

November 11, 2018 - 5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

From the Pastor

The Parable of the Sower

"An enemy hath done this." Matt 13:28

The parable today is of the man who sows good seed in a well-prepared field that ends up with weeds choking out the crop. The master knows that an enemy has done this. When we reflect back on our lives and recall the good resolutions, confessions, Holy Communion, the good works we started and the like, and we see where we are now spiritually, we might be somewhat grieved at what we see. The soil was well prepared, but we may be no farther ahead spiritually. We may even have slid backwards! What has become of all our good endeavors? We say a few short prayers every day with little attention and devotion but plenty of distractions. We think of ourselves, our selfishness, lack of charity and our sins and we begin to get overwhelmed. "An enemy hath done this."

The enemy's work is craftily and cunningly woven into our work, destroying much of the merit. Our fallen nature leaves us prone to such influences, though we are still responsible for our negligence, even if the enemy has been hard at work deceiving us. Through it all, our Lord knows our plight and judges us leniently. His mercy makes that excuse for our sins when time after time we return to confession with the same sins. "Forgive them Lord, for they know not what they do." Our Lord knows we are no match for the wiles of the devil and that the devil never sleeps.

But though it is a plea for pardon that we have such an enemy, it is still no excuse for carelessness and continuing in sin. We know we have enemies for our soul and so we are bound to keep watch to avoid the snares. We also have our Lord Who watches out for us and Who has given us His mother, sent us a guardian angel and established a Church to help guide us. They are all working 24/7 to protect us also. We must be vigilant and make use of the helps that God has given us, so we can persevere in prayer and sacrifice and though an enemy has sown bad thoughts in us, we can count on God's grace to help us survive and grow in holiness through it all.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

Month of November
Dedicated to Poor Souls

*Please pray for the
Poor Souls in Purgatory*



Announcements

Church hours for private prayers. The church is open for private prayer as noted below.

Fridays & Saturdays, 4-7 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays only, 6-8 p.m. Exposition & benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, 6:40 p.m. every Wednesday.

Parish bookstore kiosk is open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below. It is located in the small hallway across from the water fountain.

PLEASE NOTE! Public and private Mass calendars are temporarily closed.

Low Gluten Hosts. If you require low gluten host, please see the instructions on the bulletin board.

Adult Lecture Series, every third Sunday following Vespers. Open to all; no prerequisites.

Altar Server Practice, second Saturday of every month immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.

Altar Guild, second Saturday of the month after the 7:30 a.m. Mass, in the small meeting room.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. every Monday, in the large meeting room.

Little Flowers Girls Club, 2nd Saturday of month, in the large room, 9 –10:30 a.m. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.

Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m., every third Friday of the month. Open to all men.

Tower of David Study Group, every Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Troops of St. George, every other Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. See schedule on bulletin board.

Youth Group, second Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. Mass, in the large meeting room.

Until Gone! 2019 Christmas Card Packets from FSSP available on the hall table. A donation form and envelope are included in each packet for mailing to FSSP Headquarters. Additional Christmas cards can also be ordered using the donation form.

Nov 25-30, Fr. Van Vliet will be on his annual retreat. He will leave Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25, and return late the following Friday. Please pray for him for him to have a safe and holy trip.

2019 FSSP Liturgical Calendars on Sale, \$13 each!

TODAY:

~ Second collection: FSSP Missions.

~ Youth Group in large meeting room following 10 a.m. Mass.

Fri., Nov. 16, Men's Recollection, 7-9 p.m. Open to all men.

Sun., Nov. 18, Adult lecture series follows Vespers.

Thurs., Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Mass Schedule 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 25, CCD cancelled for Thanksgiving weekend. Classes resume Dec. 2.

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

November 11-17, 2018

Sun., 11/11, 5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Paul Tschosik †

Mon., 11/12, St. Martin I

6:30 a.m., Rev. Joshua Houck

* 8:00 a.m., Special intention

Tues., 11/13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

1:00 p.m., Funeral Mass

7:00 p.m., Intentions of Confraternity of St. Peter

Wed., 11/14, St. Josaphat

6:30 a.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet

* 8:00 a.m., Special intention

Thurs., 11/15, St. Albert the Great

* 6:30 a.m., Special intention

7:00 p.m., Rev. Charles Van Vliet

Fri., 11/16, St. Gertrude the Great

6:30 a.m., Florence Martone

Sat., 11/17, St. Gregory the Wonderworker

* 6:30 a.m., Special intention

7:30 a.m., Florence Martone

* *Mass is subject to cancellation if a second priest is not available. Advance notice will be posted in the bulletin whenever possible.*

First Friday of each month, there is an additional public Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion.

First Saturday of each month, the 7:30 a.m. Mass includes First Saturday devotion



Directory

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Altar Guild

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Youth Group

Contact: Rev. John Kodet

Contacts for other groups

Please check the bulletin boards or go to the parish website and click on Groups/Ministries

Sacraments

Please check the parish website for more information.

Infant baptism—contact parish at least one month before due date.

Marriage—contact parish eight months before proposed date.

Introibit Rex Gloriam Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000
Pledged & gifted to date
\$1,820,335

Regina Caeli Parish

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
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Mass Schedule

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (High), 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri.	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Thurs.	7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts
Vespers	Sundays, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass