

# March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent

## From the Pastor

### Series on the Mass, Part 64

*The Pater Noster: Forgive Us Our Debts.* God, says St. John Chrysostom, makes our eternal recompense depend upon ourselves. As you will have judged, God will judge you. As you will have forgiven, God will forgive you. What a powerful thought this is concerning the next petition of the Our Father where we ask that our debts be forgiven as we have forgiven.

The person who truly prays this petition acknowledges that he is a sinner and should try to feel sorrow and compunction for the sins committed. With such a disposition, the sinner is disposed to receive pardon and God is willing to grant it. We need to have this assurance of God's mercy, lest perhaps we easily give into discouragement and despair.

What if we want to forgive someone but cannot seem to forget the injury? Are we in disobedience of this command? We must understand that there are contradictory desires of the flesh and of the spirit; the former is prone to revenge, the latter ready to pardon. There can be, therefore, a continual struggle and conflict that goes on inside us because of these two elements. The thing to remember here is that, although the appetites of corrupt nature are ever opposing and rebelling against reason, we are not on this account to be uneasy regarding salvation, provided that the spirit perseveres in the duty and disposition of forgiving injuries and of loving our neighbor .

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

<u>Holy Week and Easter Schedule</u>	
<i>Palm Sunday, April 9, regular Mass schedule</i>	
<i>Holy Thursday, April 13</i> 7 p.m., (High) Mass of the Last Supper, with washing of feet	<i>Holy Saturday, April 15</i> Boys' altar server practice, 10 a.m. Solemn Easter Vigil starts at 10 p.m.
<i>Good Friday, April 14</i> Stations of Cross, 11 a.m. Boys' altar server practice, Noon Service, 3 p.m.	<i>Easter Sunday, April 16</i> 7:30 a.m. Low Mass 10 a.m. High Mass 5:30 p.m. Low Mass

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 shortfall 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](http://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](http://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

**Legion of Mary meeting,** 7 p.m. every Monday

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

**No private Masses Mar. 13 to Mar. 24.** Fr. Houck will be on holidays and at a retreat, returning late on Friday, Mar. 25. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

**Today:**

- ~ CCD resumes
- ~ Youth Group meeting cancelled
- ~ Young Adults meeting after Vespers, approx. 7:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Gann for more information.

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

- ~ There are two public Masses: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- ~ There will be a St. Joseph Altar reception after the 7 p.m. Mass. Please contact Angela Hebert or email [office@reginacaeliparish.org](mailto:office@reginacaeliparish.org) if you have questions about the reception.
- ~ Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m. in Fr. Van Vliet's office
- ~ 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., Mar. 22, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 24, Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 25, 7:30 a.m. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, High Mass

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

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

FSSP Camp Mater Dei for girls is accepting applications for Aug. 14-23. More on our website.

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## Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

#### **Mar. 19-25, 2017**

##### Sun., 3/19, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., RIP Josefa Machin; requested by Juana Maria Olvera

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Armando Corripio; requested by the LeBlancs

##### Mon., 3/20, St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

6:30 a.m., RIP Eulogia Mattis; by JM Olvera

7:00 p.m., Thanksgiving to St. Joseph; by Grants

##### Tues., 3/21, Votive Mass for the Anniversary of the Coronation of the Pope

7:00 p.m., RIP Peter Van Vliet; by the Grants

##### Wed., 3/22, Wednesday of Third Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Esther Wilson; requested by Gretchen Richardson

##### Thurs., 3/23, Thursday of Third Week of Lent

7:00 p.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by a friend

##### Fri., 3/24, Friday of Third Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., RIP Peter Tran; by Ron Truong

##### Sat., 3/25, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8-4 p.m.  
Telephone: 832-328-0876

To confirm Mass requests or dates:  
registrar@reginacaeliparish.org

Pastor Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP  
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Website reginacaeliparish.org

### 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

#### Contacts for Altar Society and other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

### 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.

#### **MON., MARCH 13 to THURS., MARCH 24 NO PRIVATE MASSES**

Only one priest will be available during the dates noted above. Only public Masses will be celebrated.



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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