



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

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PARISH OFFICE

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 10, 2008

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & CONVALESCENT - Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, George Sommers, Robert Webster, Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P. and the Friars of Holy Rosary.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of *Richard Villasana*. Please remember him and the donor in your prayers.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, February 10th, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for February 13, *Shrimp fettuccine, green salad, rolls, dessert, 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.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated **every Wednesday during Lent** at 11:30 a.m. prior to 12:05 Mass. **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

ABSTINENCE binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence, the consumption of meat is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages this observance of Friday abstinence, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.

GREGORIAN CHANT & LATIN: There are two directives of the Second Vatican Council which are not generally known, or in many churches ignored, but which are taken to heart here at Holy Rosary. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* no. 116, states that Gregorian Chant "should be given pride of place in liturgical services, although other kinds of sacred music, especially polyphony, are by no means excluded." Also, in the same document, nos. 36 and 54 decreed that "the use of Latin is to be preserved in the Latin Rite" and that "steps be taken so that the faithful may be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them."

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR TEENS will begin again for Holy Rosary parishioners on **Sunday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Religious Education Building. To be eligible, students must currently be in the 8th grade or higher. Confirmation will be celebrated in October/November of 2009. Please contact Marisa at 713-526-4389 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.** 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.

"CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE": A 15-minute radio program, hosted by Fr. Austin Green, O.P., is aired every Sunday morning at 5:30a.m. (KWWJ-AM, 1360, Baytown) & 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). February 17th topic, *This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Meet with the Dominican Sisters for meditations on the Scripture for the Sundays of Lent. Every Thursday of Lent, February 14, 21, 28 and March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the outdoor prayer garden at 6501 Almeda Rd. Houston.

A PERSONAL LENTEN PROGRAM - We can do more for Lent than just observing the fast and abstinence laws. We can undertake a Lenten program, an inward cleansing and purification, for oneself and the family. Ask the question: What shall I and my family do this year for Lent? Goals and activities should be realistic and reasonable. The program should be planned and organized. Green fliers are available in the vestibule for the 6-part program.

Fasting and Mortification - We must fulfill the minimum requirements of the Church for fasting and abstinence. But there are other forms of abstaining and fasting. We must remember that when we do "give up" something, it should be completely, not saved for later. The money we save from not buying a cup of coffee should be given as a donation to charity. The time we don't watch TV should be spent doing spiritual reading, or family time. Below are some examples of other form of fasting or abstaining:

Refrain from complaining, gossiping, grumbling or losing one's temper.
Abstain from favorite drinks, desserts or foods.
Eat less at meals, or eat fewer snacks between meals;
Fast extra days in Lent besides Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Eat without complaining.
Make simple meals, that are less appealing to the sense of taste.

BENEDICT XVI

ANGELUS

St Peter's Square

First Sunday of Lent, 25 February 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the [Message for Lent](#) is inspired by a verse of John's Gospel, which in turn refers to a messianic prophecy of Zechariah: "*They shall look on him whom they have pierced*" (Jn 19: 37). The beloved disciple, present at Calvary together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and some other women, was an eyewitness to the thrust of the lance that passed through Christ's side, causing blood and water to flow forth (cf. Jn 19: 31-34). That gesture by an anonymous Roman soldier, destined to be lost in oblivion, remains impressed on the eyes and heart of the Apostle, who takes it up in his Gospel. How many conversions have come about down the centuries thanks to the eloquent message of love that the one who looks upon Jesus crucified receives!

Therefore, we enter into the Lenten Season with our "gaze" fixed on the side of Jesus. In the Encyclical Letter [Deus Caritas Est](#) (cf. n. 12), I wished to emphasize that only by looking at Jesus dead on the Cross for us can this fundamental truth be known and contemplated: "God is love" (I Jn 4: 8, 16). "In this contemplation", I wrote, "the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move" (n. 12).

Contemplating the Crucified One with the eyes of faith we can understand in depth what sin is, how tragic is its gravity, and at the same time, how immense is the Lord's power of forgiveness and mercy.

During these days of [Lent](#), let us not distance our hearts from this mystery of profound humanity and lofty spirituality. Looking at Christ, we feel at the same time looked at by him. He whom we have pierced with our faults never tires of pouring out upon the world an inexhaustible torrent of merciful love.

May humankind understand that only from this font is it possible to draw the indispensable spiritual energy to build that peace and happiness which every human being continually seeks.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, pierced in spirit next to the Cross of her Son, to obtain for us a solid faith. Guiding us along the Lenten journey, may she help us to leave all that distances us from listening to Christ and his saving Word.

To her I entrust in particular the week of Spiritual Exercises that will begin this afternoon here in the Vatican, and in which I will participate along with my collaborators of the Roman Curia.

Dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to accompany us with your prayer, which I willingly reciprocate during the recollection of the retreat, invoking the divine power upon each of you, your families and your communities.

After the Angelus:

I am happy to greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present for this *Angelus*, particularly the group of Missionaries of Faith from Samoa. Today, the First Sunday of Lent, we are invited to contemplate Jesus as an example of how to conduct our daily struggle against temptation. May this time of purification prepare our hearts to celebrate the saving mysteries of the death and Resurrection of Christ.