



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,

This coming Tuesday, November 3, will be the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, who was a Dominican lay brother in Lima, Peru, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. He is also the patron saint of the Southern Dominican Province, USA, which is the province of Dominican friars ministering at Holy Rosary Church. The Southern Dominican Province is formally known within the Order of Preachers as the Province of St. Martin de Porres.

Martin de Porres was born on December 9, 1579, as the illegitimate son of Don Juan de Porres, who was of Spanish descent, and Ana Velázquez, who was a freed African slave born in Panama. Martin's father helped him to receive training as a barber, which in that day meant someone capable of performing surgery and exercising other medical care. At the age of fifteen, Martin entered the Dominican convent of St. Dominic in Lima as a *donatus*, which was a man who made profession to the local priory but not to the entire Order of Preachers. Later on, he made profession to the entire order as a lay brother. As a Dominican, Martin devoted himself to helping all those in need like the hungry, the naked, the sick, and even animals. He had a deep love for the Eucharist. Legend has it that he was able to bi-locate and to walk through locked doors. He died on November 3, 1639, at nearly sixty years of age. At his death, all of Lima turned out to mourn his passing—this son of theirs whom at one time they regarded as being of lowly birth. Pope John XXIII canonized Martin a saint on May 6, 1962.

In celebration of St. Martin's feast day, the parish offices will be closed on November 3. The parish, however, will have its normally scheduled Masses at 12:05 and 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday with confessions beforehand. The 5:15 p.m. Mass will have music. I hope you will join the friars of the Province of St. Martin de Porres in celebrating our beloved patron!

Fr. Ian

MARKET DAY IS TODAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009, in the Parish Hall, Room 200, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come one, come all!

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, Gloria Stephen, Jean Ried, Virginia Navarro, and Brian Benson.*

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED – Tuesday, November 3, 2009, in observance of St. Martin De Porres' Feast day. The regular Mass schedule will be observed on this day with music at the 5:15 p.m. Mass. St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of the province of Dominican friars serving Holy Rosary Parish.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are donated in celebration of the October 31st wedding of David and Tara Green. Other flowers were donated in loving memory of John Sirrieh and Simon Sirrieh and Emil and Alice Abdo. Please remember them in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, November 1, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING: November 4– hamburgers w/ trimmings, French fries, dessert, tea, and coffee. 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.

FACE TO FACE CONFESSIONS: Fr. Austin Green will be available to hear face –to-face confessions from 11:20 a.m. to noon before the 12:05 p.m. weekday Mass on **First Friday, November 6, and on First Saturday, November 7,** in the confessional in front of the Blessed Mother's altar. On *First Friday*, the 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. On *First Saturday*, Fatima devotions will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:05 p.m. Mass. All are invited to attend.

“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). November 8th topic, “*The Lord keeps faith forever*” (Ps 146).

ALL SOULS DAY INTENTIONS: Anyone who wishes to have the parish remember his or her deceased loved ones at Mass during the month of November, please place your All Souls Day Offering envelope in the regular collection basket either today or next Sunday with the names of the deceased persons written on the front of the envelope and your offering enclosed inside. The parish will place these envelopes on the tabernacle altar during November, and the deceased will be especially remembered in prayer.

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

THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP meets the **first** and **third** Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education Center, 3535 Louisiana, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All mothers and young children are welcome. Please bring a light snack for your family. All Saints Celebration, November 5– children can dress up as a saint and enjoy saint books and activities.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING – The Knights of Columbus Council 11023 has scheduled their monthly meeting for Saturday, November 14. The social hour will begin at 9 a.m., and the business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Center at Louisiana and Berry Streets. All knights are encouraged to attend.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 2 – Reading I (Wisdom 3:1-9) Psalm – 23, Gospel (John 6:37-40)

Tuesday, November 3 – Reading I (Romans 12:5-16ab) Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3, Gospel (Luke 114:15-24)

Wednesday, November 4 – Reading I (Romans 12:3-13) Psalm –112:1b-2,4-5, 9, Gospel (John 15:16)

Thursday, November 5 – Reading I (Romans 14:7-12) Psalm – 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14, Gospel (Luke 15:1-10)

Friday, November 6 – Reading I (Romans 15:14-21) Psalm –98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4, Gospel (Luke 16:1-8)

Saturday, November 7 – Reading I (Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27) Psalm – 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11, Gospel (Luke 16:9-15)

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The 56th U.S. National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from June 29 to July 8, 2010. This pilgrimage is accompanied by a medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims and is open to all. For details, please contact Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P, at allenop@opfriars.org or The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 1-877-276-7279 (toll free) or lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net. Website – www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR REGISTERED

PARISHIONERS will be coming soon, look for future announcements concerning picking up your envelopes for 2010. Thank you.

M.D. DAY IS COMING SOON! At all of the Sunday Masses on November 15, Holy Rosary Parish will take up the M.D. (More Dominicans) Collection. The M.D. Collection will go to support the Southern Dominican Province as it seeks to fulfill its mission of preaching the Gospel. The collection will especially go to help train the young men in formation to become tomorrow’s priests and brothers, so that Holy Rosary Church can hopefully have more Dominicans now and forever! M.D. contribution envelopes for the purpose of preparing one’s offering should be available in the church vestibule next weekend. Please give as generously as your means will allow to the M.D. Collection. Thank you!

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD will host a prospective student open house on Sunday, November 8, 2009, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. in our Lady’s Chapel. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Building immediately following the Mass. Anyone interested in learning more about UIW is encouraged to attend. Please call the admissions office at 210-829-6005 or 1-800-749-9673 for further information. You can also sign up for open house on the UIW website: www.uiw.edu/admissions/openhouse.html. The university is located at 4301 Broadway in San Antonio, Texas.

Collections for October 25, 2009

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| First Collection | \$14,618.35 |
| 178 Envelopes Submitted Out of 914 Households; Percentage 21% | |
| 2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10) | \$278,209.11 |
| 2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD | \$277,950.00 |
| Difference | \$259.11 |
| All Souls Day Offerings | \$3,728.75 |
| Candle Offerings | \$184.60 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 1, 2009

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 9:30 a.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
- 11:00 a.m. Maria Kim †
- 12:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Bill Murphy †

Monday

- 12:05 p.m. For Our Beloved Dead †
- 5:15 p.m. For Our Beloved Dead †

Tuesday

- 12:05 p.m. Francisca Mechura
- 5:15 p.m. Lorene Beard †

Wednesday

- 12:05 p.m. Yolanda Palmer
- 5:15 p.m. Bill Murphy †

Thursday

- 12:05 p.m. Dolores Lamb †
- 5:15 p.m. Alice Abdo †

Friday

- 12:05 p.m. Will Hypolite
- 5:15 p.m. Aurelia Saldierna

Saturday

- 12:05 p.m. Jerry Vandenboom †
- 5:00 p.m. Frank Alexander

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

ANDREW OF LONGJUMEAU, O.P., Priest, Diplomat (ca. 1190 - 1250)

“...And plaiting a crown of thorns they (the soldiers) put it on him (Jesus).” (Mk 15)

Andrew is chiefly known to history as the friar who, at the request of King Louis IX of France, brought back to Paris from Byzantium the crown of thorns worn by Christ.

He was born near Paris, France, and entered the Dominicans there in the 1220's. After priestly ordination he was one of the band of friars sent by Jordan of Saxony to the Holy Land to learn eastern languages, and he became fluent in Greek, Arabic and Semitic languages. Little more is known of him until 1237 when King Louis IX of France began looking for a reliable man with some experience of the Middle East plus fluency in the Greek and Arabic languages to go to Byzantium, obtain the crown of thorns worn by our Savior during his passion, and bring it to Paris. The king chose Andrew.

This was both a political mission and a religious one. The Latin Crusaders had lost their kingdom of Jerusalem and Palestine to the forces of Islam in 1196, but in 1204, the Fourth Crusade, diverted from its objective of taking back Jerusalem because of the commercial interests of Venice, shamefully conquered and sacked Constantinople. There they set up the Latin Empire of Constantinople, which endured until 1282. Baldwin II was the third king of this empire and in 1237, his rule was threatened by the armies of the Greek Christians seeking to regain their capitol. So he sent to the king of France with the urgent request for French troops to help him. The reward he offered in exchange for the soldiers was the crown of thorns from our Lord's passion. Baldwin knew the religious piety of King Louis would be strongly attracted by such an offer, and he was not mistaken. King Louis accepted the offer - soldiers in exchange for the crown of thorns.

As background, this precious relic of our Lord's passion had been venerated by Christians in Jerusalem for almost a thousand years, but in 1063 AD, it had been taken to Byzantium by the Greek emperor, probably to keep it safe from the Muslims, who at that time had taken control of Jerusalem. There it had remained for almost 200 years in the cathedral at Constantinople and were venerated by the faithful. This crown of thorns was not a small circlet but rather resembled a helmet; and the thorns were not like little thorns on rosebushes but rather were two or three inches long and were commonly found in the area of Jerusalem when the Roman soldiers plaited them into a painful helmet for Jesus.

This was the object of Andrew's quest when King Louis sent him, along with several companions, to Constantinople to work out with King Baldwin the details of the deal. That being accomplished, Andrew had to travel back to France, get the troops promised by King Louis, then escort them with their commander to Constantinople; only after that was accomplished was the precious relic given over to the care of Friar Andrew. And he felt lucky to get it because some months previously King Baldwin had pawned it to the Venetians to get some much needed funds, while the Venetians in turn had lost it to the Greek Christians in a naval battle. The Greeks were bringing the relic back to Nicaea when their ships were attacked and defeated by a Genoese fleet. The Italians brought the relic back safely to Constantinople. After all this, it is no wonder that Friar Andrew made a close inspection of the relic when it came into his hands. He had seen it many times before, so he was able to verify it as genuine before he officially accepted it. Having done that, he and his friar-companions traveled back to Paris and presented it to King Louis on the feast of St. Lawrence, August 10, 1239. The king reverently accepted it and, walking barefoot in a religious procession from his palace to the cathedral, placed it in a special niche for the veneration of the faithful. A few years later, in 1248, he had a beautiful chapel, called "Sainte Chapelle", built to house the precious relic, and today that sacred crown of thorns is in the treasury of relics at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Friar Andrew in 1245 was appointed by the pope to a commission for the reunion of the Eastern and Western Church. Through his efforts, both the Armenian patriarch and the leader of the Jacobites made their submission to the pope of Rome. He fulfilled many other diplomatic missions for the Church, but the bringing of the crown of thorns to Paris remains his great achievement. Friar Andrew died about 1250, but the circumstances are unknown. He is remembered as a faithful servant of the Church.

Article by Fr. Austin Green, O.P.

For the next few weeks we will run articles concerning the First Sunday of Advent 2008 from His Holiness Benedict XVI.