



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:

This coming week, beginning on Tuesday evening and ending at Friday noon (May 26th to May 29th), most of the Dominican Friars living at Holy Rosary Priory (including the three who work in the Parish) will be on a retreat scheduled by the Southern Dominican Province at Camp Allen (a Conference Center) about 45 miles north of Houston.

Most likely we will have a few business meetings and some reports, but the few days we spend together will be devoted primarily to a spiritual retreat with special prayer time.

Fortunately we will be able to maintain the parish Mass schedule along with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday because we were able to arrange for three priests to help us with our services. I will not absolutely guarantee who it will be, but as far as I know Fr. Thomas B. Mailloux, C.S.B., Fr. Phi Nguyen, and Fr. Joseph A. Limanni will be helping us cover the regularly scheduled Masses during the time most of the Dominicans will be on retreat.

Please remember all the Dominican Friars as we observe this most important time for spiritual renewal. It will also be a time when we can continue to strengthen our fraternal relationships.

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Exactly at the time I am writing this (at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009) a memorial service for Eleanor Hall (Puddie) Pitcock is being held at First Presbyterian Church on South Main. I mention this because Puddie was a very special friend and benefactor of Holy Rosary Church for more than thirty years. Fr. Joubert, O.P., Fr. Brown, O.P., and Fr. Konkel, O.P., the current and two previous pastors at Holy Rosary, all appreciated the support and generosity that she and her husband James D. (Doug) Pitcock, Jr. offered to the programs and projects of the parish.

Our prayers of gratitude are gratefully given for Puddie, her family, and all others who are mindful of the needs and concerns of others. May God bless all generous people.

Fr. Konkel

Second Collection Last Sunday, May 17, for *Catholic Communications* amounted to \$3,222.00. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin, Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Joseph Akeroyd and Ainsley Garza.*

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Inmaculada Calzado and Oliver Warnke in thanksgiving for their new baby girl Clara Katharina.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, May 24th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING: May 27th - brisket, potato salad, baked beans, 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.

WISHING OUR WEDNESDAY COOKS a much needed and well deserved vacation. There will be no Wednesday lunches June, July or August. We will be able to enjoy their fine talents in September; look for future announcements.

“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 31st topic, *“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.”*

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.

HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP: Our group usually meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Religious Education Center. All mothers and children are welcome to join us for playtime and socializing. We will be having play-dates during the summer at Houston area venues. Call Mollie Ullrich at 281-693-5892 with any questions.

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 – baby bottles, formula, breast pumps, bibs, diapers, etc.

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., **Saturday, June 13**, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish office building. Please call the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101 to register with the secretary.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY: This Monday, May 25th, the parish office will be closed. There will be only one Mass at 10:00 a.m. on this national holiday.

NEW MONTHLY MEETING DAY FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS :

The Knights of Columbus Council 11023 has changed their meeting date. Beginning in June 2009, the Knights will be meeting on the second Saturday of each month in the Religious Education Center. Please update your calendars.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART CONTEST: On October 17, 2009 local area high school students will compete in the third annual / *Madonnari* (EE-mah-doe-nahr-ee) Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest. Sponsored by the University of St. Thomas and the Italian Cultural and Community Center, this original art competition will be on the sidewalks of the University of St. Thomas during the weekend of the *31st Annual Festa Italiana*. All students who are classified as either a sophomore or junior during Spring 2009 and who have an artistic background are encouraged to apply for this competition. Applications are due no later than September 18th with an application fee of \$40. Early bird applications pay only \$25 if application and fee are received by June 12, 2009. Winners will receive cash prizes. For more information about the competition please go to www.HoustonItalianFestival.com or contact Italian Cultural Community center at 713-524-4222 or info@houstonitalianfestival.com.

SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR: The University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture is offering a Spirituality Seminar, *The Spiritual Discipline of Dialogue: A Christian Stimulus for Renewing the American Culture*, June 8-10, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nold Education Center, St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive. Cost for the seminar including lunch is \$95. To register contact Jan Skrehot at 713-686-6844 ext. 229 or e-mail cfc@stthom.edu.

HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE-GET INVOLVED! Houston Coalition for Life addresses pro-life issues in a peaceful manner through sidewalk counseling and prayerful presence at abortion clinics. Our parish will be sponsoring a monthly day of prayerful presence at the Planned Parenthood facility on Fannin St. The organization will host an information session in the parish hall next Sunday, May 31st after the 11 a.m. Mass. For information about a training session on May 26th at St. Anne's Church from 7-9 p.m. contact Cindy at 713-665-0479 or Marsha at 713-592-0390.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 25 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8) Psalm – 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab, Gospel (John 16:29-33)

Tuesday, May 26 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27) Psalm – 68:10-11, 20-21, Gospel (John 17:1-11a)

Wednesday, May 27 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38) Psalm – 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab, Gospel (John 17:11b-19)

Thursday, May 28 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11) Psalm – 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Gospel (John 17:20-26)

Friday, May 29 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21) Psalm – 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab, Gospel (John 21:15-19)

Saturday, May 30 – Reading I (Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31) Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7, Gospel (John 21:20-25)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 24, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Gary Seigler
- 9:30 a.m. Antoinette Ruppert
- 11:00 a.m. Paul Spies †
- 12:30 p.m. Josephine Guzzardi †
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- Memorial Day – One Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Josephine Guzzardi †
- 5:15 p.m. Daniel Bellmore †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Mary Moore, M.D.
- 5:15 p.m. Beatrice Ann Konkel Seliger †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Maria and Fisher Reynolds
- 5:15 p.m. Suzanne and Jim Parrish

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Edward and Jill Groff
- 5:15 p.m. Anita Jean Hagan

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. For Peace in the World
- 5:00 p.m. Harry Reed

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

HYACINTH MARIE CORMIER, O.P. Priest, Master General (1832-1916)

“Behold, my good and faithful servant.”

Father Hyacinth Cormier, O.P., was the master general in charge of the Dominican Order from 1904 to 1916, and at this beginning of the 20th century he was God’s instrument in restoring to the Order a new spirit of purpose and dedication, a new zeal in observing the Rule and in carrying out the divine liturgy.

Henry Cormier was born in Orleans, France, On December 8th, 1832. This date, in 1854, became the feast of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, and this coincidence of dates inspired in the young Henry a great devotion to the Mother of God which he treasured and fostered all his life. His father died while he was still a small child so Henry and his only sibling, Eugene, went with their mother to live near his uncle who was a priest in the diocese of Orleans. The two brothers entered the preparatory seminary at Orleans when they were in their early teens, though Eugene died a year after their entrance – to the great grief of his brother. Nevertheless, Henry continued his studies, first at the prep seminary then at the major seminary, and was ordained for the diocese of Orleans in 1856 at the age of 24.

This same year he fulfilled a desire that had been growing in him for some time. With the permission of his bishop the young priest traveled to Flavigny, a city near Orleans where the Dominicans had opened a seminary and he was accepted as a novice, though the superiors were a little dubious about him because he appeared to be in weak health. He was given the religious name of Hyacinth, in honor of the great Dominican apostle of Poland.

When it was time for Brother Hyacinth’s profession of religious vows at the end of his novitiate year the community was afraid to admit him to profession. He had had several hemorrhages, and their doubts about his health had grown to a certainty that he was not strong enough for the religious life. But he did not leave the Dominicans. The then-master general, Father Jandel, was at Flavigny for a visit and after talking to the young Father Cormier was impressed by his desire to continue in the Order so he took him to Rome to serve as his secretary at the Dominican headquarters of Santa Sabina.

To the surprise of everyone, the ceremony of professing his vows gave Fr. Cormier new strength. He returned to good health. This profession was in 1859, and Fr. Cormier, though never in robust health, served the Order with vigor for fifty-seven more years.

In 1865 the Dominicans in France decided to re-establish their old province of Toulouse, the area where Dominic and his companions first preached and established the first foundations of the Order of Preachers. Father Cormier was chosen to be the first provincial of this re-established province with its venerable Dominican tradition. He turned out to be a remarkably successful administrator and the province flourished. In 1878 Fr. Cormier was elected to another four-year term as provincial of Toulouse, an indication of his good administration.

In 1891 the Master General, Fr. Fruwirth, called him to Rome as his ‘socius’ (i.e. assistant) in administering the whole Dominican Order, a job he held for five years. His gift of administration was judged of such value to the whole Order that he was kept in Rome and given the position of Procurator General. This is the person who conducts all the business of the Order with the Holy See; if any Dominican friar or priory or province needs to contact the Holy See, they use the services of the Procurator General of the Order. This job kept him quite busy, and also served to make him well-known throughout the Order of Preachers, so eight years later, in 1904, the General Chapter (meeting of superiors of the whole Order) elected him the Master General. With his election it became known what a great amount of priestly work Fr. Cormier had been doing. He was known as a writer of many articles on the spiritual life and also in demand as a spiritual director. Besides this he was regular confessor to eight large convents of nuns and extraordinary confessor to several more large religious houses. It took several Dominican friars to fill the spiritual posts left vacant by the election of Fr. Cormier to the top position.

One of his first concerns as Master General was the proper training of novices and novice-masters, because upon the novices depended the future of the Order. Two of his main spiritual books, “Instructions to the Novices” and “Fifteen Conferences on the Dominican Liturgy” indicated two of his concerns for the Order-proper training of the novices and proper execution of the divine liturgy. Besides this he restored many provinces which had been suppressed during the previous two centuries, and he erected many new provinces, among them the Holy Name Province in California, U.S.A. He also founded in Rome the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, more commonly called “The Angelicum.” It was an international house of theological studies for Dominicans, as well as for countless other priests and religious from other congregations, orders and dioceses. It has served the Church and the Order well since its founding in 1909.

Fr. Cormier was an incessant writer, mostly of devotional works or instructions for novices, yet he was also an incessant pray-er, spending one or more hours daily in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In his manner he was gentle as a child, but in a matter of principle he was as unyielding as the rock of Gibraltar. He was confidante of Pope St. Pius X (1909-14) as well as being an esteemed spiritual director for many in Rome as well as outside of it.

Father Cormier died in Rome in 1916 while still in office as Master General. His cause for beatification was introduced in 1945.