

February 17, 2019 - Septuagesima Sunday

## From the Pastor

### *Season of Septuagesima, Part 1*

"So run that you may obtain the prize." 1 Cor 9:24

The readings in the office of Matins today starts with Genesis and the beginning of creation. From that beginning it will proceed through the Fall, and as Lent and Easter approach, to the drama of the Passion and death of our Lord and His glorious resurrection. Through the liturgy, we will go on this long journey from creation to the more wonderful redemption. Since we are on a journey with a clear destination, the Church has us begin today with a race as described in St. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians. The Stational Church on this day is St. Laurence Outside the Walls, a considerable distance from the center of Rome. Cardinal Schuster points out in his *Liber Sacramentorum* that this distant station is used to help represent the race that we must all under go on our journey to heaven.

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians of their famous games and how they train for long hours to try and win the prize. The great effort they put into the training shows how they value the prize. He works from this corruptible prize to the incorruptible one, from the known to the less known. This same analogy still applies today; we see many striving after various awards, prizes and honors in sports, school and work. Sports is certainly a good recreation and can be wholesome for us, but the real prize we should be seeking, even while competing in sports or busy at work or home, is the prize of eternal life. There are three chief enemies that we have to do battle against in order to obtain the prize, and these three are the devil, the world and the flesh.

Let us consider the devil first. The devil was an angel created by God in innocence but immediately subjected to a trial as were all the angels, and one third of them fell. St. Peter says in speaking of this judgement "God spared not the angels that sinned, but delivered them, drawn down by infernal ropes to the lower hell, unto torments to be reserved unto judgement". (2 Peter 2:4) He speaks of what happened to the angels to warn us of what could happen to us if we are unfaithful. The fallen angels are suffering the pain of loss and of fire forever because of their choice. Now they are occupied in cursing and blaspheming God. But they are also occupied in tempting men to sin through hatred of God, envy of man and enmity to all that is good. The devil will be present at the final judgement to accuse souls before God. Frightening? Indeed, but God is more powerful and can give us the grace to conquer.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Thurs., Feb. 21, 3 p.m. to 8 a.m., Fri., Feb. 22  
Trail Riders will camp overnight on the parish grounds.

## 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 requests are open.

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

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., Holy Hour and spiritual conference, 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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate, ladies committed to offering a weekly Holy Hour for the benefit of our priests. To learn more, please see the bulletin boards or go to the parish website.

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.

Virtus Training is mandatory for those who work with children in the parish. If you need the initial or follow-up course, please go to the parish website to learn more or contact Mary Haddox, CCD Director.

Youth Group, second Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. Mass, in the large meeting room. Led by Fr. Kodet and open to children, ages 13-18.

*Please welcome Fr. Alfaro Rivero of the FSSP Mission in Anolaima, Columbia!*

TODAY: Adult lecture series follows Vespers. Open to all; no prerequisites.

Tues., Feb. 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting. Open to all boys, ages 6 and older.

Fri., Feb. 22, Chair of St. Peter. Plenary indulgence may be gained by members of the Confraternity of St. Peter. More information on the parish website.

Sun., Feb. 24, Smoked chicken on sale at the morning Masses. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**SEWING CLASS** – 9:15 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23

Register at altarsoc@reginacaeliparish.org and receive a supplies list for the class.

*Light breakfast provided. Sponsored by the Altar Guild.*

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### Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

*Feb. 17 – Feb. 23, 2019*

#### Sun., 2/17, Septuagesima Sunday

7:30 a.m., Cora Shannon †  
10:00 a.m., Pro Populo  
5:30 p.m., Peter Tran †

#### Mon., 2/18, St. Simeon

6:30 a.m., Francis Truong †  
\* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Tues., 2/19, Votive Mass of the Angels

\* 8:00 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., Souls in Purgatory

#### Wed., 2/20, Votive Mass of St. Joseph

6:30 a.m., Deidre Sieck †  
\* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

#### Thurs., 2/21, Votive Mass of Jesus Christ our High Priest

\* 6:30 a.m., Private intention  
7:00 p.m., Michael Truong

#### Fri., 2/22, Chair of St. Peter

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

#### Sat., 2/23, St. Peter Damian

\* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled  
7:30 a.m., Rev. Joshua Houck

\* 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.  
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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  
ccd@reginacaeliparish.org

Men's Schola - Kyle Lartigue  
schola@reginacaeliparish.org

Pro-Life - Melody Reece  
pro-life@reginacaeliparish.org

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 Glorae Capital Campaign*

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000  
Pledged & gifted to date  
\$2,318,320

## *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