



HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m. Monday – Saturday
5:15 p.m. Monday – Friday

TIME OUT ROOM

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

ROSARY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:45-5:00 p.m. Fridays with benediction at 5:05 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Please call parish office at ext. 101 for arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

4:00–5:00 p.m. Saturdays
Twenty minutes before each weekday 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.
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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.

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,

Lent starts in a few days. So what will be your Lenten program? Will you be giving up something for Lent, doing something extra, or both? Most Catholics probably dread Lent. It's a time when we know we are supposed to try extra hard to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. It means doubling our efforts to learn how to die to ourselves, so that we can rise in the new person of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, these things are far easier said than done. But God's grace is not lacking. He's always present in our lives, helping us to make a change. Still, we have to want to make a change and be willing to work at it too.

The Lenten penances to which we subscribe ourselves are not an end in themselves, but rather a means to an end—to help us break free from sin, to help us become more prayerful, and to help us love God and our neighbor more. In short, they are to help us give clearer witness to the Lord Jesus. Still, rather than place the emphasis on perfectly keeping penances, let us place the emphasis on changing ourselves (as I said earlier, God's grace is already present to help us make a change). Let us strive to break free from sin (the sacrament of Penance is particularly helpful in this regard). Let us become more prayerful, and let us love God and our neighbor more. If we come to see Lent as an opportunity to become more like Christ rather than as something to be merely painfully endured, then perhaps we will make more of it.

My prayer for you during this upcoming Lenten season will be that it will profit you much—that it will help you to die to your old self, so that you can put on the new man, who is Jesus Christ, so that when Easter comes, when you celebrate the Resurrection, its meaning will strike closer to home.

Fr. Ian

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION, February 21: *Black and Indian Missions.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *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.*

IN MEMORIAM: Please remember in your prayers Mary Katharine McMillian, a parishioner, who died Monday, February 1, 2010. May she rest in peace.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are donated in memory of Mrs. Susan Gould. Please pray for her that may she rest in peace.

WHAT'S COOKING, February 17: There will be no Wednesday lunch on Ash Wednesday.

THE LAY DOMINICANS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY will meet today, February 14, at 2 p.m. in the REC. The lay Dominicans wish every parishioner 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join Fr. Ian for the 40 Days for Life Kick-Off here at Holy Rosary this Tuesday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. A presentation and meeting in the parish hall from 6 to 7 p.m. will be followed by a candlelight prayer procession to Planned Parenthood where the group will pray from 7 to 8 p.m. Christians throughout Houston are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from February 17 through March 28. 40 Days for Life involves peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood (located at 3601 Fannin) for one or more hours each week during the 40 days. Due to people like yourselves becoming God's instruments of love and life, dozens of abortion-minded women have changed their minds and have chosen life right here in Houston. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Christine or Suzanne at 713-395-1330 or at kaspar@houstoncoalition.com. All are welcome!

LENT is a penitential season, and therefore, the Catholic Church highly encourages the faithful to make use of religious practices such as daily Mass, confession, the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial to foster their spiritual growth. The obligation to undertake penance during Lent is serious. Occasional instances of failing to perform penance is not necessarily considered serious. No one should turn scrupulous.

FASTING: The Church obligates all Catholics ages 18 to 59, unless prevented by poor health, to fast on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2.** To fast means to eat no more than one full meal and two smaller meals, which taken together do not equal the one full meal, within a 24-hour period.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics age 14 and older are to refrain from eating meat and foods prepared from meat such as sauces, gravies, and soup from meat stock on **Ash Wednesday, Lenten Fridays, and Good Friday.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: This coming Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The parish will celebrate Masses at 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:15 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. in Vietnamese. Ashes will be imposed after the homily during Mass. Confessions will be heard beginning thirty minutes before the 12:05, 5:15, and 6:30 p.m. Masses.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:05 p.m. Mass and on **Friday, February 26, immediately after the 5:15 p.m. Mass.**

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 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.

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 or contact the Vocation Promoter at 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!!

LOST AND FOUND: The parish office has received the following found prayer books: *Father's Manual*, *Divine Office*, *Pocket Prayer Book*, and *St. Joseph Weekday Missal Volume II*. If you believe any of these prayer books may be yours or you are missing other items, please contact the parish office to see if we may have your item.

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Holy Rosary Parish mailed 2009 parishioner contribution statements to registered parishioners' homes this past Friday, February 12.

Render your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. Joel 2:13a

Collections for February 7, 2010

Regular Collection	\$18,559.10
244 Envelopes Submitted Out of 938 Households; Percentage 26%	
2009-10 Regular Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$545,039.86
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$523,200.00
Difference	\$21,839.86
Candle Offerings	\$422.82

Liturgical Calendar for the Week of February 14, 2010

14 Sun	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
8:00	James St. Julian ☩
9:30	Jonathan Macalino
11:00	Dr. James Considine ☩
12:30	Illuminada C. Velasquez ☩
5:00	For the People of the Parish
15 Mon	Weekday Jas 1:1-11/ Mk 8:11-13
12:05	Clara Guterrez
5:15	Marilu Ortiz
16 Tue	Weekday Jas 1:12-18/ Mk 8:14-21
12:05	John Grof
5:15	Bill Edmundson ☩
17 Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00	For the People of the Parish
12:05	Helen Cotter Flowers☩
5:15	Lorene Beard ☩
18 Thu	Lenten Weekday Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 - Bl. John of Fiesole, OP
12:05	Virginia Brenner ☩
5:15	Trang Special Intention
19 Fri	Lenten Weekday Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
12:05	C. J. Flanagan Jr. ☩
5:15	John Little
20 Sat	Lenten Weekday Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
12:05	Karen Pratlé
5:15	Ramona Chavez ☩
21 Sun	1st SUNDAY OF LENT Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2010

***“The justice of God has been manifested
through faith in Jesus Christ” (cf. Rm 3, 21-22)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Each year, on the occasion of Lent, the Church invites us to a sincere review of our life in light of the teachings of the Gospel. This year, I would like to offer you some reflections on the great theme of justice, beginning from the Pauline affirmation: *“The justice of God has been manifested through faith in Jesus Christ”* (cf. Rm 3, 21-22).

Justice: “dare cuique suum”

First of all, I want to consider the meaning of the term “justice,” which in common usage implies “to render to every man his due,” according to the famous expression of Ulpian, a Roman jurist of the third century. In reality, however, this classical definition does not specify what “*due*” is to be rendered to each person. What man needs most cannot be guaranteed to him by law. In order to live life to the full, something more intimate is necessary that can be granted only as a gift: we could say that man lives by that love which only God can communicate since He created the human person in His image and likeness. Material goods are certainly useful and required – indeed Jesus Himself was concerned to heal the sick, feed the crowds that followed Him and surely condemns the indifference that even today forces hundreds of millions into death through lack of food, water and medicine – yet “distributive” justice does not render to the human being the totality of his “*due*.” Just as man needs bread, so does man have even more need of God. Saint Augustine notes: if “justice is that virtue which gives every one his due ... where, then, is the justice of man, when he deserts the true God?” (*De civitate Dei*, XIX, 21).

What is the Cause of Injustice?

The Evangelist Mark reports the following words of Jesus, which are inserted within the debate at that time regarding what is pure and impure: “There is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him ... What comes out of a man is what defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts” (Mk 7, 14-15, 20-21). Beyond the immediate question concerning food, we can detect in the reaction of the Pharisees a permanent temptation within man: to situate the origin of evil in an exterior cause. Many modern ideologies deep down have this presupposition: since injustice comes “from outside,” in order for justice to reign, it is sufficient to remove the exterior causes that prevent it being achieved. This way of thinking – Jesus warns – is ingenuous and shortsighted. Injustice, the fruit of evil, does not have exclusively external roots; its origin lies in the human heart, where the seeds are found of a mysterious cooperation with evil. With bitterness the Psalmist recognises this: “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Ps 51,7). Indeed, man is weakened by an intense influence, which wounds his capacity to enter into communion with the other. By nature, he is open to sharing freely, but he finds in his being a strange force of gravity that makes him turn in and affirm himself *above* and *against* others: this is egoism, the result of original sin. Adam and Eve, seduced by Satan’s lie, snatching the mysterious fruit against the divine command, replaced the logic of trusting in Love with that of suspicion and competition; the logic of receiving and trustfully expecting from the Other with anxiously seizing and doing on one’s own (cf. *Gn* 3, 1-6), experiencing, as a consequence, a sense of disquiet and uncertainty. How can man free himself from this selfish influence and open himself to love?

The pope’s message will be continued in next Sunday’s bulletin, February 21, 2010.