



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. 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

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,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$10,748.59 to the More Dominicans Collection last weekend! Wow! I hope that in the coming years the Province of St. Martin de Porres may give you a return on your investment by sending you more Dominicans to preach the Gospel to you.

Since our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day this week, I would like to share with you a prayer from a prayer book my maternal grandmother gave to me when I was a teenager.

Special Thanks

O my God, I thank You for all the favors You have bestowed upon me. I give You thanks from the bottom of my heart for having created me, and for all the joys of life, and its sorrows, too, for the home You gave me, for the loved ones with which You have surrounded me, for the friends I have made through life.

My Lord, I thank You for guarding me always and keeping me safe; I thank You for giving me so often in the sacrament of Penance forgiveness for my sins; for offering Yourself in Holy Mass with all Your infinite merits to the Father for me; for coming to me in Holy Communion, in spite of the coldness of my welcome; for the patient waiting in the adorable sacrament of the altar.

My Jesus, I thank You for having lived, suffered and died for me. I thank You for Your love. I thank You, Lord, for preparing a place for me in heaven where I hope to be happy with You, and to thank You for all eternity. Amen.†

Please join me at a special 10 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day as we give thanks to almighty God for his abundant blessings to us. On behalf of the Dominican friars of Holy Rosary Priory and the Holy Rosary Parish Staff, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Ian

† *Daughters of St. Paul, comp., Queen of Apostles Prayerbook (Boston: St. Paul Editions, 1972), 85.*

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION, November 22: *Catholic 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, Fr. Bruce Noble, Fr. David Noble, and Bob Reeder.*

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for Thanksgiving. It will reopen on Monday, November 30.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES November 26: - 10 a.m. No other Mass for will be celebrated on Thanksgiving. No confessions will be heard.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Olga Soliz and Betty Navarro by their daughter and granddaughter, Itze Soliz-Matthews. Flowers are also given by Kathleen Robards and Sean Smith in celebration of their wedding here last night. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, November 22, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED in observance of Thanksgiving. Wednesday lunches will resume on December 2, 2009.

"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) and at 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). November 29th topic: *First Sunday of Advent* – "*May God strengthen you in holiness, ready for Christ's coming*" (Thes 3:14).

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 CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR will not rehearse next Sunday, November 29. Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, December 6, from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. in the large conference room of the Religious Education Center at 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. It will sing at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

HOLY ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank Mr. Harry Keenan for his thirty-plus years of dedicated service as the head usher at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. We pray that God may continue to hold him in the palm of his hand.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be no religious education classes on Sunday, November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on St. Nicholas' feast day, Sunday, December 6.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION for students of high school age will take place from Sunday, December 6, through Sunday, December 13. Students must be in the 8th grade or higher to attend, and their families must be registered members of Holy Rosary Parish. If the child did not attend Holy Rosary for First Communion preparation, a copy of the Baptismal certificate and First Communion certificate is required. The preparation will last for 18 months, and the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Fall of 2011. Please contact the Religious Education Office Sunday through Thursday at 713-526-4389, or via email at Jmjarisa@sbcglobal.net

FATHER IAN will be in New Orleans from Friday, November 27, to Monday, November 30, to concelebrate at the wedding of a couple whom he prepared for marriage.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 23 – Reading I (Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20), Psalm – Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Gospel (Luke 21:1-4)

Tuesday, November 24 – Reading I (Daniel 2:31-45), Psalm – Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61, Gospel (Luke 21:5-11)

Wednesday, November 25 – Reading I (Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28), Psalm – Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, Gospel (Luke 21:12-19)

Thursday, November 26 – Reading I (Sirach 50:22-24), Psalm – 138:1-2a, 2bc-3, 4-5, Gospel (Luke 17:11-19)

Friday, November 27 – Reading I (Daniel 7:2-14), Psalm – Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, Gospel (Luke 21:29-33)

Saturday, November 28 – Reading I (Daniel 7:15-27), Psalm – Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, Gospel (Luke 21:34-36)

SPECIAL EVENTS: St. Nicholas Day, Sunday, December 6, is two weeks away. Christmas ornaments and St. Nicholas Day raffle tickets will be on sale after each Sunday Mass during November. The ornaments are especially admired by Holy Rosary parishioners, because they are reproductions of the Mysteries of the rosary as depicted in the stained glass windows of the church. Children are invited to take a chance on prizes at the Children’s Corner, while their parents shop and enjoy food, music, and friends.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ST. NICHOLAS DAY will be on sale after each Sunday 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 Sunday Masses, November 28 and 29. Please contact Sharyn Sporar at 713-869-5957 or at 713-254-5266 if you can help.

LOST AND FOUND: A diamond ring was found in the church on the morning of Saturday, October 3, 2009. **A crucifix medal** was found in the church last Sunday, November 15. Anyone who believes either of these items may be his or hers should contact the parish office.

Collections for November 15, 2009

First Collection	\$16,522.19
191 Envelopes Submitted Out of 914 Households; Percentage 21%	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$329,211.50
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$327,000.00
Difference	\$2,211.50
All Souls Day Offering	\$90.00
More Dominicans Collection	\$10,748.59
Candle Offerings	\$299.91

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Dr. James Considine †
 9:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. Catherine Shearer †
 12:30 p.m. Carolyn Fuhrman †
 5:00 p.m. William Edmundson †

Monday

12:05 p.m. Virginia Celaya
 5:15 p.m. John Pereira †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Connie McEvoy †
 5:15 p.m. Richard Gordon, Jr.

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Jimmie St. Julian †
 5:15 p.m. Christiane Bell †

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Father Austin Green, O.P.

Friday

12:05 p.m. Dolores Ann Lamb †
 5:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Estella Acosta Silvas †
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Joseph and Josephine and Steve Poncio †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

CELEBRATION OF FIRST VESPERS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

St Peter's Basilica, Saturday, 29 November 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With this evening liturgy, we begin the itinerary of a new liturgical year, entering into the first of its seasons: Advent. In the biblical reading that we have just heard, taken from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul uses precisely this word: "coming", which in Greek is *parusia* and *adventus* in Latin (1 Thes 5: 23). According to the common tradition of this text, Paul urges the Christians of Thessalonica to keep themselves blameless "for the coming" of the Lord. However, in the original text one reads "in the coming" (*εν τη παρουσια*), almost as if the advent of the Lord were more so than a future point in time a spiritual place in which to walk already in the present, while waiting, and in which one is indeed perfectly preserved in every personal dimension. In fact, it is exactly this that we live out in the liturgy. By celebrating the liturgical seasons we actualize the mystery in this case the Lord's coming as it were "walking in it" towards its full realization at the end of time, but already drawing sanctifying virtue from it, since the last times have already begun with Christ's death and Resurrection.

The word that sums up this particular state, in which one awaits something that is to be manifested but of which one also already has a glimpse and a foretaste, is "hope". Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in it the whole Church is called to become hope, for herself and for the world. The whole organism of the Mystical Body acquires, so to speak, the "colour" of hope. The whole People of God continue on their journey, attracted by this mystery: that our God is "the God who comes" and calls us to go to meet him. How? In the first place in that universal form of hope and expectation which is prayer, which is eminently expressed in the Psalms, human words in which God himself has placed and continually places the invocation of his coming on the lips and in the hearts of believers. Let us therefore reflect for a few moments on two of his Psalms which we have just prayed and which are consecutive in the biblical Book: Psalms 141 and 142, according to the Jewish numbering.

"I have called to you, Lord; make hasten to help me! / Hear my voice, when I cry to you. / Let my prayer arise before you like incense, / the raising of my hands like an evening oblation" (Ps 141[140]: 1-2). Thus begins the first Psalm of the First Vespers for the first week of the Psalter: words which, at the beginning of Advent, acquire a new "colour", because the Holy Spirit makes them resound ever anew within us in the Church on her way between the time of God and human times. "Lord, hasten to help me!". It is the cry of someone who feels he is in grave danger but it is also the cry of the Church amid the many threats that surround her, that threaten her holiness, the irreproachable integrity of which the Apostle Paul speaks which instead must be preserved for the Lord's coming. And in this invocation the cry of all the just also resounds, of all those who want to resist evil, the seduction of an iniquitous well-being, of pleasures offensive to human dignity and to the condition of the poor. At the beginning of Advent the Church's liturgy once again makes this cry her own, and raises it to God "like incense" (v. 2). The evening offering of incense is in fact a symbol of prayer, of the outpouring of hearts turned to God, to the Most High, as well as "the raising of... hands like an evening oblation" (v. 2). Material sacrifices, as it also took place in the Jewish temple, are no longer offered in the Church, but the spiritual offering of prayer is raised, joined to that of Jesus Christ who is at the same time Sacrifice and Priest of the new and eternal covenant. In the cry of the Mystical Body we recognize the very voice of the Head: the Son of God who has taken upon himself our trials and our temptations, to give us the grace of his victory.

This identification of Christ with the Psalmist is particularly evident in the second Psalm (142). Here, every word, every invocation, makes one think of Jesus in his passion, and in particular of his prayer to the Father in Gethsemane. In his first coming, with the Incarnation, the Son of God wanted to share fully in our human condition. Of course, he did not share in sin, but for our salvation suffered all its consequences. In praying Psalm 142 the Church relives every time the grace of this compassion, of this "coming" of the Son of God in human anguish so deeply as to plumb its depths. The Advent cry of hope then expresses from the outset and very powerfully, the full gravity of our state, of our extreme need of salvation. It is as if to say: we await the Lord not in the same way as a beautiful decoration upon a world already saved, but as the only way of liberation from a mortal danger and we know that he himself, the Liberator, had to suffer and die to bring us out of this prison (cf. v. 8).

In short, these two Psalms shelter us from any temptation to escape or flee from reality; they preserve us from a false hope that might desire to enter Advent and move towards Christmas forgetting the tragedy of our personal and collective existence. In fact, a trustworthy hope that is not deceptive, can only be a "Paschal" hope, as the canticle of the Letter to the Philippians reminds us every Saturday evening, with which we praise the Incarnate Christ, crucified, Risen and our universal Lord. Let us turn our gaze and our heart to him, in spiritual union with the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Advent. Let us place our hand in hers and enter joyfully into this new time of grace that God gives as a gift to his Church for the good of all humanity. Like Mary and with her maternal help, let us make ourselves docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, so that the God of peace may sanctify us totally, and the Church become a sign and instrument of hope for all men. Amen.