

April 30, 2017 - Second Sunday after Easter

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 70

The Sacrifice. St. Pius X said, concerning sacrifice, "that sacrifice in general consists in offering to God something sensible, and to destroy it (or to renounce it) in some way to recognize God's sovereign power over us and over all things." This is the general definition of sacrifice, and it applies to all sacrifice properly understood. The pagans and particularly the Jewish people of the Old Testament offered sacrifices, but as St. Paul says, "For it is impossible that with the blood of oxen and goats sin should be taken away. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith: 'Sacrifice and oblation thou wouldest not: but a body thou hast fitted to me'". (Hebrews 4-5)

The sacrifices offered would have ceased if they had been, of themselves, perfect to all the intents of redemption and remission, as is Christ's death. There would have been no occasion of often repeating them just as there is no occasion for Christ's dying any more for our sins. "Holocausts for sin did not please thee. Then said I: Behold I come: in the head of the book it is written of me: that I should do thy will, O God". (Hebrews 10:6-7)

Thus the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord on the Cross, which is made present at each sacrifice of the Mass, constitutes the perfect sacrifice of the New Testament. It is our duty to join our sacrifices to this perfect sacrifice by our attendance and interior participation in the sacrifice of the Mass, so that this objective sacrifice, which can remove all sin, subjectively is applied to us individually. We must make an effort of uniting ourselves to this sacrifice.

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!

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

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

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

Fundraising for Outdoor Stations of the Cross, TODAY. Donuts for sale after the morning Masses. After each Mass, including the 5:30, parishioners can sign up to donate towards the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Memorial plaques are available. More information at the hall table.

TODAY:

- ~ Last day of CCD
- ~ Fundraiser for Stations of Cross after each Mass. See above for more information.

Mon., May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

~ Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

~ Troops of St. George meeting, 7:15 p.m., open to men and boys, ages 6 and older. See parish website to learn more.

Fri., May 5, First Friday devotions after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, including exposition and benediction

Sat., May 6, First Saturday devotions after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., May 7:

~ Fr. Berg, Superior General of the FSSP, will visit with parishioners after each Mass

~ 10 a.m. May Crowning and Solemn Mass, followed by light refreshments. Bring individual serving desserts to share at the reception while you visit with Fr. Berg! Parish will provide flowers for parishioners to offer to Our Lady.

Sat., May 13, Altar Society meeting after 7:30 a.m. Mass

Sun., May 14, First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by parish reception to honor the First Communicants. If you would like to assist with the reception, please email office@reginacaeliparish.org.

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.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Apr. 30-May 6, 2017

Sun., 4/30, Second Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

7:30 a.m., RIP John Dudas, Jr.; requested by Joan Carson

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., RIP Gerald Dudas; by Joan Carson

Mon., 5/1, St. Joseph the Worker

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

7:00 p.m., Private intentions

Tues., 5/2, St. Athanasius

7:00 p.m., RIP Alice Strobele; by Joan Carson

Wed., 5/3, Finding of the Holy Cross

6:30 a.m., RIP Agnes B. Soukup; by the Grants

Thurs., 5/4, St. Monica

7:00 p.m., Everett Jude Ketchum; requested by Gretchen Richardson

Fri., 5/5

6:30 a.m., St. Pius V, RIP James Carson, Sr.; requested by Joan Carson

7:00 p.m., Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotions, RIP Mary Carson; requested by Joan Carson

Sat., 5/6, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:30 a.m. followed by First Saturday devotions, Lillian Grace Troquille; requested by Gretchen Richardson



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.

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.

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.

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The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
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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