



HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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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

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,

It's Lent. 'Tis the season for giving alms. But please do not give alms to transients on parish property. While a well-intentioned act, this causes the word to spread quickly that Holy Rosary is a place where one can get money fast and soon more transients begin to frequent the parish in the hope of receiving money. Furthermore, it is unlikely that the reasons transients give you as to why they need money are the real reasons. More likely, they will use the money to buy alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes or on some other wasteful venture. A far better way to give alms is to give to organizations you trust in caring for the poor. For example, giving to Diocesan Service Fund (DSF), which allocates money to Catholic Charities Basic Needs Services, is one way you can minister to the poor. Giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag Annual Collection, which is taken up in the parishes of the archdiocese each July, is another way.

I would like for everyone to feel safe when he or she comes to Holy Rosary. To this end, I am trying to arrange for security during Sunday Masses to help people cross Milam St. safely to and from the church and to intercept people begging for money. Besides from refraining from giving money to transients, parishioners can heighten the parish's security by reporting any suspicious activity to the sheriff or the police officer on duty at Holy Rosary or by calling the Houston Police Department (HPD) or the Constable Dispatch. The phone number for the HPD Dispatch is 713-884-3131. The phone number for the Precinct 7 Constable Dispatch is 713-643-6602. Save these phone numbers to your cell phones to report suspicious activities at Holy Rosary, that is, of a non-emergency nature. For emergencies, call 911. Other security measures you can take: secure your valuables at all times and tell anyone who is bothering you, "You are making me feel uncomfortable. Please leave me alone, or I will call the police."

Be safe, and may God bless you.

Fr. Ian

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, Queta Freeman, and Mary Ann Chambers.*

IN MEMORIAM: Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Maria Nguyen T. Thuoc, the grandmother of Fr. Hung Tran, O.P., the chaplain to the Vietnamese community at Holy Rosary. Mrs. Thuoc died in Houston on Monday, February 22, 2010, at the age of 93. Her funeral took place at Holy Rosary yesterday, February 27. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

WHAT'S COOKING, March 3: Seafood Camille, green peas, salad, dessert, tea, and coffee. Wednesday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the parish hall, Room 200.

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.

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 today's 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. The Dominican Laity invite all parishioners to witness this special event and to share their joy.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Classes for adult Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation **begin today, February 28.** This class will take place on Sundays from 3 to 4:45 p.m. in the Religious Education Center until Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation should attend today's class.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights will serve pancakes and sausages after the Sunday morning Masses on March 14. Come and enjoy a delicious Sunday breakfast in the parish hall.

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.

JOINING THE PARISH? LEAVING THE PARISH? CHANGING YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBER? Please inform the parish office. Thank you!

WANTED: COLLECTION COUNTERS. Holy Rosary Parish needs five more people to help count the parish's collections once a month on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can help, please contact the parish office or tell Fr. Ian, the pastor, when you see him.

LOST AND FOUND: Missing a prayer book, a rosary, an umbrella, or something else that you believe you may have left in the church or elsewhere at the parish? Please contact the parish office to see if it may have your missing item.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. Please do not remove missalettes, hymnals, Stations of the Cross booklets, or other worship aids from the church. Like you, others rely on these items to help them worship when they come to Mass or other liturgies. If you wish to have your own copies of these items, you can purchase them or their equivalents from local religious goods stores.

HOLY ROSARY'S TIME-OUT ROOM: 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 a playroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

RCIA NEWS: Today, February 28, Josiah Franklin, Holy Rosary's RCIA candidate, will undergo the Penitential Rite or Scrutiny at the 8 a.m. Mass. The Penitential Rite is a prayer that asks God to enlighten a candidate who is in the final preparation to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church (the Period of Purification and Enlightenment) to know his sins so that he may repent of them and to strengthen the candidate to resist future temptation to sin. With God's help, Josiah will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil on April 3. Please keep Josiah in your prayers.

THE 21st ANNUAL SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The gala committee invites everyone to participate in the gala by becoming an underwriter, a table sponsor, or an auction donor and/or by purchasing gala tickets. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a silent auction (including a wine auction). This year the gala will present the St. Martin de Porres Award to the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) or the Port Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. For more information about the gala, please contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854, ext. 109, or at ckelley@holyroaryparish.org. The gala proceeds will go to support the Southern Dominican Province, including the Dominican friars of Holy Rosary Priory. Gifts to the gala are tax deductible.

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!!

Atténde Dómine, et miserére, quia peccávimus tibi.

Collections for February 21, 2010

Regular Collection	\$15,411.06
<i>Last week's contribution envelope statistics were unavailable at the time of the bulletin's printing.</i>	
2009-10 Regular Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$581,484.87
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$555,900.00
Difference	\$25,584.87
Black and Indian Missions	\$4,495.21
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$3,822.48
Candle Offerings	\$259.31

Liturgical Calendar for the Week of February 28, 2010	
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
8:00	Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Flanagan †
9:30	Eileen and Burnie Burford †
11:00	Walter Kuehl †
12:30	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Alfonso Mendoza
March 1 Mon	Lenten Weekday Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
12:05	Mrs. J. R. Imber
5:15	Peter and Edward Kim †
2 Tue	Lenten Weekday Is 1:10, 16-20/ Mt 23:1-12
12:05	Frank Pinedo †
5:15	Elaine Miller †
3 Wed	Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18-20/ Mt 20:17-28 - St. Katharine Drexel, virgin
12:05	Bill Edmundson †
5:15	Elena and Manuel Forero †
4 Thu	Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31 - St. Casimir
12:05	C. J. Flanagan, Jr. †
5:15	Josephine Pumilia †
5 Fri	Lenten Weekday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
12:05	Dr. James Considine †
5:15	Philip Pontius †
6 Sat	Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
12:05	Frank Alexander
5:15	Fr. Richard Castro, MC
7 Sun	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/ Lk 13:1-9

On the Mendicant Orders

“The Proposal of a ‘Lay Sanctity’ Won Many People”

VATICAN CITY, JAN. 13, 2010 (Zenit.org).- Here is a translation of the address Benedict XVI delivered today during the general audience in Paul VI Hall.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the beginning of the new year, we look at the history of Christianity, to see how a history develops and how it can be renewed. In it we can see that it is the saints, guided by the light of God, who are the genuine reformers of the life of the Church and of society. Teachers by their word and witnesses with their example, they know how to promote a stable and profound ecclesial renewal, because they themselves are profoundly renewed, they are in contact with the true novelty: the presence of God in the world.

Such a consoling reality -- that in every generation saints are born and bear the creativity of renewal -- constantly accompanies the history of the Church in the midst of the sorrows and the negative aspects of her journey. We also see come forth, century by century, the forces of reform and of renewal, because the novelty of God is inexorable and always gives new strength to go forward.

This was what happened in the 13th century, with the birth and the extraordinary development of the Mendicant Orders: a model of great renewal in a new historic period. They were called thus because of their characteristic of “begging,” namely, of going to the people humbly for economic support to live the vow of poverty and to carry out their evangelizing mission. Of the Mendicant Orders that arose in that period, the most notable and most important are the Friars Minor and the Preaching Friars, known as Franciscans and Dominicans. They have these names because of their founders, Francis of Assisi and Dominic de Guzmán, respectively. These two great saints had the capacity to wisely read “the signs of the times,” intuiting the challenges that the Church of their time had to face.

A first challenge was represented by the spread of several groups and movements of faithful that, although inspired in a legitimate desire for authentic Christian life, often placed themselves outside of ecclesial communion. They were in profound opposition to the rich and beautiful Church that developed precisely with the flourishing of monasticism. In recent catecheses I reflected on the monastic community of Cluny, which had always attracted young men and, therefore, vital forces, as well as goods and riches. Thus logically developed, initially, a Church rich in property and also immobile. Opposed to this Church was the idea that Christ came on earth poor and that the true Church should be, in fact, the Church of the poor; a desire for true Christian authenticity was thus opposed to the reality of the empirical Church.

This brought about the so-called pauper movements of the Medieval Age. They harshly contested the lifestyles of priests and monks of the time, accused of having betrayed the Gospel and of not practicing poverty as the first Christians, and these movements counterpoised to the ministry of the bishops their own “parallel hierarchy.” Moreover, to justify their choices, they spread doctrines that were incompatible with the Catholic faith. For example, the movement of the Cathars or Albigensians proposed again old heresies, such as depreciation and contempt of the material world -- opposition to wealth quickly became opposition to material reality as such -- the negation of free will, and then dualism, the existence of a second principle of evil equated with God. These movements had success, especially in France and Italy, not only because of their solid organization, but also because they denounced a real disorder in the Church, caused by the less than exemplary behavior of several representatives of the clergy.

On the other hand, the Franciscans and Dominicans, in the footsteps of their founders, showed that it was possible to live evangelical poverty, the truth of the Gospel, without separating from the Church; they showed that the Church continued to be the true, authentic place of the Gospel and Scripture. Thus, Dominic and Francis drew, precisely from profound communion with the Church and the papacy, the strength of their witness.

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The pope's address will be continued in next Sunday's bulletin, March 7, 2010.