



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:

The priests of the Central Deanery of the Archdiocese usually meet for two hours every other month to exchange ideas, report on activities, make some plans, and occasionally to hear a report or a speaker. Last Wednesday, when we met, we heard a report from Fr. Gerry Kelly and Mr. Bob Decker from the Archdiocesan Mission Office about Mission Possibilities for Parishes and Schools.

They informed us about three different opportunities for parish groups to become involved in actual mission work: investigative trips to establish contact with local pastoral groups in Mexico; short term missions (usually one week) in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Ecuador; and shorter mission trips to Acuna on the Texas/Mexican border.

The programs are quite flexible in terms of time and finances and can be arranged to suit the needs of the visiting parish group. Some of the Houston parishes (Epiphany Parish in Katy, St. Thomas, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Francis de Sales) can arrange to include a few young people in their own groups. Perhaps some of our teens might be interested.

Further information is available from the Archdiocesan Mission Office.
hhernand@archgh.org.

Now that Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are past, I would like to take a moment to thank all the parishioners who participated in special ways to make that holy time a blessed experience here at Holy Rosary. Everything went well and the church was beautiful. May God continue to bless you.

Fr. Konkel

HOLY LAND COLLECTION for, April 10TH was \$9,475. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, April 26, Home Missions Collection.

DSF: Show God's hospitality to all, especially the stranger 2009 Diocesan Services Fund. God bless each and everyone who has so generously responded in support of the 2009 DSF. If you have heard the call and have not yet responded, please do so today. To give on line, www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of \$112,000.00.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Shana Gatling and Shaun Gordy donated the flowers in celebration of their marriage last evening. Please keep them in your prayers.

WHAT'S COOKING: April 22nd – spaghetti and meat balls, salad, 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, 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 26th topic, *"He opened their minds to understand the scriptures"*. (Luke 24)

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Our Marian Day procession and Mass are less than one month away, on May 10. Please join your fellow parishioners in honoring our mothers and the mother of us all, Our Blessed Mother, on Mother's Day. The procession will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on Travis between Berry and Holman Streets. The outdoor Mass which follows will be concelebrated by Archbishop Vincent Rizzotto and priests of the parish and the city. This Mass will be the only evening Mass on Mother's Day.

The committee is very pleased to have received some new volunteers. More are very welcome. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, please attend our next meeting on April 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish library.

We wish to extend to all the blessings of the Risen Lord in this Easter season.

1931 MODEL A FORD: This great classic, donated by a parishioner, is part of the Southern Dominican Gala Silent Auction. The two door green and black sedan, is mechanically restored, new water pump, manifold, muffler, electrical system, new chrome hubcaps, converted to 12 volt system, new brakes and shoes (old pair included). It is in good running and driving condition. Needs new interior fabric, vinyl roof, body refinishing because of rust – wonderful father and son project – all parts, moldings included. Opening bid \$6,300. Contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or email ckelley@holyrosaryparish.org.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM PRIESTS OF THE PARISH: Please do not make appointments with a priest in front of church on Sundays, especially hospital visit requests. We need to have the requests in writing or phone messages made through the parish secretary. Thanks for your help.

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@holyrosaryparish.org and visit our new website to view auction/raffle items, www.southerndominicangala.org.

RAFFLE: The Gala Committee will sell raffle tickets after all Masses in **support of our Dominican priests and brothers**. First prize is a ladies' ring - 22.65 ct. aquamarine surrounded by ten diamonds set in white gold. Second is a handmade Bokhara rug. The 3' X 5.2" runner was made in Pakistan in 1950 and is donated by Mamoud Toutouchian, Antique and Decorative Rugs. Third prize is a two night weekend (or mid week) stay at the lovely Rose Hill Manor in Fredericksburg. Tickets cost \$25 or 5 for \$100. Drawing will occur at the Southern Dominican Gala on May 7th. You do not have to be present to win but you would really enjoy it!

Queen of the Holy Rosary Group of Lay Dominicans invites all parishioners to celebrate the Admission of **Ernest M. Powell** to the Order of Preachers as a Lay Dominican. The admission will occur during the 12:30 PM Mass on April 26th.

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.

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.

GRADUATES' MASS : If you or someone you know is graduating from High School or college, please contact Marisa in the parish office. Please leave the following information: Graduate's name, date of Commencement Exercises, and name of school and degree (if applicable) and contact name and phone number. We will determine the best date for the Mass based on this information.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 20 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31) Psalm – 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9, Gospel (John 3:1-8)

Tuesday, April 21 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37) Psalm p3:1ab -1cd, 2, 5, Gospel (John 3:7b-15)

Wednesday, April 22 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26) Psalm – 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Gospel (John 3:16-21)

Thursday, April 23 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33) Psalm – 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20, Gospel (John 3:31-36)

Friday, April 24 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42) Psalm – 27:1, 4, 13-14, Gospel (John 6:1-15)

Saturday, April 25 – Reading I (1 Peter 5:5b-14) Psalm - 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Gospel (Mark 16:15-20)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 19, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Charles Pizzitola †
- 9:30 a.m. Allen & Toni Kinghorn †
- 11:00 a.m. Paul Spies †
- 12:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Lorena Barreda DePinillos †

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Michael Moore
- 5:15 p.m. Dolores Knee

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Martha Bair
- 5:15 p.m. Special Intention

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 5:15 p.m. Francis Weiland †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St. George
- 5:15 p.m. James P. Sharp, Sr. †

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Michael Shanley †
- 5:15 p.m. Candida Tyerina †

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Philip Dyer
- 5:00 p.m. Philip Dyer

† 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 same time, fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live. In his *First Letter*, Saint John admonishes: "If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, yet shuts up his bowels of compassion from him – how does the love of God abide in him?" (3,17). Voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother (cf. Encyclical *Deus caritas est*, 15). By freely embracing an act of self-denial for the sake of another, we make a statement that our brother or sister in need is not a stranger. It is precisely to keep alive this welcoming and attentive attitude towards our brothers and sisters that I encourage the parishes and every other community to intensify in Lent the custom of private and communal fasts, joined to the reading of the Word of God, prayer and almsgiving. From the beginning, this has been the hallmark of the Christian community, in which special collections were taken up (cf. 2 *Cor* 8-9; *Rm* 15, 25-27), the faithful being invited to give to the poor what had been set aside from their fast (*Didascalia Ap.*, V, 20,18). This practice needs to be rediscovered and encouraged again in our day, especially during the liturgical season of Lent.

From what I have said thus far, it seems abundantly clear that fasting represents an important ascetical practice, a spiritual arm to do battle against every possible disordered attachment to ourselves. Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person. Quite opportunely, an ancient hymn of the Lenten liturgy exhorts: "*Utamur ergo parcius, / verbis cibis et potibus, / somno, iocis et arctius / perstemus in custodia* – Let us use sparingly words, food and drink, sleep and amusements. May we be more alert in the custody of our senses."

Dear brothers and sisters, it is good to see how the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us, as the Servant of God Pope John Paul II wrote, to make the complete gift of self to God (cf. Encyclical *Veritatis splendor*, 21). May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, therefore, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbor. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer, *lectio divina*, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Sunday Mass. With this interior disposition, let us enter the penitential spirit of Lent. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Causa nostrae laetitiae*, accompany and support us in the effort to free our heart from slavery to sin, making it evermore a "living tabernacle of God." With these wishes, while assuring every believer and ecclesial community of my prayer for a fruitful Lenten journey, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

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This concludes this article.