

December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## From the Pastor

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### *Advent: Its History, conclusion*

There have been certain modifications to the liturgy over the centuries. Saint Gregory the Great (died 604) seems to have been the first to draw up an office for this season and, according to the Sacramentaries, there are five Sundays of Advent. St Gregory fixed the liturgy in the West for this Lent-like season, and sanctioned the fast, to which he granted a certain latitude to the different churches as to how it was to be observed. Concerning the five Sundays of Advent in the Gregorian Sacramentary, the Sunday nearest Christmas was counted as the first and what we would call the first, was called the Fifth Sunday. In the ninth and tenth centuries, the five Sunday's were reduced to four. This is the way Advent has been followed ever since, so that the present arrangement of Advent goes back 1,000 years, at least as far as the Church of Rome is concerned. The Ambrosian liturgy still has six weeks of Advent; this is also found in the Gothic and Mozarabic missals. The Greeks have no proper office for Advent; there are only allusions to the coming of the Savior in the feasts of the saints which are celebrated during the period, which begins November 14th, and on the Sundays nearest Christmas.

Advent is a time of preparation for our Lord's coming into this world, and more importantly, into our hearts now. Though changes have been made to the practices of Advent throughout the history of the Church, one thing that is important to keep in mind is that nothing prepares us better to receive our Lord than prayer and fasting. We do this more intensely during Lent, but we should strive to have this penitential spirit during Advent also.

Fr. Kodet and I wish you a blessed Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS, JANUARY 2019

*Dates and times to be announced*

Please sign up at the hall table if you want an Epiphany house blessing by a priest.

Only a limited number of blessings can be done.

Priority will be given to those who have never had the house blessing.

*Prayer Booklets and Blessed Chalk will be available for those doing their own blessings.*

## 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. On other Saturdays in the month, there is voluntary practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for those who want additional training. 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.

Schola Practice, 5:30 p.m. Sundays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

Tower of David Study Group is on Christmas break until January 8th. During the break, Tuesday Mass will be at 6:30 a.m.

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.

Christmas Flowers. Please consider offering a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the altar and chapel during the Christmas season. Donation box is on the hall table. Checks are payable to Regina Caeli Parish. Please note "flower donation" on the memo line. Thank you for your gift!

Music teacher position open. Tower of David Study Group is looking for a music teacher Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. We would like the students to learn Gregorian Chant. Please see Fr. Van Vliet or Jennifer McDonald if you are interested.

TODAY: No CCD. CCD resumes Jan. 6.

Sat., Dec. 29, no 6:30 a.m. Mass.

*Please consider making a special year-end donation to the Capital Campaign.*

*Please pick up your 2019 Boxed Set of Envelopes.*

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

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*December 23 – 29, 2018*

#### Sun., 12/23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m., Maria Chuc Thi Do †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Maria Chuc Thi Do †

#### Mon., 12/24, Vigil of Christmas

6:30 a.m., Joyce Pacente †

\* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Tues., 12/25, The Nativity of Our Lord

12 Midnight (High), Pro Populo

7:30 a.m. (Low), Carolyn Bourgeoise

\* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

10:00 a.m. (High), Jordin Kirkland

5:30 p.m. (Low), Stuart Edwards

7:00 p.m., Cancelled

#### Wed., 12/26, St. Stephen

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †

\* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Thurs., 12/27, St. John the Evangelist

\* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Theresa Truong †

#### Fri., 12/28, Holy Innocents

6:30 a.m., Peter Tran †

#### Sat., 12/29, Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

\* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:30 a.m., David & Kathleen Crockett

*\* 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

Parish Office office@reginacaeliparish.org  
Open: Mon. & Fri., 8:30-4 p.m.  
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To confirm Mass requests or dates:  
registrar@reginacaeliparish.org

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### Parish Organizations

#### Men's Schola

Contact: Kyle Lartigue  
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

#### Altar Guild

Contact: Juana Maria Olvera  
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org

#### 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  
\$1,825,770

## *Regina Caeli Parish*

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



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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	6:45 p.m. Sundays