



# 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](mailto: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:

I would like to thank the many, many parishioners who attended my Mass of Installation last Sunday. It was wonderful to look up from the altar and see the church filled with people. I also appreciated the expressions of regret from other parishioners who said they couldn't attend. I am grateful to everyone for being so gracious in welcoming my parents, sister-in-law, and niece to the parish. They loved their visit! I also want to express my appreciation to the following groups:

- the parish staff for going the extra mile to insure that everything was just right for the celebration.
- the finance committee for showing up at the Mass as the parish's official representatives with only a few days' notice.
- the Knights of Columbus for their impressive display of chivalry.
- the parishioners who served at the Mass and those who put on the reception.
- my Dominican community for being at the Mass in a show of support.

Really, last Sunday was heavenly, thanks be to God and to the fine people of Holy Rosary Church.

Yesterday, August 8, was the feast day of St. Dominic. Sixteen years ago when I was investigating various religious men's communities with the intention of joining one of them, I asked the vocation director of each community I visited for a short biography on his community's founder. When I read about the life of St. Dominic, his asceticism, prayer, study, and concern for others inspired me. I felt a spiritual kinship with him and decided to join the order he founded, the Order of Preachers. Becoming a Dominican has been one of the best decisions I made in life—a decision that continues to fill my heart with joy to this very day. St. Dominic, pray for us!

Fr. Ian

**SECOND COLLECTION - INFIRM PRIESTS** : Next Sunday, August 16, 2009. This collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests. Please be generous in your support of this collection.

**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, Brian Benson and Dolores Lamb.*

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, August 9, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are donated by Jerry and Louteal Martin in celebration of the marriage of their children, Kevin and Randi Martin McConn. Please remember in your prayers *Josephine Bruyere*, parishioner, who died this past week.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** This coming Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to Heaven. Even though it is a Solemnity it is not a Holy Day of obligation. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops have dispensed from the obligation when these solemnities fall on Saturday or Monday. Still there will be one Mass at 12:05 p.m. to honor our Blessed Mother. All are invited to honor the Blessed Mother out of devotion but not of out of obligation. The 5:00 p.m. Mass that day is the vigil Mass for Sunday, August 16.

**"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 16<sup>th</sup> topic, *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.* (John 6: 53)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS** honoring couples celebrating Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) and Silver (25<sup>th</sup>) anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church in 1959 or 1984 will be held on Sunday, September 20, 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 17.** 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.

**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@holyrosaryparish.org](mailto:ckelley@holyrosaryparish.org) as to your wishes. Thank you for the responses received.

"Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less." *Blessed Pope John XXIII*

**VICTIMS OF CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE:** “Pastoral Support for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse: In a continuing effort to provide pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel, Archbishop DiNardo would like to remind the faithful of the Archdiocese of the availability of the Victims Assistance Coordinator. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Sr. Maureen O’Connell, O.P. at 713-654-5799. Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse and all who suffer in any way.”

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST TACOS and TAMALES:** The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast tacos and tamales on Sunday, August 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come by for breakfast or lunch. Donations are accepted.

**STAND and PRAY:** This Thursday, August 13, will be Holy Rosary’s day to sponsor a monthly day of prayerful presence, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., 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 or please contact Cindy Hotze (713 665-0479 or [cahotze@at.net](mailto:cahotze@at.net)). Thanks to all who came last month to witness to God’s truth.

**QUIET IN CHURCH:** Some parishioners have stated that they are grateful when parents with restless children take them to the vestibule or time-out room in the parish office building when they are disruptive. We have state of the art closed circuit TV to the altar in the time-out room. The time-out room is open from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. We might also be considerate in allowing parents with small children easy ingress and egress into and from the pews when it is necessary for them to take the children out of church. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter. Also, please silence pagers, beepers and cell phones. This is disruptive to others and the priests.

**GREGORIAN CHANT:** Learn to sing the beautiful Gregorian Chant - St. Basil’s School of Gregorian Chant is offering an 8 week Saturday morning course to learn Gregorian Chant notation – to sing the Church’s great propers, psalms and hymns, a beautiful chant to pray throughout the year. Saturdays, September 12 – October 31, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Chapel of St. Basil, University of St. Thomas. Visit [www.GregorianChantSchool.org](http://www.GregorianChantSchool.org) or call 281-855-2358, Lowell A. Davis.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 10** – Reading I (2 Corinthians 9:6-10) Psalm – 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, Gospel (John 12:24-26)

**Tuesday, August 11** – Reading I (Philippians 3:8-14) Psalm - 16, Gospel (Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)

**Wednesday, August 12** – Reading I (Deuteronomy 34:1-12) Psalm – 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17, Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

**Thursday, August 13** – Reading I (Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13 -17) Psalm – 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Gospel (Matthew 18:21-19:1)

**Friday, August 14** – Reading I (1 John 3:14-18) Psalm –116, Gospel (Matthew 19:3-12)

**Saturday, August 15** – Reading I (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab) Psalm - 45, Gospel (Luke 1:39-56)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of August 9, 2009

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Georgia Woodson †

9:30 a.m. Melody Dybala

11:00 a.m. Mercedes Landicho † & Lourdes Gonzalvo †

12:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. Margaret & Adolph Pfeffer †

**Monday**

12:05 p.m. Special Intention

5:15 p.m. Trang Special Intention

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12:05 p.m. Special Intention

5:15 p.m. Daniel Bellmore †

**Wednesday**

12:05 p.m. Special Intention for Family

5:15 p.m. Augustin Hai †

**Thursday**

12:05 p.m. Bity Putegnat

5:15 p.m. Lonnie Duhon †

**Friday**

12:05 p.m. Wilma Goetz †

5:15 p.m. Richard Goetz †

**Saturday**

12:05 p.m. Dr James Considine †

5:00 p.m. Gloria Stephen

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN, August 15, 2009

**“My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.” (Luke 1:48)**

At the visitation of Mary to the home of Zechariah, Elizabeth greeted her with praise, “Blessed is she who believed that the Lord’s word would be fulfilled in her.” Mary did not bask in Elizabeth’s praise. She did not deny its truth, but she immediately offered her prayer of praise, her Magnificat, to the Lord, the God of Israel. She called Elizabeth’s attention to a high truth, namely, the action of God’s mercy which used her as a channel of that mercy to all men. God shows that mercy in three ways: 1) he has mercy on those who ‘fear’ him, i.e., those who believe him and obey his commandments, as opposed to those who in their pride refuse to believe in God or accept his commands; 2) he has cast down the mighty from their thrones, i.e., those who trust entirely in political power or the power of armies with weapons of mass destruction, and he has lifted up the lowly, i.e., those who humanly speaking are powerless, the poor, the weak, the suffering, the oppressed; 3) he has filled the hungry with good things, i.e., those who ‘hunger and thirst for righteousness’ and not just bodily food; he has sent away empty those who are rich, i.e., smugly self-satisfied.

“He has come to the help of his servant, Israel.” This term, ‘Israel’, is not restricted to the blood line of the Jewish people but includes all those who are believers and adorers of the one, true God who gave the promises to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and their descendants, and who now, through Mary, fulfills those promises in Jesus Christ who offers God’s salvation to every man and woman in the world who believes in him. ‘God’s servant, Israel’ now includes Jew and Gentile, male and female, rich and poor, slave and free, in a word, all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary and Son of God the Father. ‘Israel’ now designates the nation made up of all true believers in Christ.

We who are citizens of that nation celebrate today the Assumption of Mary body and soul into heaven. At the Annunciation her spirit “rejoiced in God her Savior”; at the Crucifixion her spirit compassionated with Jesus, her son and her Savior, never giving up her faith and trust in him; at the Resurrection, her spirit rejoiced with unspeakable joy to see her Son, and her final sharing was experienced at the moment of her death. It is called her Dormition, her sleeping. She went to sleep in death, and woke up in heaven with her body and should now sharing in the face-to-face vision of her Son in glory. How fitting, that she whose whole bodily life on earth was devoted to the service of her Son should now share fully, both in body and in spirit, in the eternal glory of her Son!

The Assumption of Mary is also a visible sign and perpetual pledge on the part of God offered to each follower of Christ, to each of us who are adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, that where the Mother has gone, we also have a sure hope of following. We who truly call Mary our spiritual mother rely on her unfailing help to so live our lives on earth that at the moment of our death we will be welcomed into ‘the everlasting dwellings.’ True, at death we must leave our body behind, unlike Mary. But her Assumption is a pledge on the part of God that ultimately our body will experience a resurrection also and that as complete men and women we may rejoice with her who is our spiritual Mother on earth as well as our Queen in heaven. Mary said, “My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.” (Magnificat)

Article by Fr. Austin Green, O. P.