



# 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

First Floor Parish Center  
(entrance in courtyard) Rm.100  
3617 Milam Street

Office hours:  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

Phone 713-529-4854  
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## Extensions:

101 - Parish Secretary  
105 - Director of Music  
108 - Parish Bookkeeper  
109 - Special Projects Secretary  
110 - Wedding Coordinator

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## MAILING ADDRESS

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## RELIGIOUS ED. CENTER

3535 Louisiana Street  
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 17, 2008

**THANK YOU** for your generous donation to the *Black and Indian Missions* which amounted to **\$5,353.00**.

**THANK YOU** also for your generous donation to the *Ash Wednesday Archdiocesan Social Ministries* which amount to **\$4,002.00**.

**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. 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 place 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** - There are no flowers on the altar during the Lenten season.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, February 17th, 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 20, Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit compote, rolls, 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 on **every Wednesday during Lent** at 11:30 a.m. prior to 12:05 Mass. **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence.

FASTING binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year unless prevented by poor health. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals in not allowed although fluids may be taken.

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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR TEENS** will begin again for Holy Rosary parishioners **this 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - will be serving hot dogs and refreshments in the courtyard **this Sunday, February 17th.** 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.

**MOTHERS PLAYGROUP** - The playgroup will meet the First and Third Thursdays of the month in the Religious Education Building from 10-11:30. **The next dates are Feb. 21, March 6, and March 20th.**

**"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 24th topic, *Lord, give us living water.*

**GOD, FAMILY AND EDUCATION** - The Ava Maria University Founders Club presents Steve Bollman, founder of *Paradisus Dei*, on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Registration is at 6:30 p.m., dinner (\$25 per person) is at 7:15 p.m., guest speaker at 8:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. For more information call 281-488-5591 **no later than February 21.**

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - The Ursuline Sisters invite Catholic, single women, ages 18-40 to attend a discernment retreat, Friday, March 14 - Sunday noon, March 16, 2008. For more information please contact Sr. Susan Kienzler, OSU at srsusan@osucentral.org or Sr. Maria Crabtree, OSU, at 713-666-7229. Registration is required by **March 1, 2008.**

**2008 Diocesan Services Fund** - Thank you for answering the call to *Reach All People* through your commitment to this year's Diocesan Services fund. Remember that no gift is too small. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time. Each gift helps. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of \$111,522.00 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate on line, visit [www.archdiogh.org/dsf](http://www.archdiogh.org/dsf).

## BENEDICT XVI

### ANGELUS

*St Peter's Square  
Second Sunday of Lent, 4 March 2007*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Evangelist Luke emphasizes that Jesus went up on the mountain "to pray" (9: 28), together with the Apostles Peter, James and John, and it was "while he prayed" (9: 29) that the luminous mystery of his Transfiguration occurred.

Thus, for the three Apostles, going up the mountain meant being involved in the prayer of Jesus, who frequently withdrew in prayer especially at dawn and after sunset, and sometimes all night. However, this was the only time, on the mountain, that he chose to reveal to his friends the inner light that filled him when he prayed: his face, we read in the Gospel, shone and his clothes were radiant with the splendor of the divine Person of the Incarnate Word (cf. Lk 9: 29).

There is another detail proper to St Luke's narrative which deserves emphasis: the mention of the topic of Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside him when he was transfigured. As the Evangelist tells us, they "talked with him... and spoke of his departure" (in Greek, *éxodos*), "which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" (9: 31).

Therefore, Jesus listens to the Law and the Prophets who spoke to him about his death and Resurrection. In his intimate dialogue with the Father, he did not depart from history, he did not flee the mission for which he came into the world, although he knew that to attain glory he would have to pass through the Cross.

On the contrary, Christ enters more deeply into this mission, adhering with all his being to the Father's will; he shows us that true prayer consists precisely in uniting our will with that of God. For a Christian, therefore, to pray is not to evade reality and the responsibilities it brings but rather, to fully assume them, trusting in the faithful and inexhaustible love of the Lord.

For this reason, the verification of the Transfiguration is, paradoxically, the Agony in Gethsemane (cf. Lk 22: 39-46). With his impending Passion, Jesus was to feel mortal anguish and entrust himself to the divine will; his prayer at that moment would become a pledge of salvation for us all.

Indeed, Christ was to implore the Heavenly Father "to free him from death" and, as the author of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote: "he was heard for his godly fear" (5: 7). The Resurrection is proof that he was heard.

Dear brothers and sisters, prayer is not an accessory or "optional", but a question of life or death. In fact, only those who pray, in other words, who entrust themselves to God with filial love, can enter eternal life, which is God himself.

During this [Season of Lent](#), let us ask Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word and Teacher of the spiritual life, to teach us to pray as her Son did so that our life may be transformed by the light of his presence.

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

I would like to thank those who in the past few days have accompanied me with prayer during the Spiritual Exercises. I encourage everyone during this Lenten Season to seek silence and recollection, to leave more room for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.

I offer a warm welcome to the English-speaking visitors gathered for this Angelus prayer, including the group from St Brigid's Parish in Killester, Dublin. Today's Gospel invites us to ponder the mystery of Christ's Transfiguration, to acknowledge him as the Incarnate Son of God and to follow him along the way that leads to the saving mystery of his Cross and Resurrection. During this Lenten Season, may you grow closer to the Lord in prayer, and may he shed the light of his face upon you and your families.

I wish you all a good Sunday!