



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

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,

I would like to encourage all who have not contributed or who have not fulfilled their pledges to the 2009 Diocesan Service Fund (DSF) to do so before December 31, 2009, when this year's drive will end. Of Holy Rosary Parish's assigned goal of \$112,000 for 2009, \$57,480.50 has been raised so far, leaving \$54,519.50 left to be raised. Whatever amount of the \$112,000 goal that will have not been raised by the end of the year will have to be paid by Holy Rosary Parish to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This would mean that the parish has less money to serve you, the parishioners. Even so, it seems more proper when parishioners are personally supporting the DSF rather than when a parish appears to be paying off one bill among others. The DSF is near and dear to the heart of Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, and we need to show him that Holy Rosary parishioners are there to support it. The parish not only contributes to the works of the archdiocese, but the archdiocese also supports the ministries of the parish. We should help one another, because this belongs to the life of the communion of saints, in which all of us participate.

If your DSF appeal letters are lying somewhere around the house, I encourage you to find one and to use it to mail in a generous contribution the DSF before the year's end. If you have lost your letters or if you are a new parishioner, the parish has placed some DSF mail-in envelopes on the counter in front of the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church. Please obtain one there. Alternatively, anyone can contribute to the DSF online by going to the archdiocesan web page at www.diogh.org. Click on the "To Make A Donation" web link and then click on the "Make a donation" web link next to "DSF." Follow the instructions from there.

Thank you for heeding my request and for doing what you can to support the DSF.

Fr. Ian

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION, December 13: *Retirement Fund for Religious*

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 given in memory of the deceased family members and friends of the Sporar family. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, December 6, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on Tuesday, December 8, is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 7, at 5:15 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. and in Vietnamese at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Today is the day! Enjoy St. Nicholas Day from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. for early Christmas shopping, food, music, raffle, and the Children's Corner. In addition, there will be a preview of the Nativity Scene, which will receive the statue of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. The parish invites children to use small amounts of hay to prepare the manger.

WHAT'S COOKING, December 9: Spaghetti with meatballs, green salad, garlic bread, 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.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse today, 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 students. The choir will sing at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS: Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P., will present the next Baptism preparation session for registered parents of Holy Rosary Parish on **Saturday, December 12,** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish office building. Please call the parish office at 713-529-4854, ext. 101, to register for the session with the secretary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING: The Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, December 12, at 9 a.m. in the Religious Education Center at 3535 Louisiana. All knights are encouraged to attend to discuss 2010 events.

2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS will be available this weekend, December 5-6. Please pick up your 2010 envelopes and calendars. The envelopes and calendars will be available in the Parish Library on the first floor of the parish office building in Room 106. The envelopes are for **registered** parishioners who have indicated that they wish to use contribution envelopes in 2010.

GENTLE REMINDERS: Please dress appropriately for the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Please turn off cell phones or pagers before entering the church. Please do not bring food or drink into the church. Thank you for contributing to the reverence due to the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7 – Reading I (Ephesians 3:8-12), Psalm – 89, Gospel (Luke 5:17-26)

Tuesday, December 8 – Reading I (Genesis 3:9-15, 20), Psalm 98, Gospel (Luke 1:26-38)

Wednesday, December 9 – Reading I (Isaiah 40:25-31), Psalm – 103:1,-2, 3-4, 8 & 10, Gospel (Matthew 11:28-30)

Thursday, December 10 – Reading I (Isaiah 41:13-20), Psalm – 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab, Gospel (Matthew 11:28-30)

Friday, December 11 – Reading I (Isaiah 48:17-19), Psalm – 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6, Gospel (Matthew 11:16-19)

Saturday, December 12 – Reading I (Zechariah 2:14-17), Psalm – Judith 13:18bcde, 19, Gospel (Luke 1:39-47)

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

STAND AND PRAY: This coming Thursday, Dec. 10, the second Thursday of the month, will be Holy Rosary’s day to hold a monthly day of prayerful presence, from 7 a.m. to 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 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@at.net.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION for high school age students will take place from today, December 6, through next 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 will be 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 Jmymarisa@sbcglobal.net.

Collections for November 29, 2009

First Collection	\$11,526.10
213 Envelopes Submitted Out of 932 Households; Percentage 25%	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$354,005.74
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$359,700.00
Difference	-\$5,694.26
Christmas Flower Offering	\$1,544.00
Campaign for Human Development Offering	\$109.00
Candle Offerings	\$258.73

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 6, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Jimmie St. Julian †

9:30 a.m. Peter Cortes †

11:00 a.m. Anthony Joseph Poncio †

12:30 p.m. Evelyn M. Zengel †

5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday

12:05 p.m. Georgia Woodson †

5:15 p.m. Ricky Davis †

Tuesday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Quyen Family

12:05 p.m. Fr. Austin Green, O.P.

5:15 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. John Pereira †

5:15 p.m. Special Intention

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Francis Weiland†

5:15 p.m. Amy S.

Friday

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

5:15 p.m. Laurestine Bell †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Emma and Zulma Prudhomme †

5:00 p.m. Tony Palermo †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

BENEDICT XVI

ANGELUS

St Peter's Square

Second Sunday of Advent, 7 December 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For a week we have been experiencing the liturgical Season of Advent: a season of openness to the future of God, a time of preparation for holy Christmas when he, the Lord, who is the absolute innovation, came to dwell among this fallen humanity to renew it from within. A message full of hope resounds in the liturgy of Advent, inviting us to raise our gaze to the ultimate horizon but at the same time to recognize the signs of the God-with-us in the present. On this Second Sunday of Advent the Word of God acquires the moving tones of the so-called "Second Isaiah", who announced to the Israelites, tried by decades of bitter exile in Babylon, liberation at last: "Comfort, comfort my people", the Prophet says in God's name. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended" (Is 40: 1-2). This is what the Lord wishes to do in Advent: to speak to the heart of his people and through it to the whole of humanity, to proclaim salvation. Today too the Church raises her voice: "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Is 40: 3). For the peoples worn out by poverty and hunger, for the hosts of refugees and for all who are suffering grave and systematic violations of their rights, the Church stations herself as a sentinel on the lofty mountain of faith and proclaims: "Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God comes with might" (Is 40: 10).

This prophetic announcement is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who with his preaching and, later, with his death and Resurrection, brought the ancient promises to fulfilment, revealing an even deeper and more universal perspective. He inaugurated an exodus that was no longer solely earthly, in history, hence temporary, but rather radical and definitive: the transition from the kingdom of evil to the Kingdom of God, from the dominion of sin and death to that of love and life. Therefore, human hope goes beyond the legitimate expectations of social and political liberation because what Jesus began is a new humanity that comes "from God" but, at the same, time germinates on our earth, to the extent that it lets itself be fertilized by the Lord's Spirit. Thus it is a question of fully entering the logic of faith: believing in God, in his plan of salvation, and at the same time, striving to build his Kingdom. Justice and peace are in fact gifts of God, but require men and women to be the "good ground" ready to receive the good seed of his Word.

The first fruits of this new humanity is Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. She, the Virgin Mother, is the "way" that God prepared for himself in order to come into the world. With all her humility, Mary walks at the head of the new Israel in its exodus from all exile, from all oppression, from all moral and material slavery, toward the "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pt 3: 13). Let us entrust to her maternal intercession the expectation of peace and salvation of the people of our time.

After the Angelus:

H.H. Alexei II, Patriarch of Moscow and All the Russia's, died a few days ago. Let us join our Orthodox brethren in prayer to commend his soul to the goodness of the Lord so that he may welcome him into his Kingdom of light and peace.

Next Thursday afternoon, 11 December, I shall meet the university students of the Roman Athenaeums, at the end of the Holy Mass at which Cardinal Agostino Vallini will preside. On the occasion of the Pauline Year, I shall be offering the young students the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans and I will be glad to greet them together with the Rectors, lecturers and technical and administrative staff at this traditional meeting in preparation for Holy Christmas.

I am pleased to address a special greeting to the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, who will be beginning the celebrations of the Centenary Jubilee of the rebirth and reform of their Congregation tomorrow. Dear Brothers, may the Virgin Mary obtain abundant graces for you and help you to be ever faithful to your charism.

I greet the English-speaking visitors and pilgrims who are gathered here today. The Church puts before us, on this Second Sunday of Advent, the figure of John the Baptist, the voice crying in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord". During this Advent Season, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ, let us prepare a place for him in our hearts. I invoke God's abundant blessings upon all of you, and upon your families and loved ones at home.