

April 28, 2019 - Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday

From the Pastor

The Peace of the Lord

"Peace be to you." John 20:19

The Apostles were in hiding after our Lord's death and word of His resurrection did not take away their fear. The Apostles had abandoned our Lord and felt guilty for doing so and also feared the Jews and Pharisees. Our Lord, knowing their state of mind, reassures them by appearing to them and offering them His peace, a peace that cannot come from this world. The peace that comes from the knowledge of Christ and His victory over sin and death is a peace that can set us free, even in the worst trials. The paralyzing fear the Apostles felt was dissipated with our Lord's presence and helped them to face the enemies and lead many souls to Christ.

If there is an enduring peace among men, it is because of the presence of God among them. This applies to our families also. If Christ is not a vital part of the family, then the family has to do battle on its own. Our Lord's peace is the only peace worth sharing. It is a peace that resulted from having resolved the conflict—the enemy was utterly crushed; no issues were side stepped; He made no truce with the enemy. He conquered Satan in the temptations after the 40 days of fasting and He conquered the jeers of the enemy while on the Cross: "if you are God, come down now." After dying and being buried, He rose again from the dead to conquer death forever.

Inner peace apart from God is impossible. Peace follows on unity, first with God, and then also with each other in God. Sin destroys this order, and so the sacrament of confession will play a vital role for inner peace as well as peace amongst ourselves. The importance of confession is evident after the resurrection when our Lord breathed on the Apostles and gave them the Holy Spirit telling them that whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven and whose sins you retain, they are retained. The importance of sacramental confession is further highlighted today, since it is Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us make regular use of this sacrament so Christ's peace can reside in our soul and in our families.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP



Diaper & Baby Goods Drive
Sunday, Apr. 28 – May 12, Mother's Day
Please pick up a flyer to learn more!

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 \$4,460.

DSF funds over 60 programs that benefit the faithful in our area. If our parish 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. If Regina Caeli is not your home parish, you may still donate on our behalf by adding our name to the pledge card. Thank you for participating in 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.

MAY CROWNING next Sunday, May 5!

9:30 a.m., followed by High Mass

Reception afterwards.



Families, please bring your own gift of flowers for Our Blessed Mother. Parish will provide flowers for the First Communicants. First Communicants, please dress in your First Communion clothes and arrive by 9 a.m.

TODAY:

- ~ Divine Mercy Sunday. Plenary indulgence may be gained. See parish website for more information.
- ~ Second collection: Home Missions.
- ~ Little Flowers Bake Sale after morning Masses.
- ~ Last day of CCD.
- ~ Easter Egg Hunt for children, ages 1-12. Meet under porch canopy after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Sat., May 4, Rosary for Life. Join us at 10:15 a.m. to peacefully pray the Rosary outside the Houston Women's Clinic, an abortion facility located at 4820 San Jacinto St., Houston.

Mondays, 12:15-1:45 p.m. Volunteer opportunity for children at the St Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry, 10135 West Rd, Houston. Please see the hall table for details or to sign up.

THANK YOU! 1,200+ items donated to the *Lenten Food Drive!* *Children's Church Banks Project* raised \$848!

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Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Apr. 28 – May 4, 2019

Sun., 4/28, Low Sunday

7:30 a.m., John Nguyen †

10:00 a.m., Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., John Nguyen †

Mon., 4/29, St. Peter of Verona

6:30 a.m., Deceased relatives of JM Olvera

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

Tues., 4/30, St. Catherine of Siena

* 8:00 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Francis Truong

Wed., 5/1, St. Joseph the Worker

6:30 a.m., Maribel Munoz

* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

6:00 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

* 7:00 p.m., Private intention

Thurs., 5/2, St. Athanasius

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:00 p.m., Maribel Munoz

Fri., 5/3, Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m., Agnes B. Soukup †

7:00 p.m., followed by First Friday devotion,
Theresa Truong †

Sat., 5/4, Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* 6:30 a.m., Private intention

7:30 a.m., followed by First Saturday devotion,
Peter Tran †

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



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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 Glorae Capital Campaign

Minimum goal: \$2,500,000
Pledged & gifted to date
\$2,319,168

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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