

January 27, 2019 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

## From the Pastor

### *Third Sunday after Epiphany: Learning from the Leper*

"And when He was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him." Matt 8:1

Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew's Gospel is the Sermon on the Mount, a sermon full of divine teaching for the wise. The sermon is given on a mountain, for the mountain is arduous to climb and only those who are strong can climb up it. The mountain can be seen as a figure for virtue, for only the virtuous can grasp the divine teaching. Those burdened by sin and worldly cares cannot climb this mountain nor understand the teachings of Christ.

Today's Gospel passage begins with His coming down from the mountain and our Lord is approached by a leper, who could not climb the mountain. The bodily disease is a figure of the spiritual disease of the soul, namely sin. If we look to what the leper did to obtain a cure, we can see what we must do to cure the afflictions of the soul.

First, the leper comes to Christ. He is the divine physician who can cure us, but we must, with the help of His grace, approach Him and ask for help. God's grace in fact inspires us to ask, for His grace always precedes our good actions. Second, the leper adores Christ. He recognizes that Christ is God and capable of saving him. Third, the leper says a humble prayer: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean". Our Savior knows what we need, but He also wants us to humble ourselves before Him and ask for the things we need. Fourth, the leper listens to our Lord's instructions and does what our Lord tells him to do. He offers the gifts which were commanded in the Law.

If we consider the state of the leper, we have a graphic image of the unhappy state of sinners. Leprosy is an ugly disease that disfigures and slowly gnaws away at the person's health and life. The lepers were driven from society because it is a contagious disease. We should keep this in mind, for if we indifferently hang out with sinners, we will eventually follow them into sin. We must avoid sin by faithfulness to prayer and avoiding the occasion of sin; by considering the evil of sin in time and eternity, and most of all, considering Who is offended by our sin, i.e. God. Let us thank God for the wonderful gift of the sacrament of penance, for by this sacrament, we can have the miraculous cure of our soul's leprosy.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAMALES SALE!**

Sun., Feb. 3 after all the Masses  
\$7 per dozen, 3 dozen for \$20

*All proceeds will benefit the parish.*



## 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!** The public and private calendars for Mass intentions 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. The Legion will help coordinate the **total consecration to Mary** - begins Feb. 20 and ends March 25. Look for information on the bulletin board.

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, 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the small room. Open to all men interested in joining the schola.

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.

TODAY:

~ Second collection: Bishops' Fund for Latin America.

~ Youth Group meets in large room after 10 a.m. Mass. Open to children, ages 13-18.

Sat., Feb. 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times:

~ 7:30 a.m. (Low) followed by First Saturday devotion.

~ 9:00 a.m. (High), including blessing of candles and procession. If you are bringing candles to be blessed, please bring to the altar at least 15 minutes before Mass starts. Please check the home page of the parish website for information on the types of candles you may bring and their usage.

Fri., Feb. 8, 7 p.m. in the large room, another preliminary meeting of the Knights of Columbus. More potential Knights are needed to start a Council. The first members will be the charter members, so please show up on that day or let Fr. Van Vliet or the parish office know if you are interested.

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Re-landscaping the two medians along the parish driveway

Led by Patrick Pham, Life Scout, Troop 642

*Please stop by his display today and learn more!*

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## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, 2019*

### Sun., 1/27, Third Sunday after Epiphany

7:30 a.m., Anna Nguyen Thi La

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Guise Tran Phuc

### Mon., 1/28, St. Peter Nolasco

6:30 a.m., Teresa Vu Thi Tinh

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

### Tues., 1/29, St. Francis de Sales

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

7:00 p.m., Consuelo Corripio

### Wed., 1/30, St. Martina

6:30 a.m., Consuelo Corripio

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

### Thurs., 1/31, St. John Bosco

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

7:00 p.m., Gilberto Repunte †

### Fri., 2/1, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Katy Ngo

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,  
Souls in Purgatory,

### Sat., 2/2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

\* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:30 a.m. (Low), followed by First Saturday  
devotion, Souls in Purgatory

9:00 a.m. (High), Private intention

\* 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., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Telephone: 832-328-0876  
*To confirm Mass requests or dates:*  
registrar@reginacaeliparish.org  
Pastor Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP  
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## Parish Organizations

Altar Guild - Juana Maria Olvera  
altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org  
CCD - Mary Haddox  
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Men's Schola - Kyle Lartigue  
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Pro-Life - Melody Reece  
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Youth Group - Rev. John Kodet  
Welcoming Committee - Rae Bielakowski  
welcome@reginacaeliparish.org

## 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  
\$2,317,070

# *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. Rosary 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass
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 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass