

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

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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

Christ has risen Alleluia!!!

Welcome to all who participate in our services during this Easter weekend. Welcome to our faithful parishioners who celebrate with us weekly at the Lord's Table. Welcome to family and friends and all who are gathering with family and friends during this Easter weekend. Welcome to out-of-towners. Welcome to those who do not regularly come to the Church but still see this great feast for what it is, the highlight of the Church's year. Welcome to those who just happen to wander in seeing all the festivities that have been going on here.

But what are we really celebrating? An event that took place 2000 years ago or the fact that that event has changed the course of human history forever. We believe as Christians that Jesus suffered and died for our sins and that by overcoming even death itself, by rising from the dead he opened the gates of eternal life for you and me. This should give us motivation and challenge to never become discouraged or overweighed by sins and hurtfulness but rather that we should always believe that from true suffering and death comes eternal life.

This should give us hope that even in the daily deaths we experience, maybe the loss of a friendship or a marital relationship, maybe depression, addiction or doubts, that we should not lose hope for Christ has risen from the dead. He has overcome the greatest challenge of all, physical death.

So the message of Easter is clear, Jesus has risen from the dead and because of His Resurrection we should have hope. Hope in all things.

While our parish is in the midst of transition from one Pastor to another, it should give us hope that this is a new beginning for the Church of St. Cletus. A time when there will be assuredly growth as well as challenges and that together, we as God's family in this community, will be a sign and a witness to that.

On behalf of the Priests and Parish staff, I wish you the blessings, the peace, the joy and especially the hope of Easter.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

Easter Prayer

God our Father, who raised your Son from the dead, help us to understand, we beg you, that we will conquer our own death and rise with Jesus today when we live you in brotherly love.

We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our lives.

From Biblical Prayers by Fr. Lucien Deiss

(1) Religious Education Registration

Religious Education enrollment begins Sunday, April 23, after all Masses. Registration materials are being mailed to current families. NEW families are invited to stop in the Religious Education Office to complete registration forms after Masses on April 23.

Remember, registration forms must be accompanied by a \$50 registration fee. New students also need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate.

We are looking forward to seeing and welcoming you on SUNDAY, APRIL 23. If you have questions, please call me or Mary Lee at the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383.

(2) R. E. Closing Celebration

The 2005-2006 Religious Education Classes end April 23/24 with prayer and ice cream! All R.E. families are invited to join in our closing celebration! See the website for more information.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Stewardship

In this Easter Season, let us renew our commitment to our Lord and acknowledge that all of our blessings, all that we have comes to us through our Lord. We must return to Him a portion of all those blessings. We must be generous givers.

Attention: Lector and Eucharistic Ministers

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

Carol Pogar
Liturgist

St. Cletus School

Happy Easter wishes! On behalf of the St. Cletus School community, I want to wish you and your families a most joyous and blessed Easter season.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. St. Cletus students continue to shine in their academic and extracurricular achievements. The musical, *Godspell Jr.*, was a huge success for the 6th-8th grade students and their music director. Recently, two 8th-grade students received the Marian Medal from the Girl Scouts at a ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral, while ten of our students received awards at the regional science fair. Our students continue to "shine" in so many ways.

Come Experience the Difference at St. Cletus School. Registrations for the 2006-2007 academic year continue for primary grades, as well as in the preschool and kindergarten areas. St. Cletus offers both a 3-year-old morning and afternoon preschool program; a 4-year-old three-day morning and afternoon preschool program; a 4-year-old three-day morning preschool class; and a 4-year-old five day afternoon preschool program. We also have both half-day and full-day Kindergarten programs.

Schedule your visit today. Call the St. Cletus School office at (708) 352-4820.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kosteki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, July Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in words alone but in every leaf in springtime.

- Martin Luther

Church Women United Celebrate 85th Anniversary and World Friendship Day

On Friday, May 5, the La Grange/Western Springs unit of Church Women United will observe their 85th Anniversary in conjunction with the international celebration of May Friendship Day. Hosted by the Women's Club of St. John of the Cross Church, the event which includes 11:00am Bible Study (led by Sr. Josephine O'Brien, IBVM), Noon Lunch (cost: \$5; advance reservations required) and 1:00pm Celebration, is open to all women. The program "Signs of Growth" will focus on the relationship of Ruth and Naomi and how it relates to today's world. Young Church Women will also be given special recognition. St. John of the Cross Church is located at 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs. Supervised babysitting, from 10:45am 'til 2:30pm will be provided by the host church.

To reserve your place at lunch, please contact your CWU Representatives: Mary White at (708) 246-0340 and/or Alice Katzmarek: (708) 354-7054

The collection amount for Palm Sunday is not available due to the early printing of the Canticle.

Wanted: Adult Mentor Volunteers

Community Extension Project (CEP) is looking for adult volunteers to mentor a child in the community. Mentors are positive role models who offer adult companionship and support to children ages 5-12. Volunteer mentors offer children new experiences and opportunities while benefitting from the relationship in their own way as well. Please join us for a mentor information session on April 19, 2006 at 7:30pm at the CEP office at 47 S. 6th Avenue, La Grange. Please RSVP or contact Meredith Schilsky with questions at (708) 579-5898.

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Community Nurse Health Association

Community Nurse Health Association is accepting applications from caring individuals to assist with light housekeeping, shopping, meals, laundry, companionship and personal care. Flexible hours and days, part-time, good pay, travel miles. CNA experience welcome. Call Rose, (708) 579-2412.

Art 101

Do you want to develop basic art skills? Would it be fun to be in a class again? Sr. Pat Willems, CSF, is forming an adult art class (date to be determined) to learn the basics of drawing and watercolor painting at "The Well". **Sr. Pat's Basic Art Class** will be held at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse and Ministry Center, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. The fee is \$15 per class (eight classes in the series). For more information or to register, call Sr. Pat at (708) 354-9200.

"Whoever Serves Me Must Follow Me..."

These words of the Gospel can be difficult in today's modern world. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter give you valuable tools to keep your marriage strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be April 28/20. For more information, consult our website www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Kris and Jim at 1-800-442-3554.

"The Well" Fund-Raiser

The Well, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, is hosting its annual fund-raiser on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00pm. The benefit consists of a musical program entitled, "Journey on the Wings of Song" and a silent auction. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will also be a raffle drawing where participants have an opportunity to win \$1,000 in cash or two tickets to see the professional sports team of their choice (Bears, Bulls, Sox or Cubs). Tickets for the event are \$35. Raffle tickets are \$25. For more information, call Sr. Marlene at (708) 482-5088.

Jesus' Last Words

Just before he dies on the cross, Jesus utters these words: "It is finished!"

What's "finished"?

These words can be spoken in different ways: They can be words of defeat and despair ("It's over, hopeless, I give in!") or they can be words of accomplishment and triumph ("I've done it, succeeded, I've held out!")

Obviously, for Jesus, these are not words of defeat. He has triumphed, succeeded, runs the toughest race of all to its finish. When he speaks these words, he's like the winner in the Olympic marathon throwing up his arms in triumph at the finish-line; except in this case both his exuberance of spirit and his arms are nailed down so that his utterance of triumph is not like the pumped-fist of an Olympic winner, but like the cry of an newborn baby that's finally succeeded in pushing itself through the birth-canal; a startling triumph, but one that, for a time, has you lying in blood, tears, and helplessness.

And his triumph here left him in blood, tears, and helplessness. He's won, but it's cost him his life, tested his faith to the limit, lost him his popularity, scattered his friends, shrouded his life in misunderstanding, left him looking compromised, and isolated him in an unspeakable loneliness.

It's not easy then to pump your fist in triumph, even when you've won, especially since your victory isn't evident to anyone who isn't journeying inside of this with you. To everyone else, this looks like defeat, the worst kind of defeat.

So what's "finished"?

At one level, what's finished is Jesus' own struggle with doubt, fear, and loneliness. What was that struggle? The painful, lonely, crushing discrepancy he habitually felt between the warmth and ideals inside his heart and the coldness and despair he met in the world.

Everything inside of him believed that, in the end, always, it is better to give yourself over to love than to hatred, to affirmation than to jealousy, to gentleness of heart than to bitterness, to honesty than to lying, to fidelity than to compromises, to forgiveness than to revenge. Everything about him too was a testimony that the reality of God, immaterial and fanciful though it can seem, is in the end more real than the undeniable reality of our physical bodies and our physical world. And finally, everything about him pointed uncompromisingly towards the "road-less taken" and revealed that real love means carrying your solitude

and chastity at a high level.

But, for him, as for us, it wasn't easy to live that out. As Scripture says, sometimes it gets dark in the middle of the day, we find ourselves very much alone in what we believe in, and God seems far away and dead. Faith and love aren't easy because they feel empty and fanciful whenever they're betrayed and they only work and prove that they're real when they're persevered in.

Jesus, though, did persevere in them and when he utters those famous words: "It is finished!" It's a statement of triumph, not just of his own faith, but of love, truth, and God. He's taken God as his word, risked everything on faith, and, despite the pain it's brought, is dying with no regrets. The struggle for faith, for him, is finished. He's crossed its finish line, successfully.

But there's second level meaning to his words. "It is finished" also means that the reign of sin and death is finished. An order of things (wherein we live our lives believing that, eventually, everyday joys give way to darkness and the underworld; that paranoia and sin unmask trust and goodness as naive; that the reality of the physical world and this life is all there is; that compromise and infidelity trump everything else, and that death is more real than hope) is also finished. It is exposed as unreal, as a lie, by love, fidelity, gentleness, trust, childlikeness, vulnerability, and the paradoxical power of a God who, in the deeper recesses of things, works more by underwhelming than by overpowering.


"It is finished!" Jesus uttered those words when he realized that, despite all the pain and sin in the world, the center does hold, love can be trusted, God is real, and, because of that, in the end, "every manner of being will indeed be well." The forces of sin and death are finished because we can, in full maturity and utter realism, believe in the sun even when it isn't shining, in love even when we don't feel it, and in God, even when God is silent. Faith and God deliver on their promise.

Mohandas Gandhi, in a remarkable passage, once wrote: "When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always." Many things were finished on the cross, including rule of tyranny and murder.


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

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
April 17 through April 23**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Stanley & Stella Waszak, Frank & Lorraine Peck, Thomas Cecil, Celeste Klees, Percy & Anne Hamilton, Jane McLynn
Tuesday	8:00am	Evelyn Weaver, Thomas Cecil, Johnston Family, Rose T. Czochura, Velma Gartland
Wednesday	8:00am	Walter Dunkovich, John Ruzas, Lucille Tertinger, Bobbie McQuaid, Patricia Fairchild
Thursday	8:00am	Thomas Cecil, Josephine LaBanca, Marguerite McGuire
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Angela Clifford, Janet Flanagan, Vickie Zavislak
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 
April 22/23

- 5:00pm - A. Bartucci, A. Balch, K. Sipek
R. Adamec
- 7:00am - M. Thomas, M. Johnson-Dahl,
N. Smith, S. Vcelka
- 8:00am - C. Mosquera, N. Lobraco, C. Callahan,
D. Hebal
- 9:30am - R.E.
- 11:00am -R.E.

Wedding Banns 
Nicole Kruchten and Alex Mazon

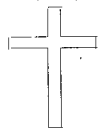
[Children] have the right to be born and to be raised in a family founded on marriage.
Pope Benedict XVI, Address at Meeting on Family and Life Issues in Latin America, December 3, 2005.

Rest in Peace

- Please pray for those who have died and their families:
- ...James Ferris, step-father of Gina McAndrew
 - ...Laura Fleming, sister of Edwin Zalusky

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 22, 2006		9:30 AM	LR Wehrmeister, Rhea
5:00 PM	LR Spizzirri, Susan	SM Opila, Andy	C1 Kunkel, JoAnn-
SM Swindall, Vic	C1 Hackman, Susan	B2 Stumreiter, Earl-	C2 Nolan, Jeannine-
B2 Pagar, Carol	C2 Skupien, Kathy	B3 Farnsworth, Vicki	C3 Harak, Veranica-
B3 Beales, Nadine	C3 Beales, Dave	B4 Opila, Margo	C4 Opila, Andy
B4 Swindall, Toni	C4 Swindall, Vic	B5 Hagen, Colleen	C5 Hagen, Jim
B5 Ford, Mary Beth-	C5 Chlapecka, Rick-	B6 Benkert, Kim	C6 Benkert, John
B6 Pavlik, Loretta-	C6 Bamberger, Mary	11:00 AM	LR Pawlowicz, Rita-
Sunday, April 23, 2006		SM McCaffray, Paul-	C1 Rogan, Janina
7:00 AM	LR Maltby, Terry-	B2 Gleich, Sharon-	C2 Hagen, Emily-
SM Zmuda, Ron		B3 Mulderink, Ken-	C3 Nash, Sheila-
B2 Zmuda, Ron		B4 DalPorto, Karen-	C4 McCaffray, Paul-
B3 Zmuda, Louise		B5 Maday, Josephine-	C5 Haggerty, Frank-
B4 Hinton, Geri-		B6 Schump, Cathy-	C6 Chaney, Marlene-
B5 Nault, William			
B6 Nault, Helen			
8:00 AM	LR Bellisario, Janet-		
SM Karch, John	C1 Jarosik, Judy-		
B2 Welch, Jerry-	C2 Stopka, Sharon-		
B3 Biesadecki, Bob	C3 Biesadecki, Carol		
B4 Karch, Terri	C4 Karch, John		
B5 Curatto, Louis-	C5 Hogue, Kay-		
B6 Kuchta, Ann-	C6 Nicosia, Christine		



St. Laurence Deceased Alumni Mass

On Saturday, April 22, the St. Laurence High School community will gather once again to honor its deceased alumni and students with the Annual Alumni/Student Memorial Mass at 4:30pm..

We will also have a wreath-laying ceremony at the deceased alumni monument on the school grounds, weather permitting. A small reception will follow. St. Laurence is located at 77th and Central Ave., in Burbank. For more information, please contact Mr. Ed Kozak in the St. Laurence Alumni Office at (708) 458-6900.