



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.
Fr. Arthur R. Kirwin, 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:

Elsewhere in this Bulletin there is an announcement about Holy Rosary Parish joining other parishes in the Archdiocese in a twelve hour prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at 3601 Fannin. Our day is Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Our time is from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We have been asking people to come for an hour or more. Since I am an early riser I think I will join the early birds for an hour at 6:30 a.m. I hope to see some of you as we watch the sun rise.

I am most pleased to announce that Fr. Anthony Hung Tran, O.P. is officially being appointed as Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community at Holy Rosary Parish. The Southern Dominican Province had proposed this assignment and Daniel Cardinal DiNardo has confirmed it effective February 26, 2009.

Fr. Tran will continue to help the parish by offering two Masses in Vietnamese on Sundays. He will also maintain his full time ministry at St. Joseph Hospital and will continue to live at St. Mark Priory. We hope that all the parishioners will welcome him as the opportunity arises.

Let me also add a comment about the Diocesan Services Fund. All the ministries in the Archdiocese that are supported by your generosity will appreciate the participation of as many parishioners as possible and the sooner we all make our pledges or donations the sooner we will know that Holy Rosary Parish has again had a most successful collection. You are all recognized as one of the most generous parishes in the Archdiocese.

As we continue with our preparations for Holy Week and for the coming Easter Season, let us pray in thanksgiving for all the people who have gone before us here at Holy Rosary. We have been truly blessed by what they have provided for us to build upon.

Fr. Konkel

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009 AMOUNTED TO \$5, 286. The Ash Wednesday collection was \$5,106. Thank you for your generosity.

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

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, March 8th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

WHAT'S COOKING: March 11th *shrimp gumbo w/rice, green salad, rolls, bread pudding, coffee and tea,* will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200, for a tiny price of \$4.00, no take outs.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated every Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 a.m. prior to 12:05 Mass. **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of Fast and 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.

LENT is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

"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 15 topic, *"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace! Sanctify Christ in your body"*. In the vestibule there are fliers for your Lenten reading of Fr. Green's radio talk for March 15th, they are located next to the bulletin table in wall box labeled Fr. Green's Lenten message.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS wish to congratulate two new Third Degree Knights to Council 11023, Matthew Luedke and Julian Van Pol, who were exemplified as 3rd Degree Knights during ceremonies on February 14th.

"40 DAYS for LIFE": This Wednesday, March 11th from 6:30a.m. – 6:30p.m. our parish is sponsoring one day to stand and pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 3601 Fannin. If you can spend one hour or more in this peaceful, prayerful presence please contact Cindy Hotze (713 665-0479 or cahotze@att.net). Thanks to all who already volunteered.

SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA'S WINE AUCTION: Fr. Juan Torres, O.P., would like to request monetary donations towards this year's Southern Dominican Gala's Wine Auction. Please, make checks payable to *Southern Dominican Gala* (memo: wine) and mail them to our parish office, attention Fr. Juan Torres. All your contributions are appreciated and tax deductible. Please, save the date for the Southern Dominican Gala on Thursday, May 7th at The Houstonian. We'll offer wonderful auction items and fine wines!!

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; adults who complete this 7-week course will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. The first class will meet on **Sunday, March 29th**, in the Religious Education Center. Classes are open to Baptized Catholics who have already received the sacrament of First Communion. If you know of any one who requires the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Classes will be held for seven Sundays at 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. These classes are open to anyone, not just Holy Rosary parishioners.

2009 SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: Join as we help 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 at The Houstonian Hotel. Please visit our new website to view the auction/raffle items for the 2009 Gala at www.southerndominicangala.org, for more information. If you have additional questions, you may contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or via email at ckelley@holyroaryparish.org.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS: “St. Paul and Evangelization” – Pauline Year Lecture Series – Wednesday, March 11th, Dr. Carolyn Osiek presenter. Lecture time 7-9 p.m. St. Mary’s Seminary, Nold Auditorium. For more information contact 713-686-6844, etc. 229 or cfc@stthom.edu

HONOR ST. JOSEPH with us on Saturday, March 14th at St. Joseph Church, 1505 Kane. Mass at noon followed by a delicious pasta luncheon. Traditional St. Joseph Altar will be displayed. Bring the whole family.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Prepare for Easter with your spouse in a special way. An encounter weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. Upcoming dates: April 17-19 and June 12-14. Contact Briar or Tina Little at 281-485-5648 or go on-line at www.mehouston.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 9 – Reading I (Daniel 9:4b-10) Psalm –79:8, 9, 11 & 13, Gospel (Luke 6:36-38)

Tuesday, March 10 – Reading I (Isaiah 1:10, 16-20) Psalm – 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23, Gospel (Matthew 23:1-12)

Wednesday, March 11 – Reading I (Jeremiah 18:18-20) Psalm – 31:5-6, 14, 15-16, Gospel (Matthew 20:17-28)

Thursday, March 12 – Reading I (Jeremiah 17:5-10) Psalm – 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6, Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)

Friday, March 13 – Reading I (Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a) Psalm –105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46)

Saturday, March 14 – Reading I (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20) Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 8, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Theresa Bilski †
- 9:30 a.m. Frances s †
- 11:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 12:30 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Sp. Int.: Dr. Rebecca Schwanecke
- 5:15 p.m. Dean Harwood †

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Ronald Krasovic †
- 5:15 p.m. Sp. Int.: Dr. Rebecca Schwanecke

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. George Goloby†
- 5:15 p.m. Mrs. Theresa Bilski †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Catherine Groff
- 5:15 p.m. N. O. Adams, Jr.

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Guy Alexander †
- 5:15 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Ramona Chavez †
- 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.

Hellenism's influence

Hellenism, the Greek cultural influence, was wide-ranging. It might be compared with the tremendous influence of English and American capitalism in our own day. For example, almost anywhere you go in the world today, someone there can usually speak English. Along with that goes the influence of American culture (McDonald's, Coca-Cola and Hollywood movies seem to be everywhere!), a mixed blessing for some people of other nationalities. Frankly, some in the local culture don't appreciate the outside influence, even though others around them embrace it.

In Paul's day *Koine* Greek (common Greek) was the main language. He was obviously conversant in it – he wrote all his letters in this language. Along with language came the impact of Greek culture on daily life. Social and political institutions had their roots in Greece. Examples abound. For instance, the notion of the city-state and the importance of being a citizen of such a community likely influence Paul's language regarding the "body of Christ."

The gymnasium as a center for athletic contests and social interchange was another prominent Hellenistic institution. Paul was, no doubt, a sports fan. He uses considerable sports imagery in his letters (boxing, running the race, wrestling) to illustrate his message.

Yet another influence was in the religious sphere. The Hellenistic world fostered an attraction to many different cults dedicated to pagan gods and goddesses. Paul clearly opposed such influences

by emphasizing belief in one God, a characteristic of Jewish faith. It was this one God who, in the person of Jesus Christ, had come to save the world. Paul's message focused much on the oneness of God in reaction to Greek polytheism. In short, Hellenistic language and culture had a huge impact on life in Paul's day, whether for good or for ill, and his letters often reflect this background.

Citizen of Rome

Finally, we cannot ignore the influence of the Roman Empire in Paul's world. Rome was the ruling world power in the West. (Remember that inhabitants of Paul's world were less aware at the time of such tremendous cultures as India and China in the East.) Paul himself was a Roman citizen.

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Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This article will conclude in the March 15th bulletin.