



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*
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PARISH OFFICE

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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

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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,

I would like invite all of you to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this coming Friday, February 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. You can eat in or take out, but please notify Don Payne, Holy Rosary's Grand Knight, or another Knight today how many dinners you would like to purchase, so that the Knights can adequately prepare. Please see the fish fry announcement to the right of this column for more information.

In conjunction with the fish fry, the parish will offer the Stations of the Cross immediately after the 5:15 p.m. Mass this coming Friday. Several parishioners asked me before Lent began whether the parish could offer the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. After consulting with the other parish priests, I felt it would be wise to keep with the custom of having the Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays of Lent at 11:30 a.m. Still, if the turnout for the Stations of the Cross this coming Friday is good, I will consider moving the Stations to the Fridays of Lent next year or even having the Stations twice a week next year on Wednesdays and Fridays. The same holds true for the fish fry: if this coming Friday's fish fry turns out to be a popular event among parishioners, the Knights will consider having another fish fry during next year's Lent.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for putting on the fish fry and for other acts of service they perform like supporting the pro-life movement, fostering people's piety with the recent display in church of the picture of Our Lady of Charity, honoring veterans on Veterans' Day, and serving hot dogs and pancakes to the parish on various Sundays. These are just few things that Knights do. I heartily encourage any Catholic man age 18 or older to consider joining the Knights as a way of growing in the Catholic faith, experiencing brotherhood, and serving the Church and our country. Talk to a Knight today.

Fr. Ian

TODAY'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, Darryl Garrels, Bob Reeder, Toni Christopher, Patsy Doucette, Howard Van Zandt, and Queta Freeman.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are donated in memory of Mr. Richard Villasana. Please pray for his eternal rest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' HOT DOGS AND TAMALES: The Knights will be serving hot dogs and tamales **today, February 21**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come for breakfast or lunch. Monetary donations are appreciated.

WHAT'S COOKING, February 24: Shrimp fettuccine, green salad, dessert, tea, and coffee. Wednesday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the parish hall, Room 200.

THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP normally meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education Center, 3535 Louisiana, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. However, this time, the playgroup will meet **this coming Thursday, February 25**, and will be sharing children's books. All mothers with young children are welcome. Please bring your family's favorite book and a light snack for you and your child or children.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: The Knights will host a fish fry **this coming Friday, February 26**, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The menu will feature fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, and a drink. Each dinner costs \$7. Eat in or take out. If you would like to purchase one or more dinners, please email Don Payne at donpayne77@gmail.com or contact another Knight today, February 21, to give a count.

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**.

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**.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes for adults who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation will begin next Sunday, February 28. This class will be held on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. until Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please call Holy Rosary's Religious Education Office at 713-526-4389 to register.

THE QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY GROUP OF THE DOMINICAN LAITY will celebrate the rites of Admission and Profession to the Dominican Family for three of its members during the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass on February 28. The Dominican Laity invite all parishioners to witness this special event and to share their joy.

Parce Domine, parce populo tuo: ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

RCIA NEWS: Today, February 21, Holy Rosary Parish is proud and happy to send Josiah Franklin, a candidate in the RCIA, to the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion, which will take place at 3 p.m. today in Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, will recognize Josiah and candidates from other parishes and call them to continuing conversion during the season of Lent. Please pray for Josiah and his sponsor, Jeff Ramirez, throughout Lent, and please offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all who have helped to bring Josiah to this moment in his conversion. God willing, Josiah will be received into the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil on April 3.

Many people like Josiah, profit greatly from friends or family members who simply talk to them about being Catholic or invite them to Mass at Holy Rosary. Currently, eight other people are participating in the RCIA at Holy Rosary. These people need the parishioners' prayerful support and faithful witness. May God find in you a heart willing to bring others to the truth of the Catholic faith. For those who may be interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Marisa Mendoza, Holy Rosary's Director of Religious Education. Her contact information can be found on the front cover of the bulletin.

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.

IN GOD'S IMAGE DISABILITY MINISTRY CONFERENCE will take place on Saturday, February 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Theresa at 6622 Haskell in Houston. This conference is open to all who interested in best practices that invite, welcome, and accept persons with disabilities and their families into the full life of the Church. There will be a keynote address followed by three learning sessions. Registration costs \$10 and includes lunch. Contact Charleen Katra at 713-741-8793 or ckatra@archgh.org. or Marisa Mendoza at 713-526-4389.

HOLY ROSARY'S TIME-OUT ROOM: Lately, toys and other children's items have been accumulating in the time-out room. If not promptly claimed, the parish will donate these items to a children's charity. Please do not bring toys or games into the time-out room. Parents or guardians should use the time-out room as a space to quiet children before returning to Mass. It is not Romper Room. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR: St. Joseph Church at 1505 Kane St. in Houston invites everyone to celebrate with it a noon Mass in honor of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 20, and to a delicious pasta lunch afterwards. The parish will also display a traditional St. Joseph Altar.

Liturgical Calendar for the Week of February 21, 2010	
21 Sun	1st SUNDAY OF LENT Dt 26:4-10/ Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Fr. Gary Rickles
11:00	Sybil de Clermont ☩
12:30	Helen Cotter Flowers ☩
5:00	Bill Edmundson ☩
22 Mon	The Chair of St. Peter, apostle (F) 1 Pt 5:1-4/ Mt 16:13-19
12:05	Ben Groff
5:15	Julianna Kim ☩
23 Tue	Lenten Weekday Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15 <i>- St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr</i>
12:05	Laurestine Bell ☩
5:15	Marilyn Miller
24 Wed	Lenten Weekday Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32
12:05	Dr. James Considine ☩
5:15	Sarah Macalino
25 Thu	Lenten Weekday Est C:12,14-16,23-25/ Mt 7:7-12
12:05	James St. Julian ☩
5:15	Archie Groff
26 Fri	Lenten Weekday Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26
12:05	Gabriel Grosjean ☩
5:15	Carl Gor Ben Châu & Nga ☩
27 Sat	Lenten Weekday Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48
12:05	Steven Moore
5:15	C. J. Flanagan, Jr. ☩
28 Sun	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 15:5-12,17-18/ Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/ Lk 9:28b-36

Collections for February 14, 2010	
Regular Collection	\$21,090.95
236 Envelopes Submitted Out of 940 Households; Percentage 26%	
2009-10 Regular Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$566,073.81
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$539,550.00
Difference	\$26,523.81
Candle Offerings	\$204.21

**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)***

(Continued from last Sunday’s bulletin, February 14, 2010.)

Justice and Sedaqah

At the heart of the wisdom of Israel, we find a profound link between faith in God who “lifts the needy from the ash heap” (Ps 113,7) and justice towards one’s neighbor. The Hebrew word itself that indicates the virtue of justice, *sedaqah*, expresses this well. *Sedaqah*, in fact, signifies on the one hand full acceptance of the will of the God of Israel; on the other hand, equity in relation to one’s neighbour (cf. Ex 20, 12-17), especially the poor, the stranger, the orphan and the widow (cf. Dt 10, 18-19). But the two meanings are linked because giving to the poor for the Israelite is none other than restoring what is owed to God, who had pity on the misery of His people. It was not by chance that the gift to Moses of the tablets of the Law on Mount Sinai took place after the crossing of the Red Sea. Listening to the Law presupposes faith in God who first “heard the cry” of His people and “came down to deliver them out of hand of the Egyptians” (cf. Ex 3,8). God is attentive to the cry of the poor and in return asks to be listened to: He asks for justice towards the poor (cf. Sir 4,4-5, 8-9), the stranger (cf. Ex 22,20), the slave (cf. Dt 15, 12-18). In order to enter into justice, it is thus necessary to leave that illusion of self-sufficiency, the profound state of closure, which is the very origin of injustice. In other words, what is needed is an even deeper “exodus” than that accomplished by God with Moses, a liberation of the heart, which the Law on its own is powerless to realize. Does man have any hope of justice then?

Christ, the Justice of God

The Christian Good News responds positively to man’s thirst for justice, as Saint Paul affirms in the Letter to the Romans: “But now the justice of God has been manifested apart from law ... the justice of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (3, 21-25). What then is the justice of Christ? Above all, it is the justice that comes from grace, where it is not man who makes amends, heals himself and others. The fact that “expiation” flows from the “blood” of Christ signifies that it is not man’s sacrifices that free him from the weight of his faults, but the loving act of God who opens Himself in the extreme, even to the point of bearing in Himself the “curse” due to man so as to give in return the “blessing” due to God (cf. Gal 3, 13-14). But this raises an immediate objection: what kind of justice is this where the just man dies for the guilty and the guilty receives in return the blessing due to the just one? Would this not mean that each one receives the contrary of his “due”? In reality, here we discover divine justice, which is so profoundly different from its human counterpart. God has paid for us the price of the exchange in His Son, a price that is truly exorbitant. Before the justice of the Cross, man may rebel for this reveals how man is not a self-sufficient being, but in need of Another in order to realize himself fully. Conversion to Christ, believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one’s own need – the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship. So we understand how faith is altogether different from a natural, good-feeling, obvious fact: humility is required to accept that I need Another to free me from “what is mine,” to give me gratuitously “what is His.” This happens especially in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Thanks to Christ’s action, we may enter into the “greatest” justice, which is that of love (cf. Rm 13, 8-10), the justice that recognises itself in every case more a debtor than a creditor, because it has received more than could ever have been expected. Strengthened by this very experience, the Christian is moved to contribute to creating just societies, where all receive what is necessary to live according to the dignity proper to the human person and where justice is enlivened by love.

Dear brothers and sisters, Lent culminates in the Paschal Triduum, in which this year, too, we shall celebrate divine justice – the fullness of charity, gift, salvation. May this penitential season be for every Christian a time of authentic conversion and intense knowledge of the mystery of Christ, who came to fulfill every justice. With these sentiments, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 30 October 2009

BENEDICTUS PP. XVI

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