

March 31, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

From the Pastor

Parable of the Prodigal Son, conclusion

The second part of the parable concerns the older son, who stays home and does not squander his inheritance. We may, at first, sympathize with his reaction to the news of a great celebration for his wayward brother. He had never gotten a fatted calf to celebrate with his friends, though he was always faithful. But his stubborn refusal to join the celebration despite his father's entreaties shows that he, too, needs conversion. He, too, does not know his father.

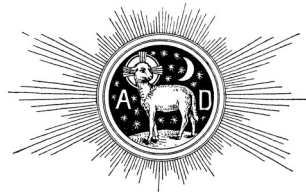
Though good and faithful, he lacks love. He does not love his brother or his father as he should. His father's joy at the return of the prodigal son was not his joy, and therefore, nothing to celebrate. He views his younger brother's good as his loss and is filled with jealousy and envy. He cannot see that conversion from being dead in sin to life is something to celebrate. Despite remaining dutifully with his father, his love is lukewarm.

Very often converts to the Faith will be much more zealous than lifelong Catholics. It does not need to be this way, but we have to put in the effort to appreciate the wonderful gifts we have in our Faith. If we see the great reward that awaits those who love God with their whole heart, we will be more zealous in God's service. Lent is a time for rekindling this zeal by our practices of penance, prayer and almsgiving. Let us renew our Lenten resolutions and serve God more faithfully.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



PLEASE NOTE: Because Holy Week begins April 14, there will be changes to the following regularly scheduled parish activities:

Youth Group is re-scheduled to April 7, following 10 a.m. Mass.
CCD classes are cancelled April 14 and April 21.
Men's Recollection is re-scheduled to April 26, 7 p.m.
Adult Lecture Series is cancelled.

NEW FRIDAY MASS TIME AT UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

10:10 a.m., effective March 29, 2019



Way of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Lent

Plenary indulgence may be gained.

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, 6-8 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Bookstore kiosk, open Sundays between the morning Masses unless noted otherwise below.

Legion of Mary, 7 p.m. Mondays in the large meeting room unless noted otherwise below.

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

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.

Other groups and ministries. See bulletin board or parish Groups and Ministries webpage for information.

2019 DSF Campaign. PARISH GOAL \$10,000. PLEDGED TO DATE \$2,125.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. Each parish is expected to meet goal, and if the goal is not met, the shortage will be financed out of operating cash. Please complete a pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided or make a donation online at archgh.org/dsf. *Please check if your company will match your contribution, thereby increasing your gift.* If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card and listing the amount you want allocated to the parish. Thank you for participating in DSF. More on DSF can be found at archgh.org/dsf.

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

Virtus Training, mandatory for those who work with children in the parish. More on our parish website.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES AVAILABLE ON HALL TABLE.

Tues., Apr. 2, 7-8:30 p.m., Troops of St. George meeting.

Sat., Apr. 6, Approx. 10:15 a.m. Join us to peacefully pray a Rosary at the Houston Women's Clinic, an abortion facility located at 4820 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77004.

Passion Sunday, Apr. 7:

- ~ Children's church banks returned today.
- ~ Last day for Lenten Food Drive donations.
- ~ Youth Group meeting in the large room, following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Fri., Apr. 12, 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting in large room.

Sat., Apr. 13:

- ~ Boys' altar server practice after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Open to all boys who have received First Communion.
- ~ Altar Guild meets in small room following the 7:30 a.m. Mass.
- ~ 9 a.m., Little Flowers meets in large room. Open to girls, ages 5 and up.

Lenten Almsgiving Practice for Children to benefit capital campaign. Church banks available for children who want to participate. Banks to be returned on Sunday, Apr. 7.

Altar Flower Donations for Easter. Please consider making a cash or check donation for flowers to adorn the chapel during Eastertide. Donations box is on the hall table. Thank you!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Mar. 31 – Apr. 6, 2019

Sun., 3/31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m., Bohannon Family

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Victoria Helen Charlotte Nelson †

Mon., 4/1, Monday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Alice Claire Mansfield

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

Tues., 4/2, Tuesday of Fourth Week in Lent

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Katherine Jones

Wed., 4/3, Wednesday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Marion LaRose

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Thurs., 4/4, Thursday of Fourth Week of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Living, deceased & future FSSP priests

Fri., 4/5, Friday of Fourth Week of Lent

6:30 a.m., Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Buckalew

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,
Denice Hornbaker

Sat., 4/6, Saturday of Fourth Week of Lent

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., followed by First Saturday devotion,
Chris Leuthold †

* 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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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
\$2,318,320

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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.
Adoration	Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.
Confession	30 minutes before each Mass; ends 5 minutes before Mass starts
Vespers	Sundays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass