



# 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

## In Residence:

Fr. James Burke, O.P.  
Fr. Austin Green, O.P.  
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## PARISH OFFICE

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## NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 1, 2008

**SECOND COLLECTION last Sunday, St. Mary's Seminary-Corpus Christi Sunday amounted to \$4,705. Thank you for your generosity.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kathleen McEvoy, Louise Bering, Denise Akeroyd Scanlin, Mary Willoughby, Marion Spiers, Earley Magnuson, Brian and Virginia Geaslin, Bonnie and James St. Julian and the Friars of Holy Rosary.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** will be served today, June 1st, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome. Please join your fellow parishioners for some social moments.

**THE HOLY ROSARY PLAYGROUP** will not meet at Church during the month of June. This summer we will have some "off-campus" play dates at various venues in the Houston area. For more information, please call Mollie Ullrich at 281-693-5892

**WHAT'S COOKING: Wishing our Wednesday lunch bunch cooks a much deserved rest and relaxation. Enjoy your summer! They will return on the first Wednesday in September.**

**THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11023's** monthly meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 7th**, with the social hour beginning at 9 a.m. and the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the Religious Education Center on Louisiana & Berry Street.

**FIRST COMMUNION** Following are the names of children who received their first Communion on Trinity Sunday, May 18, 2008. Rafael Bello, Catherine Cuthrell, Matthew Dulworth, Patrick Lawler, Jacquelyn Martinez, Adriana Oviedo and Kylie Crissman who is receiving her First Communion today, Sunday, June 1, at the 11:00 Mass.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH:

Ms. Lyn May, Mr. and Mrs. David Melville, Ms. Marie Monnig, Mrs. Thu Ha Bui, Mr. Adrian Lopez, Ms. Susan Alvarez, Mr. Michael Broussard, Mr. John Caudillo, Mr. Shane McAfee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawler, Mrs. Marylou Spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Lanis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, Mr. Peter Wanser, Mr. Wayne Andrews, Mr. Fadi Hindi, Ms. Andrea Broussard, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne and Miss Bridie Isensee.

## WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Finley Barrens Wiesedeppe, Berhane Tensaye Linbeck, Agustin Xavier Mario Stephen Arguelles, Sophia Elaine Calzoncin, Marie Therese Olivia Duy-Tien Do, John Baptist Kaden Van Le, Maria - Therese Liana-Lam Nhu Phan, Amelia Moffett Youtt, Aaron Robert Franco Howe, Addison Marie Graves, Mary Chloe Hua Nguyen, Natalie Addison Nguyen, Violet Daylenn Rogers, Sophia Carolina Vidal, Thomas De Samuel Ninh Tran, James Joseph Martel, Alexander Harris Generale, Anna Katherine Lopez, and Peter Maximus Hung-Viet Pham.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION FOR PARENTS:** The next session for parents will be Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the library of the Parish Office Building, Room 106. This Baptism preparation session, given by Father Isidore Vicente, O.P., 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 5:30a.m. (KWWJ-AM, 1360, Baytown) & 6:45 a.m. (KYOK-AM, 1140, Conroe). June 8th, *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS-"There will be blood": Reconciliation in Faith and Culture.** Fifth Annual Spirituality Seminar. Maureen Bacchi, LMSW, Fr. Binh The Quah and Fr. Donald Nesti will facilitate the sessions and reflections. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 10-12 at the Nold Bldg., Rm. 204. Lunch is included in the \$195 registration fee. For more information please contact the Center for Faith and Culture at 713-686-6844 or email cfc@stthom.edu

**MESSAGE FROM FR. KONKEL:** Father Austin E. Green, O.P. who is in residence at Holy Rosary Priory will join the parish staff as a part-time vicar. He has already been helping the parish by hearing confessions on some of the Saturdays of each month and with the occasional celebration of a Mass. Fr. Green has also been a devoted writer of material for the front cover of the parish bulletins. We look forward to many issues of the bulletin which will contain his material. We have also been listening to the radio program that features his message every Sunday on a local radio station. Since Fathers Brenda and Moraczewski have died, Fr. Green will be a welcome regular addition to the priestly staff of Holy Rosary.

**“Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy...”**

At its general chapter of 1221, the Order of Preachers began to send out friars in order to establish provinces, that is, geographical areas where the Order could exercise its apostolate of preaching God’s word. The chapter chose Paul of Hungary to establish a province in Hungary. Paul, a doctor in canon law and already a priest, had received the habit from St. Dominic. With him as companions were Sadoc of Poland, Berenger and two others. They were to evangelize the Cuman Tartars (Tatars) in the area of Hungary as well as to the North.

This expressed a dream of St. Dominic. In 1206 Bishop Diego and Dominic had gone to Rome to ask Pope Innocent III for permission to evangelize the Cuman Tatars in Hungary and parts east and north. The pope told them to evangelize closer to home so they returned to work in southern France and northern Spain. But St. Dominic always kept in mind the needs of Christians in eastern Europe and at the general chapter requested that another friar be appointed master of the Dominican Order so he could go as a missionary to the east and north. The chapter would not accept his resignation but they did appoint Paul and his companions to this mission, considered as one of high priority.

Paul and the others were so eager to go that they did not wait for the end of the general chapter but set off immediately after their appointment was confirmed. The five set off, going through the Austrian Tyrol and picking up three recruits from a Benedictine monastery, and as they continued on their journey more men joined them.

The first night in Hungary, Brother Sadoc was watching over the sleeping brothers he was surrounded by a multitude of evil spirits. They yelled and complained, saying, “You have come to destroy our kingdom and take away our rights! And with such children as these!” The group’s reaction to this outburst was not fear but doubtless a renewed spirit of prayer and confidence in the protection of our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

It seems that after a few weeks when they reached the Danube, the group divided. Sadoc, the Slav from Poland, took half the group and went north and east to Polish territory. Paul and his companions went up the Danube to its confluence with the river Raab where there was a town and a Benedictine monastery. In that area they set up their first priory (house) and from there spread out to establish other evangelical and preaching centers. The first convent for nuns was set up at Vezprim, an island in the Danube not far from Budapest. Later it was to be the home of St. Margaret of Hungary.

The friars worked in Slavonia and Moldavia, at that time peopled by a mixture of races, Magyars, Cumans, and Tatars, and others. The Magyars, the main race in Hungary, had accepted Christianity, but the others still mostly followed a form of shamanism. The friars for six years made little impact on these other races. Finally one minor prince of the Tatars, impressed by the persistence of the friars in the face of persecution, was converted and baptized with his family and household of over a thousand persons. His sponsor was no other than the king of Hungary, Andrew. This gave new heart to the friars preachers. Also, in 1239, 200,000 Cumans agreed to an alliance with King Bela IV of Hungary and he settled them in the eastern part of his realm.

Unfortunately, in 1239 the “Golden Horde” of Mongols, led by the grandson of Ghengis Khan, invaded Hungary, destroying churches and killing Christians. By December, 1241, they had conquered Budapest. But in that same month the Great Khan died in Mongolia and all the Mongol armies returned to their home.

Tradition has it that Paul and ninety companions were martyred in this Mongol invasion of Hungary, but there is no further record of them. Despite this setback, the Dominicans quickly renewed their presence in Hungary.

The half of the group which was led by Sadoc, proceeded north to the territory of Poland. They were able to obtain many recruits and establish many houses so that a Dominican province of Poland was set up within a year or so. The fact that Sadoc himself was able to labor and preach for almost forty years in Poland is a testimony not so much to a settled Christianity as to a tenacity of the friars to live and labor for the gospel even in the midst of difficulties and dangers. Blessed Sadoc is a contemporary of Saint Hyacinth and though they both worked in different parts of Poland they each contributed to building a strong Polish Dominican province.

The city of Sandomir was where Sadoc had established a large Dominican community and it was the center from which the friars evangelized the surrounding regions. In the year 1260 this area of Poland was devastated by a horde of Mongols pouring in from the steppes of Asia. The Dominicans at Sandomir had a divine warning of the Mongol attack. As they chanted midnight office, one of the novices, as was the custom, read the martyr logy (list of martyrs) for the day that was just beginning. To the amazement of the community he read, “At Sandomir, the passion of forty-nine martyrs.” Upon investigation it was found he had not made a mistake, and that the message was written in gold letters for emphasis.

The community, already well aware of the destructive presence of the Mongol warriors, went about their daily duties with a renewed spirit of prayer. They had chanted the last prayer of the day, Compline, and were in the middle of singing the “Hail Holy Queen” (Salve Regina), the salutation to Mary with which Dominicans traditionally close their choral prayers, when the Mongol warriors broke into the chapel and slaughtered the singing friars. It is said that one novice, terrified of death, fled and hid in the choir loft. But when he heard this brothers continue to sing, he plucked up courage and rejoined them so as to be a part of the community in both life and death.

From this incident comes the Dominican custom of singing the “Salve Regina” in honor of Mary at the death bed of each Dominican, brother or sister, a custom still observed today.

It is fitting that a life consecrated to the service of our Lord and his Blessed Mother should end with a hymn in her honor.

Reference:

St. Dominic’s Family, by Sister M. Jean Dorcy, O.P., TAN pub., 1983.

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