

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. Bob's Mutterings

This weekend we are having the Summer Mission Appeal and are honored to welcome Sr. Michele Marth, MSC, to our parish. Sister is a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart religious congregation which provides pastoral care in a variety of ministries. They minister in parishes, care for the elderly, perform health services, provide education services on all levels, do social work, and offer retreats.

Today Jesus calls his disciples to give up all possessions and become missionaries.

Our response to this call can be confusion or guilt because we are not ready to do this. But we can understand this gospel by recognizing that we need conversion, the ones who need to be healed by those who seemingly have very little.

The people who are rejected by our rich and efficient culture have a message for our world. It is, "Don't judge me, don't pity me and don't deny me a place in society. I am just like you even though I look very different at the moment. If you welcome me into your life, you will discover the healing truth that we are all God's beloved children and that's an important message for your life."

Can we see the street person, the disabled person, or the person with a mental illness as the missionary who has been sent by Jesus to come to our house because we are in need of healing?

Sr. Michele is here with us to make a financial appeal for assistance so that the wonderful work of her congregation, which serves people in mission lands throughout the world, may continue to be successful.

I worked, myself, in the mission territories of Southern California and the Dakotas with Native Americans for several years and know personally what a blessing and a challenge this ministry can be. I ask you to be extremely generous in your support of this vital ministry which spreads the message of the Gospel to many in the poorest areas of our country and world. This is truly an opportunity for us to be Christ to others. Envelopes are available in the pews. God will bless you for your generosity and support of the sisters in their ministry.

I am pleased to inform you that we will once again be taking individual mass intentions for the weekend masses beginning September 1, 2006. Up to five intentions will be accepted for each weekend mass. This has been an age old tradition in our church and provides us with an opportunity to specifically remember our loved ones during the sacrifice of the mass.

God's Healing, Blessings, and Abundant Love be with you always,

Fr. Bob



There aren't any single Christians!

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus sending the twelve apostles out on their first missionary journey without him. The apostles are asked to travel lightly and joyously, unburdened by useless and distracting stuff. Free of useless junk, they are called to stand unflinchingly for the right thing. They are to stand against evil in all forms — spiritual and physical.

On their own, none of them is strong, persuasive, and charismatic enough to effect any long-lasting conversion. They possess power from neither the Empire nor the Temple, nor any synagogue. They cannot count on anyone to welcome them into the city. Nonetheless, this small company traveling two by two will begin a quiet, durable revolution. Perhaps a good question for our own reflection is: Are we doing our part as witnesses to the success of the original missionaries sent by Jesus or does our baggage interfere with the mission entrusted to us?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2006

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18;
 Mk 6:30-34

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!



“The Twelve anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”

Mark 6:13

The Catholic Church professes and teaches that the Sacred Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven Sacraments of the New Testament, that it was instituted by Christ and that it is “alluded to in Mark and recommended and promulgated to the faithful by James the apostle and brother of the Lord.” It is one of the two sacraments of healing, the other is Penance or Reconciliation. In the past, this sacrament was called the “Last Rites”, due to the fact that it was given only to the dying. While it's true the Anointing of the Sick is one of the ways the Church helps prepare us for death, it's much more than that. It's a celebration of Jesus' promise that we will have life and have it abundantly! Anyone, regardless of age, can receive the sacrament if her/his health is seriously impaired. This includes the elderly, those anticipating major surgery, post-surgical patients, those suffering with longer-term disability, heart and stroke patients, as well as those experiencing emotional or physical stress. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers and then falls ill again or if the person's condition worsens. There are a variety of forms for celebrating the sacrament.



Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Even so, she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke.

Today most Scripture scholars point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” — at worst an indication of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness. There is no question that of all the “official” witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

Mary Magdalene has likely been smiling at her “mistaken identity” for 20 centuries. She would, no doubt, insist that it makes no difference! Whether our sins have been lurid or not we are all sinners in need of the saving power of God. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.

Catechists Needed!

Wanted: A few (6 to be exact) good parishioners to join the Catechetical Team of St. Cletus. That's correct, we are looking for four Sunday (9:15am-10:45am) catechists and two Monday (6:30pm-8:00pm) catechists. Please consider sharing your faith for 23 sessions with no more than 15 smiling students who will be delighted to be in your class, eager to contribute to class discussions, and always on their best behavior. It sounds like a dream, doesn't it? Well, it is a REAL OPPORTUNITY to serve your parish. Please call the R.E. office at (708) 352-2383 for more heavenly details. Do not Delay - it is not everyday that you have the chance to be part of a team like this!

RCIA begins on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00pm, in Room 105 of the Education Building. If you, your spouse, friend, or neighbor is interested in becoming Catholic - RCIA is the program for you. Join us to meet other interested peoples as we begin the Period of Inquiry. During this three-week period, our RCIA team will answer questions about the Catholic Faith and give some insights on what it means to be Catholic. There is no commitment expected during the time of inquiry. Our hope is that you will want to continue your spiritual journey and be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please call me at (708) 352-2383 for more information.

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday/Monday, September 10/11. Returning families are reminded that our late registration fee policy begins August 1. PLEASE remember to avoid a fee and register NOW. New families and returning families may register Sunday - Thursday at the R.E. Office or anytime on the parish web. We are eagerly awaiting to welcome you.

Pat Kahl
St. Cletus Parish
Director of Religious Education


Food Pantry

Thank You to all who made contributions to our July collection of food. It is such a blessing to know that our food pantry recipients can count on your generosity even during summer vacation months! Please continue to keep us in mind when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Several reminders:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially our staples of rice and dry pinto beans; peanut butter and jelly; soup and meals in a can; macaroni & cheese; tuna; pasta and pasta sauce; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal; juice, paper products, and all sizes of diapers.
 - The "extras," coffee, tea, cooking oil, condiments, crackers, cookies, etc., also provide a nice treat for our clients. We try to make sure each family gets at least one of these in their grocery bag.
 - Remember, to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use.
 - These items should be dropped off in the Minister's Room in church when you come to Mass, especially on the first weekend of the month.
 - The Food Pantry distributes groceries from the vestibule of the church on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm.
 - We will again have a "Share the Wealth" distribution of fresh garden produce during the months of August and September. Watch the Canticle for details
- If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at Marybethford.@stcletusparish.com or give me a call at (708) 352-4641. Thanks again!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

July 9

Budgeted revenue:		\$27,500
Collection Received:		23,384
Shortfall last week:		- 4,116
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 5,249
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		855

Thank you for your continued support.

No Vacation for the Church

Gentle reminder: The Church does not take a holiday. Please do not forget to continue with your weekly envelopes to the church. Stewardship is not something that takes a vacation, it is a continuous, on-going process.

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 the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board



Welcome to our new School Board members

The St. Cletus School Board is pleased to welcome the following new members to our team: Richard Nichin, Dan Hughes and Jim Krecek. Special thanks to Anne Babirak for her six years of service to the board, the last two served as a chair. Mike Clarke has been named the new chair of the board, with Bob Thomas acting as vice chair.

In response to parent feedback in our survey last fall, the School Board has formed two new subcommittees made up of school parents and parishioners. The technology committee will suggest, prioritize and implement ongoing technology upgrades for the school. The development committee will identify and pursue strategic funding sources beyond the tuition, parish subsidy and current fundraisers for the school. Thank you to all our volunteers for your stewardship of our school.

MANNA doesn't stop in the summer

The Family School Association (FSA) regularly sponsors the MANNA fundraising program for school and parish families. MANNA is a great way for you to get the gift certificates you need, any time of the year. Vendors sell certificates to us at a discounted price, and the difference is our profit. The profit is then split with a percentage going to the school and the other percentage going toward a tuition credit for the participating family. You can purchase MANNA gift certificates for yourself, family or friends to buy everyday items like food, clothing and other essentials. Participating companies include many restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies and retail shops.

FSA has two scheduled dates for MANNA this summer. **Forms are due in the school office by 9:00am on the following dates: Monday, July 17, pickup is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 26, Monday, August 7, pickup is on Book Day, Tuesday, August 15 at 9:30am-11:30am and 6:00pm-8:00pm.**

You can find an order form on the School Website at www.stcletusparish.com/school or at the School office. A limited supply of gift certificates will also be available at both pickup dates.

St Cletus Track team shines at league championship

St. Cletus is proud of our student athletes who participate in track. In the league championship in May, the team won twenty-five 1st place medals. We set two league records and came in 6th out of 20 schools for our best finish ever. Thanks to head coaches John Connelly, Maureen Kiley-Rhode and Dan Kelley and to the many other volunteer coaches and parents for their time and effort.

Athletic Association Golf Outing a success

The St. Cletus Athletic Association would like to thank all those who sponsored, donated and participated in the 5th annual Cardinal Golf Open. 153 golfers participated in this year's successful event. Special thanks to Jeanne and Dave Kelly, Angela Franklin, Mike Newman, Ed and Patty Burke, and Mike Cherny. Thanks to Ed King and Pat Collins for their foresight in creating and organizing the outing five years ago. Everyone's generosity has allowed the Athletic Association to purchase much needed new football helmets to help insure the safety of our athletes. Thank you.

Rosary Prayer Group at St. Cletus

Please join us on Wednesday, July 19, and July 26, at 6:30pm in Room 200 of the Education Building to pray one rosary. The meeting will last about 45 minutes and your rewards will be eternal. Questions? Contact me at (708) 482-7768.

Patti Boland

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy

Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, 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, Judy 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 unable to attend Mass.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
July 17 – July 23**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Angela Clifford, Henry “Hank” Maday, Clare J. Idzik
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Megla, Margaret Herzog, Evelyn Prevenas, Velma Gartland, Adam Wyczolkowski
Wednesday	8:00am	Mildred Vendegna, Joseph O’Brien, Thomas O’Leary, Stella Kadlec, Gaetana Chiappetta
Thursday	8:00am	Arthur “Ed” Burns, Johnston Family, Jozef Slowik, Rosemary Goss
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frances Sciacca, Jozef Slowik, Louis Horak, Gil Walker
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers



July 22/23

- 5:00pm - H. Heim, T. Lenz, M. Johnson-Dahl
- 7:00am - D. Clarke, N. Magats, C. Manley
- 8:00am - J. Newmann, E. Maldonado, K. Sipek
- 9:30am - D. Anfield, A. McQuillan, T. Lopez
- 11:00am - P. Oboikovitz, M. Micek, K. Baro

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 22, 2006

- 5:00 PM**
- LR Chlapecka, Rick-
 - SM Micek, Judy
 - B2 Heyes, Marlene
 - B3 Ward, Laura-
 - B4 Micek, Dan
 - B5 Burke, Ruth-
 - B6 Bozec, Betty
 - C1 Richards, Marge-
 - C2 Heyes, Stuart
 - C3 Thuma, Mary-
 - C4 Micek, Judy
 - C5 Kensek, Maggie-
 - C6 Bamberger, Mary

9:30 AM

- LR Reisel, Tom-
- SM Samuelson, Debra-
- B2 Opila, Margo
- B3 Warren, Catherine-
- B4 Koch, Barbara-
- B5 McCaffray, Paul-
- B6 Kwak, Tecla-
- C1 Stumreiter, Earl
- C2 Opila, Andy
- C3 Zupancic, Robert
- C4 Samuelson, Debr
- C5 Hagen, Colleen-
- C6 DalPorto, Karen-

Sunday, July 23, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
- LR Bellisario, Janet-
 - SM Stamm, Barbara
 - B2 Stamm, Barbara
 - B3 Stamm, Richard
 - B4 Ghera, Alicja-
 - B5 Swindall, Toni
 - B6 Swindall, Vic



11:00 AM

- LR Pfeiffer, Irv-
- SM Dunkovich, Alice-
- B2 Schump, Cathy-
- B3 Garske, Elizabeth-
- B4 Drago, Irene-
- B5 Provan, Karen
- B6 Hagen, Emily-
- C1 Pavlik, Loretta-
- C2 Brannigan, Rita-
- C3 Ficara, Jennie-
- C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
- C5 Provan, Jim
- C6 Chaney, Marlene-

8:00 AM

- LR Kuchta, Ann-
- SM McCartney, Sandra-
- B2 Parlier, Denise
- B3 Welch, Jerry-
- B4 Saban, Jackie-
- B5 Dillane, Jennifer-
- B6 Borsilli, Helen-
- C1 Kigin, Billie-
- C2 Parlier, Jon
- C3 Hullinger, Shirley
- C4 McCartney, Sandr
- C5 Stopka, Sharon-
- C6 Kalata, Marcie-

Wedding Banns

Francisco Pizaco and Lourdes Rodriguez
Michael Walski and Linda Heinemann
Jessica Garrison and Bruce Hofsteadter
Michele Oliverio and Casey Grabenstein

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...John “Jack” Carter
- ...Alfonso Fernandez, husband of Halyna
- ...Eliot Alvin Paus, infant son of Gregory & Nicole

Holiness

Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God.

Mother Teresa

Cancer Survivor’s Day

The American Cancer Society invites you to attend our Cancer Survivor’s Day, July 23, from 2-4pm at Lyons Township High School’s Corral in Western Springs. This event is free and survivors can bring one care-giver. We will be serving light refreshments and raffle prizes will be given away! You must RSVP to attend this event. Please call Marni at (708) 484-8541 ext 231 for more information or to register.