the confidence and trust in His infinite power. We should also keep in mind that all the things we ask for in prayer should have some reference to heaven, where we hope to be some day also. St. Paul confirms this in writing to the Colossians: "If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth." (Col. 3:1-2).

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Men's Recollection
Every Third Friday of the Month
First Recollection: February 17, 7-9 p.m.

Open to all men, the recollection will be led by our priests and include a Holy Hour, confession and a spiritual conference on topics important to the formation of holy Catholic men.

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment.
Pledges finance construction and retire interim bridge loans.*

Announcements

The 2017 Diocesan Services Fund "Go Make Disciples! Campaign. DSF funds more than 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area, including youth programs, such as Camp Kappe. To learn more about DSF, please go to archgh.org/dsf.

Our parish goal is \$10,000 and any shortfall in funding will be financed out of parish operating funds. Each registered parishioner will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card. Please complete the pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF.

Please return old palms to the hall table. They will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

Weekend church hours. The church is open for private prayer on Fridays-Sundays as noted below. Please consider committing to one hour of prayer at least one day a month. Signup is at the hall table.
Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Men's altar server training. If you are interested in serving a Low Mass when a young server is not available, please contact John Burford at johnburford@comcast.net for one-on-one training.

Saturday work days, 10-4 p.m. If you can spare time on Saturday to assist on parish projects and grounds maintenance, please come. You can also assist during the week, but check with Fr. Van Vliet first.

FSSP 2017 Liturgical Calendar on sale at the table, \$13 each, cash or check payable to parish. Once these are gone, there are no more.

Today, after both Masses, First Blessings will be offered by Fr. Houck to those who did not receive a First Blessing upon his arrival in July 2016.

Fri., Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection at St. Athanasius Chapel Hall

Sun., Feb. 19:

- ~ Olivewood carvings from the Holy Lands available to purchase after each Mass. Additional information on the parish website.
- ~ Youth Group meeting following the 10 a.m. Mass. Contact Fr. Houck or Michelle Wolfe to learn more.
- ~ Young Adults meeting, 6 p.m. at the parish. Contact Coordinator Stephen Gann for more details.

Mon., Feb. 20:

- ~ Private evening Mass is re-scheduled for 6:00 p.m.
- ~ 7-9:30 p.m., Hugh Owens, founder of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, will present "'Marriage Made In Heaven': The Special Creation of Adam and Eve as the Foundation of the Church's Teaching on Holy Marriage."
- ~ 7:15-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting at parish. Open to boys and youth, ages 6 and older. More information on the parish website.

Wed., Feb. 22, Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (FSSP first class feast day), Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 1, Ash Wednesday, Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 4, 6th Annual Lenten Pilgrimage in Port Arthur, Texas, 9-2:30 p.m. See website and bulletin board for more information.

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Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Feb. 12-18, 2017

Sun., 2/12, Septuagesima Sunday

7:30 a.m., Pro Populo

10:00 a.m., RIP Patricia Tigner; requested by C.C. Grant

Mon., 2/13, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

6:30 a.m., RIP Joseph Hieb; by Ron Truong

Tues., 2/14, St. Valentine

7:00 p.m., RIP Joseph Hieb; by Ron Truong

Wed., 2/15, Sts. Faustinus & Jovita

6:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier; by C. Limes

Thurs., 2/16, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Our High Priest

7:00 p.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the Grants

Fri., 2/17, Votive Mass of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., Joseph Hieb; by Ron Truong

Sat., 2/18, Saturday of Our Lady

7:30 a.m. RIP Mariana R. de Hinojosa; requested by Juana Maria Olvera



Mon., Feb. 20 private evening Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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

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Parish Organizations

Contact in person or email

Men's Schola

Practice Wednesday 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., 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