

April 23, 2017 - Low Sunday

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 69

The Agnus Dei. The *Agnus Dei* is a prayer that entered the Roman liturgy in the West from the Eastern usage by Pope St. Sergius I (+701), a native of Antioch. In the Early Church when they had the processions from the "collect church" to the "stational church", the various litanies would be sung, in which the *Agnus Dei* was a part of the prayer, as it is today. It is quite likely from this practice that the prayer entered the liturgy, first in the East and then in the West.

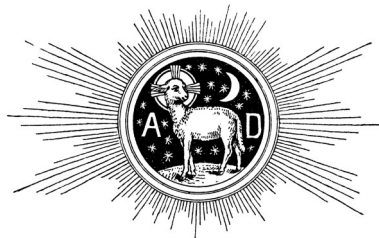
Agnus Dei is the name given to Christ by St. John the Baptist. It signifies a victim offered to God to expiate sin, just as the lambs that the Jews sacrificed in the Old Testament were consumed at the Passover. This image of the slaughtered lamb was a prefigurement of the sacrifice of Christ.

After addressing Christ as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world, we ask Him for mercy because we are sinners in need of forgiveness. This is why we strike our breast at each of these invocations, which recalls the actions of the publican standing afar, who "would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven, but struck his breast saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). The third invocation ends with "grant us peace". This was added in the 11th century because of all the serious troubles there were at the time and it was kept ever since. This peace that we pray for is the result of a pure conscience. On Holy Thursday the *miserere nobis* is used a third time because the Passion of our Lord has begun.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Fr. John Berg, Superior General of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter,
will visit our parish the first weekend in May!

Resurrexit, sicut dixit! Alleluia!

Announcements

2017 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. RAISED TO DATE \$4,200. If the goal is not met, the shortage 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

Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m. every Thursday

Sundays Apr. 23 & Apr. 30, Donuts for sale after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses to raise funds for an outdoor Stations of Cross. Sponsored by parishioner Simon Misner-Elias and the BSA on behalf of Regina Caeli Parish.

No private Masses Apr. 25 & Apr. 26. Fr. Van Vliet will be on a recollection, leaving Monday afternoon and returning Thursday, April 27. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Home Missions
- ~ CCD resumes
- ~ Donuts for sale after the morning Masses to raise funds for outdoor Stations of Cross

*Please stay current on your pledge commitment.
Pledges finance construction and retire the interim bridge loan.
May God reward you!*

FSSP Camp Mater Dei for girls is accepting applications for Aug. 14-23.
Please check the website for information on Camp Mater Dei and other events.

There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Apr. 23-Apr. 29, 2017

Sun., 4/23, Low Sunday

7:30 a.m., Joseph Richardson Family; requested by Gretchen Richardson

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Souls in Purgatory; by Ron Truong

Mon., 4/24, Anniversary of Dedication of the Cathedral and Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (transferred)

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

Tues., 4/25, St. Mark

7:00 p.m., Graham Moore; by Theresa Moore

Wed., 4/26, Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus

6:30 a.m., Private intentions for sons; requested by Brian and Diane Clark

Thurs., 4/27, St. Peter Canisius

7:00 p.m., Healing of father and private intentions; requested by Rigel Repunte

Fri., 4/28, St. Paul of the Cross

6:30 a.m., RIP John Dudas, Sr.; by Joan Carson

Sat., 4/29, St. Peter of Verona

7:30 a.m., RIP Enriqueta H. de Picazo; requested by Juana Maria Olvera

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.

Private Masses are subject to cancellation if a priest is unavailable. Cancellations will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.

Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org
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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

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.

TUES. APRIL 25 & WED. APRIL 26 NO PRIVATE MASSES

Only one priest will be available. 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