



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

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Fr. Victor Brown, O.P.
Fr. James Burke, O.P.
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.
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RELIGIOUS ED. CENTER

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 2008

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Charles Plunkett, Kathleen McEvoy, Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, Nancy McDonough, Neil Hanson, Ursel Lange, Brian and Virginia Geaslin, Alma Luna, Bonnie St. Julian and the Friars of Holy Rosary.

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, October 3**, and **First Saturday, October 4**, in the confessional before the Blessed Mother's altar. **FIRST FRIDAY** is **October 3**. 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 **October 4**. Fatima Devotions will be prayed at 11:30 am before the 12:05 Mass. All are invited to attend.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the *Glory of God*. Please remember the donor in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today (no other refreshments), September 28th, Parish Hall, Rm. 200.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for October 1st. Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, carrots vichy, dessert, coffee and tea, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. Welcome. And as a reminder the lunches will be \$4.00 this year due to food cost increases, and no take-outs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - will be serving hot dogs and refreshments in the courtyard this Sunday, **September 28th**. You are invited to stop by and enjoy a hot dog and a special treat, popsicles to help beat the heat, with your family and friends after the Sunday morning Masses. We will serve until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your past and continued support.

"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). October 5th topic, "Praise the Lord!"

SPECIAL EVENTS - Much to our regret, but due to circumstances beyond our control resulting from Hurricane Ike, **Octoberfest will have to be cancelled.**

MARKET DAY - Our annual parish Market Day will be held in November. Drop off dates and locations for donations to be sold will be announced in later bulletins. This sale is a treasure hunt, not a garage sale. Now is the time to start looking through the attic, the top shelf of closets, etc. for treasures in good condition that probably won't be used and can generate funds for parish needs in addition to providing someone else a treasure that normally would not be purchased. We are looking for jewelry, art, toys, men's accessories, ladies' accessories, religious goods, holiday decorations, home furnishings, antiques and collectibles, small appliances, and books, CDs, VCRs, and tapes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin today, September 28th. Classes are available to **REGISTERED Holy Rosary** families (extended family members such as grandchildren, nieces/nephews require special permission to register). The deadline has been extended to enroll your child/children from September 28th to **Sunday, October 5th**. Please come by the Religious Education Center, 3535 Louisiana, during class time on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

CATECHISTS: We are still in need of persons to assist in the catechetical program of the parish as assistant teachers or substitute teachers. If you are interested in helping the catechists as they assist parents in passing on the faith, please contact the parish office. Praised be Jesus Christ, the Divine Teacher!

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11023's monthly meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 4th**, 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.

HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP will meet the **first** and **third Thursdays** of the month in the Religious Education building, 3535 Louisiana, from 10-11:30. All are welcome. Please bring a light snack for your family. Call Mollie Ullrich with any questions at 281-693-5892.

FAITH IN FILM - Fifth Annual Lecture of the Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecture Series, Friday, October 10, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Jones Hall, guest lecturer, Stephen McEveety. Sponsored by the University of St. Thomas. Free and open to the public, no reservations, first come first serve seating. For more information please contact Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE at 713-525-6986.

FOUNDATION FOR LIFE Banquet and Auction - Benefiting the Maternal Assistance Program benefitting women in **crisis pregnancies** will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 7 p.m. - Marriott Town Square, 16090 City Walk, Sugar Land. We will set aside Holy Rosary tables for those who wish to buy individual tickets. Please contact Mary Elizabeth Donovan at 713-667-9980 or foundation for Life at 713-682-5433 for information and reservations. \$100.00 per person.

SUPPER & SUBSTANCE - Married couples of the Parish don't miss Holy Rosary's first *Supper & Substance* program to be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** The elements of this program are (1) a social hour, (2) a lovely meal, and (3) a talk on some practical aspects of marriage or raising children. The speakers at the first program will be Joe & Cathy Garcia-Prats, parents of 10 children and authors of "Good Families Don't Just Happen." The cost will be \$25 per couple, which includes a tasty Italian dinner and the presentation. Seating is limited, so register soon. To register or for more information, see invitation fliers in the vestibule, or call Martha at 713-721-7387, or send an email to holyrosarysns@live.com. So register, mark your calendars, get a babysitter if you need one, and join us for a lovely night on October 25th.

What Happens in Baptism

Pope Benedict XVI

“We say no and renounce temptation, sin and the devil. We know these things well, but perhaps precisely because we have heard them too often, the words may not mean much to us. If this is the case, we must think a little more deeply about the content of these noes. What are we saying no to? This is the only way to understand what we want to say yes to.”

“*What happens in baptism?*” When Pope Benedict XVI baptized 10 infants January 8 in the Sistine Chapel, he began his homily with those words. The prepared text of the homily for that occasion had been released to journalists ahead of time, but instead of delivering it, the pope presented a 16-minute, impromptu catechesis of the purpose of baptism. Baptism “is a gift - the gift of life. But a gift must be accepted, it must be lived,” Pope Benedict said. “We hope for eternal life for our children. This is the purpose of baptism,” said the pope. He added that “through baptism each child is inserted into a gathering of friends who never abandon him in life or in death because these companions are God’s family, which in itself bears the promise of eternity.” Pope Benedict said, “This group of friends, this family of God, into which the child is now admitted, will always accompany him, even on days of suffering and in life’s dark nights; it will give him consolation, comfort and light.” To belong “to this circle, to God’s family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death,” said the pope. And, he said, “if we can say that love and truth are sources of life, are life itself - and a life without love is not life - we can say that this companionship with the one who is truly life, with the one who is the sacrament of life, will respond to your expectation, to your hope.” The pope spoke in Italian. A Vatican translation of the homily follows, copyright © 2006 by the Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

What happens in baptism? What do we hope for from baptism? You have given a response on the threshold of this chapel: We hope for eternal life for our children. This is the purpose of baptism. But how can it be obtained? How can baptism offer eternal life? What is eternal life?

In simpler words, we might say we hope for a good life, the true life, for these children of ours; and also for happiness in a future that is still unknown. We are unable to guarantee this gift for the entire span of the unknown future, so we turn to the Lord to obtain this gift from him.

We can give two replies to the question, How will this happen? This is the first one: Through baptism each child is inserted into a gathering of friends who never abandon him in life or in death because these companions are God’s family, which in itself bears the promise of eternity.

This group of friends, this family of God, into which the child is now admitted, will always accompany him, even on days of suffering and in life’s dark nights; it will give him consolation, comfort and light.

This companionship, this family, will give him words of eternal life, words of light in response to the great challenges of life, and will point out to him the right path to take. This group will also offer the child consolation and comfort, and God’s love when death is at hand, in the dark valley of death. It will give him friendship, it will give him life. And these totally trustworthy companions will never disappear.

None of us knows what will happen on our planet, on our European continent, in the next 50, 60 or 70 years. But we can be sure of one thing: God’s family will always be present, and those who belong to this family will never be alone. They will always be able to fall back on the steadfast friendship of the One who is life.

And, thus we have arrived at the second answer. This family of God, this gathering of friends, is eternal because it is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God’s family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.