



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*
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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,

As you may be aware, health care reform legislation is making its way to the floors of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. By the time you read this column, a vote may have already taken place in the U.S. House of Representatives. Still, the legislation as currently proposed does not uphold longstanding federal protections that restrict abortion funding and allow for conscience rights. Neither does it go far enough to protect the health of the poor and of immigrants (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Letter to Congress dated October 8, 2009, www.usccb.org/healthcare). Genuine health care reform should be about protecting human life, not taking human life. It should also make health care available to all as a basic human right. Church teaching is not something that aligns itself neatly according to any political agenda. Rather, it aligns itself according to the Gospel. As Christians, we must always be first and foremost about proclaiming the Gospel.

I ask that you take time to read the bulletin insert and to contact the U.S. senators and the U.S. congressman or congresswoman who represent you to deliver to them the suggested messages contained in the insert. Even if your elected representatives are likely to oppose the current health care reform legislation or a vote has already taken place, it would still be good for them to hear your views as their constituents. Reforming health care in our country is not something that is coming to an end; it is only beginning with many revisions to the legislation undoubtedly to come in the years ahead. Please make your voice heard in favor of the Gospel of life! We heard the Lord Jesus say in the Gospel reading for All Saints Day, which occurred last Sunday, “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied” (Mt. 5:6). May our efforts to push for genuine health care reform leave us satisfied that health care that promotes the dignity of every person is available to all in the USA.

Fr. Ian

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Kirk Wheeler, Peter Kirwin, Marvin Kurtzman, Gloria Stephen, Jean Ried, Virginia Navarro, Fr. Austin Green, O.P., and Brian Benson.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers are donated in celebration of the November 7th wedding of Joel and Maria Terrazas-Perez. Other flowers on the altars are given in memory of Bertha Sawyer, McIver Ross Jr., their son McIver Ross III, Josephine Sawyer, and Dale Arbaugh. Please remember them in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, November 8, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT’S COOKING: November 11– jambalaya, corn bread, green salad, 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 submit 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). November 15th topic, “Prepare yourself to stand before Christ when he comes again.”

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.

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

K of C SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON– The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a spaghetti luncheon for all parishioners on **Sunday, November 15**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are invited.

SPECIAL EVENTS: The third-annual, collectible Christmas ornament of the Joyful Mysteries, which is the Nativity, as depicted in stained glass window in Holy Rosary Church, is on sale for \$12, in the Parish Hall, Room 200, after Sunday morning Masses. There are a few ornaments from the prior series for those who would like to have a complete set.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ST. NICHOLAS DAY will be on sale after each Mass in November. Tickets are available for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The raffle items include extraordinarily beautiful religious art – a beaded icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help generously donated by St. Francis of Assisi Religious Goods, an original watercolor of St. Nicholas by Jim Seigler, and an amazing, hand-carved-to-scale, wooden, five-car, toy, freight train from John Sparar.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR will begin rehearsing next Sunday, November 15, from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. in the large conference room of the Religious Education Center Building, 3535 Louisiana. Rehearsals will continue each Sunday through December 20. The choir is open to all youth 8 years of age and older, including high school. The choir will sing at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

VETERANS’ DAY – NOVEMBER 11 – Please pray for living and deceased U.S. veterans that God may bless them for the sacrifices they made, for some the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives, to protect our country.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 9 – Reading I (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12), Psalm – 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Gospel (Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17)

Tuesday, November 10 – Reading I (Sirach 39:6-10), Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, Gospel (Luke 17:7-10)

Wednesday, November 11 – Reading I (Isaiah 61:1-3abcd), Psalm –89, Gospel (Matthew 25:31-40)

Thursday, November 12 – Reading I (Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13), Psalm –1, Gospel (John 17:20-26)

Friday, November 13 – Reading I (Wisdom 13:1-9), Psalm –19:2-3, 4-5ab, Gospel (Luke 17:26-37)

Saturday, November 14 – Reading I (Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9), Psalm – 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43, Gospel (Luke 18:1-8)

STAND and PRAY: This coming **Thursday, Nov. 12**, the second Thursday of the month, will be Holy Rosary’s day to sponsor a monthly day of prayerful presence, from 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 that the innocent lives of the unborn may be saved and that those involved in Planned Parenthood may experience a conversion of heart. For those who can’t come to pray at Planned Parenthood but would still like to participate, please commit to praying wherever you are in unity with those at the facility. Sign up sheets for both will be available in the foyer this weekend or please contact Cindy Hotze at 713- 665-0479 or at cahotze@att.net. Thanks to Fr. Brown, Fr. Vicente, Fr. Bordenave, and all those who came last month to pray during the 40 Days for Life.

CHRISTMAS CD - The students of the Vietnamese confirmation class at Holy Rosary will sell Christmas CD’s as a part of their community project this weekend. All of the money will go to the orphanage in Vietnam run by the Vietnamese Dominican Sisters. If you looking for buying gifts for Christmas or lifting up your spirit during the up coming holy season, this is the best gift. Please show your strong support.

M.D. DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY! At all Sunday Masses next weekend November 14-15, 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! Please pick up a M.D. contribution envelope in the church vestibule for the purpose of preparing your offering for next weekend. Please give as generously as can. Thank you!

Collections for November 1, 2009

First Collection	\$18,505.20
243 Envelopes Submitted Out of 914 Households; Percentage 27%	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$296,714.31
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$294,300.00
Difference	\$2,414.31
All Souls Day Offerings	\$633.00
Candle Offerings	\$273.54

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 8, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Francis Weiland †
 11:00 a.m. Michael Alexander †
 12:30 p.m. Georgia Woodson †
 5:00 p.m. Bill Murphy †

Monday

12:05 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
 5:15 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. John Parker †
 5:15 p.m. John Pereira †

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Fuhrman †
 5:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Hope Prince
 5:15 p.m. C. J. Flanagan, Jr. †

Friday

12:05 p.m. Edward Groff
 5:15 p.m. Gene McNair

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Bill Murphy †
 5:00 p.m. Ramona Chavez †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

PASTORAL VISIT
THE BASILICA OF SAINT LAWRENCE OUTSIDE THE WALLS
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1750th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MARTYRDOM OF THE HOLY DEACON

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

First Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today on the First Sunday of Advent, we enter that four-week Season with which a new liturgical year begins and that immediately prepares us for the Feast of Christmas, the memorial of the Incarnation of Christ in history. Yet, the spiritual message of Advent is more profound and already orients us to the glorious return of the Lord at the end of our history. Adventus is the Latin word that could be translated by "arrival", "coming" or "presence". In the language of the ancient world it was a technical term that indicated the arrival of an official, and especially the visit of kings or emperors to the provinces, but it could also be used for the appearance of a divinity, which emerged from its hidden dwelling-place and thus manifested its divine power; its presence was solemnly celebrated with worship.

By using this term, "Advent", Christians wanted to express the special relationship that bound them to the Crucified and Risen Christ. He is a King who, having entered this poor province called earth, made us the gift of his visit and after his Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven desired in any case to stay with us; we perceive his mysterious presence in the liturgical assembly. Indeed, in celebrating the Eucharist, we proclaim that he did not withdraw from the world, that he did not leave us alone and, even though we cannot see and touch him as with material and tangible realities, he is in any case with us and among us. Indeed, he is in us, because he can attract to himself and communicate his life to every believer who opens his/her heart to him. Thus, Advent means commemorating the first coming of the Lord in the flesh, with his definitive return already in mind, and, at the same time, it means recognizing that Christ present in our midst makes himself our travelling companion in the life of the Church who celebrates his mystery. This knowledge, dear brothers and sisters, nourished by listening to the Word of God, must help us to see the world with different eyes, to interpret the individual events of life and history as words that God addresses to us, as signs of his love that assure us of his closeness in every situation; this awareness, in particular, should prepare us to welcome him when "he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end", as in a little while we shall repeat in the Creed. In this perspective, Advent becomes for all Christians a time of expectation and hope, a privileged time for listening and reflection, as long as we let ourselves be guided by the liturgy, which invites us to advance to meet the Lord who comes.

"Come, Lord Jesus": dear friends, this ardent invocation of the Christian community of the early days must also become our constant aspiration, the aspiration of the Church in every epoch, which longs for and prepares herself for the encounter with her Lord. Come today, Lord; enlighten us, give us peace, help us triumph over violence. Come Lord, we pray precisely in these weeks: "Lord... let us see your face and will shall be saved" (Ps 80[79]: 3), we have just prayed with the words of the Responsorial Psalm. And the Prophet Isaiah revealed to us in the First Reading that the Face of Our Saviour is that of a tender and merciful father who cares for us in all circumstances because we are the work of his hands: "You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name" (63: 16). Our God is a father prepared to forgive repentant sinners and to welcome those who trust in his mercy (cf. Is 64: 4). We had drifted away from him because of sin, falling under the dominion of death, but he took pity on us and, on his own initiative, without any merit on our part, decided to meet our needs, sending his only Son as our Redeemer. As we face such a great mystery of love, our thanksgiving rises spontaneously and our invocation becomes more trusting: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, today, in our time, in every part of the world, let us feel your presence and grant us your salvation (cf. Gospel acclamation).

Dear brothers and sisters, the thought of Christ's presence and his return at the end of time is particularly significant in this Basilica of yours beside the monumental cemetery of Verano where so many of our beloved deceased rest while they await resurrection. How often are funerals celebrated in this temple; how often do the works of the liturgy ring out full of comfort: "In him who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality" (cf. Preface for Christian Death I).