

August 13, 2017 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Pastor

Series on the Mass, Part 85

Communion Antiphon and Post Communion Prayer. The communion antiphon is generally a phrase taken from sacred scripture and very often from the Gospel of the day. The antiphon is used by the Church to highlight a particular point for us to meditate on while or after receiving Holy Communion, and when it takes up a passage from the Gospel, it can help us understand the passage of the Gospel in terms of the whole Mass. At a Low Mass the priest recites the antiphon once out loud for all to hear, but at a High Mass, the schola would sing the antiphon during communion. If the communion of the faithful is going to take some time, then other verses of a psalm can be added while repeating the antiphon after each verse or two.

The priest then returns to the center of the altar where he places his hands flat on the *mensa* (the table of the altar) and kisses it. He turns to the faithful and, opening and closing his hands, says, "*Dominus vobiscum*", the Lord be with you, and all respond "*et cum spiritu tuo*", and with thy spirit. This embrace and veneration of the altar shows once again that the altar represents Christ and the priest performs this action as one of the faithful chosen from among them to represent them and venerate Christ on their behalf. Once the priest turns around, he is now acting in the person of Christ, giving the Lord to all present.

The priest then goes over to the missal and says *Oremus*, let us pray, and reads or sings the last of the three prayers proper to the Mass. These three prayers are a collection of the thoughts and desires of the faithful, and they are presented to God on their behalf by the priest. These prayers are often very ancient and yet they still summarize beautifully what we need to pray for, even though they were composed in very different times and circumstances. During Lent, there is added another prayer over the people immediately after the last post-communion of the Mass. The priest repeats the *Oremus* and then asks the faithful to bow their heads while this special prayer is said. This prayer is like an extra blessing during the fasting season to strengthen the faithful and help them accomplish their spiritual goals. Historically there was a prayer like this throughout the entire year as a sort of blessing before sending the faithful on their way.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Men's Recollection, Friday, August 18, 7 - 9 p.m.
Holy Hour, Confession, Spiritual Conference
Open to all men

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

Announcements

2017 DSF Campaign, 99% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$9,940. Many thanks to all who contributed to DSF on behalf of Regina Caeli Parish. May God reward you.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday

Legion of Mary meeting, 7 p.m. every Thursday unless noted differently below

Registration forms to become a member of the parish are on the hall table. You must be registered to enroll your child in CCD. If you are not sure if you are registered, please contact the parish office by phone or email at office@reginacaeliparish.org.

Mon., Aug. 14 - Sat., Aug. 19, no private Masses. Fr. Houck will be on retreat. Please pray for him to have a safe and holy trip.

Saturday work at the property resumes Aug. 19. There are several projects which need to be done upon Fr. Van Vliet's return. Please come at anytime during the hours of 10-4 p.m. to assist.

CCD Registration. Register your child for CCD, which starts in September. Registration forms and class schedule are on the website and the hall table. Registration deadline is August 27.

TODAY:

~ Second collection: Infirm Priests

~ CCD registration continues. Forms and class schedule are on the hall table and the website.

Mon., Aug. 14, 7 p.m., First Vespers of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues., Aug. 15, Holy day: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6:30 a.m. Low Mass and 7 p.m. High Mass. Also the fourth anniversary of our establishment as a parish in the Archdiocese.

Thurs., Aug. 17, 7-9 p.m., Ladies Social at private residence. Fellowship over coffee and desserts; open to all ladies. RSVP to Tanya Feenstra in person or via email at tanyafeenstra@hotmail.com.

Fri., Aug. 18, Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m. Open to all men.

Sat., Aug. 19. Work day at the property, 10-4 p.m.

Pope Francis and the Bishops want to hear from you!
October 2018 Synod on Youth and Faith
Survey link is on our website, reginacaeliparish.org

Check the website for information on upcoming FSSP and other events!

Please stay current on your pledge commitment. May God reward you!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

August 13– August 19, 2017

Sun., 8/13, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Conversion of family members;
requested by Thu Ha Le

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Souls in Purgatory; by Thu Ha Le

Mon., 8/14, Vigil of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., RIP Maria Transito G. de Olvera;
requested by Juana Maria Olvera

Tues., 8/15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet; by the Grants

7:00 p.m., RIP Louis Fazio; requested by
Christine & Steve Boss

Wed., 8/16, St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Le Kim Khaul; by Thu Ha Le

Thurs., 8/17, St. Hyacinth

7:00 p.m., Birthday; by Marietta Sabido

Fri., 8/18, St. Agapitus

6:30 a.m., John & Summer Edwards; requested
by their Mother

Sat., 8/19, St. John Eudes

7:30 a.m., RIP Isabel Fazio; requested by
Christine & Steve Boss



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.

THERE WILL BE NO PRIVATE MASSES

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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