



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

Last weekend Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P., the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in New Orleans for the last six years, came to Houston to run in the Houston Marathon. While he was here, we arranged for him to meet the Holy Rosary Finance Advisory Council, a few other members of the parish staff, and several people who are involved in parish service and educational programs. Fr. Martin J. Gleeson, O.P. the Prior Provincial of the Southern Dominican Province, had asked us to arrange these meetings because Fr. Bordenave was being considered as the next pastor at Holy Rosary Parish.

Perhaps you remember that I wrote a short notice in the January 11th Bulletin about completing my fourteenth year as pastor of Holy Rosary this coming summer. Even though other priests have had long terms of office, it is customary for pastors (in the Southern Dominican Province) to have a six year term followed by a three year extension. Any additional time would be quite unusual.

Final arrangements will be made by our Dominican Provincial, his Council, and the leadership of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The expected date for a new pastor's arrival would be July 1st.

In planning for the future, the Southern Province leadership is aware that Holy Rosary has expectations for continued restoration of the 1933 rectory as well as mechanical improvements to some of the older physical plant. For example, the 1933 parish rectory does not have adequate heating or air-conditioning and the sacristy and vestibule areas of the church need improvement in plumbing and electrical matters. The Religious Education Center also needs attention. It seems possible that I could remain at Holy Rosary as a sort of supervisor of improvements to the physical plant. This all will have to worked out, but it is highly likely that I will remain as a productive part of the Holy Rosary Parish community.

Needless to say, this arrangement would please me, for I have many friends and ties here in Houston. Counting the seven years I was at the University of Houston in the 1970's, I have a total of twenty-one years lived in Houston.

Fr. Konkel

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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 this 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 25th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

FACE TO FACE CONFESSIONS: Fr. Austin Green will be available to hear face to face confessions at 11:20 a.m.-12 noon before the weekday noon Mass on **First Friday, February 6th and First Saturday, February 7th** in the confessional before the Blessed Mother's altar. On *First Friday* the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and will conclude with the Benediction before the 5:15 p.m. Mass. On *First Saturday* Fatima Devotions will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:05 p.m. Mass. All are invited to attend.

WHAT'S COOKING: January 28th spaghetti and meat balls, salad, rolls, dessert, 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). February 1st topic, *"He taught as one having authority"*.

SAVE A LIFE: 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. They will be located on the ground floor of the Parish Hall. All are invited to give. We'll take appointments to guarantee donors speedier service. You may call Don Payne at 281-355-1585, e-mail him at donpayne77@gmail.com or call the church to make an appointment.

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.

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.**

STRAKE JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, February 5th, tours begin at 7 p.m., 8900 Bellaire Blvd. Entrance Exam, Saturday, February 7th, 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call 713-490-8113.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 26 – Reading I (L520) (2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5) Psalm – 96:1-2a,2b-3, 7-8a,10, Gospel (Luke 10:1-9)

Tuesday, January 27 – Reading I (L318-I) (Hebrews 10:1-10) Psalm 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11, Gospel (Mark 3:31-35)

Wednesday, January 28 – Reading I (L522) (Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16) Psalm – 119, Gospel (Matthew 23:8-12)

Thursday, January 29 – Reading I (L320-I) (Hebrews 10:19-25) Psalm – 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Gospel (Mark 4:21-25)

Friday, January 30 – Reading I (L321-I) (Hebrews 10:32-39) Psalm – 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40, Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)

Saturday, January 31 – Reading I (L523) (Philippians 4:4-9) Psalm 103, Gospel (Matthew 18:1-5)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 25, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. James St. Julian, Jr. †
- 9:30 a.m. Teresa Bilski †
- 11:00 a.m. Le Moine Hiller †
- 12:30 p.m. Harry Miller †
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Peace in the World
- 5:15 p.m. Peace in Families

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Angela Cheeves
- 5:15 p.m. A. G. Gueymard †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Teresa Bilski †
- 5:15 p.m. James Paul Gaffney †

Thursday

- 12:05 a.m. Lois Gable †
- 5:15 p.m. Steve

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Gloria Miller †
- 5:15 p.m. Cathy Bennett

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. For Migrants & Itinerant Workers
- 5:00 p.m. Francisco Rochin †

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

His Life and Mission

By Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

Paul's mission as evangelizer.

After his call, Paul began an intense ministry of evangelization. He took up (or returned to) the work of tent making so that he would not be a burden to the communities he served.

After a mysterious three-year period in Arabia, he went to Jerusalem to meet with Peter, James, the brother of the Lord, and John (in about 38 A.D.). They were leaders of the new movement of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem that Acts calls "the Way" and who eventually became known "Christians."

The leaders apparently endorsed Paul's mission to the gentiles. Paul, accompanied by colleagues, then went to Syria, Cilicia, and Galatia and eventually crossed over into Europe to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in Macedonia, Achaia and throughout the Mediterranean region. This period of Paul's journeys can be dated from about the years 38 to 50.

Acts portrays Paul's missionary activity in a series of three journeys. While there can be no doubt that Paul's travels were extensive, the portrait in Acts may be somewhat literary. It corresponds roughly to the geographical outlook of Acts 1:8, which shows the expanding Christian mission in stages, going from Judea to Samaria to "the ends of the earth."

In any case, Paul's ministry was missionary evangelization, which he exercised with great effect. He established communities of faith in many major cities of the Roman Empire, such as Ephesus, Corinth, Philippi and Thessalonica.

Teaching through letter writing.

~~In the last decade or more of his life, Paul not only continued his missionary activity but also wrote~~ letters (from about the years 50 to 60). The letters that survive in our New Testament, in their canonical order, are: Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon. (Six other letters are attributed to Paul, but disputes exist over their authorship. They may have been written by members of his communities under Paul's name, a custom of the day.) Letters afforded him an excellent means to stay in touch with the communities that he founded on his various missions.

His disciples preserved them for later Christians, assembling them into a collection that formed the foundations for the New Testament. At times, Paul would write from prison, one of the many experiences of suffering he endured as a follower of Jesus. At other times he would write to admonish his communities, to instruct them, to encourage them and to express his plans for the future.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will continue next week in the February 1st bulletin.