



HOLY ROSARY PARISH

PRIORY OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil
8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. Latin
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
3:15 p.m. Vietnamese
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Vietnamese

TIME OUT ROOM

Located in the Parish Center
During the 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m.
5:15 p.m.

ROSARY

4:55 p.m. Monday – Friday
4:40 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday – 12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Benediction 5:05 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Please call Parish Office ext. 101
for arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays 20 min. before Mass

MARRIAGES

Please call Wedding Coordinator ext. 110
at least 8 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Parish Office for the sick
who are at home or in the hospital.

PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Joseph Konkell, O.P. Ext. 107
Pastor
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103
Parochial Vicar

IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Victor Brown, O.P.
Fr. James Burke, O.P.
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.
Fr. Ronald Henery, O.P.
Priory Phone 713-526-6322 (private)

PARISH OFFICE

3617 Milam Street, Suite 100
Office Hours:
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

Extensions:
101 Parish Secretary
105 Director of Music
108 Parish Bookkeeper
109 Special Projects Secretary

E-mail:

office@holyrosaryparish.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER

3535 Louisiana Street
713-526-4389
Contact: Marisa Mendoza, D.R.E.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all new members. Please
register in the Parish Office.

A Message from the Pastor

The Parish received a special letter from the Archbishop with his best wishes and prayers for 2009. He asked us to remember three special events during the month of January at the appropriate Prayers of the Faithful.

January 19th is a Civil Holiday remembering the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be a Diocesan Celebration at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral on Sunday, January 18th, at 3:00 p.m. Let us pray that the example of Dr. King will deepen our commitment to realize racial justice and harmony in our nation and to work for peaceful non-violent ways to resolve our disputes and disagreements.

Our prayers at that time should also include the inauguration of our next president. We pray for him and the new Congress that they will work for the common good in these anxious times for our country.

January 22nd is the Annual Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Penance as we recall the sad Anniversary of the Roe versus Wade decision of the Supreme Court legalizing abortion. We are asked to commit ourselves to prayer and voluntary fasting as the major and first step toward the conversion of hearts to the centrality of this issue in the life of our country.

January 25th, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is also the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. As this is the Year of St. Paul, the Holy See has given permission for local pastors to replace the Sunday texts with those of the Feast of St. Paul on that weekend. There will also be an archdiocesan celebration in the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. It is being coordinated in part by the Missionaries of St. Paul, a religious community from Nigeria that works in our local Church and provides priests for a number of our parishes

I join with our Cardinal Archbishop in asking God to continue to bless the members of Holy Rosary Parish.

Fr. Konkel

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, January 25, 2009, Church in Latin America. Sorry about the mix up last weekend regarding the collection. Your 2009 Envelopes indicated that the Latin American Church collection was on January 11, 2009. The Archdiocese has listed the collection for next weekend, January 25th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mike Shannon and Ainsley Garza.* Please remember in your prayers *Ouida Gray*, parishioner, who died last week. If you wish to have yourself or a loved one added on the prayer list, please contact the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, January 18th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

WHAT'S COOKING: **January 21st,** *Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, green salad, bread pudding,* coffee and tea, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. As a reminder the lunches are \$4.00 and there are no take-outs.

"CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE": a 15-minute radio program, hosted by Fr. Austin Green, O.P.; is aired every Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m. (KWWJ-AM, 1360, Baytown) & 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). January 25th topic, *"This is the time of fulfillment!"* (Mark c.1)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights are going to be selling hot dogs this Sunday, January 18th after the morning Masses until 2 p.m. Please come out and support the Knights and enjoy a delicious hot dog.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive here at the parish with the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center on Sunday, February 15th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information please contact Don Payne at 281-355-1585, e-mail at donpayne@gmail.com. More information to follow.

GREGORIAN CHANT : - According to the documents of the Second Vatican Council, Gregorian Chant is to be given "pride of place" in the Mass. Would you like to learn more about this liturgical music art form? There will be a workshop at St. Theresa's, Sugarland, on February 13 & 14, conducted by one of the nationally acclaimed experts in the field. Mr. Thomas and members of our Schola will be attending. Sessions are geared to beginners and more advanced singers. More information may be had at www.musicasacra.com/sugarland.

SPECIAL EVENTS: While you are posting to your new parish calendar, please add the following dates to be remembered. *Marion Day, Sunday, May 10th, Octoberfest, Sunday, October 4th, Market Day, Sunday, November 1st and St. Nicholas Day, Sunday, December 6th.* In the coming months we will be exhibiting fliers and posters about *Marian Day.* Holy Rosary Church is in a special way dedicated to the Blessed Mother. We would like to see *Marian Day* become a revered parish event. The procession/Mass is held on Mother's Day evening and is a beautiful and inspiring way to honor our familial mothers and our spiritual mother, *Mary.*

THE 20TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: The 20th annual St. Marin de Porres Award will be given Thursday, May 7th, 2009, at the Southern Dominican Gala. You could help with this delightful evening of dining, dancing, and a silent auction (including fine wines) as an underwriter, table sponsor, ticket purchased or auction donor. For more information contact Carole Kelley in the Parish office, ckelley@holyroaryparish.org, or 713-529-4854 ext. 109.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND IRS: "Due to changes in the tax laws, for contributions made in 2008, parishioners (those who itemize their tax returns) will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or written contribution statement from the parish. If you want to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check (please place your envelope number on the memo line of your check if you use only loose checks), direct deposit from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track contributions made using parish envelopes, and will upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2008. Cancelled checks and other bank records are also sufficient documentation. The parish cannot track cash contributions that are not in parish envelopes". Your 2008 parish contribution statement will be mailed at the end of January this year.

BULLETIN BACK COVER: In the following weeks the back cover will be dedicated to *St. Paul the Apostle* his life and mission.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 19 – Reading I (L311-I) (Hebrews 5:1-10)
Psalm – 110:1,2,3,4, Gospel (Mark 2:18-22)

Tuesday, January 20 – Reading I (L312-I) (Hebrews 6:10-20)
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c, Gospel (Mark 2:23-28)

Wednesday, January 21 – Reading I (L516) (1Corinthians 1:26-31)
Psalm – 23, Gospel (Matthew 13:44-46)

Thursday, January 22 – Reading I (L314-I) (Hebrews 7:25-8:6)
Psalm – 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17, Gospel (Mark 3:7-12)

Friday, January 23 – Reading I (L315-I) (Hebrews 8:6-13)
Psalm – 85:8 & 10,11-12, 13-14, Gospel (Mark 3:13-19)

Saturday, January 24 – Reading I (L518) (Ephesians 3:8-12)
Psalm 37, Gospel (John 15:9-17)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 18, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Charles David Thompson †
11:00 a.m. John Pinedo †
12:30 p.m. Hutton Tillerington †
5:00 p.m. Esperanza Gandara †

Monday

12:05 p.m. John Pinedo †
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Fournet †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Mary Quilter †
5:15 p.m. Teresa Bilski †

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Gloria Maria Anderson †
5:15 p.m. Stanley Bair

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Jay Daguanno
5:15 p.m. A. G. Gueymard †

Friday

12:05 p.m. Teresa Bilski †
5:15 p.m. Mary Kerns Gaffney †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. For Peace and Justice
5:00 p.m. Josephine Salerno Poncio †

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

His Life and Mission

By Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed for the Church a special year to honor St. Paul the Apostle, beginning with the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 28, 2008. This year honors the saint at the 2000th anniversary of his birth.

St. Paul is the most prominent personality of the New Testament, apart from Jesus himself. Thirteen of the 27 books of the New Testament bear his name. All of them are letters. Much of what we know about Paul comes from these remarkable written sources, supplemented by stories from the Acts of the Apostles, in which Paul figures prominently in the second half (chapters 9-28).

There are the only two sources for Paul's life; however, they differ at times in details. Lacking any formal biography, biblical scholars have been able to piece together the basic outline of Paul's life. They use Paul's letters as the primary source of information, since they are first-person accounts. Acts is used to complement and supplement that information.

Paul, also known by his Jewish name, Saul (see Acts 13:9), was born in Tarsus, Cilicia, in Asia Minor (now modern-day Turkey) probably between 1 and 10 A.D. He was a diaspora Jew, that is, a Jew living outside the homeland of Palestine. Tarsus was a large, prosperous city in the Roman Empire, so it is quite fair to call Paul an urbanite. He was likely well-educated, apparently a student of the great rabbi Gamaliel I in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3).

Paul's call and mission

Paul himself admits that he persecuted the Church out of zeal for his Jewish back-ground. However, around the year 25 A.D. he had a remarkable experience. On the road to Damascus, the risen Lord, Jesus, appeared to him and called him to be "the apostle to the Gentiles" (Act 9:1-19). Paul never describes this event in detail. Rather, he speaks of a "revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:12) that leaves the impression of a supernatural appearance of the resurrected Jesus, or perhaps what we might call a mystical experience.

Paul would not characterize his experience as a "conversion" in the sense of a change of religion, but more likely as a "call" or "commission." Acts portrays the event in terms reminiscent of the call of Old Testament prophets, and this is consistent with Paul's own description found in Acts. Paul considers himself an "apostle," one who has been called and sent by the Lord Jesus himself for a special mission. He was to bring the gentiles into the fold of those who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the long-awaited messiah, the Savior of the world.

A word about Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., is provincial of the Sulpician Fathers, former Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, California, a prolific author, and a frequent contributor to American Catholic Radio.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will continue next week on the January 25th bulletin.