

April 15, 2018 - Second Sunday after Easter

From the Pastor

The Good Shepherd, Part 1

"I am the Good Shepherd."

We have this beautiful image presented to us of the Good Shepherd taking care of His sheep. We need images. We are not angels, but humans, seeing, touching, hearing — these are the beginnings of knowledge for us. Abstract concepts are usually linked to some image, giving it something that is seen, felt or heard. In the Sacred Scripture, we often have these images to teach us about God and His works since God is a pure spirit and we need pictures: God walking in the Garden, Our Lord sitting or standing at the Right Hand of the Father, etc. Images are deficient in describing God and it is evident that Israel thoroughly understood this truth from its horror of the graven image. Yet God's appointed spokesmen never hesitated to describe the Lord in human and vivid terms. There is a risk in this, as there is with any analogy, but it is a risk the Sacred Author chose and so also does Christ use images. The image in today's Gospel is that of the Good Shepherd.

The Israelites raising of sheep goes all the way back to their Father Abraham. The image of the Shepherd and his flock would have been natural to them, and so when Our Lord describes the relationship between God and His people in terms of a shepherd and his flock, they can picture it. Likewise the beautiful Psalm 22, "The Lord ruleth me: I shall want nothing," or the newer translations, "The Lord is my Shepherd" presents us with a wonderful image. The image of leading us to waters and setting us in a place of pasture appealed to Our Lord as just and apt. But He made a startling change in the use of the image. Instead of saying, "God is your Shepherd," He says "I am the Good Shepherd." He and the Father are one, and so He can make the change.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



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

Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign, 65% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$6,535. 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. 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.

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:

~ 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.

Sunday, April 29

Regina Caeli Parish Welcomes

Fr. Gerard Saguto, North American District Superior of the FSSP

Visit with him after the Masses and let him know we appreciate the Fraternity!

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.

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

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

April 15-21, 2018

Sun., 4/15, Second Sunday after Easter

7:30 a.m., Gayle Misner, requested by Gayle Misner

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Andre Vu, by Nhan Truong

Mon., 4/16, Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity

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

Tues., 4/17, St. Anicetus

7:00 p.m., Augustin Vu, by Nhan Truong

Wed., 4/18, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

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

Thurs., 4/19, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ our High Priest

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

Fri., 4/20, Votive Mass of the Holy Cross

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

Sat., 4/21, St. Anselm

7:30 a.m., Peter Tran, 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