



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

Dear Parishioners:

In this column I normally would write to you as Pastor. Today I would like to tell you something specifically about my life as Prior of the Dominican Community at Holy Rosary Priory. In the Dominican Order, a Priory is composed of a minimum of six solemnly professed friars living together in a house established by the Provincial and his Council with the permission of the Master General of the Order. Holy Rosary Priory was established December 10, 2005. I was elected Prior for a three year term on December 17, 2005.

Before that election I was the Superior of the Holy Rosary Dominican Community since I first was assigned to Holy Rosary in 1995 and for a different period I was also Prior of St. Mark Priory in Houston for a three year term. All together I have been Superior/Prior for almost a total of fourteen years. After my current term as Prior expired on December 17th, the Friars at Holy Rosary Priory elected a new Prior.

His name is Fr. Arthur R. Kirwin, O.P. and he will be arriving to live at Holy Rosary Priory and to take office as Prior on February 25, 2009. He will be coming here from Raleigh, North Carolina where he has been doing work as a prison chaplain in a federal prison and also preaching throughout the South. We are looking forward to his arrival. More details of his biography and experience will follow.

One other item of news that might be of interest to the parish concerns the Judicial Investiture of James Sharp, one of our fellow parishioners. It will occur on Thursday, February 12th at 4:00 p.m. in the Treece Courtroom at South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto St. Houston. Former Governor Mark White will administer the oath of office and the Most Rev. Joseph Fiorenza will give the Benediction. Judge Sharp, as a lawyer, has been generous in doing pro-bono work in several matters for the parish.

He has told me that many years of prayers of intercession, praise, and thanksgiving offered at Holy Rosary have seen him through law school, twenty years of law practice, and now election to Texas' First Court of Appeals. We wish him well in his new position.

Fr. Konkel

DSF: The 2009 Diocesan Services Fund begins next weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Our theme is, *Show God's Hospitality to All, Especially the Stranger*. The stranger is someone we do not know but recognize as one of God's creations. Showing hospitality to "strangers" in our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires compassion and generosity. Your gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in our parish and in the archdiocese through more than 60 important programs.

This week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting participation in this year's DSF. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you prefer, you may go online at www.archgh.org/dsf to make a donation. Your generous gift will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is \$112,000.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mike Shannon and Ainsley Garza.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are in memory of *Richard Villasana*. Please keep him and the donor in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, February 8th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

WHAT'S COOKING: **February 11th** - *Chicken & artichoke casserole, green 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 15th topic, *"I do will it, be made clean"*.

SAVE A LIFE: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive here at the parish with the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center next **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.

DOMINICAN LAITY: The Queen of the Holy Rosary Group of Dominican Laity meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Religious Education Center. The group is currently involved in ongoing formation, for more information please contact Wayne Andrews, O.P. at 281-391-9610 or email luminaria@infodat-llc.com.

SILENT RETREAT: Father Mary David of the congregation of Saint John will preach a silent retreat at the Carmelite Retreat Center the weekend of February 13-15. The retreat is open to all. For further information. Contact Marcia Potempa at 713-592-0390.

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: Your 2008 parish contribution statement has been mailed to your home.

GREAT PROGRAMS FOR AGE 50 AND OLDER: If you are interested in learning more about computers, exercise programs, painting, Tai Chi, free movies, bridge, ballroom dance practice, conversational Spanish, AARP driver safety programs and Bible and internet Bible study please call 713-248-1277 at All Saints Parish or go on-line at www.allsaints.ws Classes begin February 9 – May 8, 2009. All Saints is located at 215 E 10th Street.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS: The next Baptism Preparation Session for registered parents for Holy Rosary Parish will be presented by Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P., **next Saturday, February 14th**, from 10 to 11:30 p.m. in the parish office building. Please call parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101, to register with secretary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 9 – Reading I (L329-I) (Genesis 1:1-19)
Psalm – 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c, Gospel (Mark 6:53-56)

Tuesday, February 10 – Reading I (330-1) (Genesis 1:20-2:4a) Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Gospel (Mark 7:1-13)

Wednesday, February 11 – Reading I (L331-I) (Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17) Psalm – 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30, Gospel (Mark 7:14-23)

Thursday, February 12 – Reading I (L332-I) (Genesis 2:18-25) Psalm – 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, Gospel (Mark 7:24-30)

Friday, February 13 – Reading I (L333-I) (Genesis 3:1-8) Psalm – 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7, Gospel (Mark 7:31-37)

Saturday, February 14– Reading I (L532) (Acts of Apostles 13:46-49) Psalm 117, Gospel (Luke 10:1-9)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. James St. Julian †
- 9:30 a.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
- 11:00 a.m. Lourdes Gonzalvo †
- 12:30 p.m. Amparo Cordova & Terry Howe †
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. A. G. Gueymard †
- 5:15 p.m. Helen Wheat

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Gladys Lee
- 5:15 p.m. Sp. Int.: Nga & Mai Families

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
- 5:15 p.m. Lorene Beard †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Deceased Quyen Family †
- 5:15 p.m. Family of Homer Leifeste

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Jill Groff
- 5:15 p.m. Clara Gutierrez

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Steven Moore
- 5:00 p.m. Ramona Chavez †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

His Life and Mission

By Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

Paul, the Jew

Like Jesus, Paul was born a Jew and lived his entire life as a Jew. He was quite proud of his Jewish heritage. In Philippians, he summarized his background thus: “circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless” (Philippians 3:5-6).

Despite his call to follow Jesus, which we often characterize as his “conversion,” he never claims to have abandoned Judaism. Note that he highlights his Pharisaic background. That may surprise many of us. We may think of the Pharisees as the enemies of Jesus, and therefore our enemies.

While it is true that some Pharisees and other Jewish leaders strongly opposed Jesus and plotted against him, not all Pharisees acted in this way. They did, however, largely oppose the early Christians. They were zealous for their Jewish religious heritage. Paul admits this of himself and even boasts of it. Once he accepted the risen Jesus as Lord, however, all that changed. As he says in Philippians, “I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8).

This is Paul’s way of asserting the supreme importance of his newfound faith. I think the zeal that so characterized his life as a Pharisee shifted in him when he was called by Jesus Christ to be the ~~apostle to the Gentiles. His zeal transferred to his faith in Christ. Nothing else mattered. But~~ nowhere in his letters does he use the term “Christian” to refer to himself or to any members of his communities.

Rather, he uses the term “the saints” to describe the followers of Jesus – those who are called to holiness in communion with Christ (see, for example, Romans 1:7). The root idea of the word *saint* is actually someone called and set apart for a special mission. That is the way Paul envisioned this new community of faith.

We also need to remember the complexity of the first-century Judaism that Paul knew. Was not a uniform, monolithic faith. There were multiple divisions within Judaism. Four types of Jewish perspective are especially prominent.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will continue next week in the February 15th bulletin.