



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 Past

Dear Parishioners:

It has been fourteen years since I came to Holy Rosary Parish as Pastor in the summer of 1995. When I look back on those years, I wish I had kept more careful and personal records of all that transpired because the parish has slowly evolved and grown despite my literary inattention. It is wonderful to see the participation and attendance of so many different people over the years. I have been very glad to be part of that time period.

I thought I would try to bring you up to date on a few matters that will be part of my next few years here at Holy Rosary. For the last fourteen years I have been the Pastor of the Parish and I have also been the Religious Superior (or the Prior) of the Dominicans living at the Parish. When I came to replace Fr. Victor Brown, O.P., the Dominican Community consisted of Fr. Brenda and me. The largest it ever was when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and we suddenly had fourteen Dominican Friars living here. Right now, we have nine Friars living in the Priory.

The Southern Dominican Province to which we all belong has regulations and laws pertaining to length of appointments and service. Normally, two terms of three years each are permitted for Priors and Superiors. I have been either the Superior or Prior at Holy Rosary for almost fourteen years. In December of 2008, the Dominicans here elected Fr. Art Kirwin, O.P. as the new Prior. Fr. Art is just now getting settled into the position and will be in charge of the Community for three years.

With regard to being Pastor at Holy Rosary, I am still the Pastor, but will give up that office on July 1, 2009. Regulations in the Order specify a first term of six years with three additional years of that position if necessary. I have been Pastor at Holy Rosary for almost fourteen full years. In the next Bulletin, I will try to bring you up to date on the next Pastor.

The most important aspect of the future for me will be that I expect to remain at Holy Rosary in an auxiliary capacity wherein I will be involved with trying to finish up what was started five years ago with all the building and restoration work. I will give you more details on this as they are formalized. God Bless you all.

Fr. Konkel

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, May 17th, Catholic Communications Collection.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are donated in memory of *Olga Soliz & Betty Navarro* and to honor all mothers and grandmothers on this blessed Mothers Day.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, May 10th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING: May 13th – red beans and rice with sausage, cole slaw, jalapeño cornbread, 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). May 17th topic, “Remain in Christ’s love with the help of Mary”.

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP will meet at 2 p.m. on May 10th, in the Religious Education Center. All interested persons are welcome.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17th, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This year we will have one of our biggest classes with an expected total of 19 students. Please pray for our students and for their families and catechists as they prepare for this joyous event.

BABY DONATIONS will be collected for a maternal assistance program on Sundays through the month of May. Boxes will be located in the back of Church and in the Church Hall, room 200. Please be generous in your new and gently used gifts for pregnant mothers and mothers of young infants in need. Suggested donations are – baby bottles, formula, breast pumps, bibs, diapers, etc.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Please call Mary at the parish office (713-529-4854 ext. 101) if you, or someone you know, would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring you the Eucharist because you are not able to be present with the community on Sundays.

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009: This day will be a parish Appreciation Sunday. Father Konkel will be available, so come up to the Parish Hall, room 200, and visit with him, as he will not be in town for his birthday on June 15, 2009. Celebrate with him, and the whole parish, as he prepares to enter a new position in the parish family. Please come after all Sunday morning Masses 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Latin), 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Have breakfast, stay for brunch, or have a bite of lunch depending on your favorite Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BROTHER: We want to congratulate *Dan Barretto* for becoming a new 1st Degree brother of the Knights of Columbus during ceremonies last month at the University of St. Thomas. We hope that he will become an active member in the many events to come in our parish.

GALA NEWS: The Gala Committee wishes to thank everyone for their wonderful support.

PLEASE DO NOT ENCOURAGE SOLICITATION: If you are approached by someone asking for money, immediately notify the church office, an usher or staff person. We are experiencing an increased problem with professional panhandlers becoming aggressive and verbally abusive, especially to the elderly. Please do not contribute to this problem by giving a solicitor money. You can tell them that Catholic Charities on Louisiana could possibly give them the help they are seeking.

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING EXAMS: M. D. Anderson is offering free skin cancer screening exams to the public on Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cancer Prevention Center at the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Prevention Building, 1155 Pressler Street, floor 2. Appointments are not available.

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, call Brian & Tina Little, 281-485-5648 or Zeke & Ashley Metzler at 281-356-2204 for more information on the upcoming weekend dates of June 12-14 and July 17-19.

HOLY CROSS CHAPEL: Did you know that Holy Cross Chapel, 905 Main Street offers daily Mass at 11:35 a.m., and at 12:15 p.m. The chapel is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Confession and spiritual direction are also available during the day. In addition they offer a bookstore providing excellent spiritual reading, greeting cards and religious articles. Call 713-650-1323 or visit www.holycrosschapel.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 11– Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18) Psalm – 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Gospel (John 14:21-26)

Tuesday, May 12 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28) Psalm - 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Gospel (John 14:27-31a)

Wednesday, May 13 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6) Psalm – 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Gospel (John 15:1-8)

Thursday, May 14 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26) Psalm – 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Gospel (John 15:9-17)

Friday, May 15 - Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31) Psalm –57:8-9, 10 & 12, Gospel (John 15:12-17)

Saturday, May 16 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10) Psalm - 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Gospel (John 15:18-21)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 10, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 9:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Patricia Sweeney†
- 12:30 p.m. Georgia Woodson†
- 5:00 p.m. Barry Putegnat

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. Susie & Robert Webster
- 5:15 p.m. Frank Gaffney

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Christian Groff, Jr.
- 5:15 p.m. Eva Carter†

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Carolyn Crite
- 5:15 p.m. Agnes Dice

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Gary Seigler
- 5:15 p.m. John Gidley†

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Anthony Ottis †
- 5:15 p.m. Roy Delmore

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- 5:00 p.m. Ramona Chavez †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

**URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE BENEDICT XVI**

EASTER 2008

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum. Alleluia! - I have risen, I am still with you. Alleluia! Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus, crucified and risen, repeats this joyful proclamation to us today: the Easter proclamation. Let us welcome it with deep wonder and gratitude!

Resurrexi et adhuc tecum sum – I have risen, I am still with you, for ever. These words, taken from an ancient version of Psalm 138 (v. 18b), were sung at the beginning of today’s Mass. In them, at the rising of the Easter sun, the Church recognizes the voice of Jesus himself who, on rising from death, turns to the Father filled with gladness and love, and exclaims: My Father, here I am! I have risen, I am still with you, and so I shall be for ever; your Spirit never abandoned me. In this way we can also come to a new understanding of other passages from the psalm: “If I climb the heavens, you are there; if I descend into the underworld, you are there ... Even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as clear as day; for you, darkness is like light” (*Ps* 138:8,12). It is true: in the solemn Easter vigil, darkness becomes light, night gives way to the day that knows no sunset. The death and resurrection of the Word of God incarnate is an event of invincible love, it is the victory of that Love which has delivered us from the slavery of sin and death. It has changed the course of history, giving to human life an indestructible and renewed meaning and value.

“I have risen and I am still with you, for ever.” These words invite us to contemplate the risen Christ, letting his voice resound in our heart. With his redeeming sacrifice, Jesus of Nazareth has made us adopted children of God, so that we too can now take our place in the mysterious dialogue between him and the Father. We are reminded of what he once said to those who were listening: “All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him” (*Mt* 11:27). In this perspective, we note that the words addressed by the risen Jesus to the Father on this day – “I am still with you, for ever” – apply indirectly to us as well, “children of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him” (cf. *Rom* 8:17). Through the death and resurrection of Christ, we too rise to new life today, and uniting our voice with his, we proclaim that we wish to remain for ever with God, our infinitely good and merciful Father.

In this way we enter the depths of the Paschal mystery. The astonishing event of the resurrection of Jesus is essentially an event of love: the Father’s love in handing over his Son for the salvation of the world; the Son’s love in abandoning himself to the Father’s will for us all; the Spirit’s love in raising Jesus from the dead in his transfigured body. And there is more: the Father’s love which “newly embraces” the Son, enfolding him in glory; the Son’s love returning to the Father in the power of the Spirit, robed in our transfigured humanity. From today’s solemnity, in which we relive the absolute, once-and-for-all experience of Jesus’s resurrection, we receive an appeal to be converted to Love; we receive an invitation to live by rejecting hatred and selfishness, and to follow with docility in the footsteps of the Lamb that was slain for our salvation, to imitate the Redeemer who is “gentle and lowly in heart”, who is “rest for our souls” (cf. *Mt* 11:29).

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