



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

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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:

The Ash Wednesday schedule is printed elsewhere in this Bulletin and next Sunday we will print an article by Father Isidore Vicente, O.P. entitled **A Holy Lent**. It will be a reflection on ways in which we can make our spiritual life more fruitful and more pleasing to God. As we approach Holy Week, the liturgical schedule will be announced.

This last week, the Holy Rosary Priory Dominican Friars received a letter from the Cardinal/Archbishop requesting a donation for the 2009 Diocesan Services Fund. We hope to make a substantial pledge to this appeal because we recognize the important ministries that are maintained on the Diocesan level, work that would be very difficult for individual parishes to manage. Those of us on the parish staff also know how much support we receive from the various activities and services of the Archdiocese.

Please excuse my referring to finance several times in the last weeks. I am hoping that this year a greater number of our parishioners will respond to this appeal. Most likely, with the difficult financial situation of the country and world, donors might have to be less generous. This is why more donations will be very helpful in meeting the Holy Rosary Parish goal.

Let me bring you up to date on a sad bit of news. Our parish Director of Music, Mr. Beal Thomas, is planning to move to Baltimore in March so we will lose his most appreciated and excellent services. In the transition period, our music will continue as much as before though it will be with other organists working with our cantors and vocalists. Mr. Thomas has been our Director of Music since August of 2007. We wish him well in his life and we hope that with his advice and assistance we will be able to replace him as quickly as possible with someone as qualified and talented as he.

Holy Cross Chapel, in downtown Houston, will have early morning Lenten programs for men (Tues.) & women (Thurs.) For details call (713)650-1323 or www.HolyCrossChapel.org.

Fr. Konkel

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES COLLECTION NEXT WEDNESDAY (Ash Wednesday), FEBRUARY 25, 2009.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the main altar are given in memory of *Mrs. Susan Gould*. Please remember her and the donor in your prayers. Flowers on the Blessed Virgin altar are in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of *Sadie and Anthony Aquilina*. Please remember them in your prayers that they may share many more years together.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will not be served today, February 22nd, in the Parish Hall, Room 200.

WHAT'S COOKING: There will be no lunch on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Lunches will resume next week on Wednesday, March 4th.

"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). March 1 topic, *"Repent and believe in the gospel – praise for His mercy"*. In the vestibule there are fliers for your Lenten reading of Fr. Green's radio talk for March 1st.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This coming Wednesday, February 25th is *Ash Wednesday* and the beginning of *Lent*. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., there will also be a 6:30 Mass in Vietnamese. Ashes will be imposed during the Mass, immediately after the Homily. Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before the 12:05, 5:15 and 6:30 Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated on *Ash Wednesday* and every Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. prior to 12:05 Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fasting and Abstinence. **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

FASTING binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year unless prevented by poor health. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

ABSTINENCE binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence, the consumption of meat is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages this observance of Friday abstinence, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.

WALK THE LABYRINTH with the Dominican Sisters with meditations on the Scripture for the Sundays of Lent. Every Thursday of Lent, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 5:50 p.m. on the outdoor labyrinth, 6501 Alameda Road. For more information call 713-440-3708.

2009 SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: Help us raise funds for the education of more Dominican Priests and for the care of the elderly ones among us by joining in the Southern Dominican Gala, Thursday, May 7th. For more information please contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or ckelley@holyrosaryparish.org.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 23 – Reading I (L341-I) (Sirach 1:1-10)
Psalm – 93:1ab, 1cd -2, 5, Gospel (Mark 9:14-29)

Tuesday, February 24 – Reading I (L342-1) (Sirach 2:1-11)
Psalm - 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)

Wednesday, February 25 – Reading I (L219) (Joel 2:12-18)
Psalm – 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17, Gospel (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Thursday, February 26 – Reading I (L220) (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)
Psalm – 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6, Gospel (Luke 9:22-25)

Friday, February 27 – Reading I (L221) (Isaiah 58:1-9a)
Psalm – 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Gospel (Matthew 9:14-15)

Saturday, February 28 – Reading I (L222) (Isaiah 58:9b-14)
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Gospel (Luke 5:27-32)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Helen Pavlas †

11:00 a.m. Ben Groff

12:30 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †

5:00 p.m. Quyen Family Deceased †

Monday

12:05 p.m. Marilyn Miller

5:15 p.m. Special Intention Nga & Mai

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Abel Rozgonyi †

5:15 p.m. Ronald Krasovic †

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Chau and Nga Family †

12:05 p.m. Carmelita Groff

5:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday

12:05 p.m. James Coffey †

5:15 p.m. Frances Oberdorf †

Friday

12:05 p.m. Special Intention Trang

5:15 p.m. Mrs. Theresa Bilski †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Protection of the Unborn

5:00 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

† 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.

Rabbinic Judaism continued

The rabbis' timeless interpretation and adaption of the Old Testament, in particular, influenced Paul's own approach to these sacred texts. Paul shows himself to be adept at rabbinic interpretation of texts in new circumstances. In fact, we could well consider Paul a "rabbi" in the sense of his teaching and preaching style.

Apocalyptic Judaism

Just as Christians later wrote down the Book of Revelation, the Jews before them had a type of literature found in the Old Testament called apocalyptic. The word literally means "unveiling." It refers to an outlook that envisions the revelation of God's victory over evil at the end of time. The Book of Daniel is a prime example of this kind of literature.

Apocalyptic literature springs from the experience of dire persecution. It expresses a two-sided outlook of a cosmic battle between good and evil, God and the devil, light and darkness, and so on. This perspective developed several hundred years before Jesus and Paul, but it continued to exercise considerable influence in their times. Ultimately, its message is a hopeful one: Despite appearances in the world around us, God and the forces of good will win the final battle. There will be a judgment day, and all wrongs will be righted. The good will be rewarded and the bad properly punished.

Paul inherited aspects of this worldview that is also found in certain teachings of Jesus in the Gospels (see, for example, the sayings in Mark 13:1-37). Sometimes, Paul seems quite taken with this perspective and urges people to prepare for an imminent end of the world (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11).

Now, some 2,000 years removed from Paul's teaching, we realize that we do not know God's timetable for bringing this world to its judgment day. The end does not seem as imminent as it was for Paul. We do not have the apocalyptic urgency that Paul sometimes expresses in his letters. It is one of those Jewish influences that were part of Paul's world and that carried over into later Christian teaching.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will continue in the March 8th bulletin. Next week we have a special article by Fr. Vicente, O.P. on Holy Lenten Practices.