



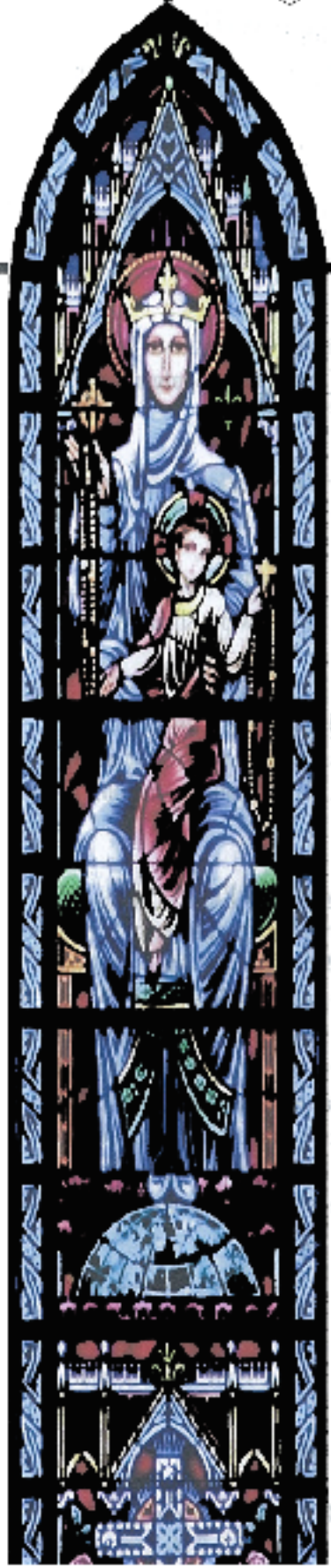
HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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 Konkel, 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:

This last week, at a regular meeting of the parishes in the Archdiocesan Central Deanery, the priests who were present discussed the Diocesan Services Fund drive that will begin this weekend.

Although most present agreed that fund raising is a difficult and onerous task, we also were aware that many of the services that are provided in more than forty areas could never be undertaken by a single parish community. I remember back in the 1970's, when I was Director of the Catholic Newman Association at the University of Houston, how important the financial support of the Diocese was to that special ministry. We were fortunate enough to have several priests and a religious sister on the payroll to work for and with the students.

St. Mary of the Purification Parish was the parish nearest to the University of Houston. They alone would not have been able to support that campus ministry.

A similar situation occurred with the Medical Center Chaplain Corps. At one time Holy Rosary Parish provided ministerial coverage to the hospitals. When that became almost impossible to do as the Medical Center grew, Fr. John Albert Coburn, O.P. worked with the Diocese to establish the Catholic Chaplain Corps.

In recent years, Holy Rosary Parish was involved in its own capital campaign to raise money for new construction and some land acquisition. During that time frame, as your pastor, I tried to avoid constant reminders of the need for greater participation in the annual Service Fund drives. Many of you were very generous and most often we were not too far off reaching our assessed goal. Fortunately we were able to make up the differences from normal income.

This year I have high hopes that there will be an increase in the number of parishioners who contribute. This was a special wish of the Cardinal Archbishop and his staff when they met with pastors in preliminary planning for the fund drive. In difficult economic times, if more people give even a small amount, the result should be good.

Certainly I am aware of the generosity of this parish. After all, I have been observing it for Fourteen blessed years.

Fr. Konkell

DSF: Thank you for answering the call to express God's love and compassion through your commitment to this year's DSF. Catholics throughout our archdiocesan church are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings and giving gifts in Jesus' name. Remember that no gift is too small. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time. Each gift helps. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of \$112,000.00 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate on-line, visit www.archgh.org/dsf.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mike Shannon and Ainsley Garza*. Please remember in your prayers, Mr. Harry Taylor, parishioner, who died this past week.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar every Sunday are donated by a parishioner. If you are interested in doing the same, please contact Nelly Abdo, at 281-242-7401 or nelly_abdo@yahoo.com. The cost is \$130.00 for two (2) flower arrangements.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, February 15th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

WHAT'S COOKING: February 18th *meat loaf, mashed potatoes, carrots vichy, 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 22nd topic, *"Who but God alone has the power to forgive sin?"*

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights are going to be serving hot dogs this Sunday, February 15th after the morning Masses until 2 p.m. Please come out and support the Knights and enjoy a delicious hot dog.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: First Communion classes are well underway and we are excited to be celebrating the sacrament with the parish in the month of May. We also would like to inform our parishioners that we are preparing three young children with Special Needs and they will be visible with the instructor and their families at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the **3rd & 4th** Sundays of the month. It is important for children with autism and other learning disabilities to be able to focus on the rites during the Mass, so we will be positioned towards the front of the Church on those days. Thank you for your kind consideration and your extra special prayers for these extra special children as they prepare their hearts to receive Jesus in Holy communion.

SUBSTITUTE CATHECHISTS NEEDED!: The Religious Education program is in need of substitute catechists for the Pre-K class (4 years olds) and the 7th grade class. If you can assist us from now until the month of May, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number. VIRTUS certification is necessary and can be arranged through the Religious Education office of Holy Rosary.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS TO BEGIN SOON: Holy Rosary Parish will be offering Confirmation Classes for adults during the Lenten season in preparation for the celebration of the sacrament on Pentecost Sunday. Classes begin in March and will be open to Baptized Catholics who have already received the sacrament of First Communion. If you know of any who requires the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Classes will be held for 8 Sundays at 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. These classes are open to anyone, not just Holy Rosary parishioners.

THE 20TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: The St. Martin de Porres Award will be presented to Father Ron Cloutier of the Catholic Correctional Ministries at the Southern Dominican Gala, Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Houstonian Hotel. For more information contact Carole Kelley in the Parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or ckelley@holyroaryparish.org. Visit our website to view some of the auction and raffle items, <http://southerndominicangala.org/>; please note our website is a work in progress.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND IRS: Your 2008 parish contribution statement has been mailed to your home.

THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP meets the **First** and **Third** Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education Center building, 3535 Louisiana, from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All Mothers and young children are welcome. Please bring a light snack for you family.

RESPECT FOR LIFE: For all those who give their time and treasure to women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, we pray.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 16 – Reading I (L335-I) (Genesis 4:1-15, 25) Psalm – 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21, Gospel (Mark 8:11-13)

Tuesday, February 17 – Reading I (336-1) (Genesis 6:5-8 & 7:1-5, 10) Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Gospel (Mark 8:14-21)

Wednesday, February 18 – Reading I (L337-I) (Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22) Psalm – 29:1a & 2, 3,ac-4, 3b & 9c-10, Gospel (Mark 8:22-26)

Thursday, February 19 – Reading I (L338-I) (Genesis 9:1-13) Psalm – 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23, Gospel (Mark 8:27-33)

Friday, February 20 – Reading I (L339-I) (Genesis 11:1-9) Psalm – 33:10-11,12-13,14-15, Gospel (Mark 8:34-9:1)

Saturday, February 21 – Reading I (L340-I) (Hebrews 11:1-7) Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11, Gospel (Mark 9:2-13)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Shari & Lewis Chandler

9:30 a.m. Marilu Oritz

11:00 a.m. Katherine M. Galeher †

12:30 p.m. John A. Groff

5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

12:05 p.m. Lucie Starr Schwartz

5:15 p.m. Helen Pavlas †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Joan Rozgonyi †

5:15 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Eugene Rozgonyi, Sr. †

5:15 p.m. A. G. Gueymard †

Thursday

12:05 p.m. James M. Condon †

5:15 p.m. Mary Rozgonyi †

Friday

12:05 p.m. James M. Condon †

5:15 p.m. James Coffey †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Fene Pampolina †

5:00 p.m. Frank Alexander

† 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...Four types of Jewish perspective are especially prominent.

Palestinian Judaism. Present in Palestine, that is, Judea and Galilee, Christians now call this place the Holy Land. Some of its characteristics in the first century included worship centered around the Temple in Jerusalem and its priesthood, and the various cultic rituals that were a part of the routine regimen of piety.

Even this type of Judaism was not uniform. Some, who thought the purity of their faith was being threatened by the compromises of their religious leaders, fled to the Dead Sea and established a kind of ascetical, or hermitage, community at Qumran. Their desire was to escape the bad influence of the secular world and thus preserve authentic faith. (Various Christians over the centuries, for example, the Amish have reacted to modern life in like fashion and try to separate themselves completely from modern secular influences.)

Hellenistic Judaism. This Greek-influenced world was, in fact, Paul's primary background, since he was born and raised outside of Palestine. Greek culture was the primary cultural influence in Paul's day, dating from the time of Alexander the Great (333 B.C.). Once the Jews were dispersed throughout the world after the first destruction of Jerusalem (by the Babylonians in 587 B.C.), they settled in many foreign lands. They adapted so much to their new surroundings that many of them eventually lost command of their native Aramaic and Hebrew languages.

They gradually translated their holy writings, which eventually became the Hebrew Bible (what Christians know as the Old Testament), into Greek, the language of the ruling empire. This translation is called the *Septuagint*, a Greek term. This text enabled the Jews in the diaspora to preserve, but also to adapt, their faith. Paul no doubt used the *Septuagint*, as his letters show familiarity with it when quoting from or alluding to the Old Testament.

Rabbinic Judaism. This form of Judaism's roots is obscure but goes back to some 200 years before Paul. Its name derives from the "rabbis," the Jewish leaders who rose to prominence after the second destruction of Jerusalem (by the Romans in 70 A.D.). In the wake of this traumatic destruction, Judaism was adapted by certain Jewish leaders of Pharisaic background. They collected and preserved their sacred writings, and finally incorporated them into a permanent sacred canon, the Hebrew Bible.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will continue next week in the February 22nd bulletin.