



# 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 Office Building during the 9:30 and 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 at ext. 101 for arrangements.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Weekdays twenty minutes before Mass

#### MARRIAGES

Please call Wedding Coordinator at ext. 110 at least eight 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. 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

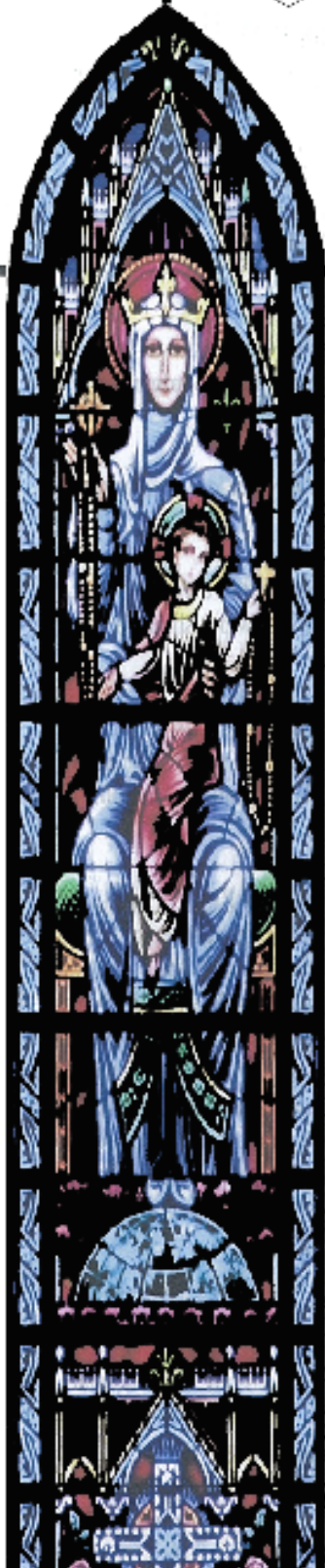
E-mail:  
[office@holyrosaryparish.org](mailto:office@holyrosaryparish.org)

#### 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,

The celebration of Christmas fills us with wonder and awe as we contemplate the Almighty God taking on frail human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary in order to save the world from sin. The visit of Mary to Elizabeth, about which we heard in last Sunday's Gospel reading, caused John the Baptist to leap for joy in his mother's womb, because he perceived the closeness of Christ, who was in the early stages of his development in the womb of his mother, Mary. And even though Jesus would be born as the Savior of the World, he was utterly dependent on his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, for his care during the early years of his life. One of my favorite images while meditating on the Third Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, which is the Birth of Christ, is of St. Joseph tenderly holding the Christ child in his arms while standing beneath the starlit sky of Bethlehem. Again, it's a marvel that the Savior would need the care of one of his creatures, but he does. And yet as St. Luke tells us in his Gospel, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him" (Lk 2:40).

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians that Christ, "though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness" (Phil 2:6-7). If Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity, then we ought to humble ourselves to share in his divinity. Jesus says to his disciples in the Gospel of St. Mark, "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Therefore, humble yourselves that God may exalt you (cf. Jas 4:10).

On behalf of the Dominican friars and the Holy Rosary Parish Staff, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*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.*

**PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK:** Being a prayerful community, we are eager to pray for all who are ill. If you wish to have prayers for yourself or a loved one added to the parish prayer list for the sick in the bulletin, please call the parish office, 713-529-4854, at either ext. 101 or 109. At every Eucharist, the Church prays for all who are in need, whether mentioned by name or not.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Parishioners have the opportunity to donate altar flowers on most Sundays of the year, except for Lent when flowers are not placed on the altar. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Nelly Abdo at 281-242-7401 or at nelly\_abdo@yahoo.com. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$130. You can place flowers on the altar on the occasions of anniversaries, birthdays, in memoriam, or the like.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, December 27, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** At noon on Wednesday, December 30, and on Thursday, December 31. The office will also be closed from Friday, January 1, through Monday, January 4, 2010.

**WHAT'S COOKING:** No lunches will be served this Wednesday, December 30. The lunch schedule will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Have a Blessed and Happy Christmas! *The Wednesday Cooks*

**FIRST FRIDAY, January 1:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 12:05 p.m. weekday Mass and will conclude with Benediction before the 5:15 p.m. weekday Mass.

**FIRST SATURDAY, January 2:** The parish will pray the Fatima devotion at 11:30 a.m. in the church, preceding the 12:05 p.m. weekday Mass.

**2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:** If you have not pick up your contribution envelopes, please pick them up in the parish office, suite 100, on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in the Parish Hall, Room 200, on Sundays. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. If you are unable to find your box of envelopes, please add your name, address, and phone number to the sheet on the envelope table, and the office will contact you. Thank you.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be no classes today, December 27. Classes will resume on the first Sunday of the new year, January 3, 2010. The King of the Universe is wrapped in swaddling clothes. Come let us adore Him! The students and catechists of Holy Rosary Religious Education wish all a very Mary ChristMass and a Blessed and Peaceful New Year!

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND PROCESSION:** The Helpers of God's Precious Infants and the Knights of Columbus invite all to participate in a Pro-Life Mass at 5 p.m. today, December 27, at Holy Rosary Church. After Mass, the Knights will lead all who wish to participate in a peaceful, candlelight procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 3601 Fannin Street.

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** Make it your New Year's resolution to pray the Rosary with your family and friends! Join the Beltons and Fr. Juan Torres on Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at Tim and Elisabeth Belton's home, 5418 Braeburn Drive, Bellaire, TX 77401. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share. Please let Elisabeth Belton know if you will be coming to the Rosary and/or your special intentions. Email: elisbelton@att.net. Ph. 713-665-1563. The Beltons plan to host a family Rosary Night monthly.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 28** – Reading I (1 John 1:5-2:2), Psalm – 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd -8, Gospel (Matthew 2:13-18)

**Tuesday, December 29** – Reading I (1 John 2:3-11), Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, Gospel (Luke 2:22-35)

**Wednesday, December 30** – Reading I (1 John 2:12-17), Psalm – 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Gospel (Luke 2:36-40)

**Thursday, December 31** – Reading I (1 John 2:18-21), Psalm – 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, Gospel (John 1:1-18)

**Friday, January 1** – Reading I (Numbers 6:22-27), Psalm – 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gospel (Luke 2:16-21)

**Saturday, January 2** – Reading I (1 John 2:22-28), Psalm – 98:1, 2-3ab,3cd-4, Gospel (John 1:19-28)

**LOST AND FOUND:** Missing a prayer book, a rosary, an umbrella, or something else which you believe you may have left in the church or elsewhere at the parish? Please contact the parish office to see if we may have your item.

**PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Holy Rosary Parish will mail 2009 parishioner contribution statements to registered parishioners' homes by the end of January 2010.

**THE 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA** will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The gala committee invites everyone to participate in the gala by becoming an underwriter, a table sponsor, or an auction donor and/or by purchasing gala tickets. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a silent auction (including a wine auction). This year the gala will present the St. Martin de Porres Award to the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) or the Port Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. For more information about the gala, please contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854, ext. 109, or at ckelley@holyroscopyparish.org. The gala proceeds will go to support the Southern Dominican Province, including the friars of Holy Rosary Priory. Gifts to the gala are tax deductible.

**THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** wishes everyone a very blessed Christmas! Its December meeting was a social gathering honoring St. Francis' commencement of the Nativity scene tradition. The order will hold its next monthly meeting at Holy Rosary Parish on Sunday, January 24, after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Religious Education Center, which is located at 3535 Louisiana Street, which is across the street from the church. Please call Lore Payne at 713-254-4405 for more information. Peace and all good.

*Christus natus est nobis: venite, adoremus.*

Collections for December 20, 2009

First Collection	\$20,887.29
<b>228</b> Envelopes Submitted Out of <b>936</b> Households; Percentage <b>25%</b>	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$409,441.04
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$408,750.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$691.04</b>
Christmas Flower Offering	\$20.00
Candle Offerings	\$292.24

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 27, 2009

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. James St. Julian †

9:30 a.m. John Pereira †

11:00 a.m. Anthony Joseph, Josephine, and Steve Poncio †

12:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. Laurestine Bell †

**Monday**

12:05 p.m. Teddy Anderson †

5:15 p.m. Maria Teresa Ehrenstein

**Tuesday**

12:05 p.m. Eusebio Escamilla †

5:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

**Wednesday**

12:05 p.m. Rev. Bill Moseley

5:15 p.m. Buddy McCauley

**Thursday**

12:05 p.m. Dr. James Considine †

5:00 p.m. John Hull

**Friday**

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mother

9:30 a.m. Phillip Dyer

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

12:30 p.m. Frank Alexander

**Saturday**

12:05 p.m. Jimmy St. Julian †

5:00 p.m. Connie McEvoy †

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## BENEDICT XVI

### ANGELUS

*St Peter's Square, Sunday, 30 December 2007*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. As we follow the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, let us fix our gaze on Jesus, Mary and Joseph and adore the mystery of a God who chose to be born of a woman, the Blessed Virgin, and to enter this world in the way common to all humankind. By so doing he sanctified the reality of the family, filling it with divine grace and fully revealing its vocation and mission. The Second Vatican Council dedicated much attention to the family. Married partners, it said, must be witnesses of faith to each other and to their children (cf. [Lumen Gentium](#), n. 35). The Christian family thus shares in the Church's prophetic vocation: with its way of living it "proclaims aloud both the present power of the Kingdom of God and the hope of the blessed life" (*ibid.*). Then, as my venerable Predecessor John Paul II tirelessly repeated, the good of the person and of society is closely connected to the "healthy state" of the family (cf. [Gaudium et Spes](#), n. 47). The Church, therefore, is committed to defending and to fostering "the dignity and supremely sacred value of the married state" (*ibid.*). To this end, an important event is being held in Madrid this very day, whose participants I now address in Spanish.

I greet the participants in the Meeting for Families that is taking place in Madrid this Sunday, together with the Cardinals, Bishops and priests who have accompanied them. In contemplating the mystery of the Son of God who came into the world surrounded by the love of Mary and Joseph, I ask Christian families to experience the loving presence of the Lord in their lives. I likewise encourage them, drawing inspiration from Christ's love for humanity, to bear witness to the world of the beauty of human love, marriage and the family. Founded on the indissoluble union between a man and a woman, the family constitutes the privileged context in which human life is welcomed and protected from its beginning to its natural end. Thus, parents have the right and the fundamental obligation to raise their children in the faith and values which give dignity to human life. It is worthwhile working for the family and marriage because it is worthwhile working for the human being, God's most precious creature. I have a special word for children, so that they may love and pray for their fathers and mothers and their siblings; to young people, so that encouraged by their parents' love, they may follow generously their own vocation to marriage, priestly or religious life; to the elderly and the sick, so that they may find needed help and understanding. And you, dear spouses, may you always count on God's grace so that your love may be increasingly fruitful and faithful every day. I entrust the outcome of this celebration to the hands of Mary, who "*with her 'yes' she opened the door of our world to God*" ([Spe Salvi](#), n. 49). Many thanks and happy holidays!

Let us now turn to the Blessed Virgin, praying for the good of the family and for all the families in the world.

#### **After the Angelus:**

I offer a warm welcome to the English-speaking visitors gathered for this *Angelus* prayer. Today, in the heart of the Christmas Season, the Church celebrates the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the mystery of God's love, made incarnate in the Child Jesus and reflected in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, dwell in your hearts and in your families throughout the coming year. Upon all of you I invoke an abundance of Christmas joy and peace!