



# 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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P. Ext. 107  
Pastor  
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103  
Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104  
Parochial Vicar

## In Residence:

Fr. James Burke, O.P.  
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.  
Priority 713-526-6322

## PARISH OFFICE

First Floor Parish Center  
(entrance in courtyard) Rm.100  
3617 Milam Street  
Office hours:  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
Phone 713-529-4854  
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## Extensions:

101 - Parish Secretary  
105 - Director of Music  
108 - Parish Bookkeeper  
109 - Special Projects Secretary  
110 - Wedding Coordinator

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## MAILING ADDRESS

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## RELIGIOUS ED. CENTER

3535 Louisiana Street  
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Marisa Mendoza, D.R.E.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2008

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY**, for the *Annual Black Bag Collection* for the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* amounted to \$5,142.00. Thank you for your generosity..

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** *Kathleen McEvoy, Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Edward Rutkowski, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, Nancy McDonough, Earley Magnuson, Brian and Virginia Geaslin, Alma Luna, Bonnie and James St. Julian and the Friars of Holy Rosary.* Also pray for *Hazle Louise Brown Jamail* whose funeral was held on July 26th.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** on the main altar are given in memory of the deceased members of the *Alphonse Arnold* family. The flowers on the side altars are given by newlyweds, *Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McNabb*, in honor of their parents and in memory of their grandparents. Please remember them and the donors in your prayers.

**FACE TO FACE CONFESSIONS** - Fr. Austin Green will be available to hear face to face confessions at 11:30 a.m.-12 noon before the weekday noon Mass on **First Friday, August 1**, and **First Saturday, August 2**, in the confessional before the Blessed Mother's altar.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is **August 1**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:05 pm Mass and will conclude with the Benediction before the 5:15 pm Mass.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is **August 2**. Fatima Devotions will be prayed at 11:30 am before the 12:05 Mass. All are invited to attend.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, July 27th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. As a special treat, while you are at coffee, the **Special Events Committee** will be showing a video of the outdoor **Marian Procession and Mass** that was celebrated in the late afternoon on Mother's Day. The video will also be shown again at Sunday morning coffee on Aug. 3rd.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION FOR PARENTS:** The next Baptismal Preparation Session for Registered Parents of Holy Rosary Parish infants will be **tentatively scheduled for the second Saturday in August**. Please call the parish office to register with the secretary, 713-529-4854 ext. 101 **after** July 21st.

**THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11023's** monthly meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 2**, with the social hour beginning at 9 a.m. and the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Religious Education Center on Louisiana & Berry Street.

**"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). August 3rd topic, *"His heart was moved with pity for them."*

**CATECHISTS NEEDED:** Our religious instruction classes for children have enjoyed an increase in attendance in the past couple of years and a few of our beloved catechists will not be able to return for the upcoming catechetical year. If you are a confirmed Catholic who would enjoy passing on the richness of our faith to the next generation of Catholics, please contact the parish. We are in need of your assistance and would love to have you share your particular gifts and talents with the children of Holy Rosary. Please contact Marisa Mendoza through the parish office. May God the Holy Spirit breathe His gifts upon you and inspire you to share so that more children can come to know Him, Love Him and serve Him.

**2009 ENVELOPES:** 2009 parish contribution envelopes will not be printed for those persons who never picked up their 2008 envelopes. This will be done to avoid extra expense for items that will never be used. **We have blank parish envelope information forms (green) in the vestibule of the church for your convenience in updating your information or requesting that you wish to receive/or not receive your envelopes for 2009, this applies to registered parishioner only.**

**THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP** will **not** meet at Church during the month of August. This summer we will have some "off-campus" play dates at various venues in the Houston area. For more information, please call Mollie Ullrich at 281-693-5892.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** - Incarnate Word Academy is hiring substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year. Bachelor's degree and teaching experience preferred. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Mary Getschow at [mgetschow@incarnateword.org](mailto:mgetschow@incarnateword.org) or fax to 713-227-1014.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** The City's HOUSTON HOPE PROGRAM allows people with modest incomes to receive up to \$30,000 in down payment assistance to purchase a home. The City of Houston is partnering with Catholic Charities, with other nonprofit agencies, and with experienced homebuilders to revitalize Houston HOPE neighborhoods. The homes are reasonably priced from \$86,000-\$96,000. With \$30,000 in down payment assistance, many families can own houses in a close-in neighborhood with monthly mortgage payments less than the rent they now pay. For more information about down payment assistance, people can call 713-522-4663. For more information on the new homes by Catholic Charities, please call 713-874-6736.

## BLESSED MATTHEW CARRERI, O.P., Preacher (ca. 1420-70)

**“Lord, stir up in us a love of your passion and cross.”**

There is an old saying, “Practice what you preach.” In more modern terms, you not only have to talk the talk, you also have to walk the walk. Blessed Matthew was an ardent preacher of the word of Christ, especially of his passion and death. Yet he himself lived a very penitential life, and toward the end of his life received the stigmata, a physical share in the wounds and suffering of Christ, though it was invisible.

John Francis Carreri was born about 1420 in Mantua, northern Italy. At about the age of 20 he joined the Dominicans in his home town, received the habit and also the religious name “Matthew” which he used from then on.

After ordination he was assigned to preaching to the heretics in the region of Lombardy, northern Italy. Matthew had a quiet and prayerful disposition, yet also a strong and well-developed faith which gave his words a force of conviction, even though he was not a great orator. Many were the unbelievers, or the fallen-away, whose hearts were turned to Christ by his words. The fifteenth century was also a time of laxity in the religious life, and Matthew gave many religious, not only Dominicans but men and women from many other Orders, new inspiration to live a fervent life of consecration to Christ.

At one time when he was preaching in the town of Vigevano, a troupe of jugglers came and set up their act. They proceeded to ridicule the life of priests and religious, making crude jokes about the pope. Matthew told them to move on but they ignored his words. So he went after them with his walking-stick, and effectively routed them. Soon they reappeared again, fortified by the presence of the Duke of Milan who berated Matthew for being so narrow-minded and humorless. Matthew patiently pointed out the bad spots in their humor and, despite the duke’s aversion to friars, convinced him to keep the jugglers out of town.

At the town of Lucina there was a noble lady of great talent but whose life was given to frivolities. Matthew aimed a strong sermon against the vanities which so engrossed her. Later she came to him in tears, asking his advice and direction. He gave her the habit of a Third Order Dominican (now called Dominican Laity) along with a rule of life, which she followed faithfully from then on. Matthew encouraged many men and women to become members of this OP Third Order, establishing groups (or chapters) in various locations. In this way he met Senor de Quinzanis and his 12-year-old daughter, Stephanie. Mr. Quinzanis belonged to a Third Order chapter, and Fr. Carreri did him the favor of teaching his daughter catechism so as to prepare her for the sacraments. Even more, God made known to Matthew that this girl would be his spiritual ‘heir’ and would help to pass on his spirit of faith and prayer to many people.

His Dominican superiors gave Matthew the task of reforming the religious life of the Dominican friars in the whole region of Milan. In addition he traveled and preached in the whole of northern Italy, preaching penance and the love of God. So many were the conversions that a group of follow-up preachers had to be appointed to continue his work as he moved from place to place. Preaching in this way he went through Tuscany and took ship at Genoa.

The ship was captured by a corsair, a privateer off the Barbary coast. The Muslim captain asked Matthew and his two companions why they were traveling there and Matthew explained who they were, with the result that the captain released them. As they were leaving, the wail of a woman passenger stopped them. The woman and her young daughter did not want to be taken as captives to Algiers so Matthew pleaded for their release also. The captain refused to release them, but when Matthew volunteered to go to Algiers in chains in their place the captain was moved to release the women as well as the Dominicans. He only told Matthew to get away quickly before he changed his mind.

Many miracles are attributed to Fr. Carreri. One day a young father who came to hear Matthew preach had left his little son at home with its nurse. The baby happened to fall into the fire and was badly burned. The distraught father took the little one who had been burned and brought him to Fr. Carreri who prayed over the child, then assured the father that the boy would soon become well again. Indeed this happened, and in a few days the boy was cured of the ill-effects of the burning. This boy grew up and later became a Franciscan friar. Many other cures are attributed to Fr. Carreri as well as his exorcising of demons from many people possessed by them.

It is also recorded that Fr. Carreri received a particular share in the passion of Christ called the ‘stigmata.’ Those who are familiar with the life of the Franciscan priest, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who died in 1968, know that he had the visible stigmata, that is, visible wounds in his hands and feet similar to the wounds that Jesus Christ experienced when he was crucified. In Padre Pio’s case the wounds were visible and bleeding. However, not all stigmata are visible and bleeding, not all are visible, not all are on the hands and feet. Now is there general agreement among theologians as to whether the stigmata in a particular person has a natural or a supernatural cause. The note that all authentic stigmata seem to have in common is that they are 1) a particular gift from God, 2) accompanied by intense devotion to the passion of Christ, and 3) are in one or all of the parts of the body which correspond to the parts of Christ’s body where he was wounded on the cross - his hands, his feet, his side, his heart pierced with a lance, his head crowned with thorns. These may be visible or completely invisible, but in all cases the stigmatic feels a pain from his stigmata. In all cases of an authentic stigmata it is a gift from God meant to draw the stigmatic into a closer union of faith, hope and love of Christ. If the stigmata is external, it is also intended for the edification of the faithful, to increase their faith, hope and love for Christ.

In the case of Fr. Carreri, who during his life always had a special devotion to the passion of Christ, it seems to be Christ’s reply to Fr. Carreri’s ardent prayer for a share in the sufferings of our Lord. His stigmata was invisible and took the form of a spiritual arrow that pierced his heart and caused great and constant pain. He bore this stigmata for some years, though our records do not indicate how many. The stigmata and its effects lasted until his death.

In his final years, Fr. Carreri lived in a community of Dominican friars whom he had persuaded to turn from a ‘worldly way’ of living religious life and to embrace a strict observance of the Dominican rule with fasting, poverty and liturgical prayer in common. This was the life he desired and enjoyed, a life which together with his apostolic labor of constant preaching up and down the peninsula of Italy wore him out by the age of fifty.

He died while living in community with his Dominican brothers at Vigevano, in the region of Milan. Twelve years after his death, his cult was approved for the region of Milan and also for the whole Dominican Order. His feast day is observed in the Order on October 8th.

### References:

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Supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours, O.P., editor D. Wright, O.P., Chicago IL, 1991