



Holy Rosary Parish



3600 Travis Street - Houston, Texas 77002

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil - Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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 may be used
Sunday during
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
in the Parish Center

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m.
5:15 p.m.

ROSARY

Recited weekdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. at 4:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays 15 minutes before
all weekday Masses

EVENING PRAYER

Weekdays after
5:15 p.m. Mass in Sacristy

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Benediction 5:05 p.m.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20, 2008

SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday, April 27th, Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Next Sunday, our parish will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports missions here in the United States. This Appeal is a practical way for our parish to share its faith and resources with the mission Church here at home. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & CONVALESCENT Kathleen McEvoy, Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, Earley Magnuson, Virginia Geaslin, Fr. Brenda, Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P. and the Friars of Holy Rosary.

ALTAR FLOWERS were given by Monica Bencze and Bryan Lassy, who were married on Saturday, in memory of Monica's father *Stephen Bencze*, please keep him and the donors in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, April 20th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for April 23rd, Chicken cacciatore, rice, orange/almond salad, carrots, cream cheese brownie pie, coffee and tea, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. Welcome. **Please note that there will be no take-out.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - will be serving hot dogs and refreshments in the courtyard **this Sunday**, April 20th. You are invited to stop by and enjoy a hot dog with your family and friends after the Sunday morning Masses. We will serve until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your past and continued support.

TIME AND TALENT Get involved today! This Sunday in the parish hall after each of the morning Masses, representatives of a number of parish organizations and committees will be available to answer questions and enroll new volunteers for their committees.

RAFFLE: Help support our Dominicans! The Gala Committee will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses in support of the Dominican priests and brothers. First prize is an Hermès sterling silver necklace and matching bracelet, second prize is a fabulous trip to Costa Rica for one week, Club Del Mar Condo, with \$1,000. towards air fare, and third prize is a Hammaoam "Botamir" Persian Rug, size 4' x 2" X 2'x2" . Tickets cost \$25 a piece, or 5 chances for \$100. Purchase tickets from a committee member and see our raffle display in the vestibule of the church. Thanks for your support! Drawing will occur at the Southern Dominican Gala on May 8th. You do not have to be present to win.

SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: The 2008 Southern Dominican Gala, which will honor the *Archdiocesan Catholic Chaplain Corps.*, is fast upon us, and the Gala Committee would like to extend an invitation to all our parishioners here at Holy Rosary. This year's festive Gala will begin at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8th at the Houstonian**, and will include a silent auction, beverages, dinner, live music and dancing. Funds raised by the Gala are used right here for the building projects at Holy Rosary parish; also in support of the education of Dominican Seminarians, as well as for the care of our elderly Dominican priests and brothers. Ticket costs range from \$200 to \$1,000 for individuals, and from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for tables of ten. If you are interested in receiving an invitation, contact Carole in the parish office at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 **before April 29th**. The Gala Committee hopes to see you there in support of our very worthy cause!

"CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE": A 15-minute radio program, hosted by Fr. Austin Green, O.P., is aired every Sunday morning at 5:30a.m. (KWWJ-AM, 1360, Baytown) & 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). April 27th topic, *"I have chosen you out of the world."*

UST MENDENHALL SUMMER INSTITUTE-A summer program for incoming freshmen acquiring early credit. High school seniors can get the freshman advantage by enrolling in the five-week Mendenhall Summer Institute at UST in July. This program allows students to get an early start on their UST college education by earning 6-credit hours in math and English. Tuition is \$500 for the two courses. Deadline to apply is **May 1st**. For more information call 713-942-3476 (Spanish); 713-525-3500 (English) or go to www.stthome.edu/ admissions.

MARIAN DAY CELEBRATION: All parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary are invited to join in a special celebration in honor of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008. On that Sunday, the 3:15, 5:00, and 6:15 p.m. Masses will be cancelled. There will be only one special outdoor Mass offered that afternoon following a neighborhood procession that will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please gather in the gated parish parking lot in the 3500 block of Milam to join in the short procession (approximately four blocks) before returning to the parking lot site for the outdoor Mass. We had hoped to have Cardinal DiNardo or one of the bishops as the celebrant of the Mass, but this year Mother's Day is also Pentecost and all the bishops of the Diocese are involved in Adult Confirmation ceremonies.

Next week's Bulletin will have a cover story about Our Lady Of Lavang which will narrate a short version of the appearance of Mary during a time of persecution in Vietnam. When the Vietnamese came to Houston in the 1970's, Holy Rosary Parish started a tradition of the celebration of an outdoor Mass and procession on Mother's Day. Unfortunately, during the demolition and construction of parish facilities during the last four years, the parish discontinued this celebration. We are trying to resume this practice this year so please come and honor our Blessed Virgin on Mother's day. The Mass and its music will be offered in English and Vietnamese.

ALEXANDER VINCENT JANDEL, O.P., Master General (1810-1872)

“When I want to make him a cardinal, the Dominicans choose him as their Master General.” (Pope Pius IX)

The gifted administrator who restored the Dominican Order to its regular observance was Alexander Vincent Jandel, a priest who received his original inspiration from Lacordaire. Born in Lorraine, France, in 1810, he was baptized Joseph Alexander. His mother had a reputation for Christian valor reaching back to the terrible days of the French Revolution, when she had gone into prison to say goodbye to her own mother who was awaiting execution. She had been tireless in her assistance to priests in the troubled years after the Revolution. Even after, her son credited his own priestly and religious vocation to this courageous devout of his mother.

In 1822 he went to the college of Nancy to study philosophy and thence to the seminary. Although of frail health he kept strictly to the seminary rules and kept a monastic silence. In 1829, a political revolution in France closed the Nancy seminary and the seminarians were sent to Switzerland. Here among the mountains Jandel cultivate what admitted was his worst fault—he was too fond of walks! But this probably saved the life of the frail seminarian. In 1834 he was ordained, at age 24, and sent back to the reopened seminary to teach Scripture, then was appointed its rector.

Jandel, seeking a deeper life of prayer, applied to join the Jesuits, but they, because of his frail health, told him to wait two years. Then he met Lacordaire whose proposal to restore the Dominican Order in France appealed to him. His Jesuit confessor advised him to join Lacordaire in this restoration. Still uncertain he went to Rome and consulted Pope Gregory XVI who looked at the tall young priest and assured him, “Whichever Order you join you will be a ‘big’ saint.” Jandel then took the Dominican habit in 1841, and, for his formation finished, joined Lacordaire in France to begin the work of restoration. This was 1843, and the first Dominican house was set up a Nancy with Jandel as its superior. When a novitiate was begun at Flavigny in 1848, Jandel was chosen its first prior.

Both Jandel and Lacordaire were the ‘movers and shakers’ who helped re-establish the Order in France. Lacordaire was the orator of genius who could set on fire the hearts of men to follow Christ; the planner and initiator of great and noble works. Jandel, on the other hand, was the administrator—the calm, grave, wise ruler of men—who tenaciously held to what was true and good. Jandel was first attracted by Lacordaire and they became strong friends and collaborators; they also had differences, Lacordaire willing to drop observances of Dominican Rule which seemed unsuited for their time, while Jandel was for the observance of the ancient Rule in all its strictness.

Though Jandel had not the preaching genius of his associate he nevertheless was a strong preacher. At Lyons he preached a sermon on the power of the cross. Afterwards, a Freemason challenged him to show the truth of his words by going to their Lodge. Jandel entered the Lodge, lifted up his crucifix and made a large sign of the cross. Instantly, the lights went out, the furniture was thrown around, and all the Masons fled in terror, leaving Jandel standing with his cross.

In 1850, Fr. Jandel was called to Rome by Pope Pius IX and named Vicar of the Dominican Order. At this time the Order had reached the lowest point in its history, e.g., before 1790 it had about 20,000 friars and now, 60 years later, it had about 4,500. The friars did not follow the ancient rule, there were few novices, governments were generally hostile to the religious life, e.g., in France, Portugal, Germany, Mexico, South America. The Order itself since the year 1804 had been divided into two jurisdictions, the 15 provinces of Spain and South America were divided from those of Rome and the rest of Europe and North America.

The agreement was to alternate the office of Master General between Spain and Rome every six years, but in effect each part of the Order went its own way as it pleased. It was the hope of Pius IX that Jandel could effect a reform of the Order for the good of the whole Church, and he was not disappointed.

The new vicar began his reform in Rome, setting up the convent of Santa Sabina as a house of regular observance. He told his friars, “We are the children of saints; we reap glory from our fathers. But let up beware, lest being no credit to them, we be numbered among those whose glory is turned into shame.” ‘Regular observance’ included such things as—perpetual abstinence from meat, rising at midnight to pray and sing the psalms. Naturally he met some resistance to these rules of common life—some of the friars in Naples called him a Communist—but gradually by his patience and kindness he won over most of them. He did so well that when it was the turn of the Roman province to have the office of Master General in 1855, Pius IX appointed him to that office for its term of six years. This meant the Fr. Jandel could now bring his reform of the Order to its Spanish jurisdiction as well as its Roman jurisdiction.

When Fr. Jandel was appointed as Vicar he found an Order in which the spiritual life was almost non-existent, to say nothing of community life. Within two months he set up a plan of restoration, modeled on that of Bl. Raymond of Capua, calling on each province to set up a house where the Rule and Constitutions could be lived to the letter—regular attendance at choir, observance of fast and abstinence, the wearing of woolen clothes even in hot weather, weekly community meetings where the friars were instructed in the life of prayer and also admitted their faults, and full community life. He himself visited the European provinces and sent delegates to provinces in North and South America; by letter and by these personal visits he roused his friars to a prayerful and observant religious life. Although he met initial resistance his patience, his tenacity and his unflinching kindness ultimately won the allegiance of the whole Order.

There were two signs of this. The first sign was that when his temporary term as Pius IX’s appointee came to an end, in 1862 the Dominicans assembled in chapter at Rome elected him as Master General for the whole Order, indicating that Fr. Jandel was not merely “the Pope’s man” but he was, instead, the choice of the whole Dominican Order. Pope Pius XI remarked, half-jestingly, “When I appoint him they say it is a hindrance to the Order; when I want to make him a cardinal then they choose him themselves.”

The second sign was that he initiated conversations with the Spanish section of the Order and he had the satisfaction of seeing them return to full union with the whole Order in 1872, five months before he died.

Fr. Jandel was a gifted spiritual director, sought by such persons as Cardinal Manning and Fr. Tom Burke. He was even more gifted as an administrator, and he infused new life into the Order. He re-established several provinces, combining some of the old ones. He opened many new houses, encouraging the community life and observance. He was zealous to renew the religious life of the enclosed nuns, and he also did much to promote the Third Order (Dominican Laity). He was zealous to promote the devotion of the rosary and the study of St. Thomas. He published new liturgical books that resulted in solemn chanting of the psalms in choir and the singing of ‘high’ Masses in most Dominican houses. Fr. Jandel also published a new, updated version of the Constitutions, so that all friars would know what the common life required of them.

In 1870 occurred the ‘miracle of St. Dominic in Soriano.’ For five days, in front of the Italian troops occupying Rome, a wooden statue of St. Dominic walked around and gesticulated as though it were preaching. Fr. Jandel sent a circular letter to the whole Order pointing to this miracle as a divine sign that the Order should be faithful to its preaching mission.

Fr. Jandel died at Rome in December, 1872. He was mourned by the whole Order, and he is justly considered one of its greatest Masters General.

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