



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

Fr. Anthony Hung Tran, O.P.
Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community

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

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:

Let me open with very special wishes for all parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary for a blessed Easter. Now that we are beyond Lent, perhaps we will find less penitential weather with which to contend. Spring seems to be here; can summer be far behind?

Last week I received a few phone calls from volunteers for the parish vegetable (and maybe a few flowers) garden. This time I am going to ask two or three of the most eager people to organize what I did not seem able to do before. The only plants we have growing very well right now are six tomato plants which appear to be almost ready to start bearing fruit (or are tomatoes called vegetables?).

I might mention that Fr. Austin Green, O.P. has had a chest cold the last few weeks so he has not been as present as usual, especially to those who appreciate the time he spends in the confessional for the important Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. We hope that he continues to improve and that he will be up and around again before too long.

I could also mention that Fr. Arthur Kirwin, O.P., the new Prior of Holy Rosary, returned from two weekends of preaching in Alaska. You will eventually get to know him though he will not be working in the parish.

And while I am on the subject of personnel, Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P., whom we expect to be the new Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish starting in July, should be arriving near the end of June. As I told you before, I will remain at Holy Rosary for a long transition period, but also expect to be involved in the finishing and follow-up of some of the remodeling and up-grading of the original parish rectory and those areas of the rest of the property that need attention. Nothing is final on this new appointment; the Provincial, his Council, and the Archdiocesan Officials still have to negotiate the details.

Again, many thanks to all the people who support the activities of the parish with their talent and energy. When I look back over the last fourteen years, I am overwhelmed and overjoyed by what a great place Holy Rosary has become. Let's have a toast to the future, especially the next fourteen years.

Fr. Konkel

HOLY LAND COLLECTION for, April 10TH will be announced next week. 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 **not** be served today, April 12th. Happy Easter.

WHAT'S COOKING: April 15th, *brisket, baked beans, potato salad, dessert, coffee and tea*, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass, serving is until 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 200. As a reminder the lunches are \$4.00 and there are no take-outs, please do not have bills larger than \$10.00. Thanks.

"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. April 19th topic for *Mercy Sunday, "My Lord, and my god!"*. (John 20)

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS: The next Baptism Preparation Session for registered parents for Holy Rosary Parish will be presented by Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P., **this Saturday, April 18th**, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish office building. Please call parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101, to register with secretary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS - Our Knights of Columbus Council 11023 will be participating in a Corporate Communion Mass next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. Our 4th Degree Knights will be attending in their full regalia. The Knights will also be serving hot dogs and tamales after each of the morning and early afternoon masses as usual.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS HAVE BEGUN: **It is not too late to join** the Confirmation class for adults on six consecutive Sundays from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the Religious Education Center. Contact Marisa Mendoza in the parish office this week for more information. Open to Baptized Catholics, age 18 and up.

BASIC CATHOLIC THEOLOGY: Attention adults of Holy Rosary, if you are interested in a refresher course on this subject, please contact Ms. Mendoza D.R.E. for further information at JMJmarisa@sbcglobal.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar every Sunday usually are donated by a parishioner. If you are interested in doing the same here is the information you need. Contact Nelly Abdo, at 281-242-7401 or nelly_abdo@yahoo.com. The cost is \$130.00 for two (2) flower arrangements. You can donate them for anything: anniversaries, in memory of a loved one, or any prayer request you may have. The exception to this arrangement would be special times like Easter and Christmas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Being a prayerful community we are anxious to pray for all who are ill. Names of parishioners will remain on the list for three months and may be extended as needed in serious cases. If you wish to have prayers for yourself or a loved one added on the sick and convalescent announcement in the bulletin, please contact the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101. If the person you wish to have placed on the prayer list is not a parishioner their name will be placed for one month on the list. Also, at every Eucharist we pray for all who are in need, whether mentioned by name or not.

2009 SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: Join us to 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@holyrosharyparish.org and visit our new website to view auction/raffle items, www.southerndominicangala.org.

RAFFLE: Help support our Dominicans! The Gala Committee will sell raffle tickets outside in front of the church after all Masses next weekend. Proceeds help Dominican seminarians and the elderly Dominicans who have served us. First prize is a ladies' 22.65 ct. aquamarine ring surrounded by ten diamonds set in white gold. Second prize is a handmade Bokhara rug. The 3' X 5.2" runner is donated by Mamoud Toutouchian, Antique and Decorative Rugs. Third prize is a two night weekend stay at the lovely Rose Hill Manor in Fredericksburg. Tickets cost \$25 or 5 for \$100. Drawing will be May 7 at the Southern Dominican Gala. You do not need to be present to win - but would love to have you there!

Queen of the Holy Rosary Group of Lay Dominicans will meet in the REC at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 19th. All are welcome to attend and discern the possibility of a vocation as a Lay Dominican.

THE HOLY ROSARY PLAY GROUP is collecting baby items to be given to families in need through a maternal assistance program. The following new or gently used items are some suggestions for donations: newborn clothes, baby diapers, bath wash, infant formula, breast pumps, blankets and burp cloths.

Collection boxes will be located in the back of the church during the months of April and May.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Register for a worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend April 17-19. For registration and more information please call Brian and Tina Little at 281-485-5648 or go on-line www.mehouston.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 13 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33) Psalm – 16:1-2a, & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Gospel (Matthew 28:8-15)

Tuesday, April 14 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41) Psalm - 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22, Gospel (John 20:11-18)

Wednesday, April 15 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10) Psalm – 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, Gospel (Luke 24:13-35)

Thursday, April 16 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26) Psalm – 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9, Gospel (Luke 24:35-48)

Friday, April 17 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12) Psalm – 118:1-2, & 4, 22-24, 25-27a, Gospel (John 21:1-14)

Saturday, April 18 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21) Psalm – 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21, Gospel (Mark 16:9-15)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 12, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
 11:00 a.m. Timoteo Saygan †
 12:30 p.m. Edward L. Buckley, Jr.

Monday

12:05 p.m. Maria d.I.G. Dellinger
 5:15 p.m. George Divone †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Mary Terilter †
 5:15 p.m. Danny Salas †

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Paul Vo
 5:15 p.m. Francisco Cifuentes †

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Tory Plott †
 5:15 p.m. Andrew Borrios

Friday

12:05 p.m. Maria Luisa de Gonzales De Orbegoso †
 5:15 p.m. Patrick Sheehan †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Vicky Hardway
 5:00 p.m. Ramona Chavez †

† 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!

The practice of fasting is very present in the first Christian community (cf. *Acts* 13,3; 14,22; 27,21; 2 *Cor* 6,5). The Church Fathers, too, speak of the force of fasting to bridle sin, especially the lusts of the "old Adam," and open in the heart of the believer a path to God. Moreover, fasting is a practice that is encountered frequently and recommended by the saints of every age. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself" (*Sermo* 43: PL 52, 320. 322).

In our own day, fasting seems to have lost something of its spiritual meaning, and has taken on, in a culture characterized by the search for material well-being, a therapeutic value for the care of one's body. Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a "therapy" to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God. In the Apostolic Constitution *Pænitèmini* of 1966, the Servant of God Paul VI saw the need to present fasting within the call of every Christian to "no longer live for himself, but for Him who loves him and gave himself for him ... he will also have to live for his brethren" (cf. Ch. I). Lent could be a

propitious time to present again the norms contained in the Apostolic Constitution, so that the authentic and perennial significance of this long held practice may be rediscovered, and thus assist us to mortify our egoism and open our heart to love of God and neighbor, the first and greatest Commandment of the new Law and compendium of the entire Gospel (cf. *Mt* 22, 34-40).

The faithful practice of fasting contributes, moreover, to conferring unity to the whole person, body and soul, helping to avoid sin and grow in intimacy with the Lord. Saint Augustine, who knew all too well his own negative impulses, defining them as "twisted and tangled knottiness" (*Confessions*, II, 10.18), writes: "I will certainly impose privation, but it is so that he will forgive me, to be pleasing in his eyes, that I may enjoy his delightfulness" (*Sermo* 400, 3, 3: PL 40, 708). Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God.

This article will conclude in next Sunday's bulletin, April 19, 2009.

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