



Holy Rosary Parish



3600 Travis Street - Houston, Texas 77002

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil - Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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 may be used
Sunday during
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
in the Parish Center

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m.
5:15 p.m.

ROSARY

Recited weekdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. at 4:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays 15 minutes before
all weekday Masses

EVENING PRAYER

Weekdays after
5:15 p.m. Mass in Sacristy

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.
Benediction 5:05 p.m.

PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P. Ext. 107
Pastor
Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104
Parochial Vicar

Adjunct Staff

Fr. William Brenda, O.P. Ext. 102
Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P.
Ext. 102

In Residence:

Fr. James Burke, O.P.
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.
Priory 713-526-6322

PARISH OFFICE

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RELIGIOUS ED. CENTER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 20, 2008

SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY - Bishops' Fund for Latin America amounted to \$5,695.00. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND CAMPAIGN begins next Sunday, January 27, 2008.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & CONVALESCENT - Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P. and the Friars of Holy Rosary. Being a prayerful community we are anxious to pray for all who are ill. Names of parishioners' will remain on the list for three months and may be extended as needed in serious cases. If you wish to have prayers for yourself or a loved one placed on the sick and convalescent announcement in the bulletin, please contact the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 101. If the person you wish to have placed on the prayer list is not a parishioner their name will be placed for one month on the list. Also, at every Eucharist we pray for all who are in need, whether mentioned by name or not.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of *Christian J. S. Brogan*. Please remember him and the donor in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, January 20th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for January 23, Mardi Gras Special - Gumbo, sweet potatoes, salad and King cake, coffee and tea, will be served on Wednesday, after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. Welcome. **Please note that there will be no take-outs available for Wednesday lunches until further notice.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - will be serving hot dogs and refreshments in the courtyard **this Sunday**, January 20th. You are invited to stop by and enjoy a hot dog with your family and friends after the Sunday morning Masses. We will serve until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your past and continued support.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS -- This Sunday, January 20, 2008. Classes will be each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Library, room 106. Please call the office for more information.

PARISH LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have a wonderful parish library but have not been able to have it open on Sundays since our volunteer librarian moved out of state last September. Please consider volunteering time with fellow parishioners to keep this resource available to our parish community. We would like to have a meeting of volunteers as soon as possible. Please call the office 713-529-4854 ext. 101 for more information.

2008 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: If you have not picked up your 2008 envelopes, **they will be in the Parish Hall, room 200, after the Sunday morning Masses.** If you do not find your envelopes, please fill out the information sheet provided and the office will contact you and arrange for you to receive your 2008 envelopes. Any changes that you wish to make in envelope use needs to be arranged with the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. Please note that if you use loose checks please put your envelope number in the memo line of the check to ensure that you are given credit for your contribution.

DO YOU NEED YOUR 2007 ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT? - Please call the parish office, 713-529-4854 ext. 109 or drop by during parish office hours, Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 4:30. We will mail your statement if requested. A contribution statement for NON-PARISHIONERS can not be verified for your contributions for the tax year unless it is a donation of \$250.00 or more.

2008 HOLY ROSARY CALENDARS - Calendars are now available in the office during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 4:30.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION FOR PARENTS: The next session for parents will be **Saturday, February 9th** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the library of the Parish Office Building, Room 106. This Baptism preparation session, given by Father Vicente, is for parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish only. Please call the office to register, 713-529-4854 ext. 101.

"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). January 27th topic, *Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Learn tools to improve and renew your marriage. Three couples and one priest will give very interesting talks. Friday night, January 25 through Sunday, January 27, 2008 in Houston. Donation of \$275 per couple, includes meals and room. Registrations - Karina and Noel Benitez 281-770-8755 or joelbalderas@hotmail.com.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KONKEL: January 22, 2008 marks the 34th anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision in *Roe v Wade*, which with its companion decision *Doe v Bolton* made abortion on demand the law of the land. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, is asking all the parishes to mark that Tuesday (Jan. 22nd) as a **day of penance and prayer**. As indicated in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (confirmed by the Holy See in Feb., 2002) in all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.*

BLESSED HUMBERT OF ROMANS, O.P., Priest and Master General (1194-1277)

“To whom shall I fly, if not to you?”

Although never formally beatified, the title of “Blessed” has from the earliest days of the Order been attributed to Humbert of Romans because of his importance in strengthening the religious life of the Order of Preachers, clarifying its Rule and constitutions by his writing and his legislation, as well as unifying its liturgical observance.

He was born about 1194 in the town of Romans, Southern France, of a large family. One of his brothers became a Carthusian. He was educated at the University of Paris then taught in its arts faculty while studying theology. There he first came in contact with the Dominicans. It is related that one day he was kneeling in Notre Dame Cathedral, assisting at the Office of the Dead chanted by the canons, and his mind began reflecting on his vocation, whether he should follow his brother into the Carthusians. An old priest happened to wander from the choir and began a quiet conversation with him. The priest asked where he was from and Humbert replied he was a parishioner. The priest looked at him shrewdly for a moment, then said, “Remember what you promised at your baptism? You promised to renounce the devil and all his pomps. Why don’t you become a Friar Preacher?” As he reflected on these words he heard the choir sing the response, “Where shall I fly, if not to you?” He decided to try for the Friars and went to consult his theology professor, Hugh of St. Cher, only to find that Hugh himself was planning to become a Friar Preacher. Accordingly, Humbert presented himself to the Friars. He knelt before the Master General, Jordan of Saxony, and received the habit on the feast of St. Andrew, November 30th, 1224. By 1226 he was ordained and appointed to teach theology at Lyons, where in the year 1236 he was elected Prior. As he finished his term at Lyons, the province of Rome elected him as their provincial in 1240, then in 1244 he was elected as provincial of France where he governed for ten years.

In the year 1252, there arose a conflict between the Mendicants (Dominicans and Franciscans) and the University of Paris, the latter refusing to give any chair of theology (i.e., a teaching professorship) to any Mendicant friar. Humbert suggested to the Dominican Master General that he set up the office of Procurator General, a Dominican at the papal court, who would obtain the support of the pope on behalf of the Mendicants. This was arranged and it opened up teaching posts at the University of Paris for teachers such as Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas. Humbert was the ‘arranger’ for this.

Humbert had a gift for administration. Not only was he a good teacher with a deep knowledge of Scripture and theology, but he understood men and their needs. Especially was he able to craft legislation which met their need to express a vowed life lived in common with hearts united in adoration, praise and thanksgiving to God.

It is not surprising, then, that at the Dominican general chapter of Budapest in 1254 Humbert, at the age of 60, was elected fifth Master General of the whole Order. He held this post for nine years until he retired in 1263, and his administration laid down the broad lines of liturgy, studies and government for the Dominican Order which were guiding principle for many of his successors and which are helpful even to this day.

He was particularly concerned about the liturgy because at that time almost every diocese had its particular version of the liturgy. Although the canon of the Mass was similar, the prayers and ceremonies and music accompanying the canon had many diocesan variations. This was a great difficulty for an order of preachers whose members moved from diocese to diocese and who sought a unified liturgical celebration for their convents and churches. In 1244 the Dominicans had set up a liturgical commission to revise its liturgy and Humbert was one of its members. In 1256 as Master General he imposed this liturgical revision on the whole Order, honestly declaring that some would be disappointed because ‘you cannot please every one.’ Yet this was a great unifying force for the Order and facilitated its spread throughout the world.

As he helped resolve the dispute between the Mendicants and the University of Paris, opening the way for Mendicant theologians at the University, so he also stabilized the internal regime of studies in the Order so that there would be a coherence in the preparatory theological studies offered to young preachers despite their different locations, e.g., Italy, France, and England.

He also unified the government of the Order. He was a careful canonist and in his travels as Master he carried a master copy of the Dominican Constitutions so that a true copy could be made in every house that he visited, in this way helping to make one unified way of living the Dominican life throughout the whole Order.

Although he retired as General in 1263, he continued his writing. Some of his writings: “Letter on the three substantial vows of religion”, “Explanation of the Rule of St. Augustine”, “Explanation of the Constitutions”, “On the learning of preachers”, “On the gift of fear”, “On preaching the cross against the Saracens”. While he was Master General he also sent many encyclical letters to the Friars, doing much to solidify and interpret the Dominican spirit.

Humbert was also highly regarded outside the Dominican Order. The pope offered him the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, but he declined it. In the papal election of 1271 in which Gregory X was finally chosen, Humbert was a strong candidate, falling a few votes short of election.

This great-spirited man was God’s gift to the Dominican Order at a critical time of its growth. He took to heart the ideals of St. Dominic and established them as a viable way of living the religious life for his own and future ages. He died in his native city of Romans on July 14, 1277.

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