

March 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 62

The Pater Noster: Thy Will Be Done. The next petition to consider in the Our Father is: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". In heaven, the angels do God's holy will; therefore we must do it also here on earth. If we are destined for eternal beatitude in heaven someday, then we must work to have our spirit already there.

We are made from the earth but destined for heaven, and, therefore, there is a battle that takes place within our being: the one drawing us to heaven, the other to the pleasures of this earth. We must make a choice, and this petition encourages us to make the correct one. Our Lord said: "Not every one that says to me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 7:21) Consequently, this petition follows immediately after the one which prays for the kingdom of heaven.

Our pilgrimage toward our heavenly home was placed in us by our Creator by giving us a desire for happiness that cannot be fulfilled in this world. Our first parents had the gift of knowledge when they were created, but they lost it through sin. This preternatural gift of knowledge would have kept us on the right path more easily; however, since the fall, our wills have been blinded concerning God's will. Therefore, we must humble ourselves and ask for God's grace to do His will in all things.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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

5:30 p.m. Low Mass today, followed by Vespers

Announcements

2017 Diocesan Services Fund "Go Make Disciples! Campaign. Our parish goal is \$10,000 and any short-fall in funding will be financed out of parish operating funds. Please complete a 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. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday, followed by the 7 p.m. private Mass

Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m. every Monday in large meeting room

Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. Fridays during Lent

Today: Second collection: Black and Indian Missions

Mon., Mar. 6:

~ 7 p.m., Legion of Mary meeting in large room

~ 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.

Sat., Mar. 11, Altar Society meeting after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., Mar. 12:

~ Daylight savings time begins; move clocks forward one hour.

~ No CCD. Enjoy Spring Break!

Fri., Mar. 17, 7 p.m. monthly Men's Recollection. Open to all men.

Sun., Mar. 19:

~ Youth Group meeting after 10 a.m. Mass. Open to all youth ages 13-18. To learn more, contact Fr. Houck.

~ Young Adults meeting after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Contact Stephen Gann for more information.

Mon., Mar. 20, Feast of St. Joseph (feast transferred from Mar. 19):

~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

~ Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m.

~ 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.

*See website for days of abstinence and fast
under current practice and the discipline of 1962*

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Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mar. 5-11, 2017

Sun., 3/5, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., RIP Ruth & Arrel Carrier; requested by Cindy Limes

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the LeBlancs

Mon., 3/6, Monday of First Week of Lent

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

Tues., 3/7, St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 p.m., Maria Nguyen; by Nhan Truong

Wed., 3/8, Ember Wednesday

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

Thurs., 3/9, Thursday of First Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., Maria Truong; by Nhan Truong

Fri., 3/10, Ember Friday

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

Sat., 3/11, Ember Saturday

7:30 a.m. Francis Truong; by Nhan Truong



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

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
reginacaelimoms@reginacaeliparish.org

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), 5:30 p.m.
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