



# 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. 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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Even though the calendar New Year is about five weeks away, the Church begins a new liturgical year today with its celebration of the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent, of course, should prepare our hearts and minds for the great feast of Christmas. It should also remind us to “wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ” as the priest prays in the embolism that follows the Lord’s Prayer at Mass. Christians should always look for Christ’s return in glory, but the busyness of our lives and the millennia that have elapsed since Christ’s ascension into heaven and our present day can lead us to forget to expect Christ’s return. We must never forget. We should long for the Lord more than anyone else or anything else. Of all the seasons of the liturgical year, Advent more than any other reminds us that we need to keep the joyful expectation of Christ’s coming alive.

On the opposite end of the spectrum of people forgetting about Christ’s return in glory are people who seem to know for sure when the end of the world will occur. Do you remember Y2K? Do you remember how some people feared it would be the end of the world as computers that control critical functions would run afoul as the year turned ‘00, thus setting off a cataclysm that would spell the end of the world? Well, nothing happened. Now, a new box-office thriller is out, *2012*, which is a movie about the end of the world on December 21, 2012, according to an ancient Mayan calendar. Undoubtedly, the movie will cause some to wonder whether December 21, 2012, is indeed the date.

We need to hold fast to Jesus’ words: “Heaven and earth will pass away. . . . But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mk 13:31a, 32). Still, we can prepare for Christ’s coming in glory by doing the Father’s will in our lives and by joyfully expecting Christ’s return.

*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., Brian Benson, Fr. Bruce Noble, Fr. David Noble, and Bob Reeder.*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are lovingly given by Joey and Betty Ann Martin Kowis on their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary and in remembrance of Frank and Maggie Martin in celebration of their birthdays and wedding anniversary (they were married at Holy Rosary in 1919). Please remember all in your prayers.

**WHAT’S COOKING, December 2:** Hot dogs with all the trimmings, 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY, December 4,** 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.

**FIRST SATURDAY, December 5,** Fatima devotions will be prayed at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:05 p.m. Mass. All are invited.

**2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** will be available next weekend, December 5-6. Please pick up your 2010 envelopes. The envelopes will be available in the Parish Library, first floor, Room 106. The envelopes are for **registered** parishioners, who have indicated that they wish to use contribution envelopes in 2010.

**THE CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR will not rehearse today.** The next rehearsal will be next 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. The choir will sing at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

**SPECIAL EVENTS: St. Nicholas Day** is next Sunday, December 6. 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 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. Raffle items will be on display after morning Mass in Parish Hall.

**FR. AUSTIN GREEN** has moved to Our Lady of Wisdom Health Care Center in New Orleans for ongoing rehabilitation following his fall in Holy Rosary Priory chapel on November 1. His mind and his spirits are good. Still, his weekly bulletin article and radio message are suspended until further notice. Please remember Fr. Green in your prayers. Thank you!

**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.

**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 30**– Reading I (Romans 10:9-18), Psalm – 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Gospel (Matthew 4:18-22)

**Tuesday, December 1**– Reading I (Isaiah 11:1-10), Psalm - 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Gospel (Luke 10:21-24)

**Wednesday, December 2**– Reading I (Isaiah 25:6-10a), Psalm – 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Gospel (Matthew 15:29-37)

**Thursday, December 3**– Reading I (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23), Psalm – 117 Gospel (Mark 16:15-20)

**Friday, December 4**– Reading I (Isaiah 29:17-24), Psalm – 27:1, 4, 13-14, Gospel (Matthew 9:27-31)

**Saturday, December 5**– Reading I (Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26), Psalm – 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Gospel (Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be no religious education classes today, 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 the 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 eighteen 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 Jmjmarisa@sbcglobal.net.

**THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP** meets the **first** and **third** Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education Center, 3535 Louisiana, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All mothers with young children are welcome. Please bring a light snack for your family. **December 3 – St. Nicholas Celebration.** Everyone brings Christmas cookies to share (homemade or store-bought), and one person brings juice to share. Activity: St. Nicholas fun day and a discussion to obtain ideas from one another on how to celebrate different holidays with our families.

**Collections for November 22, 2009**

First Collection	\$13,268.14
<b>180</b> Envelopes Submitted Out of <b>914</b> Households; Percentage <b>20%</b>	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$342,479.64
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$343,350.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$870.36
All Souls Day Offering	\$106.00
Campaign for Human Development Offering	\$3,077.48
More Dominican Collection	\$1,215.00
Candle Offerings	\$485.16

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of November 29, 2009

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Dr. Malcolm Granberry

11:00 a.m. John Pereira †

12:30 p.m. Dr. William W. Sullivan †

5:00 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

**Monday**

12:05 p.m. James St. Julian †

5:15 p.m. Marie Teresa Ehrenstein

**Tuesday**

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

5:15 p.m. James and Marise Eaton †

**Wednesday**

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Archangels

5:15 p.m. President of the United States

**Thursday**

12:05 p.m. Stanley Jozwiak

5:15 p.m. Maria Luz Ortiz

**Friday**

12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

5:15 p.m. Maria and David Groff

**Saturday**

12:05 p.m. Gloria Cash †

5:00 p.m. Frank Alexander

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

**CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE**

713-529-4449

# BENEDICT XVI

## ANGELUS

*St Peter's Square - First Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2008*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, with the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. This season invites us to reflect on the dimension of time, which always exerts great fascination over us. However, after the example of what Jesus loved to do, I wish to start with a very concrete observation: we all say that we do not have enough time, because the pace of daily life has become frenetic for everyone. In this regard too, the Church has "good news" to bring: God gives us *his* time. We always have little time; especially for the Lord, we do not know how or, sometimes, we do not want to find it. Well, *God has time for us!* This is the first thing that the beginning of a liturgical year makes us rediscover with ever new amazement. Yes, God gives us his time, because he entered history with his Word and his works of salvation to open it to eternity, to make it become a covenantal history. In this perspective, already in itself time is a fundamental sign of God's love: a gift that man, as with everything else, is able to make the most of or, on the contrary, to waste; to take in its significance or to neglect with obtuse superficiality.

Then there are the three great "points" in time, which delineate the history of salvation: at the beginning, Creation; the Incarnation-Redemption at the centre and at the end the "parousia", the final coming that also includes the Last Judgment. However, these three moments should not be viewed merely in chronological succession. In fact, Creation is at the origin of all things but it also continues and is actuated through the whole span of cosmic becoming, until the end of time. So too, although the Incarnation-Redemption occurred at a specific moment in history the period of Jesus' journey on earth it nevertheless extends its radius of action to all the preceding time and all that is to come. And in their turn, the final coming and the Last Judgment, which were decisively anticipated precisely in the Cross of Christ, exercise their influence on the conduct of the people of every age.

The liturgical season of Advent celebrates the coming of God in its two moments: it first invites us to reawaken our expectation of Christ's glorious return, then, as Christmas approaches, it calls us to welcome the Word made man for our salvation. Yet the Lord comes into our lives continually. How timely then, is Jesus' call, which on this First Sunday is powerfully proposed to us: "Watch!" (Mk 13: 33, 35, 37). It is addressed to the disciples but also to everyone, because each one, at a time known to God alone, will be called to account for his life. This involves a proper detachment from earthly goods, sincere repentance for one's errors, active charity to one's neighbour and above all a humble and confident entrustment to the hands of God, our tender and merciful Father. The icon of Advent is the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. Let us invoke her so that she may help us also to become an extension of humanity for the Lord who comes.

### **After the Angelus:**

Dear friends, 30 November, that is, today, is the Feast of the Apostle St Andrew, brother of Simon Peter. At first, they were both among the followers of John the Baptist, and after Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan became his disciples, recognizing in him the Messiah. St Andrew is the Patron of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, thus the Church of Rome feels linked to that of Constantinople by a special bond of brotherhood. Therefore, in accordance with tradition, on this happy occasion a delegation of the Holy See led by Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, went to visit the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. I wholeheartedly address my greeting and my good wishes to him and to the faithful of the Patriarchate, invoking upon all an abundance of heavenly Blessings.

I would like to ask you to join in prayer for the numerous victims, both of the brutal terrorist attacks of Mumbai, India, and of the fighting that has broken out in Jos, Nigeria, as well as for the injured and all those who have been hurt in any way. The causes and circumstances of these tragic events are various but each share in the horror and deplore the outbreak of so much cruel and senseless violence. Let us ask the Lord to move the hearts of those who delude themselves that this is the way to resolve local or international problems, and let us all feel spurred to set an example of moderation and love, to build a society worthy of God and of man.

I am happy to greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present for this *Angelus* prayer. I offer a special welcome to the participants in the Youth Meeting at the European University of Rome. Today, the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year. The Gospel invites us to be prepared as faithful servants for the coming of Christ. May Advent be a time of preparation that leads us to a life centered on our Christian hope. May God bless you all!