



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 Konkell, 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.
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In Residence:

Fr. James Burke, O.P.
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PARISH OFFICE

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EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 23, 2008

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

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, March 23rd, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING ... for March 26th, Cajun chicken linguini, green salad, rolls, key lime pie, 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.**

APRIL 2, 2008 - The offices will be closed on **Wednesday, April 2nd** to enable the staff to attend the dedication of the new Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. **NO WEDNESDAY LUNCH on April 2nd.** The luncheon will resume next Wednesday, April 9th, after the 12:05 Mass.

"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). March 30th topic, *Mercy: Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.*

THE NEW BELL at the back of the church to signal the beginning of Mass when the celebrant approaches the altar from the rear of the church has been given in thanksgiving for the music ministry of *Carolyn Mattax* and *Arthur Mason*.

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.** Registered parishioners 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.

PARKING ON SIDE STREETS - This week a young woman got a ticket for parking because she was more than **18 inches from the curb**. She was parked on Winbern, between Travis and Milam. Parishioners, be alert and please **observe all parking laws** as some are parking in the **wrong direction and on the wrong side** on Berry Street. Berry Street is a two way street; it also has signs forbidding parking on the North side. Because of the increased parking related to the Obama campaign headquarters and the new printing company on Berry Street, the police are giving more citations.

RAFFLE: Help support our Dominicans! The Gala Committee will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses **beginning, March 30th**, in support of the Dominican priests and brothers. First prize is an Hermès sterling silver necklace and matching bracelet, second prize is a fabulous trip to Costa Rica for one week, Club Del Mar Condo, with air fare, and third prize is a Hammaoam "Botamir" Persian Rug, size 4' x 2" X 2'x2". Tickets cost \$25 a piece, or 5 chances for \$100. Purchase tickets from a committee member and see our raffle display outside in front of church. Thanks for your support!

SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA: The 2008 Southern Dominican Gala, which will honor the *Archdiocesan Catholic Chaplain Corps.*, is fast upon us, and the Gala Committee would like to extend an invitation to all our parishioners here at Holy Rosary. This year's Gala will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8th at the Houstonian**, and will include a silent auction, dinner, live music and dancing. Funds raised by the Gala are used right here for the building projects at Holy Rosary parish; also in support of the education of Dominican Seminarians, as well as for the care of our elderly Dominican priests and brothers. Ticket costs range from \$200 to \$1,000 for individuals, and from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for tables of ten. If you are interested in receiving an invitation, contact Carole in the parish office at 713-529-4854 ext. 109 **before April 29th**. The Gala Committee hopes to see you there in support of our very worthy cause!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KONKEL: Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P. is still in residence at Maloney Hall at St. Dominic's Nursing Center, 2401 Holcombe Blvd. He enjoys short visits from his many friends; his brother Dominicans would like to thank all those friends for their concern and their attention. He may be there for quite some time so don't forget him. We also know that he appreciates your prayers.

**URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE
OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE BENEDICT XVI**

EASTER 2007

*Dear Brothers and Sisters throughout the world,
Men and women of good will!*

Christ is risen! Peace to you! Today we celebrate the great mystery, the foundation of Christian faith and hope: Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified One, has risen from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures. We listen today with renewed emotion to the announcement proclaimed by the angels on the dawn of the first day after the Sabbath, to Mary of Magdala and to the women at the sepulcher: "Why do you search among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here, he is risen!" (*Lk 24:5-6*).

It is not difficult to imagine the feelings of these women at that moment: feelings of sadness and dismay at the death of their Lord, feelings of disbelief and amazement before a fact too astonishing to be true. But the tomb was open and empty: the body was no longer there. Peter and John, having been informed of this by the women, ran to the sepulcher and found that they were right. The faith of the Apostles in Jesus, the expected Messiah, had been submitted to a severe trial by the scandal of the cross. At his arrest, his condemnation and death, they were dispersed. Now they are together again, perplexed and bewildered. But the Risen One himself comes in response to their thirst for greater certainty. This encounter was not a dream or an illusion or a subjective imagination; it was a real experience, even if unexpected, and all the more striking for that reason. "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'peace be with you!'" (*Jn 20:19*).

At these words their faith, which was almost spent within them, was re-kindled. The Apostles told Thomas who had been absent from that first extraordinary encounter: Yes, the Lord has fulfilled all that he foretold; he is truly risen and we have seen and touched him! Thomas however remained doubtful and perplexed. When Jesus came for a second time, eight days later in the Upper Room, he said to him: "put your finger here and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing!" The Apostle's response is a moving profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (*Jn 20:27-28*).

"My Lord and my God!" We too renew that profession of faith of Thomas. I have chosen these words for my Easter greetings this year, because humanity today expects from Christians a renewed witness to the resurrection of Christ; it needs to encounter him and to know him as true God and true man. If we can recognize in this Apostle the doubts and uncertainties of so many Christians today, the fears and disappointments of many of our contemporaries, with him we can also rediscover with renewed conviction, faith in Christ dead and risen for us. This faith, handed down through the centuries by the successors of the Apostles, continues on because the Risen Lord dies no more. He lives in the Church and guides it firmly towards the fulfillment of his eternal design of salvation.

We may all be tempted by the disbelief of Thomas. Suffering, evil, injustice, death, especially when it strikes the innocent such as children who are victims of war and terrorism, of sickness and hunger, does not all of this put our faith to the test? Paradoxically the disbelief of Thomas is most valuable to us in these cases because it helps to purify all false concepts of God and leads us to discover his true face: the face of a God who, in Christ, has taken upon himself the wounds of injured humanity. Thomas has received from the Lord, and has in turn transmitted to the Church, the gift of a faith put to the test by the passion and death of Jesus and confirmed by meeting him risen. His faith was almost dead but was born again thanks to his touching the wounds of Christ, those wounds that the Risen One did not hide but showed, and continues to point out to us in the trials and sufferings of every human being.

"By his wounds you have been healed" (*1 Pt 2:24*). This is the message Peter addressed to the early converts. Those wounds that, in the beginning were an obstacle for Thomas's faith, being a sign of Jesus' apparent failure, those same wounds have become in his encounter with the Risen One, signs of a victorious love. These wounds that Christ has received for love of us help us to understand who God is and to repeat: "My Lord and my God!" Only a God who loves us to the extent of taking upon himself our wounds and our pain, especially innocent suffering, is worthy of faith.

How many wounds, how much suffering there is in the world! Natural calamities and human tragedies that cause innumerable victims and enormous material destruction are not lacking. My thoughts go to recent events in Madagascar, in the Solomon Islands, in Latin America and in other regions of the world. I am thinking of the scourge of hunger, of incurable diseases, of terrorism and kidnapping of people, of the thousand faces of violence which some people attempt to justify in the name of religion, of contempt for life, of the violation of human rights and the exploitation of persons. I look with apprehension at the conditions prevailing in several regions of Africa. In Darfur and in the neighboring countries there is a catastrophic, and sadly to say underestimated, humanitarian situation. In Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the violence and looting of the past weeks raises fears for the future of the Congolese democratic process and the reconstruction of the country. In Somalia the renewed fighting has driven away the prospect of peace and worsened a regional crisis, especially with regard to the displacement of populations and the traffic of arms. Zimbabwe is in the grip of a grievous crisis and for this reason the Bishops of that country in a recent document indicated prayer and a shared commitment for the common good as the only way forward.

Likewise the population of East Timor stands in need of reconciliation and peace as it prepares to hold important elections. Elsewhere too, peace is sorely needed: in Sri Lanka only a negotiated solution can put an end to the conflict that causes so much bloodshed; Afghanistan is marked by growing unrest and instability; In the Middle East, besides some signs of hope in the dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian authority, nothing positive comes from Iraq, torn apart by continual slaughter as the civil population flees. In Lebanon the paralysis of the country's political institutions threatens the role that the country is called to play in the Middle East and puts its future seriously in jeopardy. Finally, I cannot forget the difficulties faced daily by the Christian communities and the exodus of Christians from that blessed Land which is the cradle of our faith. I affectionately renew to these populations the expression of my spiritual closeness.

Dear Brothers and sisters, through the wounds of the Risen Christ we can see the evils which afflict humanity with the eyes of hope. In fact, by his rising the Lord has not taken away suffering and evil from the world but has vanquished them at their roots by the superabundance of his grace. He has countered the arrogance of evil with the supremacy of his love. He has left us the love that does not fear death, as the way to peace and joy. "Even as I have loved you – he said to his disciples before his death – so you must also love one another" (cf. *Jn 13:34*).

Brothers and sisters in faith, who are listening to me from every part of the world! Christ is risen and he is alive among us. It is he who is the hope of a better future. As we say with Thomas: "My Lord and my God!", may we hear again in our hearts the beautiful yet demanding words of the Lord: "If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him" (*Jn 12:26*). United to him and ready to offer our lives for our brothers (cf. *1 Jn 3:16*), let us become apostles of peace, messengers of a joy that does not fear pain – the joy of the Resurrection. May Mary, Mother of the Risen Christ, obtain for us this Easter gift. Happy Easter to you all.