

From the Pastor

The Transfiguration, conclusion

One might ask why were there so few witnesses to the Transfiguration. Our Lord came to save us by humiliations and so He showed His glory as little as possible and to the fewest number that would accomplish His purpose. The number of witnesses needed to pass a judgment in the Old Testament was two or three (Deut. 17:6), and accordingly, our Lord used three reliable witnesses to communicate the event to others. Peter was chosen since he was to be the future head of the Church; he represents Faith. James was most faithful and the first to die for Christ; he represents Hope. John, the beloved disciple, was the living theologian of Christ's Divinity and represents Charity. These three were also the three to witness the agony in the garden.

Also present were two witnesses of the past: Moses who symbolized the Law that foreshadowed the Messiah and Elias who symbolized the prophets who foretold His coming.



Our Lord had many humiliations in His life and so we should not be surprised if we have many. The closer we follow Him, the more humiliations we will suffer. God, however, gives us passing glimpses of the future reward: St Paul was taken up to paradise (2 Cor. 12:4), and many saints have experienced similar things. God gives a sweetness to the soul that is suffering for love of Him to remind us that there is joy that follows upon a trial born out of love for God.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Charles Van Vliet*

Rev. Charles Van Vliet, FSSP

*Fr. Van Vliet is on holidays, returning late Aug. 13.  
There will be no private Masses during this time.*

*Introibit Rex Glorae Capital Campaign  
Minimum goal: \$2,500,000 Pledged/gifted to date: \$2,324,180*

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.

**NEW!** St. Philomena Toddler Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays at church. Open to expectant moms and moms with children up to 4 years of age. Child activities and socializing. Confession offered. To learn more and get a calendar of events, contact Katherine Nwachukwu, katherinejulissa39@yahoo.

Tower of David Study Group is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

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

2019 DSF Campaign. 80% of PARISH GOAL RAISED. Goal: \$10,000. Gifted/Pledged to date: \$8,005. If the goal is not met, the parish pays the shortage from operating cash. Please consider donating to the fund on behalf of the parish either by mail or online at archgh.org/dsf. Thank you!

Items to be Blessed. Do not bring items to the sacristy. Label your items and place in the "To Be Blessed" basket on the blessing table located next to the holy water container near the baptismal font. After the priest blesses the items, he will move them to the "Blessed" basket for pick up.

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

Safe Environment Training. mandatory for those who work with children. More on our parish website.

2019 Public Mass Calendar is closed for bulletin-listed Mass intentions. The private Mass calendar for 2019 remains open, but please understand that these Masses are not scheduled for a specific date or time. Beginning with the 2020 Mass calendars, there will be a limit on the number of Masses that can be requested so as to open up both calendars to more people. Thank you for your understanding.

TODAY:

- ~ Second collection: Infirm Priests.
- ~ **CCD registration** continues. Last day to register is Aug. 18. Children ages 5 and up by Sept. 1 are eligible to be enrolled. Please see hall table for registration forms and CCD Schedule. Forms may also be accessed online.
- ~ Bake sale after all Masses benefitting the Tower of David Study Group.
- ~ Youth Group meeting in large room following the 10 a.m. Mass.

Wed., Aug. 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m., St. Philomena Toddler Group meets at church. Additional information above.  
Thurs., Aug. 15, Holy day. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses: 6:30 a.m. (Low) and 7 p.m. (High).  
Fri., Aug. 16, 7-9 p.m., Men's Recollection. Holy Hour, confession, spiritual conference. Open to all men.  
Sun., Aug. 18, Tamale sale after all Masses. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

# Aug. 11, 2019, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Aug. 11 – 17, 2019

### Sun., 8/11, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m., Grant's Godchildren & Confirmandi

10:00 a.m. (High), Pro Populo

5:30 p.m., Souls in Purgatory

### Mon., 8/12, St. Clare

6:30 a.m., Intentions of Benita Saunders

\* 8:00 a.m., Cancelled

### Tues., 8/13, Ss. Hippolytus & Cassian

\* 6:30 a.m., Cancelled

7:00 p.m., Peter Nguyen †

### Wed., 8/14, Vigil of the Assumption

6:30 a.m., Intentions of Confraternity of St. Peter

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

### Thurs., 8/15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m., Michael J. Lazzaro †

7:00 p.m. (High), Camilla Salvaggio †

### Fri., 8/16, St. Joachim

6:30 a.m., Loretta & Tony Boss †

### Sat., 8/17, St. Hyacinth

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

7:30 a.m., Ludwina Hummel Tschosik †

\* 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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## Parish Organizations

Altar Guild - Juana Maria Olvera  
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CCD - Cheryl Hand  
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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

St. Joseph Hour for Holiness for men over 18 years struggling with sins against the 6th and 9th Commandments. Contact Fr. Van Vliet by email.

## 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.

# 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.

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