



# 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

Available in the parish office building during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### ROSARY

4:50 p.m. Monday – Friday  
4:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

#### BAPTISMS

Please call parish office at ext. 101 for arrangements.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.  
Weekdays twenty minutes before Mass

#### MARRIAGES

Please call the wedding coordinator at ext. 110 at least eight months in advance.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office for the sick who are at home or in the hospital.

#### PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P. Ext. 107  
*Pastor*  
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104  
*Parochial Vicar*  
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103  
*Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Anthony Hung Tran, O.P.  
*Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community*

#### IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Arthur R. Kirwin, O.P., *Prior*  
Fr. Victor Brown, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*  
Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*  
Fr. François Pouliot, O.P.  
Priory Phone 713-526-6322

#### 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](mailto:office@holyrosaryparish.org)

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER

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

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register, if your contact information has changed, or if you wish to remove your registration.



## A Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

If you have not responded to the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF) appeal, I urge you to consider offering your commitment today by completing and returning in the mail the pledge card mailed to you (for registered parishioners only) or by completing and mailing in a pledge envelope found in the pews or in the vestibule or by going online to donate at [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf). With every parishioner's meaningful participation in the DSF, Holy Rosary should have no problem reaching its goal of \$116,000. As a guide to your participation in the DSF, I have included in today's bulletin a question and answer sheet about the DSF.

Two Sundays ago, we heard the words of St. Paul in the second reading concerning the indispensable unity of Christ's Body in the midst of a variety of gifts. He said, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I do not need you.' . . . If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it" (1 Cor 12:21,26-27). In the same way, Holy Rosary Parish cannot say to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, "I do not need you" anymore than the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston can say to Holy Rosary Parish, "I do not need you." Truly, the different parts of Christ's Body need one another if the Gospel is to be effectively preached and the Church is to grow. This is why everyone's participation in the DSF is important, so that as we give to the archdiocese, the archdiocese can give back to us and can give to many others, so that the name of Jesus Christ may be praised!

For those who have already sent in their pledge cards, thank you! You have answered the call to express God's love and compassion through your commitment to this year's DSF. For the rest, let us pitch in and help out.

*Fr. Ian*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Kirk Wheeler, Peter Kirwin, Marvin Kurtzman, Gloria Stephen, Jean Ried, Virginia Navarro, Fr. Austin Green, O.P., Brian Benson, Fr. Bruce Noble, Fr. David Noble, Bob Reeder, Toni Christopher, Patsy Doucette, Howard Van Zandt, and Queta Freeman.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are donated for the living and deceased members of the Fretz family. Please pray that God may bless them.

**WHAT'S COOKING, February 10:** Ritzy Chicken, roasted potatoes, Carrots Vichy, tomato aspic, dessert, tea, and coffee. Wednesday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the parish hall, Room 200. There will be no Wednesday lunch on Ash Wednesday.

**STAND AND PRAY:** Next Thursday, February 11, will be Holy Rosary's day to sponsor a monthly day of prayerful presence from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 3601 Fannin. Please consider signing up for one or more hours to stand and pray that the innocent lives of the unborn may be saved and that those involved in Planned Parenthood may experience a conversion of heart. For those who can't come to pray at Planned Parenthood but would like to participate, please commit to praying wherever you are in unity with those at the facility. Sign up sheets for both will be available in the foyer this weekend, or please contact Cindy Hotze at 713 665-0479 or at [cahotze@at.net](mailto:cahotze@at.net).

**GREGORIAN CHANT:** Learn about and sing beautiful Gregorian Chant taught and directed by one of the world's greatest living scholars of chant, Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, of St. Meinrad Monastery in Indiana. Fr. Columba is conducting a Winter Chant Workshop to teach the song and the spirituality of chant in the Roman Catholic liturgy. Dates: Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location: University of St. Thomas. For information about Fr. Kelly, the program, registration, and tuition: Contact Lowell A. Davis, St. Basil's School of Gregorian Chant: 832-758-1250 or [www.gregorianchantschool.org](http://www.gregorianchantschool.org).

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P., will present the next baptismal preparation class on Saturday, February 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish office building for registered parishioners of children under the age of 7 who need baptism. Please call the parish office at 713-529-4854, ext. 101, to register.

**THE LAY DOMINICANS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY** will meet next Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m. in the REC. The lay Dominicans wish all parishioners a very blessed St. Valentine's Day. They also welcome inquirers to their group. For more information, please call Wayne Andrews at 281-391-9610.

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** Pray the Rosary during Lent! The Beltons invite the families, children, and friends of Holy Rosary Parish to Rosary Night at their house on Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. The Beltons live at 5418 Braeburn Drive in Bellaire. Zip: 77401. Fr. Bordenave, Holy Rosary's pastor, will be present. Please bring cookies or another dessert to share. Please call Elisabeth Belton at 713-665-1563 if you would like more information.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:** The knights will host a fish fry on February 26, the second Friday of Lent, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. They would like to know how many parishioners are interested in eating in or taking out. Please email [donpayne77@gmail.com](mailto:donpayne77@gmail.com) or let any knight know by Sunday, February 21.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Holy Rosary Religious Education Office will offer preparation classes for the sacrament of Confirmation for any baptized Catholic age 18 and older who has not received this sacrament. The ten-week course will begin on Sunday, February 28, from 3 to 4:45 p.m. in the Religious Education Center at 3535 Louisiana St. The course will run through Pentecost Sunday, May 23. For more information or to register, please call the Religious Education Office at 713-526-4389.

**Liturgical Calendar for the Week of February 7, 2010**

7 Sun	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> RDGS Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
8 Mon	Weekday RDGS 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 - <i>St. Jerome Emiliani, priest</i> - <i>St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin</i>
9 Tue	Weekday RDGS 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
10 Wed	St. Scholastica, virgin (M) RDGS 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
11 Thu	Weekday RDGS 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 - <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
12 Fri	Weekday RDGS 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 - <i>Bl. Reginald of Orléans, OP priest</i>
13 Sat	Bl. Jordan of Saxony, OP, priest (M) RDGS 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
14 Sun	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> RDGS Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17,20-26

**DOMINICAN FRIARS' VOCATION WEEKEND:** The Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Martin de Porres invite college-age and older men who would like to explore a vocation as a Dominican (Order of Preachers) priest or brother to a Dominican Experience Weekend February 26-28, 2010, at St. Anthony of Padua Priory in New Orleans. This weekend of prayer, community, and information sharing is designed to help men explore the possibility of a vocation to Dominican life. For more information, please visit the province's vocation web site at [www.dominicanvocations.com](http://www.dominicanvocations.com) or contact the Vocation Promoter at [frcharlie@dominicanvocations.com](mailto:frcharlie@dominicanvocations.com) or at 504-837-2129, ext. 10.

**SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA'S WINE AUCTION:** Fr. Juan Torres, O.P., is requesting monetary donations towards this year's Southern Dominican Gala's Wine Auction. Please make checks payable to "Southern Dominican Gala" (in the memo area of check, please write "wine") and mail them to the parish office, Attention: Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. All contributions are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Please save the date for the next Southern Dominican Gala on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Houstonian. The gala will offer wonderful auction items and fine wines!!

**Collections for January 31, 2010**

Regular Collection	\$16,921.24
<b>212</b> Envelopes Submitted Out of <b>936</b> Households; Percentage <b>23%</b>	
2009-10 Regular Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$526,480.76
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$506,850.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$19,630.76</b>
Haitian Relief Collection	\$1,700.00
Candle Offerings	\$207.41

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of February 7, 2010

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. Frank Alexander  
11:00 a.m. Fr. Richard Castro, MC  
12:30 p.m. Nga and Mai Intentions  
5:00 p.m. Marie Bench and Family

**Monday**

12:05 p.m. Bill Edmundson †  
5:15 p.m. C. J. Flanagan Jr. †

**Tuesday**

12:05 p.m. Helen Wheat  
5:15 p.m. Special Intention

**Wednesday**

12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †  
5:15 p.m. Alberto, and Julia, and Ines Forero †

**Thursday**

12:05 p.m. Marisa Mendoza  
5:15 p.m. Gladys Lee

**Friday**

12:05 p.m. James St. Julian †  
5:15 p.m. Jill Groff

**Saturday**

12:05 p.m. Cristina del Rio and John Sutcliffe  
5:00 p.m. Laurestine Bell †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

**CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE**

713-529-4449

# **BARTHOLOMEW THE LITTLE, O.P.**

Patriarch of the Armenian Catholic Church (†1333).

Pope Benedict to Armenian Patriarch, “May we grow in unity.” (Oct. 27, 2009)

This Dominican friar and priest, Bartholomew the Little, left his mark on Church history, because he was consecrated Patriarch of Armenia in the year 1318 and for fifteen years served the Church there as its “Catholicos” or chief bishop until his death in 1333. Outside of these two dates, we know little about Bartholomew that is definite. He was born in Bologna, Italy, presumably about 1270, entered the Dominican Order in his teens, and later was ordained a priest. He became a member of the new Dominican province of Armenia which was formed in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century.

As a background note, the Christian Church of ancient Armenia, territory east of the Euphrates river, north of Persia (modern-day Iran) and reaching almost to the Caspian Sea, was said to go back to the apostles Bartholomew and Jude Thaddeus. Its definite tradition begins with St. Gregory the Illuminator, its first bishop, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. But at the time of the Council of Chalcedon, 451 A.D., it broke away from Rome, refusing to accept the Council’s definition of Christ as having two natures, human and divine, in one Divine Person. It continued as the Armenian Orthodox Church through the centuries. From the year 645, when the Muslim religion became dominant in Persia, the Armenian Church suffered persecution and intermittent harassment from the Sultan’s armies. At the time of the First and Second Crusades, the Orthodox Armenians fought on the side of the Latin Catholic Crusaders, because the latter were fighting their ancient Muslim enemies, the Persians and Turks. Because the Armenians were of great assistance to the Crusaders, the latter in the year 1280 helped to establish the Armenian kingdom of Antioch, located in Cilicia (modern-day Turkey). The southern Armenians had renounced their schism from Rome and accepted the teaching of the Council of Chalcedon. They were united in faith with Rome in the year 1280, a union that lasted almost 100 years, until it was destroyed by the Seljuk Turks in the year 1375. During this time, the pope appointed its Catholicos. This union was strongly aided by the activities of the two new mendicant orders, Dominicans and Franciscans.

Bartholomew the Little was one of those Dominican Friars sent to Armenia in order to preach and to catechize the people. When the office of Catholicos fell vacant in 1318, the pope appointed Bartholomew the Little as Catholicos. Bartholomew evidently had good success in evangelizing not only the pagans in his territory, but also the Orthodox Christians, as the following incident shows.

The schismatic Armenian monks of St. Basil had become friendly with the Dominican friars, who were evangelizing their country. In 1280, their abbot, John of Sharnak, approached Bartholomew with a proposal. He and his monks would reject their schism, accept the Catholic faith, and then join the Dominican Order. Bartholomew accepted the offer, appointed Dominicans to instruct the monks for six months, and at the end of that time Catholicos Bartholomew accepted the whole community into the Catholic Church. They followed a rule similar to Dominican Tertiaries, and they wore a full Dominican habit. They were called “Friars of Unity,” and in worship, for example, saying Mass, they followed their Armenian rite. These monks were of great assistance in catechizing the Armenians in the Catholic faith. After 1375, when Turkish persecution made community life impossible, they moved to Italy, and they helped to keep the Catholic faith alive among the Armenian émigrés.

Catholicos Bartholomew, in the year 1333, took up residence in the city of Naksivan. Shortly after he arrived, the Muslims attacked and captured the city, and Bartholomew was captured and tortured. Then the invaders departed, leaving Bartholomew half-dead. Some Christians came to his rescue, but he died ten days after the attack, leaving behind the memory and heritage of a holy and faithful shepherd of his flock.

Despite centuries of persecution by the Turks, and of separation from union with Rome, the Armenian Apostolic Church is still very much alive. In 1996, Pope John Paul II met with its Patriarch, Karekin I, and agreed to try to overcome many misunderstandings from the past. In October 2009, Pope Benedict sent greetings to the Armenian Patriarch, Karekin II, along with the prayer, “May we be ever more closely united in the sacred bond of Christian faith, hope and love.”

*Fr. Austin Green, O.P.*