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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days
6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday
8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-215-5407.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

EASTER 2007

“HE IS RISEN”
“HE IS TRULY RISEN”
“ALLELUIA”

Stories come in all sorts of shapes and forms, in novels and films and television, in poetry and ballads and love songs. So often the stories we are most drawn to tell tales of great courage, of entering into the abode of death where life is not lost but found, or perhaps, as with Jesus, both lost and found.

A good friend of mine who is a college professor related this story to me recently. He spoke of a young man name Michael who was a college student who he had interviewed as part of a focus group which was exploring the quality and nature of the college experience. In the course of his conversations Michael grew excited and animated about the trilogy film THE LORD OF THE RINGS. Michael's enthusiasm was sparked and he told of how he had seen the first film twenty-three times, the second fourteen times, and the third and most recent film six times. It became clear that for him THE LORD OF THE RINGS was a template for understanding his life, one that approaches one hundred fifty hours of viewing time.

It may well be our doubt that draws us to such tales simply because the power of good over evil and of life over death seems too preposterous. Therefore, we need to hear the story told again and again so that we might believe that at least it is possible, if not certain. Nevertheless, it all begins with being amazed, as it did for Peter in this Easter's Gospel. Once he hears the story from the three women, Peter can't seem to stay away. He gets up and runs to the tomb, sees the same emptiness the women saw, and goes home amazed. Much like Michael and why he keeps returning to see THE LORD OF THE RINGS, and why I often find myself utterly amazed when I visit a dying person and listen as they tell of their journey toward death with a sense of calm, peace, and holiness which lacks any sense of fear or anxiety. It is why we tell the story of Easter every year, and maybe why we all love springtime so much. It's all so very amazing, and perhaps without any of it none of us would ever truly come to believe.

The stories of Easter are stories of great truth. They are stories in which life and death do battle with each other until the oppressor is vanquished and the victor is exalted and doubt bows in homage. It is why they are so amazing, and why we keep telling them over and over. They become our key for understanding life, especially, life in the Spirit. “He is Risen” “He is Truly Risen” “Alleluia”

Easter Blessings and Love to the Entire St. Cletus Parish Family,

Fr. Bob, Fr. Pat, and Fr. Charles



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Christ is risen

It helps to remember that when the disciples first discovered the empty tomb of Jesus, they were baffled. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke use words to describe them like “fearful yet overjoyed,” “seized with trembling and bewilderment,” “afraid,” “puzzled,” and “terrified.” In John’s gospel, the first reaction was to think someone had stolen the body. Even after they saw the tomb empty, they did not at first realize what it meant.

On this Easter Sunday, you may have some of the same trepidation and questions. What am I to make of this? Admittedly, someone rising from the dead is outside of our experience. But there lies the wonder. God has done this thing. The incredibility of it is the mystery. All you can really do is stand before the resurrection in amazement. “I don’t know how it happened, but it did. And because it did, I know life is forever.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9*

“As yet they did not understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead.”

MONDAY, APRIL 9

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

“My Lord, what a morning!”

Dawn today may bring a combination of feelings. Like the women rushing from the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, “half fearful, half joyful,” many Christians worldwide (especially the newly baptized) woke today half ecstatic, half exhausted. So it is good in the sheer richness of this moment to slow down as Easter washes over the world like ripples of light. Liturgically, it takes eight days to celebrate just Easter “Day”—to say nothing of the 50 days of Eastertime that follow. Like springtime itself, Easter demands that we stop. Breathe. Drink in the scents, the colors, the rolling Alleluias. Allow the welling gratitude to fill, to spill, to overflow.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15*

“Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Called by name

The early morning scene near Jesus’ empty tomb is surely one of the most poignant passages in the Gospel of John. Mary Magdalene does not recognize the risen Jesus until he calls her by name: “Mary!”

What is it about hearing one’s name spoken by a loved one? The subtleties of the human voice, the range of emotions and meaning it can convey, are remarkable when you think about it. Today, we might try to be aware of the tones in our voice as we say the names of those we love: Are we expressing tenderness or irritation; patience or annoyance; love or something else?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; John 20:11-18*

“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’”

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

On the road again

Now that the liturgical celebration of Easter is beginning to disappear

into the rearview mirror for another year, it might be tempting to slip into a bit of a funk like the one the disciples on the road to Emmaus slipped into. We might find ourselves lamenting—“Gee, we had hoped for more out of Easter,” as if the reality of Easter stops existing once Easter Sunday passes. But the “Easter event” is an ongoing reality. Christ’s Resurrection, and the hope it inspires, can be a part of our lives every day—as long as we open our eyes and see that the risen Lord is indeed still with us, walking right beside us on the journey.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35*
“But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.”

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The proof is in the testimony

Imagine taking on a new job at work without a job description or a clear understanding of what was expected of you. How could you go about your work without knowing what exactly the task was? It is the same with our lives as Christians. What exactly are we supposed to do? Jesus gives the answer in this, his final words of Luke’s gospel: “You are witnesses of all these things.” The truth of our faith is made known to the world through our lives transformed by forgiveness and renewed in the Spirit of love. What testimony will you offer today about all the things God has done for you?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48*
“You are witnesses of all these things.”

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

“Gone fishing”

You can almost hear the frustration and disappointment in Peter’s voice as he announces he is “going fishing.” He must have felt that the great mission had come to an end with Jesus’ death. There are times when all of us feel that our best efforts have come to naught, but if we are willing to trust the guidance of the Lord, as the disciples do after a fruitless night of fishing, we, too, will find our nets filled to overflowing. Trust is the key.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; John 21:1-14*

“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’”

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Time for a reality check

It’s not surprising that the disciples didn’t believe Mary Magdalene when she said that she had seen the crucified Jesus alive. We all know grief can do strange things. Who hasn’t had a vivid dream of a deceased loved one walking and talking? When we wake up, we have to do a reality check to figure out the truth. Mary Magdalene had a similar experience—only she wasn’t dreaming. She saw in life someone who was dead, and she had to take a moment to figure out the truth. She then graciously shared that truth with others. Do a reality check for yourself today to see just what you believe about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. Are you willing to share what you know to be the truth with others?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15*
“When they heard that Jesus was alive and had been seen by Mary Magdalene, they would not believe it.”

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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 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



Congratulations!

... Bill Cerwin, JoAnn Greiner, Holly Grimm, Courtney Hartnett, and Denise Kuchta our newly Initiated Catholics at the Easter Vigil. We also congratulate their personal sponsors and the parish sponsors from St. Cletus who have made this journey of faith with them. Also, thank you to co-leader of our RCIA group, Mr. Brad Markham. This is a truly glorious day for these individuals and our entire St. Cletus Parish Family.

Heifer News

If you have not turned in your Heifer Ark, please bring it to church and place it in the basket in the vestibule or drop it off at the rectory or religious education office.

The month of "Showers" reminds us that one raindrop does not do much, however when many raindrops join together, we are showered with blessings. Let us join together to bless those in need this season.

Happy Easter — you have created a rainbow of relief for people in need.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education



Holy Name Members

Reminder: Our next meeting is Friday, April 13, Room 201 of the Education Building at 8:00pm. We will discuss the results of the pancake breakfast and the upcoming Past President's Dinner, which will be held May 4.

Please join us. All are welcome!

Dan Gibbons



Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zack Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, 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, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, 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 Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

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.

The Collection amount for Palm Sunday is not available due to the early printing of the bulletin this week.

Come Together in Celebration of the 36th Anniversary of the Senior Unity Mass

A Celebration of Senior Life & Spirit
Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 10:00am



Holy Name Cathedral
735 N. State Street, Chicago

The principal celebrant, Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, will be joined by priests and deacons of Catholic Charities.

Seniors of all faiths and all denominations are welcome!
Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Alleluia returns to our liturgy; bells ring out in joy; white vestments, fragrant lilies, and flowers of every kind adorn the altar. Jesus is risen!

We extend that joy into our homes as well. Change the cloth on the prayer table to white or pastel color, and surround a bowl of fresh water, a sign of our Baptism, with flowers of every hue. We have come through the desert of Lent to the garden of the resurrection.

Painted or dyed eggs, baskets of chocolate bunnies and chicks, and festive ribbons, also belong on the table. These too are signs of our joy. The egg for example, is a symbol of new life, of rebirth. Inside the hard shell there is the force of life which will break through, just as Jesus broke the bonds of sin and through the stone grave.

Coloring the eggs adds to the festivity. In Greece, the eggs are dyed red to recall that Christ shed his blood for our new life of grace. In some Eastern European countries the decorating of eggs is a fine art, and silver and gold are used on very special ones.

Baby rabbits, chickens, birds, and ducks are often associated with the Easter season as this feast takes place in the spring of the year when, on the farm and in rural areas, the animals give birth to their young.

As Easter occurs in April this year, many parts of the country will be in full springtime bloom. As we begin this glorious season of grace, let us give thanks for these signs of new life that surround us, all gifts from our loving God.

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DRAWN INTO THE STORY

"We are witnesses!" The Scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John's Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus' body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: "It is wonderful in our eyes!"

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.
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EASTER PEOPLE

Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

—Pope John Paul II



Mass Intentions for the Week of April 9-15		
Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Georgenna McCuskey, Joe Slwoik, Anne Grundman
Tuesday	8:00am	Bruno Bransberger, Paul Raifon, James Fenelon, Anne Grundman, Johnston Family
Wednesday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, John Hopp, Skowron Family, Anne Grundman
Thursday	8:00am	Bryde Carter, Francis Cirrincione, Harry Taylor, Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society— Nan Rettig, Joseph Megla, Anne Grundman, Tom Kigin
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Joseph Ulfig, Walter Dunkovich Stella & Felix Gembala, Anne Grundman
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Rosa Cerniglia Anne Grundman, Catherine Meyers Geraldine Okkema, John Leahy, Rich Saunders, Charlotte Olsheski Kenneth Wolf, Georgia DePina, Josephine Sorrentino

April 14-15 — Altar Servers

- 5:00pm - Ben Okkema, Conor McLaughlin, Tommy Murphy, Ryan Temple
- 7:00am - Dominick DeLaurentis, Meghan Flannery, Kathleen Lawler, Cecilia Luxem
- 8:00am - Mike Micek, Amanda Dostal, Mary Figura, Dillon Cherny
- 9:30am - Elle Mrazek, Eddie Ashe, Patrick Kelly, Mark Patterson
- 11:00am - Heidi Heim, Kristen Collins, Natalie Gacek, Jimmy Heim



Please pray for those who have died and their families

- ...Jack Nolan, brother of Gus
- ...Edward Smithy, husband of Rhoda

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, April 14— 5:00 PM

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| SM Marcie Kalata | LR Carole Caruso |
| B1 Presider | C1 Maggie Kensek |
| B2 James Ryva | C2 Marge Richards |
| B3 Ruth Burke | C3 Jack Burke |
| B4 Alfreda Guide | C4 Marcie Kalata |
| B5 Nadine Beales | C5 Dave Beales |
| B6 Susan Hockman | C6 Diane Andrews |

Sunday, April 15—7:00 AM

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| SM Rose Curnutt | LR Jim Hagen |
| B1 Presider | |
| B2 Rose Curnutt | |
| B3 Colleen Hagen | |
| B4 Geri Hinton | |
| B5 Len Loch | |
| B6 Helen Nault | |



Sunday—8:00 AM

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| SM Jerry Welch | LR Ken Hagen |
| B1 Presider | C1 John Karch |
| B2 Kay Hogue | C2 Terri Karch |
| B3 Helen Borsilli | C3 Georgia Bliss |
| B4 Jennifer Dillane | C4 Jerry Welch |
| B5 Maggie Meade | C5 Laura Ward |
| B6 Jackie Saban | C6 Paulette Bolton |

Sunday—9:30am

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| SM Paul McCaffray | LR Ann Kuchta |
| B1 Presider | C1 Veronica Horak |
| B2 Earl Stumreiter | C2 Catherine Warren |
| B3 Dan Micek | C3 Judy Micek |
| B4 Shirley Hullinger | C4 Paul McCaffray |
| B5 Robert Zupanic | C5 Alice Williams |
| B6 Alice Dunkovich | C6 Jo Maday |

Sunday—11:00 AM

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| SM Debra Samuelson | LR Christina DalPorto |
| B1 Presider | C1 Harry Fisher |
| B2 Celine Hoskins | C2 Frank Haggerty |
| B3 Jennie Ficaro | C3 Elizabeth Garske |
| B4 Sharon Gleich | C4 Debra Samuelson |
| B5 Irene Drago | C5 Karen DalPorto |
| B6 Jean Meuwissen | C6 Janina Rogan |

WEDDING BANNS

Gretchen Conrad and Timothy Gahr

