

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

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S MUTTERINGS

On this 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time we see in our scripture reading today, that Jesus and the apostles needed rest and time to themselves. But the crowds were so desperate to be with Jesus that they made their way to where Jesus was going even before Jesus' boat arrived. What is it about Jesus that draws these crowds to him with such persistence?

In Jesus' response to the crowds, we can see a possible explanation. Jesus had compassion for them. Compassion is that heart-felt ability to feel for others and to love them in a deep, caring way. Jesus was tired and this was supposed to be his time alone with the apostles. But he tended to the needs of the crowd.

Jesus must have had a reputation for such compassion. Jesus loved and healed the sinner, the lost, the forsaken, the suffering and the sick. In this reading, too, he reached out to the crowd because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Imagine how wonderful it must have been to experience this kind of caring and gentle mercy. No wonder the crowds would seek such a person.

Today's reading reminds us that we, as Church, are members of this persistent crowd, seeking and finding Jesus Christ.

Jesus' great compassion is found in the Eucharist, where we learn what it means to give of ourselves and find the compassion and love we need to be compassionate to others.

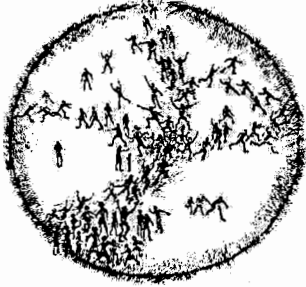
We need your help to bring Christ to the children of our parish. We are looking for 6 spirit filled parishioners who are willing to answer the call of discipleship as catechists. We need 4 Sunday (9:15 am – 10:45 am) catechists and 2 Monday (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm) catechists. This is a real opportunity to answer Christ's call "to go forth and make disciples of all..." Bring the message of the gospel to our youth, who are the future of our church, by calling the R.E. office at (708) 352-2383 for more information. God will bless you abundantly.

I would like to thank Sr. Michele Marth, MSC for her dedication, along with all her fellow sisters, to the mission needs of so many of God's people. I would like to also thank the generosity of all the parishioners of St. Cletus Parish who have made it possible, by your gifts, for the Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to continue their ministry of bringing Christ to all peoples of our world.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Church will begin on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 7:00 pm, in Room 105 of the Education Building of St. Cletus Parish. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone you may know who has shown an interest in becoming a Catholic to begin the Period of Inquiry. It is a time of question, answer, information, and discernment about the Catholic Faith. Please call Pat Kahl for more information or to sign up at (708) 352-2383.

Have a restful week and may God continue to bless you always,

Fr. Bob



***“When he saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many
things.”***

Jesus is not a guru who stands beyond or above these people. He is not the philosopher who knows more than they do nor, does he toy with the crowd. His heart goes out to them, for he holds them dear. But we know that Jesus didn't just talk the talk. He spoke with authority; he spoke with passion and acted with compassion. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, Jesus once and for all and forever gathered a people from afar. In his active compassion a new people is created and nourished and protected. A new covenant — a relationship between shepherd and sheep — is forged and sealed.

We want leaders to move us emotionally and then literally. We want to be inspired and we want our inspiration to spur us to effective, vigorous action. We want leaders to help us do what we know we should do, but hesitate to do for one reason or another. Leaders draw on the better angels of our nature, as Abraham Lincoln once said, and draw us to our full and proud height as the good and decent people we so want to be. We, the baptized, are not just the flock of Jesus Christ. Through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ AND the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world. How well are we doing?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2006

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6;

Jn 6:1-15



Encounter God through Reading



An Introduction to Late Summer Ordinary Time

Sometimes it's a bit difficult to ascertain just what the Church has in mind when it comes to the choice of readings for the Sundays in Ordinary Time. We know that Year B - the current year in the three year Gospel cycle - concentrates on the Gospel according to Mark. And yet, for a month of Sundays beginning next week, we find ourselves in the middle of a proclamation of John's Gospel, which encompasses virtually the entire sixth chapter. The Church has not given a separate "year" to John, but instead has placed certain sections of his Gospel within the Marcan year to "fill in the gaps," as it were. Careful attention shows us that there really are no gaps, however. Today in Mark's Gospel, Jesus, the caring Shepherd, gathers the people to teach and feed them. Next week, the inclusion of the Johannine Gospel not only signals the seasonal change to late summer, but also the clear message that Jesus gathers us to feed us, not only with bread, but also with the sustaining teaching about himself as bread for the life of the world.

(1) Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School is for children ages 3-5 years old. Classes meet during the 9:30am Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This fun-filled class provides the children a time to be with others their own age and learn of the Gospel in a way that is age appropriate. There is room available in all classes. Please call (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

(2) Early Childhood Volunteers Needed

Would you like to share your talents with young children? Our Early Childhood Program teaches Jesus' word to the 3, 4 and 5-year-old smiling faces of our parish. Your commitment would be once a month. Or if you have a love of music to share with our little ones we have a position for you as well. Please contact me at (708) 352-7693 if you are interested. We would love to have you join us!

Mary Ellen Staelgraeve

Stewardship

Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Ps 116:12)

July 16



Budgeted revenue:	\$26,500
Collection Received:	21,847
Shortfall last week:	- 4,653
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 9,902
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	870

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.

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, 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 and unable to attend Mass.

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. Please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on the prayer list.

Help Students Explore the Emerging Universe

Join us as we explore the values inherent in every aspect of the universe, and discover the implications of our understanding of humanity, education, spirituality and God. Educators will have access to the Spiritearth Library and be led in the preparation of a unit to share with their students. Education in an Emerging Universe meets on July 31 and August 1-3, 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse and Ministry Center, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. The fee is \$250. The facilitator is Pat Bergen, CSJ. For more information or to register, call the Well at (708) 354-9200, ext. 5088 or 5058.

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Stopping the Hemorrhaging by Touching the Heart of the Garment

Several years ago in Germany, while giving the sacrament of confirmation, a bishop was questioning the children who were about to be confirmed: "Who can administer the sacrament of confirmation?" he asked. A young girl answered: "Any bishop, once he's attained the age of reason!"

Our old catechisms used to tell us that we reach the age of reason at, roughly, age seven. At one level, that's true, we can be responsible for ourselves then in a way we couldn't when we were toddlers or in kindergarten. But it takes a lot longer than age seven,

a lifetime really, to be in full ownership of ourselves. And so, at another level, we might better peg the age of reason sometime after age 30, when we have a more responsible sense of who we are, what our lives mean, and what decisions we need to make in order to bring ourselves and theirs. It takes a long time before we can be really responsible.

But there's a further problem, by the time we reach maturity, we have also lost some vital life-giving parts of ourselves. By the time we get to possess ourselves, all of us have been wounded, shamed in our enthusiasm, and parts of our bodies and our souls have died and turned cold. By the time we get to be more fully in possession of ourselves we are no longer whole.

And this bitterly limits how well we can love and especially how fully we can give life. Let me illustrate this: In the gospels we are told, within a single story, how Jesus cured two women who, on the surface, seem to have very little in common. The story runs this way: Jesus is approached by a man named Jairus, who asks him to come and cure his daughter who is thirteen years old. As Jesus is making his way to Jairus' house, hemmed in by a curious crowd, a woman who, we are told, had been suffering from internal hemorrhaging for eighteen years and had spent all her money on doctors without getting any better, approaches him surreptitiously, saying to herself: "If I but touch the hem of his garment, I will be healed!" She does just that and, the gospel tells us, instantly the flow of blood stopped. Touching Jesus did for her what doctors couldn't do, it stopped her internal hemorrhaging.

Then, as Jesus is approaching Jairus' house, he is told that the man's daughter is already dead, but he enters the house anyway, goes to the young

girl's bed, takes her by the hand, and brings her back to life.

What these two women have in common is this: For different reasons, both are unable to get pregnant and give life; the young girl, because she dies at puberty, just as she has the radical possibility of getting pregnant, and the other woman, because the forces inside her that are meant to give life are damaged and hemorrhaging, making it impossible for her to hold a pregnancy. What Jesus does is give back to both women the possibility of giving life, in one case by stopping the flow of blood and in the other by starting it.

We all need a similar miracle: By the time we're finally ready to give life some deep parts of us have already died and are too cold and lifeless to ever become pregnant. As well, like the woman whose internal bleeding makes it impossible for her to get pregnant, we too are wounded in ways that have us forever hemorrhaging out the life forces we need in order to give life. Parts of us have died and parts of us have been wounded and we are forever hemorrhaging in body, heart, and soul. It's hard for us to give life.

How do we, like the woman, touch the hem of the garment so as to be healed? How do we, like Jairus' daughter, let Jesus take us by the hand and restore to us our fertility?

I remember a comment made to be by a young man who had been struggling for a long time to break an addictive habit in his life. He said: "It took me a long time, and countless failures, to realize that you can't change your life simply by willpower. You can only change it by grace and community." Alcoholics Anonymous has always known this. Willpower, while important, is not enough. Only by touching some higher power, and this is most easily done inside a community, can we actually change our lives. Therapy too is helpful to a point, but only to a point. In the end, the power to give life can only be restored to us through grace and community, through letting a power beyond give us something that we cannot give to ourselves.

Then, and only then, will those parts of us that are dead or diseased begin again to give life.

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
July 24 – July 30**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Stacy Baker, John Keating, Arthur “Ed” Burns
Tuesday	8:00am	Rev. Robert Shannon, Louis J. Kadlec, Margaret Lucente
Wednesday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Willard Sargeant, Peter Pocius, Frances Ference
Thursday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Lucille Tertinger, Camilo Gomez-Ferreria, Bryde Carter, Arthur Dolton
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Janet Flanagan, Amelia S. Baricevich, Warren Gerler, Norman Uklaja
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers



July 29/30

- 5:00pm - K. Baro, N. Lobraco, A. Heslin
- 7:00am - R. Bogolin, M. Thomas, C. Usher
- 8:00am - J. Doyle, R. Mitchell, T. Lenz
- 9:30am - H. Heim, M. Garvey, C. Manley
- 11:00am - M. Gray, C. Callahan, K. Meade

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 29, 2006

- 5:00 PM** LR Loch, Len-
- SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Andrews, Diane-
- B2 Thornton, William C2 Thornton, Madeli-
- B3 Beales, Nadine C3 Beales, Dave
- B4 Benkert, Kim C4 Kalata, Marcie-
- B5 Hockman, Susan- C5 Reichl, Mickie-
- B6 Delaloye, Joe C6 Delaloye, Rose

9:30 AM

- LR Haggerty, Frank-
- SM Hullinger, Shirley- C1 Kunkel, JoAnn
- B2 Opila, Margo C2 Opila, Andy
- B3 Nolan, Jeannine- C3 Williams, Alice-
- B4 Stumraitler, Earl- C4 Hullinger, Shirley
- B5 Bartucci, Carol- C5 Horak, Veronica-
- B6 Nicosia, Christine- C6 Mulderink, Ken-

11:00 AM

- LR Demonte, Linda
- SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Benkert, John
- B2 Herzog, Terri- C2 Gebka, Mary Lu-
- B3 Maday, Josephine C3 Pavlik, Loretta-
- B4 DalPardo, Karen- C4 McCaffray, Paul-
- B5 Hoskins, William C5 Hoskins, Celine
- B6 Nilles, Carolyn- C6 Nash, Sheila-

Sunday, July 30, 2006

- 7:00 AM** LR Maltby, Terry-
- SM Swindall, Vic
- B2 Swindall, Vic
- B3 Swindall, Toni
- B4 Sullivan, Patrick-
- B5 Zmuda, Louise
- B6 Zmuda, Ron



- 8:00 AM** LR Rapacki, Sandy-
- SM Curnutt, Rose- C1 Kigin, Billie-
- B2 Stamm, Barbara C2 Stamm, Richard
- B3 Kuchta, Ann- C3 McCartney, Sandr
- B4 Ghera, Alicija- C4 Curnutt, Rose-
- B5 Bliss, Georgia C5 Wouk, Dolores-
- B6 Karch, John C6 Karch, Terri

Wedding Banns

Jessica Garrison and Bruce Hofsteadter
Michele Oliverio and Casey Grabenstein
Ruth Heyes and Jon Remkus.

Baptism



This Past Week We Welcomed... Caroline Marie Adams, Megan Louise Adams and Luke Gabriel Donofrio to Our Parish Family.

The Path of Prayer Leads
to the
Center of Peace
Oscar Wilde

Healing Masses in honor of St. Peregrine, the Cancer Saint, take place every third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica (except during the months of May and December). Persons with cancer and others seeking healing are invited to come individually for a blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine at the conclusion of the Mass. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica is located in Chicago at 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, adjacent to the Eisenhower expressway. There is ample secure parking at the rear of the Basilica. For further information call 773/638-5800 x46.

