



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:

We received a general e-mail from the Archdiocese this last week stating that the 2009 Diocesan Services Fund seems to be off to a very good start. We do not have the specifics about our parish yet, but I am expecting that we will do very well since our parish is one of the most generous in the Archdiocese.

Our hope is not just to meet our goal which is slightly over \$100,000, but to have an increase in total participation. Our support of the many different ministries of the Archdiocese is very important, for no individual parish could offer the general services that the combined churches can offer.

Our new Prior, the Very Rev. Arthur R. Kirwin, O.P., is now in residence at Holy Rosary Priory. Some of you may have had a chance to meet him. Most of you probably have not because he is still fulfilling commitments for preaching and ministry from his last assignment. One day after he arrived here two weeks ago, he left for a preaching assignment in Honduras, Central America. Last Thursday he flew off to Alaska where he will preach on this weekend and next weekend for the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, a lay Catholic mission association. Perhaps one weekend in the future we will ask Fr. Kirwin to speak to our parish about the CFCA.

As we continue with our Lenten preparation for the Easter season in a few weeks, we ask God to bless all our volunteers and parish staff who keep so many projects and activities viable here at Holy Rosary.

Fr. Konkel

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

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 22nd, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

WHAT'S COOKING: **March 25th** *stew, coleslaw, 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 the 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.

"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 29 topic, *"Sir, we want to see Jesus. The desire to praise Him"*. In the vestibule there are fliers for your Lenten reading of Fr. Green's radio talk for March 29th.

K of C Knight of the Month: The Holy Rosary's Knights of Columbus Council 11023 has selected Wayne Andrews as the March Knight of the Month. We want to thank him for his continued participation and assistance with our church and council.

"GROOVING BACK TO THE SIXTIES" : Family Life Ministry of the Archdiocese presents Annual Beginning Experience Benefit Dance & Silent Auction with Raffle & Door Prizes. Saturday, March 28th, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Auditorium of St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd.; admission \$15.00; for more information call 713-440-3440 or email beinfohouston@yahoo.com.

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. For more information, contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or email ckelley@holyrosaryparish.org. Visit our new website to view auction/raffle items for 2009 Gala www.southerndominicangala.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Our annual Marian Day Procession and Mass in honor of Our Blessed Mother and all mothers on Mother's Day will take place on Sunday, May 10, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please see next week's important bulletin announcement about parish participation in this beautiful, spiritual event. The Procession and Mass will be the only evening Mass at Holy Rosary that Sunday.

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.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS: “St. Paul and Evangelization” – Pauline Year Lecture Series – Wednesday, March 25th, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, presenter. St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles 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.

C.O.O.L.: The youth group (Catholic Organization of Life) and The Helpers of God’s Precious Infants will lead a rosary procession with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Holy Rosary Church to Planned Parenthood on Saturday, March 28th at 10:30 a.m. They will return for the 12:05 Mass and the Image of Our Lady will be in the Church only until 2 p.m. This Missionary Image began its journey in June of 1991 from the International Rosary Congress at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and has visited over 1000 parishes throughout the world. All are invited to join this prayerful procession and Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 23 – Reading I (Isaiah 65:17-21) Psalm – 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b, Gospel (John 4:43-54)

Tuesday, March 24 – Reading I (Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12) Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Gospel (John 5:1-16)

Wednesday, March 25 – Reading I (Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10) Psalm – 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10-11, Gospel (Luke 1:26-38)

Thursday, March 26 – Reading I (Exodus 32:7-14) Psalm – 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Gospel (John 5:31-47)

Friday, March 27 – Reading I (Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22) Psalm –34:17-18,19-20, 21 & 23, Gospel (John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

Saturday, March 28 – Reading I (Jeremiah 11:18-20) Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Gospel (John 7:40-53)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 22, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Quyen Family †
- 9:30 a.m. Carmen Reynolds
- 11:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 12:30 p.m. Henry Groff
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Sp. Int.: Nga and Mai
- 5:15 p.m. Virginia Brenner †

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- 12:05 p.m. Virginia Brenner †
- 5:15 p.m. Chau and Nga †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Christian Groff
- 5:15 p.m. Virginia Brenner †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Special Intention Trang
- 5:15 p.m. Virginia Brenner †

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Carl Baldino †
- 5:15 p.m. Gloria Maria Anderson †

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Rudy Quiroga †
- 5:00 p.m. Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P.

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
BENEDICT XVI
FOR LENT 2009**

***"He fasted for forty days and forty nights,
and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2)***

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

At the beginning of Lent, which constitutes an itinerary of more intense spiritual training, the Liturgy sets before us again three penitential practices that are very dear to the biblical and Christian tradition – prayer, almsgiving, fasting – to prepare us to better celebrate Easter and thus experience God’s power that, as we shall hear in the Paschal Vigil, “dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride” (*Paschal Præconium*). For this year’s Lenten Message, I wish to focus my reflections especially on the value and meaning of fasting. Indeed, Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord’s fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry” (*Mt 4,1-2*). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. *Ex 34,28*) and Elijah’s fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. *1 Kings 19,8*), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him, marked at the start by a serious battle with the tempter.

We might wonder what value and meaning there is for us Christians in depriving ourselves of something that in itself is good and useful for our bodily sustenance. The Sacred Scriptures and the entire Christian tradition teach that fasting is a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it. For this reason, the history of salvation is replete with occasions that invite fasting. In the very first pages of Sacred Scripture, the Lord commands man to abstain from partaking of the prohibited fruit: “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die” (*Gn 2, 16-17*). Commenting on the divine injunction, Saint Basil observes that “fasting was ordained in Paradise,” and “the first commandment in this sense was delivered to Adam.” He thus

concludes: “ ‘You shall not eat’ is a law of fasting and abstinence” (cf. *Sermo de jejuniis*: PG 31, 163, 98). Since all of us are weighed down by sin and its consequences, fasting is proposed to us as an instrument to restore friendship with God. Such was the case with Ezra, who, in preparation for the journey from exile back to the Promised Land, calls upon the assembled people to fast so that “we might humble ourselves before our God” (8,21). The Almighty heard their prayer and assured them of His favor and protection. In the same way, the people of Nineveh, responding to Jonah’s call to repentance, proclaimed a fast, as a sign of their sincerity, saying: “Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?” (3,9). In this instance, too, God saw their works and spared them.

In the New Testament, Jesus brings to light the profound motive for fasting, condemning the attitude of the Pharisees, who scrupulously observed the prescriptions of the law, but whose hearts were far from God. True fasting, as the divine Master repeats elsewhere, is rather to do the will of the Heavenly Father, who “sees in secret, and will reward you” (*Mt 6,18*). He Himself sets the example, answering Satan, at the end of the forty days spent in the desert that “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (*Mt 4,4*). The true fast is thus directed to eating the “true food,” which is to do the Father’s will (cf. *Jn 4,34*). If, therefore, Adam disobeyed the Lord’s command “of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,” the believer, through fasting, intends to submit himself humbly to God, trusting in His goodness and mercy.

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The article will continue next Sunday, March 29, 2009.