

April 8, 2018 - Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday

## From the Pastor

### *Quasimodo Sunday*

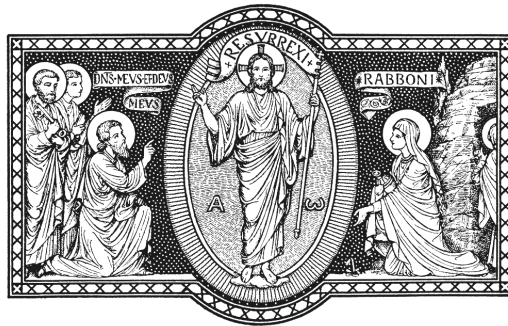
Today's Sunday has a number of different names, including most recently, Mercy Sunday due to the devotion to the image of the Divine Mercy from St. Faustina. It is also called Quasimodo Sunday from the first words of the Introit. In the Early Church, there was the custom of having the neophytes wear the white garments for the whole week, starting from their baptism which they received during the Easter Vigil all the way to the Saturday of Easter, when they would put white garments aside. That Saturday was called *Sabbatum in Albis Deponendis*, the Saturday when the white garments were set aside. This Sunday would then be called *Dominica in Albis Depositis* from the fact that it is the first day the neophytes have put aside their white garments. Today is also called Low Sunday as opposed to Easter Sunday, for it is the octave of High Sunday, the great day we celebrate the Resurrection. There are also references to today being the *Pascha Clausum*, that is, "Easter being closed," since today is the octave day that closes Easter Week. We come across these different names in literature concerning the Easter liturgy.

The Mass today is centered around Faith in Christ, the faith which has overcome the world, as St. John tells us in the Epistle. Our Lord took our sins upon Himself and died on the Cross, so we could be freed from sin and rise also with Him. We also see our faith confirmed through the faith of the Apostles, and particularly by the act of faith Doubting Thomas makes in the Gospel today: "My Lord and my God." St. Thomas' faith was strengthened by seeing the risen Lord and placing his finger in the wounds in His hands and placing his hand in the open wound in our Lord's side. St. Thomas doubted, so our doubt could be removed, hence our Lord says, "blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed." Let us renew our faith and trust in our Lord, so we can have life in His name.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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

Check the website for photos of Holy Week, upcoming FSSP pilgrimages and other events!

## Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign, 65% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date 6,475. Please consider a gift to the DSF. If the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of parish operating funds. DSF envelopes are available on the hall table or make a donation online at [archgh.org/dsf](http://archgh.org/dsf). 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 supporting the parish and 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.

Saturday Work Days, 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.

No private Mass on Saturday, April 28.

### TODAY:

~ CCD resumes.

~ A plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy may be gained on this day. It will be done privately. To learn more about the indulgence, please go to the home page of our parish website.

Mon., Apr. 9, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

~ Mass times: 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

~ Troops of St. George meeting on the parish grounds.

Thurs., Apr. 12, 5 p.m., Tomball Christian Warriors, a homeschool football team, will have try-outs for 6th-8th graders at Spring Creek Park in Tomball. If you are interested, please pick up a flyer from the hall table.

Sat., Apr. 14:

~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

~ Altar Society meets in small room following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

~ 9-10:30 a.m., Little Flowers meets in large room. Open to girls, ages 5-11.

Sun., Apr. 15:

~ Youth Group meets in large room following the 10 a.m. Mass.

~ Adult lecture series after Vespers: "Ceremonies of the Mass", continued. Taught by Fr. Van Vliet. All are welcome to attend. Each class is stand alone and does not require prior attendance.

Fri., Apr. 20, 9 a.m., in the large meeting room, an informal public speaking forum for children of all ages. All are welcome. Sponsored by the St. Athanasius Homeschoolers.

2018 FSSP Young Adult Weekend  
6 p.m., June 22 to 11 a.m., June 24  
Mater Dei Parish, Dallas

More information on our parish website.

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*April 8-14, 2018*

#### Sun., 4/8, Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday

7:30 a.m., Intentions of CSP, requested by the Grants

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Joseph Nong, by Nhan Truong

#### Mon., 4/9, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from March 25)

6:30 a.m., Maria Nguyen, by Nhan Truong

7:00 p.m., Personal intentions

#### Tues., 4/10, Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral & Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (transferred from April 2)

7:00 p.m., Maria Nguyen, by Nhan Truong

#### Wed., 4/11, St. Leo the Great

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong, by Nhan Truong

#### Thurs., 4/12, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ our High Priest

7:00 p.m., Francis Truong, by Nhan Truong

#### Fri., 4/13, St. Hermenegild

6:30 a.m., Vincent Vu, by Nhan Truong

#### Sat., 4/14, St. Justin

7:30 a.m., Vincent Vu, by Nhan Truong

*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.

#### 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. Advance notice of 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

#### 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.



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### Mass 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