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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

FATHER BOB'S UTTERINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter I would like to share a reflection I came across by Msgr. Ralph Kuehner and Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis: "Most of us find ourselves remembering a mixture of both good times and bad times. We are able to call up the blessings, those times when we lie back on the grass, hands behind our heads, gazing at clouds and dreaming of how they shape themselves into silhouettes of what we've known and where we've been, a scrapbook of images dear to us. We hang on to such times."

"But other memories come along as well, clouds drearier if not also stormier. Adolescence, maybe—it can still taste like a copper penny. Or the growing-up relationship we once had with a parent: some still limp from it, a bruised or broken spirit that never healed the way it should have. Or the feeling that comes from never having made the team—not the basketball team or love's team or even life's team. It's as if we got on the wrong bus when everyone left for the game, and ever after we gaze through the window at all the other buses filled with could've-been friends who never wave back."

"Mercifully life moves on. And if we're blessed, it moves on into goodness of other sorts. Yet not without the scars, those ways our flesh has of remembering. In some ways they become the buoys that point out the deep-water channel in the river of life, markers for safe sailing as well as for rocky beds that rip us open."

"So we remember the wounds, which is what Thomas did. They marked the pain for him, but they also marked the real Jesus. He knew that if the wounds into which he would put his hands were real, so would Jesus be, and so also the demise of death. For Thomas it was the wounds that proved resurrection and so moved him into faith."

As we continue to celebrate God's saving grace this Easter season, let us also remember the blessings and wounds of our lives and so recognize the risen Christ in them as we move into a deeper faith.

Special Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Fr. Pat, Fr. Charles, and myself, to thank all those who made our Lenten Season, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday such a blessed experience filled with grace. Thank you to our worship committee, ushers, lectors, musicians, choirs, servers, Eucharistic ministers, parish staff, maintenance staff, school, religious education, RCIA team, and celebrants who made it all possible. They spent hundreds of hours in planning and preparation. How blest this parish truly is with these dedicated ministers. I ask for God's abundant blessings to be given to each one of them during this Easter season. I ask this with sincere thanks to God for you all.

Blessings of this Easter Season Be With You All,

Fr. Bob



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY; HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Messengers of mercy

The world remembers today two things that could not be further apart: the mercy of God and the destruction of millions of Jews and others in the Holocaust. In the 1930s, Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish religious sister, received special revelations in which Jesus told her to spread the message of his mercy to the world. Across the border in Germany, the Nazi machinery of death was grinding into high gear. What could be more different than the mercy of God extended to all, and the merciless killing of men, women, and children?

In his words to Saint Faustina, Jesus asked her to live her whole life, and encourage others to do the same, as a model of God's mercy. Being merciful may be the best thing you can do in response to the mercy-starved hearts of others. In the face of death, you can witness to the new life of Easter.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31*

"Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever."

MONDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

Let's try that again

Being born is one of the most dangerous things we ever do. It's sudden, difficult, confusing, and if we survive the process, on the other side is a world painfully bright and nowhere near as safe as the one we just left. So why would anyone go through that twice? Poor Nicodemus cannot even imagine what Jesus means by being born a second time. How does an old person start from scratch? And he's right: It's darn difficult for any of us to begin again. But we can't have a new life if we keep clinging to the old one.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; John 3:1-8*

"Nicodemus said to Jesus, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old?'"

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

Here and there

The early Christian theologian Origen of Alexandria often compared the teachings of Christ to foods. There are the easily digestible teachings—the "milk" of Christians—those practical and friendly love-thy-neighbors of the gospel. Then, there are those tougher, meatier parts of Christ's message, which, Origen says, only those suckled by the milk can sustain. How can we understand Christ's message that we must "hate" our family and even our own life, unless we have first known his gentler teaching? While many Christians are content to focus on the earthly teachings and others prefer only the spiritual, Christ tells us that we cannot truly know one without the other.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15*

"If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

The best we can be

At times, the Christian message of repentance and forgiveness is distorted into a message of condemnation and punishment. Jesus, by contrast, always began where people were at, in all their human imperfection. He called us to be better, but he did not condemn us for being less than perfect. As we take the Easter message of redemption forward in our daily lives, we do well not to condemn others—or ourselves for that matter—for falling short of angelic

perfection, but rather focus on becoming better human beings and helping others do the same.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21*

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

EASTER WEEKDAY; ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Spiritual Post-it notes

Sometimes it may be more out of forgetfulness than disbelief that we fail to accept the testimony of Jesus. That's where prayer, weekly worship, Bible study, spiritual reading, social service, and works of mercy come in. These Christian disciplines and practices remind us of what Jesus came to proclaim and what Christians of every generation give witness to: that God is love and that we are created out of that love to love and be loved. So essential is this message that Pope Benedict XVI chose to write about the "love God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others" in *Deus caritas est* [God is love], his first encyclical after being elected pope. Set up a daily tickler system to remind yourself of the role of love in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36*

"The one from above testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony."

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER WEEKDAY

The bread of life

In the Lord's Prayer we ask for "our daily bread." This plea grows out of a need all people share, rich or poor, young or old: for sustenance. Because it's so basic, it makes sense to ask God for enough food each day, even if you're the one who has to go out and earn it by the sweat of your brow.

For people of faith, bread can also be spiritual food. Jesus gives us his body in the form of bread transformed. Through receiving his body, you enter into communion with Christ and his church and all that means. In the end, Jesus feeds us. Remember this truth at the Eucharist and at the dinner table. Do what you can to bring the bread of life to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; John 6:1-15*

"Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated."

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

FEAST OF ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR

Doctor's orders

If Anselm lived today, he would probably be categorized as someone who "has a problem with authority figures." Fortunate for the church that he did! He defied his rich and stubborn father to become a monk. Appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, on many occasions he defied the king of England and spoke out against injustices such as slavery. Through his efforts, a law was passed making the sale of human beings illegal in England. His writings were so highly esteemed he was given the rarely bestowed title of "doctor of the church." The doctor's prescription—faith and courage in the face of opposition—is one we could all use a dose of.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; John 6:16-21*

"They saw Jesus walking on the sea and they were terrified. But he said, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'"

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14;
 Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



our sick: Ron Hofstetter, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zack Perka, 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, 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 those who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. If you wish to add a name to the list, please call the rectory office. Please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on our parish list.

Day of Retreat

Please remember in prayer this week our Year I Confirmation Candidates who will be spending next Sunday, April 22, in retreat and reflection at Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge. May their time away from us and their daily schedules help them deepen their commitment to their Baptismal promises and the journey of faith which will bring them to readiness for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation next Spring. Thank you. Please pray for nice weather too!

Mary Beth Ford, Youth Director

Religious Education News

Parents, remember our end of the year celebration begins with Mass at 12:30pm on Sunday, April 29 in church. Don't miss the music provided by our students, our songs led by our 4th graders, and our community gathering to give thanks and praise to our God. After Mass, remember to join us in Morrissey Hall for our Ice Cream Social. Please RSVP to the religious education office, (708) 352-2383. Let us Pray and Celebrate All of the Blessings of the Year!

Registration materials for 2007-08 will be mailed to all currently registered families this week. Any new families wishing to register for 2007-08 may contact the religious education office at (708) 352-2383 or click the religious education tab on the parish website at www.stcletusparish.com.

Just a reminder that April 22/23 will be our last classes of the year! Time flies when you are having fun!

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education



April 1, 2007

Budgeted revenue: \$29,061
Collection received: 33,093
Surplus last week: + 4,032
Revenue to budget
Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 99,098
Of envelopes mailed 3,291
Of envelopes returned: 905

April 8, 2007-Regular

Budgeted revenue: \$29,061
Collection received: 21,381
Shortfall last week - 7,680
Revenue to budget
Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 106,778
Of envelopes mailed: 3,291
Of envelopes returned: 679

Thank you for your continued support.

Fenwick High School
Blackfriars Guild
Presents
Disney's

" Beauty and the Beast "

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton

Friday, April 20, 2007 at 8:00pm
Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 8:00pm
Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 3:00pm

\$8.50 Adults
\$6.50 Students

Fenwick High School Auditorium
505 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, Illinois

Upcoming Religious Vocation Fair

Have you ever wondered what sisters, brothers and priests are like? Would you like to meet some from different religious communities? Information about different communities will also be available. Stop by the Religious Vocation Fair at *Saint Mary's in Riverside*, between 7:30am and 1:00pm on April 29. For more information, contact Sr. Peter Mary Hettling, CSJ, at the Archdiocesan Vocation Office, (312)751-5245 or phettling@archchicago.org.

First Annual Lilac Mass

Chicagoland dentists and Loyola University-Chicago will sponsor the first Annual Lilac Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, April 22, at 9:30am. Holy Name Cathedral is located at Superior and State Streets in Chicago. The Cathedral will be the venue for the Mass and a Breakfast which will be immediately following the Mass. There will be a nominal charge for the breakfast.

To register your attendance for the Mass/Breakfast (No advance purchase: pay at the door). Please contact the Chicago Alumni Relations Office at Loyola University by calling (312) 915-7660 or visit www.luc.edu/alumni or Dr. Walter Lamacki at (312) 787-0872 or wlamacki@aol.com.

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CONSIDER
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- BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES
- CREATIONISM
- INTELLIGENT DESIGN
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When thinking about creation as 21st century Catholics, we have the truths of the Bible—and the facts of modern science. How do we put them together? Dr. Pauline Viviano, associate professor of theology at Loyola University Chicago, will help us sort out different contemporary views on how the universe came to be and how life developed.

Mark Your Calendars—Spring Raffle

A traditional **American breakfast** from 7:30am `til 2:00pm on **Sunday, April 15.**

A traditional **Mexican Brunch** from 7:30am `til 2:00pm on **Sunday, April 22.**

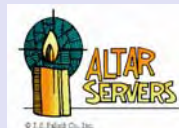
A traditional **Polish Brunch** from 8:30am `til noon on **Sunday, April 29.**

The raffle drawing will be held at 2:00pm on **April 29.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 16—April 22

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society—Stanley & Stella Waszak, Joseph Megla, Anne Grundman
Tuesday	8:00am	Lorraine & Frank Peck, Anne Grundman
Wednesday	8:00am	James Popp, Anne Grundman
Thursday	8:00am	Dorothy Salvato, Anne Grundman
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society—Erik Geyer, Florence Donahue, Anne Grundman
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Stanley Pawlowicz, Sophie Klein
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Salvatore D'Amato, Catherine Meyers Lewis Casassa, Samuel J. Dallio, Michael Mlot Family Michael Arpaia George O'Connell, Wanda Knapp



April 21-22

5:00pm - Allison Kison, Helene Griffin, Sarah Patterson, Shane Rhoads

7:00am - Alyssa Condotti, Tommy Gray, Jessica Chervinko, Shane Frisbie

8:00am - John Flach, Andrea Goethals, Alex Contarino, Alicia Rodriguez

9:30am - Tim Christopher, Katie Callahan, Jimmy Krecek, Brendan Kelly

11:00am - Kelsey Kelliher, Brendan Curtin, Sally Garvey, Allison Kopicki

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, April 21, 2007

5:00 pm Service Minister Jackie Wiley Lector Mark Staelgraeve

Bread 1 Presider	C1 Mary Kay Condon
Bread 2 Kathy Boyer	C2 Mary Thuma
Bread 3 Ann Okkema	C3 Joe Delaloye
Bread 4 James Ryva	C4 Jackie Wiley
Bread 5 * Madeline Thornton	C5 *William Thornton
Bread 6 Sarah Sipek	C6 Trudi Kessler

Sunday, April 22, 2007

7:00 am Service Minister John Karch Lector Janet Bellisario

Bread 1 Presider
Bread 2 John Karch
Bread 3 Terri Karch
Bread 4 Vic Swindall
Bread 5* Toni Swindall
Bread 6 Dolores Wouk



8:00 am Service Minister Kim Benkert Lector Marlene Cheney

Bread 1 Presider	C1 Mary Jane Walsh
Bread 2 Louis Curotto	C2 Jackie Saban
Bread 3 Carol Biesadecki	C3 Bob Biesadecki
Bread 4 John Benkert	C4 Kim Benkert
Bread 5 *Margo Opila	C5 *Andy Opila
Bread 6 Elizabeth Zaremba	C6 Maggie Meade

9:30 am Service Minister Judy Micek Lector Linda Demonte

Bread 1 Presider	C1 Mickie Reichl
Bread 2 Veronica Horak	C2 Pat Dalsin
Bread 3 Larry Kelliher	C3 Karen Kelliher
Bread 4 Dan Micek	C4 Judy Micek
Bread 5* Carole Caruso	C5 *Earl Stumreiter
Bread 6 Catherine Warren	C6 Kevin Burke

11:00 am Service Minister Barbara Koch Lector Ron Augustyn

Bread 1 Presider	C1 Mary Lu Gebka
Bread 2 Elizabeth Garske	C2 Rita Brannigan
Bread 3 Jennie Ficaro	C3 Karen DalPorto
Bread 4 Rose Curnutt	C4 Barbara Koch
Bread 5 * Irene Drago	C5 *Carolyn Nilles
Bread 6 Cathy Schump	C6 Debra Samuelson

* Please assist Service Minister before & after Mass



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

Edward Rubin
Edward Mieszcak
Raymond Tobolski
Richard Utosh
Delores Depa
Kenneth Johnson

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Baptisms

Please Welcome to Our Parish Family...
Nayali Negrón, Caroline Cummings Pooler, Brandon Michael Rajkowski and Jacob Joseph Zeman.



Wedding Banns

Jennifer Kruk and Mark Langton

