



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:

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, was the day that Holy Rosary Parish volunteered to pray outside Planned Parenthood on Fannin St. from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. I wish to thank all those who participated in this important witness to the sanctity of life that is so integral to our faith as Catholics.

Being an early riser I walked over to meet six of our parishioners a little after 6:30 a.m. During the hour I remained with the group we prayed all four mysteries of the Rosary trying to keep our voices strong enough so that the employees and visitors who were arriving at Planned Parenthood would know we were there to protest the killing of innocent babies.

It was a sad hour for me as I watched women sometimes accompanied by men enter this fortress like building on Fannin. In addition to praying one of our group would occasionally call out asking those entering to consider that there are other choices to be made and many different agencies that will help them through their difficult times.

Later in the day, Fr. Austin Green and Fr. Juan Torres told me that they joined with the Holy Rosary Parishioners who came at various times to pray and to witness to our Catholic pro-life and respect for life stances. May all of us continue with our daily prayers that our country and the whole world would stop the evil practice of abortion.

Something to look forward to for the parish is our expectation that Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will join us at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009, for our Good Friday Liturgical Services. We are honored to have our Cardinal/Archbishop with us.

And we also might note that Bishop Vincent M. Rizzotto will be the principal celebrant for our outdoor evening Marian Day Procession and Mass on Mother's Day, May 10, 2009.

May God continue to bless all of us at Holy Rosary Parish with good health and peace of mind.

Fr. Konkel

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.

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

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

WHAT'S COOKING: **March 18th** *jambalaya, black bean salsa, spinach 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is 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 Fasting 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 22 topic, *"The Son of Man must be lifted up. Praise Christ crucified"*. In the vestibule there are fliers for your Lenten reading of Fr. Green's radio talk for March 15th.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS HOT DOG SALE- The Knights will be holding their monthly hot dog and tamale sale after our Sunday masses today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come by and get something to eat for you and your family. The Knights are also holding an **Officers Meeting** on Wednesday the 18th at 6:30 in the Education Center. All Knights are invited to attend.

"40 Days for Life": Thanks to everyone who participated this past Wednesday, March 11th in our parish sponsoring a day of prayerful, peaceful presence at Planned Parenthood. We had over 60 people, including four of our priests, with at least 3 people praying every hour. Please continue to pray for a culture of life and end to abortion.

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: 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 at the Houstonian Hotel. For more information please contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or ckelley@holyroaryparish.org. Visit our new website to view the auction/raffle items for the 2009 Gala. www.southerndominicangala.org

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS: “St. Paul and Evangelization” – Pauline Year Lecture Series – Wednesday, March 18th, Dr. Judith Ryan, presenter. Lecture time 7-9 p.m. St. Mary’s Seminary, Nold Auditorium. For more information contact 713-686-6844, ext. 229 or cfc@stthom.edu

2009 DOMINICAN GALA RAFFLE: The raffle tickets are \$25.00 per ticket or \$100.00 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be for the following: **#1** – Ladies 14K white gold, aquamarine ring; 22.65 ct. emerald cut aquamarine surrounded by ten round diamonds, appraisal included. **#2** – Handmade Bokhara rug, 3’ x 5.2’, made in Pakistan, 1950 and **#3** Two night weekend stay at Rose Hill Manor, Fredricksburg, Texas. Drawing to be held on May 7th, need not be present to win. Raffle tickets will go on sale the first weekend in April after the Masses. Check the bulletin for further announcements.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 16 – Reading I (Kings 5:1-15b) Psalm – 42:2, 3 & 43:3, 4), Gospel (Luke 4:24-30)

Tuesday, March 17 – Reading I (Daniel 3:25, 34-43) Psalm - 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9, Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)

Wednesday, March 18 – Reading I (Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9) Psalm – 147:12-13,15-16, 19-20, Gospel (Matthew 5:17-19)

Thursday, March 19 – Reading I (2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16) Psalm –89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29, Gospel (Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a)

Friday, March 20 – Reading I (Hosea 14:2-10) Psalm – 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17, Gospel (Mark 12:28-34)

Saturday, March 21 – Reading I (Hosea 6:1-6) Psalm – 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Gospel (Luke 18:9-14)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 15, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Lorene Beard †
- 9:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Vanessa Reyes
- 12:30 p.m. Ronald Krasovic †
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 5:15 p.m. Bill Fisher †

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Mr. Patten †
- 5:15 p.m. Harry Taylor †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Peter Fornan †
- 5:15 p.m. Estella Acosta Silvas †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Virginia Brenner †
- 5:15 p.m. Remily A. Avanzado †

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Ted Groff
- 5:15 p.m. Mrs. Theresa Bilski †

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Virginia Brenner †
- 5:00 p.m. Rudy Quiroga †

† 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.

Citizen of Rome – continued

Rome's power was felt in numerous ways. Most important, the world was basically at peace. The *Pax Romana* (Latin for, "Roman Peace") meant that travel on the extensive Roman road system and in sleek ships was fairly safe from threat of criminal attack, though still always hazardous. Paul took advantage of this relative calm, utilizing this Roman transportation system when he went on his extensive apostolic journeys to preach the gospel. He went all over the eastern Mediterranean world, and journeyed to Rome itself. He planned to go to Spain, to the far western reaches of the empire, but was martyred in Rome.

Paul also uses his Roman citizenship to ensure a fair legal proceeding (Acts 22:25-27). Rome retained the ultimate political authority over life and death. Rome then, was always in the background, a power that could not be ignored.

Apostle to our culture

Paul, like all of us, was a product of his era. To some degree, he believed that many influences in the surrounding culture were detrimental to the spiritual health of his communities. Yet, in other instances, Paul knew how to use common cultural images to good effect in order to get his message across to his audience.

Perhaps that is the challenge of Paul to each of us today. He, who has shaped so much of our Christianity, challenges us to encounter our own culture bravely, with Christ as our guide.

Paul, the Martyr

Although the New Testament never describes it, ancient tradition says that Paul was martyred during imprisonment in Rome, probably around 62-64. Many paintings of the apostle portray him with a sword at hand, symbolizing the likelihood that he was beheaded during the persecutions conducted by the Roman emperor Nero (54-68).

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience...Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. (Colossian 3:12-15)

Taken from St. Anthony Messenger Press

Year of St. Paul 2008-2009

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This is the conclusion of this article on St. Paul. Beginning in next week's bulletin and for several weeks an article on Lent 2009 by The Holy Father will be taken from the Vatican website .