

March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday

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## From the Pastor

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### *Palm Sunday*

Our Lord goes with His disciples to Jerusalem, despite the threats by the high priests, in order to fulfill the prophesy of Zachariah where he says "Thy King will come to thee, the Just and Savior: He is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon the colt, the foal of an ass." Zach 9:9. Our Lord must be proclaimed as our King, since He truly is our King, and we too must acknowledge this and witness to it. The liturgy today has us carry branches in procession to profess His Kingship over us. Our hope in this procession, is to enter into the heavenly Jerusalem, where our Lord reigns as King forever. We also relive this triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Passion of our Lord.

After our Lord's entrance, it was not long before the Jews, who proclaimed Him King and laying palms and jackets before Him, were yelling "crucify Him, crucify Him". The crowd, one day rejoicing at the Savior's entrance into Jerusalem, is very quickly swayed to ask for His death. We too can do this, though not so openly perhaps, when we humbly confess our sins, which is also a confession of our Lord's Kingship and power to forgive, turn around and go back to our former sins with the slightest temptation.

To break this cycle and be truly converted we need God's help. We cannot be afraid to go back to confession and try harder in our resolves. In meditating on the events of today's liturgy, it is good to see what we can do in our own lives to not be so easily swayed back to our former sins. We need to break the cycle. Prayer, frequent confession and Communion are important, but we must also see about making changes in our life to avoid the occasion of sin. We need to make it more difficult to end up in the same circumstances that have so often led us to sin in the past. Meditating on the Passion can help us in our desire for change, for we see what our sins have done to our dear Saviour and ask for the necessary graces. Let us not make the same mistakes, but rather, turn to Him, asking for the forgiveness of our sins.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



## *Announcements*

2018 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED TO DATE \$5,050.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is expected to meet goal, and if the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. 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.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m.      Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

No Work Day on Holy Saturday. Work days, will resume Saturday, April 7, 10-4 p.m. If you can spare time on Saturday to assist on parish projects and grounds maintenance, please come at any time during these hours.

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

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the large meeting room unless otherwise noted below

LAST SUNDAY! Easter Flowers. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar during Eastertide. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

No CCD March 25 and April 1. CCD resumes April 8.

### TODAY:

- ~ Please consider making a donation to help pay for flowers during Eastertide. Thank you!
- ~ 9:30 a.m., Blessing of palms, followed by procession with blessed palms and High Mass.
- ~ No CCD. CCD resumes April 8.
- ~ There will be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Tues., Mar. 27, 7 p.m. public Mass is cancelled.

Maunder Thursday, Mar. 29:

- ~ No 6:30 a.m. private Mass.
- ~ 7 p.m., Mass of the Last Supper with washing of feet.
- ~ After Mass until midnight, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday, Mar. 30:

- ~ 11 a.m., Way of the Cross
- ~ Noon, Boys' altar server practice.
- ~ 3 p.m., Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Holy Saturday, Mar. 31:

- ~ No morning Mass.
- ~ 10 a.m., Boys' altar server practice.
- ~ 10 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 1:

- ~ Regular Mass schedule: 7:30 a.m. Low, 10 a.m. High, 5:30 p.m. Low.
- ~ There will not be Vespers after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*March 25 – March 31, 2018*

#### Sun., 3/25, Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m., John Paul Saenz, requested by the Misner Family

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Intentions for Michael Truong, requested by Ron Truong

#### Mon., 3/26, Monday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m., J. Henry LaRose, by his family

#### Tues., 3/27, Tuesday of Holy Week

Evening Mass cancelled

#### Wed., 3/28, Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30 a.m., Health of Eva Repunte and RIP Gilberto Repunte, requested by Rigel Repunte

Thurs., 3/29, Mass of the Last Supper, with washing of feet, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

7:00 p.m., Health of Eva Repunte and RIP Gilberto Repunte, requested by Rigel Repunte

#### Fri., 3/30, Good Friday

11:00 a.m., Way of the Cross

3:00 p.m., Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

#### Sat., 3/31, Holy Saturday

No morning Mass

10:00 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass, Health of Eva Repunte and RIP Gilberto Repunte, requested by Rigel Repunte



*First Friday of each month*, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion, which includes exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*First Saturday of each month*, First Saturday devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

### Directory

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
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### Parish Organizations

#### Men's Schola

Practice Wednesday nights, 7 p.m.  
Contact: Mark Holt or Kyle Lartigue  
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

#### Altar Society

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera  
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

#### Youth Group

Contact: Rev. Joshua Houck

#### Contacts for 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. 6:30 a.m.

You are welcome to attend private Masses, but they are subject to cancellation if a priest is not available.

NO PRIVATE MASSES MARCH 29 - 31

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

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#### Normal Mass Schedule (See inside and back page for Holy Week 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