



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. Ian Bordenave, 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. Arthur R. Kirwin, O.P., *Prior*
Fr. Victor Brown, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*
Fr. James Burke, O.P.
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.
Fr. Ronald Henery, O.P.
Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*
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:

You have heard me pray several times for priests and for men discerning the call to priesthood during the prayer of the faithful at Sunday Masses. This is because our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared from June 19, 2009, to June 19, 2010, to be the Year of the Priest. The Year of the Priest coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, also known as the Curé d' Ars, who is the patron saint of parish priests. St. John Vianney's feast day will be this coming Tuesday, August 4.

Praying for the People of God, especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on their behalf, is part and parcel to the priest's vocation. But in order to grow in the grace of their own vocation, priests rely on the prayers, the support, and even the reproof of the faithful. I know I have grown in the grace of my own priestly vocation through these means. The faithful must also pray that many more men would respond with a generous "Yes!" to God's call to serve his Church as priests.

The Holy See is granting a Plenary Indulgence to all the faithful on the first and last days of the Year of the Priest (see the above dates), on the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death (August 4, 2009), or on the first Thursday of each month during the Year of the Priest if they

1. Receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation
2. Participate in Holy Mass
3. Pray for Priests
4. Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father (Go to <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/english2009.html>)

May God bless his Holy Church during this Year of the Priest!

Fr. Ian

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY: Father Ian Bordenave, O.P., will be officially installed as Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish at the 12:30 p.m. Mass. Reception immediately following the Mass. Please come celebrate this joyous occasion!

COFFEE AFTER MASS: There will be no coffee served today August 2nd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin, Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Bill Edmundson, Tony Stasney, Peter Kirwin, Sam Tuminello, Gloria Stephen and Dolores Lamb.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: *The flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgiving for the living and deceased priests who have served Holy Rosary Parish.* Please remember them and the donor in your prayers.

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, August 8th**, 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.

"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). August 9th topic, *No one can come to me unless the Father draws him.* (John 6:43)

FACE TO FACE CONFESSIONS: Fr. Austin Green will be available to hear face to face confessions at 11:20 a.m.-12 noon before the weekday noon Mass on **First Friday, August 7th** in the confessional before the Blessed Mother's altar. First Friday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and will conclude with the Benediction before the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

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

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS honoring couples celebrating Golden (50th) and Silver (25th) anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church in 1959 or 1984 will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will preside. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by the cardinal.

A couple wishing to participate is asked to please call the parish secretary at 713-529-4854 ext. 101 and register their name, address, daytime telephone number, wedding date and the name and location of the Catholic Church where they were married. **Deadline for registration is August 17th.** Soon after receiving the couples' names, the archdiocesan Office of Family Ministry will send registered couples a letter with detailed information about the Mass. They then will have the opportunity to R.S.V.P.

NEW MONTHLY MEETING DAY FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus Council 11023 has changed its meeting date. Since June 2009, the Knights now meet at 9 a.m. for a social hour and at 10 a.m. for a business meeting on the second Saturday of each month in the Religious Education Center. Please update your calendars.

THE QUEEN of the MOST HOLY ROSARY GROUP-Lay Dominicans will not meet again until the Second Sunday of September--September 13, 2009. As usual, on that date, we will meet in the Religious Education Center from 2 to 5 p.m. In the meantime, persons who discern the call to a vocation as a lay Dominican, may call Wayne Andrews (281) 391-9610.

2010 ENVELOPES: Just a reminder, we will be asking you to please update your information for the year 2010 before envelopes are printed in September. If you have had any changes to your family, address, phone, marriage, death please let us know. **Also, we need to know whether you wish to receive envelopes or whether you will be submitting loose checks either in the collection or through the mail.** You can call 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or email ckelley@holyroaryparish.org as to your wishes. Thank you for the responses received so far.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The office of Family Life Ministry is now offering an alternate option to the weekend. If you have difficulty getting childcare for an entire weekend or just would rather sleep in your own bed this is the answer. Friday, August 21, 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. (breakfast, lunch & dinner provided) and Sunday, August 23, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 2009 (breakfast & lunch provided) at St. Dominic's Retreat Center. \$50.00 registration fee, please visit our website www.mehouston.org or call Ann & Ralph Raines at 281-894-8035.

STAND AND PRAY: August 13th, the second Thursday of the month, will be Holy Rosary's day to sponsor a monthly day of prayerful presence, 7 am – 5pm, at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 3601 Fannin. Please consider signing up for one or more hours to stand and pray in this peaceful, prayerful presence. Sign up sheets with a time schedule will be available in the foyer this weekend and next weekend or please contact Cindy Hotze (713) 665-0479 or cahotze@at.net.

SIDEWALK COUNSELOR TRAINING: A kind, loving and non-judgmental approach is presented by The Coalition for Life in a training session this Tuesday, August 4th 7 p.m. – 9 .m. at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church, 7809 Shadyvilla Lane. Please call 713 395-1330 to RSVP.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 3 – Reading I (Numbers 11:4b-15) Psalm – 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21)

Tuesday, August 4 – Reading I (Ezekiel 3:17-21) Psalm 117, Gospel (Matthew 14:22-36)

Wednesday, August 5 – Reading I (Numbers 13:1-2, 25-41:26a-29a, 34-35) Psalm – 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23, Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

Thursday, August 6 – Reading I (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14: 2 Peter 1:16-19) Psalm – 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, Gospel (Mark 9:2-10)

Friday, August 7 – Reading I (Deuteronomy 4:32-40) Psalm – 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21, Gospel (Matthew 16:24-28)

Saturday, August 8 – Reading I (Corinthians 2:1-10a) Psalm - 96, Gospel (Matthew 17:14-20)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Antonio Adornetto †

11:00 a.m. Joe Tamborello & Michael Palermo †

12:30 p.m. Francis Weiland †

5:00 p.m. Mercedes & Ben Duggan †

Monday

12:05 p.m. Gary Seigler †

5:15 p.m. Nga & Mai Special Intention

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Gary Seigler †

5:15 p.m. Anita Stude

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Carl Gor Ben † and Chau & Nga †

5:15 p.m. Alan & Gloria Brinsmade

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Virginia Reynolds

5:15 p.m. Maria Groff

Friday

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Fuhrman †

5:15 p.m. Family of Larry Rinn

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

5:00 p.m. Frank Alexander

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

MOTHER AGNES OF JESUS, O.P. Nun, mystic (1602-1634)

"I am praying for you." Mother Agnes to Jean Jacques Olier.

Mother Agnes was a cloistered Dominican nun whom the Lord used as an instrument of prayer for the conversion of a young, somewhat irresponsible seminarian to prepare him to be the founder of a society in the Church for the training of future priests.

She was born in 1602 near Langeac, France. Together with her sister, Mary, who was two years older, she listened to the lives of the saints that were read to them and tried to imitate their penances, such as sleeping on the floor (when their mother was not looking).

Agnes was only 16 when she entered the Dominican cloister at Langeac in 1618, received the habit and was given the name 'Sister Agnes of Jesus' – later changed to 'Mother' when she became superior. She had an ardent and loving temperament, and God's grace transformed her natural gifts into a Christ-like charity through the crucible of years of ill health, a suffering she accepted with a serene and generous heart. To her sisters as well as to people who knew her, she was accepted as a woman of deep interior prayers.

Agnes herself remained in a kind of interior darkness, without the satisfaction of spiritual consolations. She 'walked by faith and not by sight', content to persevere in her prayer life despite the spiritual dryness.

Once she received a communication from God in prayer. He simply told her to offer all her prayers, works and sufferings for a young seminarian, Jean Jacques Olier. God had chosen him to found a society which would train many holy priests to serve the Church. At present this seminarian was somewhat irresponsible, and God wanted Mother Agnes to merit by her prayers and sufferings the graces he needed to become a holy priest. Mother Agnes willingly accepted this charge and faithfully fulfilled it the rest of her life.

At the end of 1633, while at prayer, she was carried in spirit to a church in Paris where the newly-ordained Father Olier was also in prayer. She was given the grace to know who he was and he in turn was able to see her. "I am praying for you," she told him. "God has asked me to pray that you become worthy to accomplish the work he wants you do." With that, she disappeared and returned in spirit to her cloister.

Only once did she see him in person again, when she was close to death. In 1634 Fr. Olier visited her at her convent. She could barely force herself to come to the convent grille. He seemed surprised that she recognized him, though he had never been to Langeac before. He humbly asked her to keep praying for him, then he left. Mother Agnes died shortly after this visit. She was only 32 but was worn out by her prayers and sufferings, yet considered by her sisters and those who knew her to be a saint.

Father Olier in 1642 in Paris founded the Society of St. Sulpice for the training of young men for the priesthood. This Society ran seminaries for priests; in fact, they founded and staffed the first U. S. seminary in Baltimore, St. Mary's, ca. 1795. This Society still trains many seminarians in the U.S. and elsewhere.

The short but prayer-filled life of Mother Agnes of Jesus is a reminder of how the merits of our daily prayers and penances give spiritual assistance to others besides ourselves, even those we may not know. In his mercy God uses our prayers and penances to help many, some of whom we may only meet for the first time face-to-face in heaven. Her story gives a delightful insight into one aspect of "the Communion of Saints."