



# 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
<i>Pastor</i>	
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P.	Ext. 104
<i>Parochial Vicar</i>	
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P.	Ext. 103
<i>Parochial Vicar</i>	

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. Joseph Konkel, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*  
Fr. François Pouliot, O.P.  
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



**Mother Marie Alphonsine  
Danil Ghattas**

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, November 22, 2009, Mother Marie Alphonsine Danil Ghattas, who was a Dominican tertiary in the Holy Land during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, will be beatified at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. She was born in Jerusalem on October 4, 1843. At the age of fourteen, she joined the Congregation of St. Joseph of the Apparition. As a sister, she promoted devotion to our Lady and the rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Mother Marie Alphonsine several times, instructing her to begin a new religious community called, "Congregation of the Rosary." Having secured a release from her former religious community, Mother Marie Alphonsine and eight other sisters made profession in the new Congregation of the Rosary on March 7, 1885. She founded convents, a school, and an orphanage in the Holy Land and beyond. She devoted the end of her life to the constant praying of the rosary in fulfillment of our Lady's desire. She died in Jerusalem on March 25, 1927, while reciting the rosary. She believed in our Lady's words to her that "the Rosary is your treasure!" Pope John Paul II declared Mother Marie Alphonsine "Venerable" in 1994, and Pope Benedict XVI accepted the miracle for her beatification on July 3, 2009. The beatification Mass will not be televised on U.S. channels.

*Fr. Ian*

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, November 22: *Campaign for Human Development.*

**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., Brian Benson, and Teddy Anderson.*

**TODAY IS THE K of C SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON** for all parishioners from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Room 200.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are donated in memory of Wayman Owen Swilley, Loreto and Consuelo Reyes, and Ricardo and Damasa Manalansan by Ashley Swilley and Paul Manalansan, who celebrated their wedding last night. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, November 15, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

**WHAT'S COOKING: November 18** – traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner, 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. **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED** in observance of Thanksgiving. Wednesday lunches will resume on December 2, 2009.

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED – Thursday, November 19, 2009, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.** for archdiocesan benefits meeting for employees.

**"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 22<sup>nd</sup> topic, *Feast of Christ the King. "Christ came into the world to testify to the truth"* (Jn 19:37).

**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. November 19, Catholic Mom Resources –bring books, web or blog addresses, etc. that you would recommend to other moms for help with our vocation as mothers.

**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.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: ST. NICHOLAS DAY** will be on Sunday, December 6, which is only three weeks away. Vietnamese food and music and the very popular Children's Corner will be available again this year. Vendors will include St. Francis of Assisi Religious Goods, Willow Brook Farms, and Books are Fun. The third in a series of Christmas ornaments (the Nativity) and raffle tickets will be on sale after each Sunday Mass in November.

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ST. NICHOLAS DAY** will be on sale after each Mass in November in the vestibule of the church and in the Parish Hall, Room 200. 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-crafted wooden, five-car, toy, freight train from John Sporar.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help sell raffle tickets for St. Nicholas Day after all Sunday Masses, November 21, 22, 28, and 29. Please contact Sharyn Sporar at 713-869-5957 or 713-254-5266 if you can help.

**SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 16** – Reading I (Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63), Psalm – 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158, Gospel (Luke 18:35-43)

**Tuesday, November 17** – Reading I (1 John 3:14-18), Psalm - 34, Gospel (Luke 19:1-10)

**Wednesday, November 18** – Reading I (2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31), Psalm – 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15, Gospel (Luke 19:11-28)

**Thursday, November 19** – Reading I (Maccabees 2:15-29), Psalm – 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15, Gospel (Luke 19:41-44)

**Friday, November 20** – Reading I (1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-29), Psalm – 1 Chronicles 29: 10bcd, 11abc, 11 d-12a, Gospel (Luke 19:45-48)

**Saturday, November 21** – Reading I (Zechariah 2:14-17), Psalm – 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19, Gospel (Luke 20:27-40)

**TODAY IS M.D. DAY!** At all Sunday Masses this weekend, November 14-15, Holy Rosary Parish will be taking 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 . Please give as generously as can. Thank you!

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:** Does the joy, simplicity, and humility of St. Francis appeal to your spirituality? Come visit with us, the Secular Franciscan Order next Sunday and learn more! We will hold our regular monthly meeting at Holy Rosary Parish on Sunday, November 22, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Religious Education Center, 3535 Louisiana, across the street from the church. Call Lore Payne at 713-254-4405 if you want more information. *Pax et bonum.*

**THE CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR** will begin rehearsing today, November 15, from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. in the large conference room of the Religious Education Center, 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.

**FOUND: A DIAMOND RING!** A diamond ring was found in the church on the morning of Saturday, October 3, 2009. Anyone who believes the ring may be his or hers should contact the parish office. Father Ian apologizes for this woefully late notice.

**Collections for November 8, 2009**

First Collection	\$15,975.00
<b>202</b> Envelopes Submitted Out of <b>914</b> Households; Percentage <b>23%</b>	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$312,689.31
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$310,650.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$2,030.31
All Souls Day Offering	\$1,010.80
Candle Offerings	\$349.98

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of November 15, 2009

**Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Jimmie St. Julian †
- 9:30 a.m. Dolores Ann Lamb †
- 11:00 a.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †
- 12:30 p.m. Bonnie Jacobs
- 5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

**Monday**

- 12:05 p.m. Stephen Reynolds
- 5:15 p.m. August Hoffman Douglas †

**Tuesday**

- 12:05 p.m. Daniel Bellmore †
- 5:15 p.m. John Pereira †

**Wednesday**

- 12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †
- 5:15 p.m. Pamela Reed †

**Thursday**

- 12:05 p.m. John C. Schultz Jr. †
- 5:15 p.m. Special Intention

**Friday**

- 12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving for Guardian Angels
- 5:15 p.m. Joseph Scott Kerbow †

**Saturday**

- 12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life
- 5:00 p.m. Ed Krahn

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

# **PASTORAL VISIT** (continued)

## **HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI**

*First Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2008*

Yet your monumental Basilica, which makes us think back to the primitive Basilica built by the Emperor Constantine and later transformed to acquire its present appearance, speaks above all of the glorious martyrdom of St Lawrence, Archdeacon of Pope St Sixtus II and his reliable steward in the administration of the community's goods. Today I have come to celebrate the Blessed Eucharist to join you in paying homage to him in a most unusual circumstance, on the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Lawrence, established to commemorate the 1,750th anniversary of holy Deacon's birth in Heaven. History confirms to us how glorious is the name of this Saint, by whose sepulchre we have gathered. His concern for the poor, the generous service that he rendered to the Church of Rome in the context of assistance and charity, his fidelity to the Pope which he took to the point of desiring to follow him in the supreme trial of martyrdom and the heroic witness of pouring out his blood, which he suffered only a few days later, are facts well known to all. St Leo the Great, in a beautiful homily, thus comments on the atrocious martyrdom of this "illustrious hero": "The flames could not overcome Christ's love and the fire that burned outside was less keen than that which blazed within". And he adds: "The Lord desired to spread abroad his glory throughout the world, so that from the East to the West the dazzling brightness of his deacon's light does shine, and Rome is become as famous through Lawrence as Jerusalem was ennobled by Stephen" (Homily 85, 4: PL 54, 486).

The 50th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God Pope Pius XII falls this year and this reminds us of a particularly dramatic event in the centuries-old history of your Basilica. It took place during the Second World War, when, exactly on 19 July 1943, a violent bombardment caused severe damage to the building and to the whole neighbourhood, sowing death and destruction. The generous gesture made by my venerable Predecessor can never be eradicated from the memory of history: he hastened here immediately to help and to comfort the people so badly hit, among the still smouldering ruins. Nor have I forgotten that this same Basilica also contains the urns of two other great people: in the hypogeum in fact, are placed for the veneration of the faithful the mortal remains of Bl. Pius IX, while in the atrium is the tomb of Alcide De Gasperi, who was a wise and balanced guide for Italy during the difficult years of the post-war reconstruction and, at the same time, a distinguished statesman capable of looking to Europe with a broad Christian vision.

While we are gathered here in prayer, I would like to greet you all with affection, starting with the Cardinal Vicar, with Monsignor Vicegerent, who is also Commendatory Abbot of the Basilica, with the Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Sector of Rome and with your Parish Priest, Fr Bruno Mustacchio, whom I thank for his kind words at the beginning of the liturgical celebration. I greet the Minister General of the Order of Capuchins and the Friars of the Community who carry out their service with zeal and dedication, welcoming the many pilgrims, assisting the poor with charity and witnessing to hope in the Risen Christ to all those who visit the Cemetery of Verano. I would like to assure you of my appreciation, and, above all, of my remembrance in prayer. I also greet the various groups who are involved in the animation of the catechesis, the liturgy, charity, the members of the two polyphonic choirs, the Franciscan Third Order, local and regional. Then I have learned with pleasure that for some years the "diocesan missionary laboratory" has been housed here, to inculcate in the parish communities a missionary awareness, and I willingly join you in expressing the hope that this initiative of our Diocese will help to inspire a courageous missionary pastoral action that will bring the proclamation of God's merciful love to every corner of Rome, involving mainly young people and families. Lastly, I would like to extend my thoughts to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, especially to the elderly, the sick and people who are lonely and in difficulty. I remember all and each one at this Holy Mass.

Dear brothers and sisters, at the beginning of this Advent what better message can we glean from St Lawrence than that of holiness? He repeats to us that holiness, that is, going to meet Christ who comes ceaselessly to visit us, does not go out of fashion, on the contrary as time passes it shines brightly and expresses the perennial striving for God of humankind. May this Jubilee event therefore be an occasion for your parish community of a renewed adherence to Christ, a further deepening of the sense of belonging to his Mystical Body which is the Church, and a constant commitment of evangelization through charity. May Lawrence, a heroic witness of the Crucified and Risen Christ be for each person an example of docile adherence to the divine will, so that, as we heard the Apostle Paul remind the Corinthians, we too may live in such a way as to be found "guiltless" in the day of Our Lord (cf. 1 Cor 1: 7-9).

To prepare ourselves for Christ's coming is also the exhortation we hear in today's Gospel: "Watch", Jesus tells us in Luke's short parable about the master of the house who goes on a journey but the date of whose return is unknown (cf. Mk 13: 33-37). Watching means following the Lord, choosing what Christ chose, loving what he loved, conforming one's own life to his; watching means passing every instant of our time in the sphere of his love without letting oneself be disheartened by the inevitable difficulties and problems of daily life. This is what St Lawrence did, this is what we must do and let us ask the Lord to grant us his grace so that Advent may be an incentive for all to walk in this direction. May Mary, the humble Virgin of Nazareth chosen by God to become Mother of the Redeemer, St Andrew whose feast we are celebrating today, and St Lawrence, an example of fearless Christian faithfulness to the point of martyrdom, guide us and go with us. Amen!