



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

4:50 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. Austin Green, O.P.
Fr. Ronald Henery, O.P.
Fr. Joseph Konkell, 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,

October is Respect Life Month—a time for Catholics in the United States to remind themselves especially of the sacredness of all human life and a time to recommit themselves to promoting this important truth to others. Human life is sadly under attack from many approaches like abortion, embryonic stem cell research, war, euthanasia, and even capital punishment. The frequency of these attacks on human life can discourage those who have dedicated themselves to promote the sanctity of human life into abandoning their efforts as being futile. We must never give up! Rather, through our love, patience, and steadfastness, we will slowly, ever so slowly, turn the tide in favor of life. The battle may be won long after we are gone, but our efforts will have laid the groundwork. Consider the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon: I believe that in his letter Saint Paul knew the immorality of slavery. Still, it has taken another twenty centuries for slavery to be virtually abolished throughout the world, and even now various forms of it continue in different places. Therefore, we must never give up our pro-life efforts, but do our best to turn the tide in favor of life.

In order for pro-life efforts to be the most effective, one must show a profound respect for *all* human life—whether in the womb or nearing the tomb, whether of the same race or of a different race, whether of the same creed or of a different creed, whether innocent or guilty, and so on. Equivocating when it comes to the sanctity of human life only teaches others to equivocate as well: “You by your words or actions say that this human life is important and that one is not. Fair enough. I get to do the same—only in a way that I see fit.” As the People of God firmly committed to the sanctity of all human life, let the message be loud and clear coming from us through our words and our actions that we hold *all* human life to be sacred—no exceptions.

Fr. Ian

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, October 18, *Propagation of the Faith.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Kirk Wheeler, Tony Stasney, Peter Kirwin, Marvin Kurtzman, Pete Scanlin, Gloria Stephen, Jean Ried, Virginia Navarro, and Brian Benson.*

REST IN PEACE: Please remember in your prayers *Fr. James Burke, O.P.*, one of the Dominican priests in residence, who died Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

Are You Discerning a Vocation as a Dominican Priest or Cooperator Brother?

We invite you to join us for a Dominican Experience Weekend (DEW). This weekend of prayer, community, and information sharing is designed to help men explore the possibility of a vocation to the Dominican life. College-age and older men are welcome to join us October 16-18, 2009, at the Dominican Novitiate in Irving, Texas. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Charlie Latour, O.P., the Vocation Promoter, at frcharlie@dominicanvocations.com or at 504-837-2129, ext. 10.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, October 11, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS: are given in memory of *John Alexander McDonald*. Please remember him and the donor in your prayers. Other flowers for the altars are donated in celebration of the marriage of *Chandra Westervelt* and *Sergio Gonzalez*, who were married last night. Please remember them in your prayers.

WHAT'S COOKING: October 14 – enchiladas, refried beans, rice, cucumber salad, 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 and there are no take-outs, please do not have bills larger than \$10. Thanks.

“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). October 18th topic, “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.” Mk 10, 45.

SEASONAL FLU VACCINE will be given at Holy Rosary on **Wednesday, October 14, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass** by Christus Community Health. As in the past, Christus Community Health **will not** charge a fee for the vaccination; however, they are very grateful for the donation of canned goods, diapers or nonperishable items for those in need. Christus **will not** be administering the H1N1 (Swine) vaccination at Holy Rosary this year.

HOLY ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank Mr. Michael Shannon for his thirty-six years of dedicated service as the head usher at the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays.

HOLY ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ask would you or your business like to take out an advertisement in the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus calendar for 2010? Please contact Maria Correa at 713-728-8730.

HOLY ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOT DOG SUNDAY - The K of C will be serving hot dogs this Sunday, October 18, in the courtyard from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come over and enjoy a hot dog and support the Knights. Donations are accepted.

POST-CONFIRMATION classes for ages 15 to 22 who received the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Rosary in previous years. Remember your Confirmation is not the end of your understanding of the Catholic faith; it is only the beginning. Contact email: jmjarisa@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, October 12** – Reading I (Romans 1:1-7) Psalm – 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Gospel (Luke 11:29-32)
- Tuesday, October 13**– Reading I (Romans 1:16-25) Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5, Gospel (Luke 11:37-41)
- Wednesday, October 14** – Reading I (Romans 2:1-11) Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9, Gospel (Luke 11:42-46)
- Thursday, October 15** – Reading I (Romans 8:22-27) Psalm – 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Gospel (Luke 11:47-54)
- Friday, October 16** – Reading I (Romans 4:1-8) Psalm –32:1b-2, 5, 11, Gospel (Luke 12:1-7)
- Saturday, October 17** – Reading I (Romans 4:13, 16-18) Psalm – 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43, Gospel (Luke 12:8-12)

MARKET DAY is **Sunday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assist in the sale. Please contact Albert Mowad at 713-790-9801 to volunteer. Donations of jewelry, art, toys, men’s and ladies accessories, sports items, religious goods, holiday decorations, home furnishing, antiques and collectibles, small appliances, books, CD’s, VCR’s and tapes can be dropped off after morning Masses on the Sundays of October at the Parish Coffee and on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Religious Education Center on Berry. No clothing, please. Included in the event will be a bake sale and donations of baked goods for this attraction will be appreciated on that day.

THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP welcomes any moms and young children who would like to come to have fun and fellowship to its bi-weekly meetings. We meet the **First** and **Third** Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education building from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. At the October 15 meeting the playgroup will have a clothes exchange. Bring any gently-used children’s clothes that your children have outgrown and bring a bag to take new clothes home with you. Call Mollie with any question at 281-693-5892.

THE LAY DOMINICANS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY: On October 18, at 2 p.m. in the Religious Education Center, Fr. David Kammler, O.P., the Promoter General of the Dominican Laity will meet with the group. Fr. Kammler will present information about the lay Dominicans from around the world.

Collections for October 4, 2009

First Collection	\$18,709.39
233 Envelopes Submitted Out of 914 Households; Percentage 26%	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$231,500.74
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$228,900.00
Difference	\$2,600.74
Sept. Utility Offerings (Summer Monthly Cost: \$8,300.00)	\$20.00
Candle Offerings	\$265.53

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 11, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
 9:30 a.m. Gary Seigler †
 11:00 a.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
 12:30 p.m. El Vera Digby †
 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. James St. Julian †
 5:15 p.m. Louis Kaposta

Tuesday

- 12:05 pm. Sr. Thais Ascanio, R.S.C.J. †
 5:15 p.m. Bill Murphy †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Daniel Bellmore †
 5:15 p.m. Marian Beaudreaux †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Mica
 5:15 p.m. Maria Kim †

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Tracy
 5:15 p.m. Mark McDonald

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Bill Murphy †
 5:00 p.m. Christine Heiman

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

CONFERENCES FOR 'YEAR OF THE PRIEST.'

4. The priest and the priesthood of the laity.

In the holy scriptures, the first letter of St. Peter to the whole Church contains this statement, "Come to him (Jesus Christ) that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (I Pt 2, 4-5) Peter views the whole body of believers in Christ as a spiritual house whose main purpose is to offer worship to God, a worship that consists of offering continually to God the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. That is why he calls them 'a holy priesthood'; a body of men and women who offer their spiritual sacrifices which are made acceptable to God through the sacrifice of Jesus himself. In other words, Peter is saying that the individual life of every baptized believer becomes a spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God by its union in faith, hope and love to the sacrifice of Christ himself. Peter views this whole body of believers, the Church, as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.' (I Pt 2,9) The book of Revelation also says, "(He has) made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father." (Rev 1, 6)

St. Paul gives an insight into Peter's meaning when he says to the Colossian people, "I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church..." (Col 1,24) You might remark, "I thought the passion and death of Jesus was all-sufficient for our salvation." Paul would reply, "It is sufficient, but what is lacking is your participation, 'no cross, no crown'; you must unite your own sacrifices, your daily actions, as spiritual sacrifices together with the sacrifice of Christ and offered to the glory of God the Father. This is what the 'priesthood of the laity' means to Peter and Paul and still has the same meaning for us in today's Church.

This union of your daily actions as a spiritual sacrifice united with the sacrifice of Christ is made possible by the ministry of the ordained Catholic priest. He has been granted the spiritual authority to make Christ sacramentally and really present in the Eucharist, as well as to dispense the other sacraments and to preach God's word. The priest is the spiritual leader of God's holy people, this royal priesthood, this holy nation. He gives it cohesion for he offers sacramentally on the altar the real sacrifice of Christ's body and blood to which all our individual sacrifices are united spiritually. Imagine many sticks of burning wood each with its separate flame but which when united together form a great blaze leaping up to the sky. This is, in a sense, what happens at Mass when the flame of sacrifice in the life of each is joined spiritually to many others, to form a great flame of adoration leaping up to heaven. The priest-celebrant makes this possible.

Briefly, the spiritual lives of priest and people are intertwined, each sharing in its proper way in the continual offering of Christ's sacrifice to the Father. Once a priest complained to St. Vianney of his people's weak faith. The Cure replied, "You have prayed for your people, but have you fasted for them? Have you slept on the bare floor? Have you scourged yourself with the discipline in reparation for their sins? Until you do these things you have no right to complain." His point was that the priest is responsible for the spiritual welfare of his people. The other side of the coin is that the people are responsible for assisting their priests to grow in holiness, to pray for them, offer penances to obtain God's graces for them. Both priests and people form one holy nation engaged in a great spiritual enterprise together with Christ, which is nothing less than their own salvation and that of the world.

Article by Fr. Austin Green, O.P.