

April 22, 2018 - Third Sunday after Easter

From the Pastor

The Good Shepherd, Part 2

In the 10th Chapter of St. John we have a mixed metaphor. At the beginning of the chapter, Our Lord is the gate to the sheepfold, and later He adds that the shepherd enters through the gate. In the passage from last Sunday, He says that He is "the good shepherd". Of course both images are just, and Our Lord teaches us something from each one. If we see the sheepfold as representing the hidden things of God, then it is the means of acquiring that knowledge and so, through this, we enter the Sheepfold; He is the gate. From Christ's lips come the words that lead us to God and reveal God to us. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" and "He who sees me sees the Father."

Our Lord is also the one leading us to green pasture and still water so we can be nourished. He did this in an extraordinary way at the Last Supper, where He gives us His Body as food for our souls. That is the food that nourishes us for everlasting life. Our Lord, being the gate to the Sheepfold and the Shepherd, shows that, in the Incarnation, Christ is both God and man and that the "Word," who is God, reveals Himself to us and takes care of us. So if we want to go to heaven, we need to enter through Christ—through Baptism and being nourished by Him, and also to follow Him in His Church where He has set up St. Peter and His successors as our Shepherd. Our Lord is the only Gate. He set up St. Peter to "feed my sheep", to "feed my lambs".

Our Lord also goes beyond the regular image of a shepherd. He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. A regular shepherd will have to suffer inconveniences and even dangers, but he would not be expected to die for his sheep. No number of ovine lives can be worth a human life. That Our Lord set a different standard of laying down His life, which He took up again, and so the shepherds of souls to follow are also to lay down their lives for the faithful, as did St. Peter and all the early holy Popes. From this image we see that Our Lord demands charity and courage of His Pastors — that they defend the truth and, if necessary, lay down their lives for it. We don't know what sort of persecution lies ahead, but we need that courage to hold fast to the Truth in the face of relentless opposition from without and within. Let us remain close to Our Lord and ask for the grace to follow Him faithfully.



Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

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

Announcements

2018 DSF Campaign, 76% pledged/funded! Parish goal \$10,000; raised/pledged to date \$7,635. 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.

TODAY, Second collection: Home Missions.

Mon., Apr. 23, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting.

Sat., Apr. 28, no 6:30 a.m. private Mass.

Sun., Apr. 29:

~ Please welcome Fr. Saguto to the parish. Light refreshments will be offered after the morning Masses.

~ Last day of CCD.

Sun., May 6, 10 a.m., May Crowning, followed by Mass and light refreshments:

~ Please bring your own gift of flowers to offer to Our Lady. The parish will have some flowers for those who cannot bring their own, but the offering is meant as a gift to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. The parish will provide flowers for the First Communicants.

~ First Communicants, please wear your First Communion clothes today.

Sun., May 13, Mother's Day. CCD children will receive First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass. There will be a celebratory reception afterwards.

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 the hall table and parish website.

Check the website for upcoming FSSP pilgrimages and other events!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

April 22-28, 2018

Sun., 4/22, Third Sunday after Easter

7:30 a.m., Peter Tran, requested by Nhan Truong

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Peter Nguyen, by Nhan Truong

Mon., 4/23, St. George

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

Tues., 4/24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:00 p.m., Matta Nu Vo & Philip Khon Tran, by a friend

Wed., 4/25, St. Mark

6:30 a.m., Rev. Joshua Houck, by a friend

Thurs., 4/26, Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus

7:00 p.m., J.B. Sy Tran & James Truong Tran, by a friend

Fri., 4/27, St. Peter Canisius

6:30 a.m., Jos. Chuong Nguyen & Anna Lac Hoang, by a friend

Sat., 4/28, St. Paul of the Cross

7:30 a.m., Rev. Jos. Trong Ngo, by a friend



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. 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.

NO PRIVATE MASS APRIL 28

Directory

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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