

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

Fr. Marshall's Musings

Many have asked recently how Fr. Klees is doing. I did have the opportunity to speak with him by telephone a few weeks ago. He sounds much more like himself and I think they've adjusted his medication and he seems to be responding to treatment very well. He is sad to be away from St. Cletus and appreciates all the prayers and support that the parishioners have expressed. Let us continue to pray for him.

The Church enters into the Holiest week of the year with the Liturgy of Palm Sunday this weekend. The triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It's ironic that Palm Sunday has this triumphant entry and then these very same people end up turning around killing him.

I would like to strongly encourage you to attend the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum which begins this Thursday, April 13. A lot of people are put off because they may be a little bit lengthier than other Masses, but they are most important in understanding the essence of our faith.

On Holy Thursday, we'll celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the traditional Mandatum, the washing of the feet. On Holy Thursday we believe that Jesus at the last supper instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. So it is a good day to renew our commitment to the Eucharist and also a good day to pray for the Priests of the Archdiocese, especially our own parish Priests.

On Good Friday, no Masses are celebrated. Communion is blessed on Holy Thursday and it is distributed during the Liturgy of Good Friday, which will be at 3:00pm. During that Liturgy, the Passion will be read, intercessions for the Church and the world and particular needs will be prayed for. There will be an opportunity for venerating the cross and the reception of Holy Communion. It's a somber day, but it's very significant for our faith because we know that the death of Jesus on Good Friday is not the end.

The Paschal fast begins with the Liturgy on Good Friday. That is in preparation for the vigil of Easter. The vigil of Easter is celebrated at 7:00pm on Holy Saturday evening. This year, unfortunately we do not have a candidate for catechumens who would be welcomed into our Church at St. Cletus, so the Liturgy will be more abbreviated than it has been in the past few years. But we will still have the lighting of the Easter Candle and the distribution of the light throughout the Church and then the Exultet will be sung proclaiming Jesus' resurrection. After that a number of readings from the Scriptures trace the history of salvation throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament. It culminates in the Alleluia which will be sung again and the Gospel proclaiming Jesus has risen from the dead. Holy Saturday is a vigil though it is not Easter itself. Easter then is celebrated next Sunday, April 16 and for 50 days the Church celebrates the Easter mysteries. The Paschal Mystery which is celebrated is one on which we live our whole lives. Through every cross, death, and hurt that we experience comes new life and resurrection and how all of us need to receive that message sometimes even on a daily basis.

In addition to the regular Triduum Liturgies, there will also be the blessing of the oils at Holy Name Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week. Two representatives from our parish will be bringing the Holy Oils of Sacred Chrism, the oil of the Catechumens and the oil of the infirmed back to the parish to be used for the Sacraments for the coming year. They are blessed by Cardinal George and sent to each Parish in the Archdiocese. On Friday, we will have the Living Stations of the Cross done by our young people. That will be at 7:00pm on Friday evening and it's always a wonderful representation of what Jesus went through. On Saturday at noon, we will have the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets and three Priests will be there to bless the foods that you will be consuming for Easter Sunday. (If you feel like sharing some of that food with the Priests that would be great!)

So, the Church is rich in Liturgy this week. It is the most important week of the year for the Church. I strongly encourage any and all to please make an effort to participate in the services of Holy Week. Most importantly, I hope that they have an impact on our lives especially as we face the sufferings, deaths and challenges of life knowing that we have the promise of new life that is given to us with the Feast of the Resurrection.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

The Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Triduum refers to the three days before Easter. They include Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's Passion and approaching crucifixion. Good Friday is a solemn time in which we remember the suffering and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday we observe the Easter Vigil and anticipate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Sacred Triduum is the apex of our liturgical year, and it's glorious fulfillment. Let us observe these days as a special time of prayer and meditation.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Lent ends on Holy Thursday as we begin the evening liturgy. From that evening until Easter Sunday afternoon the church observes the Easter Triduum ("Easter Three Days"). On Good Friday all Catholics 14 years old and older are to abstain from meat and those who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are to fast (taking no more than one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength but no solid foods between meals). The Church strongly encourages that the fast and abstinence be kept also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil. Catechumens are likewise urged to fast in preparation for their baptism.

"On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed everywhere." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, #20)

Thus we fast on Good Friday and Holy Saturday in whatever way we can "so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #110)

Carol Pogar
Liturgist

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Please be generous.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 13

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Silent Adoration until 11:00pm

Good Friday - April 14

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Enacted by teens preparing for Confirmation)

Holy Saturday - April 15

12:00noon Blessing of the Easter Baskets in Morrissey
Hall
7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses - April 16

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am and 12:15pm

Please note an additional Mass (12:15pm) has been added to our Easter schedule.

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On **Holy Thursday**, the beautiful rite of the "Washing of the Feet" will be re-enacted during the liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. Twelve members of our parish family have been invited to participate in this special rite.

(2) **Living Stations of the Cross**

On Good Friday, April 14, at 7:00pm in church, our parish high school students, who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we journey through Jesus' final days during this very special moving presentation.

(3) **Operation Rice Bowl**

Please remember to return your "Operation Rice Bowl" box contributions to the church any time during Holy Week. There will be a large basket placed in church for this purpose.

(4) **On Holy Saturday at Noon...**

We will once again participate in the festive Polish custom of Blessing the Easter Baskets. The Baskets hold parts of the Easter Dinner, and in blessing them, we bless the table and all who will be there on Easter Sunday. Please join us in Morrissey Hall on Holy Saturday, April 15, at Noon.

Carol Pogar
Liturgy Coordinator

Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board

St. Cletus School Board Openings, Candidates Invited to Apply

The St. Cletus School Board has several openings, for the term beginning July 1. The Board consists of 12 members each serving a three-year term. We aim to broadly represent the Catholic community served by St. Cletus School and are seeking individuals of varied backgrounds. We also have a specific need for candidates with an accounting or finance background to fill one of our seats. If you are interested in learning more about the school board or would like to apply, please contact the interview committee or submit your resume. Applications are due to Laurie Severino (708) 354-5034, laurie.severino@sbcglobal.net or John Levitske, (312) 233-6839 or john.levitske@duffandphelps.com by April 23.

Looking for Development Committee Volunteers

In response to parent feedback, the St. Cletus School Board is establishing a Development Committee to identify and pursue external funding sources beyond tuition, parish subsidy and current fund-raisers for St. Cletus School.

If you are interested in helping out – whether by giving input or joining the committee, please contact School Board member Pete Okkema at pokkema@sbcglobal.net or (708) 352-2125 or Liz Valdes at valdes92@comcast.net or (708) 482-3420.

2006 “Make a Difference Day”: April 29 and 30

St. Cletus School families want to Make a Difference for our senior parishioners in appreciation of their support for our school. Our annual Make a Difference Day is slated the weekend of April 29 and 30.

Here’s how it works: school families volunteer to help make a difference to our parishioners. Parishioners let us know how they need help. The St. Cletus School Board matches up volunteers with parishioners.

Want a family to stop by and lend a hand? Please complete the questionnaire found in your pews and place in the collection basket today or next weekend. You will be paired with a family to help you with your outdoor chores the weekend of April 29-30. You can contact John Levitske (312) 233-6849 with any questions about this volunteer opportunity.

Attention! Lector and Auxiliary Ministers

...Schedule questionnaires are available for pickup in the Minister’s Room

Carol Pogar
Liturgy Coordinator

Welcome! New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Blair Borgia and Family, Edward Cherry, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Granada & Family, Mr. & Mrs. William Mills and Family, Yvonne Mlckorsky, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Siegert & Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Sullivan & Family.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

April 2

Budgeted Revenue:	\$ 35,000
Collection Received:	30,472
Shortfall last week:	- 4,528
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-11,280
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	993



Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to use your offertory envelopes.

Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

Please note: Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at (708) 352-6209 at the rectory office.

Mary Under the Cross ...

[Sixth in a six-part Lenten Series on Mystical Images]

One of the most popular images in all of scripture (an icon that's been endlessly painted, sung, put into litanies, written up into poetry, and used to trigger every kind of pious feeling) is the image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, standing silently under the cross as her son dies.

As Jesus was dying, the Gospels tell us that Mary, his mother, stood under the cross. What's in the image? What's in this picture that invites us to more than simple admiration, piety, or sympathy?

This is a mystical image and it is anything but pious. In the Gospels, after Jesus, Mary is the most important person to watch. She's the model of discipleship, the only one who gets it right. And she gets it very right under the cross. What's she doing while standing there?

On the surface, it seems she isn't doing anything at all: She doesn't speak, doesn't try to stop the crucifixion, and she doesn't even protest its unfairness or plead Jesus' innocence. She is mute, seemingly passive, overtly doing nothing. But at a deeper level, she is doing all that can be done when one is standing under the weight of the cross, she's holding the tension, standing in strength, refusing to give back in kind, and resisting in a deeper way.

What's meant by this?

Sometimes well-intentioned artists have painted Mary as lying prostrate under the cross, the wounded mother, helplessly distraught, paralyzed in grief, an object for sympathy. But that doesn't honour what happened there nor teach its lesson. Prostration, in this situation, is weakness, collapse, hysteria, resignation. In the Gospels, "standing" is the opposite, a position of strength. Mary "*stood*" under the cross.

Still, why the silence and why her seeming unwillingness to act or protest?

In essence, what Mary was doing under the cross was this: She couldn't stop the crucifixion (there are times when darkness has its hour) but she could stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, heartlessness, and anger that caused it and surrounded it. And she helped stop bitterness by refusing to give it back in kind, by transforming rather than transmitting it, by swallowing hard and (literally) eating bitterness rather than giving it back, as everyone else was doing.

Had Mary, in moral outrage, begun to scream hysterically, shout angrily at those crucifying Jesus,

or physically tried to attack someone as he was driving the nails into Jesus' hands, she would have been caught up in the same kind of energy as everyone else, replicating the very anger and bitterness that caused the crucifixion to begin with. What Mary was doing under the cross, her silence and seeming unwillingness to protest notwithstanding, was radiating all that is antithetical to the crucifixion: gentleness, understanding, forgiveness, peace, light.

But there are times too when things have gone so far that shouts and protests are no longer helpful, darkness is going to have its hour come what may and all we can do is to stand under the cross and help eat its bitterness by refusing to participate in its energy. In those situations, like Mary, we have to say: "I can't stop this crucifixion, but I can stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, brute-heartlessness, and darkness that surround it. I can't stop this, but I will not conduct its hatred."

And that's not the same thing as despair. Our muted helplessness is not a passive resignation but the opposite. It's a movement toward the only rays of light, love, and faith that still exist in that darkness and hatred. And, at that moment, it's the only thing that faith and love can do.

As the Book of Lamentations says, there are times when the best we can do is "*put our mouths to the dust and wait!*" Sometimes too, as Rainer Marie Rilke says, the only helpful thing is to absorb the heaviness: "*Do not be afraid to suffer, give the heaviness back to the weight of the earth; mountains are heavy, seas are heavy.*"


That's not passivity, resignation, or weakness; it's genuine, rare strength. It's "*standing under the cross*" so as to help take away some of its hatred, chaos, bitterness, and violence.

So this is the image: Sometimes darkness has its hour and there is nothing we can do to stop it. Sometimes the blind, wounded forces of jealousy, bitterness, violence, and sin cannot, for that moment, be stopped. But, like Mary under the cross, we are asked to "stand" under them, not in passivity and weakness, but in strength, knowing that we can't stop the crucifixion but we can help stop some of the hatred, anger, and bitterness that surrounds it.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Obalte School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
April 10 through April 16**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Willard Sargeant, Marcie Johnston, Stanley J. Burda, Richard Burmeister
Tuesday	8:00am	Andrew Jaskierski, John Hopp, Celeste Klees, Erik Geyer, Edward B. King, Mary Louise King
Wednesday	8:00am	Jane McLynn, Angela Clifford, Bryde Carter, Joseph Megla, Harry Taylor, Mildred Vendegna, Florence Curtis, Francis Cirrincione, Joseph Ulfig
Holy Thursday	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	3:00pm 7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Living Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	7:00pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am & 12:15pm	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers - Daily Mass 

Monday, April 10

8:00am - R. Mitchell, Z. Quick, K. Meade,
R. Adamec

Tuesday, April 11

8:00am - J. Kern, C. Callahan, C. Mosquera,
S. Goethals

Wednesday, April 12

8:00am - A. Bartucci, K. Kages, M. Thomas,
S. Goethals

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00pm - To be announced

Good Friday, April 14

3:00pm & 7:00pm - To be announced

Holy Saturday, April 15

7:00pm - To be announced

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am & 12:15pm
- To be announced

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 15, 2006

5:00 PM LR
SM C1
B2 C2
B3 SEE C3
B4 EASTER C4
B5 VIGIL @ C5
B6 C6

8:00 AM

LR Rapacki, Sandy-
C1 Jarosik, Judy-
C2 Bliss, Georgina
C3 Farnsworth, Vicki
C4 Welch, Jerry-
C5 Thuma, Mary-
C6 Kalata, Marcie-

9:30 AM

LR Schump, Cathy-
C1 McCaffray, Paul-
C2 Opila, Marga
C3 Gardner, Fred
C4 Karch, John
C5 Micek, Dan
C6 Zupancic, Robert-

7:00 PM LR Staelgraeve, Mark

C1 Ficaro, Jennie
C2 Benkert, Kim
C3 Skupien, Kathy-
C4 Hurlinger, Shirley
C5 N/A
C6 N/A

11:00 AM

LR Hagen, Jim
C1 Hagen, Colleen
C2 Bartucci, Carol
C3 Hoskins, William
C4 Samuelson, Debra
C5 Mangahas, Auror
C6 Kwak, Tecla-

Sunday, April 16, 2006

7:00 AM LR Chlapacka, Thoma


SM Zmuda, Ron
B2 Zmuda, Ron
B3 Zmuda, Louise
B4 Smith, David-
B5 Mezan, Mary Ann-
B6 Fahey, Ann-


12:15 PM

LR Reisel, Tom-
C1 Nilles, Carolyn
C2 Provan, Jim
C3 Guide, Alfreda-
C4 Curnutt, Rose-
C5 Heyes, Marlene
C6 Meuwissen, Jean



**Confessions will not be heard during
Holy Week.**

Wedding Banns 
Nicole Kruchten and Alex Mazon

Baptism 

This Past Week We Welcomed...Kristina Grace Findley, Madison Elyse Findley, Isabella Honoray Jerich, Giavanna Marie Kielczynski and Mickenzie Nickole Seeman to Our Parish Family.

Rest in Peace

Please Pray for those who have died and their families.

- ...Dale Habnka, Jr., son of Olga Habnka
- ...Joyce Ross, mother of Carol Zdenek
- ...Edward Novak, Sr., father of Edward Novak, Jr.
- ...James Farris, stepfather of Gina McAndrew
- ...Edward Condon, husband of Mary Kay