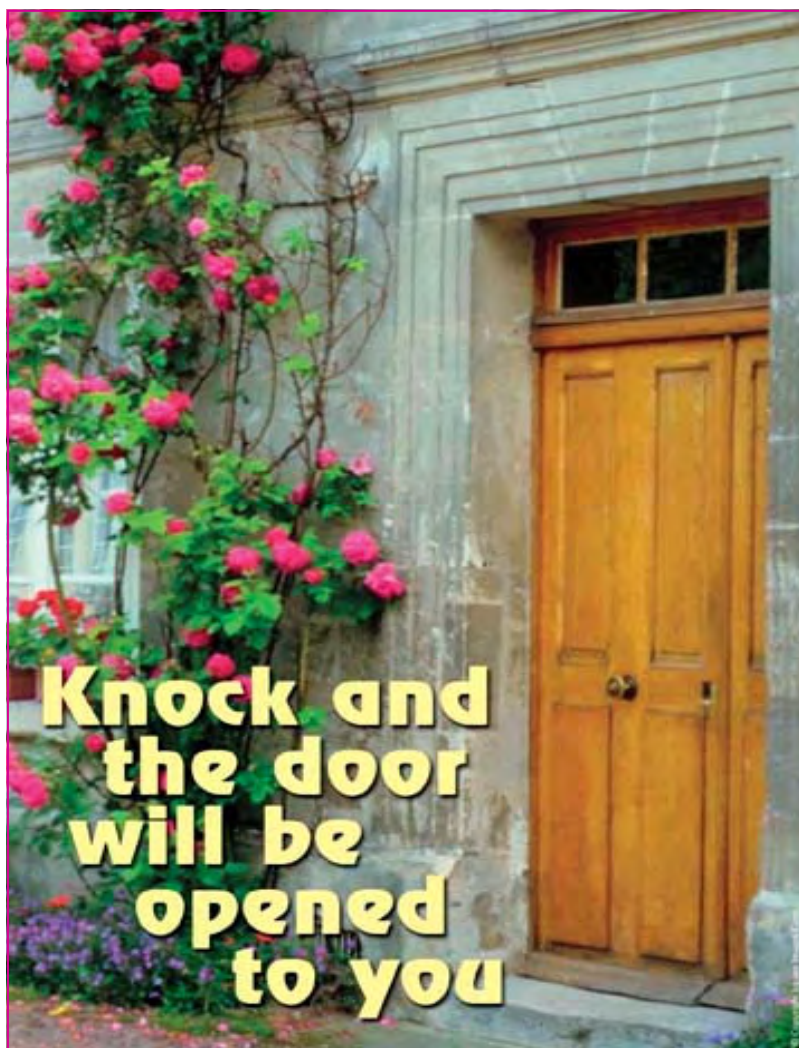


St. Cletus Canticle

July 29, 2007

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time




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Mass Intentions for the Week of July 30 - August 5

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00am	Ann Dunbar
Wednesday	8:00am	Danny McGinley, Frank Wojcik, Kenneth Wolf
Thursday	8:00am	Linda Felice, William Beyer, Rosalie Bajor
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Celeste Klees, Marcie Johnston, Sophie Wojcik - Jim & Johlene Peters 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Stella & Felix Gembala Mary Jean Sternquist, Stanley & Mary Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Thomas O'Leary Ann Jiganti, George Beyer, Phyllis Wiertel Bernice Jackson, Joseph Galat, Dennis Delaney Kenneth Wolf, Ray Tobolski, John Pavlik, Timothy Benrus



August 4 - 5, 2007

5:00pm - RE servers
 7:00am - D. Roll, E. Ashe, D. Cherny
 8:00am - A. Rodriguez, K. Collins, A. Kopicki
 9:30am - K. Lawler, B. Lively, T. Murphy
 11:00am - A. McQuillan, A. Pusatera, C. Mosquera



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

† *Caroline Malatia*,
aunt of Kathy Doles

† *Mary Visznecki*,
sister of Therese Sellers

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 4, 2007

5:00 PM		LR Okkema, P
SM Swindall, V	C1 Okkema, A	
B2 Ward, L	C2 Condon, M	
4 Boyer, K	C3 Zarembo, E	
B4 Swindall, T	C4 Swindall, V	
B5 Heyes, M	C5 Heyes, S	
B6 Kensek, M	C6 Bozec, B	

Sunday, August 5, 2007

7:00 AM		LR Loch, L
SM Zmuda, R		
B2 Zmuda, R		
B3 Zmuda, L		
B4 McCartney, S		
B5 Stamm, R		
B6 Stamm, B		
8:00 AM		LR Curotto, L
SM Welch, J	C1 Hogue, K	
B2 Biesadecki, B	C2 Biesadecki, C	
B3 Warren, C	C3 Kwak, T	
B4 Saban, J	C4 Welch, J	
B5 Thornton, M	C5 Thornton, W	
B6 Kuchta, A	C6 Ghera, A	

9:30 AM		LR Schump, C
SM Opila, A	C1 Burke, K	
B2 Nolan, J	C2 Kigin, B	
B3 Thuma, M	C3 Bartucci, C	
B4 Opila, M	C4 Opila, A	
B5 Blecic, D	C5 Stumreiter, E	
B6 Zupanic, R	C6 Horak, V	
11:00 AM		LR DalPorto, C
SM McCaffray, P	C1 DalPorto, K	
B2 Koch, B	C2 Samuelson, D	
B3 Hagen, E	C3 Mangahas, A	
B4 Fisher, H	C4 McCaffray, P	
B5 Keating, Gay, S	C5 Benkert, J	
B6 Nilles, C	C6 Nash, S	




FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are aspects of life that some of us always seem to be messing up. Relationships come to mind. Our use of power is another. You can undoubtedly name others. Using them well can be a challenge. The wise use of money is another one that this week's scripture calls us to deal with.

For the disciples of Jesus one issue seems to be how to cultivate an attitude toward money as a means and not as an end. People whom I've come to consider on the way to some sort of holiness all seem to have a healthy attitude about money. They seem to be able to deal with it yet all the while keeping it in balance with the rest of life. So I asked around.

Tithing seems to be a frequent way of maintaining some sort of balance—ten percent off the top of one's income. People who tithe seem to remember the poor in more than a token way.

Some folks said they don't use credit cards precisely to keep them from spending sprees. Others spoke to the question of owning stocks. Some refuse to do so simply because they know it would become one more anxiety in their life. Another refused to allow herself to read the stock market page of the newspaper, lest she become anxious about her investments.

Another person said he had decided what a responsible amount of savings would be for retirement and other needs. Everything over and above he gives away.

Someone else decided to live by needs rather than by wants and tried to be attentive to her inclination to shift items from the latter category to the former. She felt it worked for her.

The scriptures this week challenge you and I to look at our relationship to money in our own lives. How do we keep money from becoming an overriding concern in our lives? Do we know anyone with a healthy "biblical" attitude toward the use of money?

It doesn't really matter how we keep a balance about money or how we make sure we use money wisely as disciples. What matters is that we do so, if for no other reason than to make sure that we care for the weakest among us, and to make sure we keep trust in our God and not in ourselves.

Church Ceiling Repair

Hopefully, by the time you read this our church ceiling will have been repainted or will be in the process of being repainted. We were very fortunate to be able to repair the problem with the air cooling system in the space above the church ceiling. After review by several engineers, both on our parish maintenance committee and from the Archdiocese, the problem was not only discovered but repaired. Paint damage is a result of this problem. The repairs have not only been made but have been completely covered by our insurance. The repainting of our church ceiling will also be completely paid by our insurance. Our insurance has saved the parish approximately \$18,000. Thank you for your patience while we made the necessary assessment of the problem, the repairs of the cooling system, and filing of claims to complete this project. It will be good to look up and see a newly painted ceiling in our beautiful church.

Continued Summer Blessings and Relaxation to All,

Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2007

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Setting things right

How often have you said the Lord's Prayer in your lifetime? One thousand, 10,000, 50,000 times? Each time you say it, you ask for forgiveness but, in fact, do you forgive everyone who has sinned against you? Or do you stew and steam and stress over the wrong that has been done to you, particularly by someone you loved and trusted who hurt and betrayed you? Forgiving someone doesn't make the hurtful thing he or she did right, it makes your relationship with God right. It shows that your focus is not on you and what is owed you but on God and what God has freely given you—limitless love and mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13* — *"And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us."*

MONDAY, JULY 30

FEAST OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR

The cycle of life

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. In other words, it's small, at least at first. Saint Peter Chrysologus (380-451), bishop and eloquent preacher, wondered how such a tiny thing could be so great. A mustard seed—"Is that the sum of believers' hopes?" he asked in a homily. Did the martyrs die for a seed? Amazingly, yes. But only if the seed is crushed, Chrysologus said, can we feel its power, just as Jesus' body was crushed in order to release the full force of eternal life. Like the wheat and grapes pressed out to become bread and wine and then the body and blood of the Eucharist, human life, if we live it with attention to the Kingdom, can bear the fruit of life everlasting.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35* — *"It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree."*

TUESDAY, JULY 31

FEAST OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST — Made for walking

To get anywhere in the 16th century meant walking. If you could afford a horse or carriage, the horse did the walking. If not, you did it yourself, hundreds of miles if need be. You had to be sure your destination was worth it, because it was going to take a lot of time and effort to get there. After Saint Ignatius (1491-1556) went through a conversion and a year-long retreat, he started traveling, first in Spain and France for his education then to Rome to put his newly minted group, later to become the Jesuits, at the service of the pope—this from a man who had suffered a terrible leg wound in battle and underwent a recovery that was in many ways worse. Let Christ draw you forward in your life's journey and help you find new ways to deepen your faith and serve others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43* — *"Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water."*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

FEAST OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR

The patron saint of failure

If you think saints were always big success stories, consider Saint Alphonsus (1696-1787). When he was a bright young lawyer, he made a critical mistake in a case, and his law career was ruined. Sometime later he became a priest and founded the Redemptorist order. For the rest of his life he endured conflicts within the order and the government. When he was 85 and nearly blind, he signed a rule for the

Redemptorists he could barely read and that contained elements he did not support. As a result, the community was divided, and Liguori found himself at odds with the congregation he founded.

The Redemptorists emerged from their troubles. And Alphonsus is considered a saint and doctor of the church. What can look like failure and disaster may in fact be the messy beginning of something great.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46*
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

FEAST OF EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP OR PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST — A fishy lot

Much like the kingdom of heaven as described in today's gospel, the communion of saints consists of fish of every kind—weak and strong, scholarly and pious. Saint Eusebius (d. 370) was a fighter above all else, but his strength was in his words, not his fists. He argued mightily against the Arian heresy (which denied the true divinity of Christ) and suffered exile, persecution, and extreme deprivation in the process. Not all of us are called to be saintly debaters and wordsmiths, but we are called to defend the faith in our own holy ways.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53* — *"The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind."*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 - Knock, knock

In *God's Doorkeepers* (Servant, 2006), author Joel Schorn writes about the unpromising beginnings of three 20th-century holy men: Padre Pio, André Bessette, and Solanus Casey, who were assigned fairly minor roles in their religious communities because they didn't demonstrate the mental or physical strength for anything too complicated. Each, through their humble and steadfast faith, ended up ministering to the poor and sick in holy and miraculous ways that made them beloved and respected by multitudes. It is easy to overlook or underestimate the value of those whose lives or upbringings seem familiar and predictable to us. But try looking just a little deeper, and you may uncover a buried treasure in them and in yourself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58*
"Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

FEAST OF JOHN MARY VIANNEY, PRIEST

You can run but you can't hide

If you've ever wanted to get away from it all, Saint John Vianney is your man. In his youth, he deserted the French army and hid from Napoleon's police. After the general pardon of 1810 he resumed his studies for the priesthood despite his less-than-stellar grades. His first priestly assignment was the village of Ars. Though the parishioners at first opposed him because of his poor mental and physical state, Vianney won their hearts through his total dedication to them—including remarkable abilities as a confessor, relentless work, and a life of holiness. Three times he sought to leave parish work only to be persuaded by his people to come back. The challenge we all face, as the Curé of Ars did, is to find balance between work and rest and care for others and ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12*
"Herod said to his servants, 'This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'"

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Welcome Sunday Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, August 4/5, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by, say hello, and become members.

Early Childhood Registration

This Sunday School is for children ages 3-5. 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 still room available for all classes. Please contact Mary Ellen Staelgraeve (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

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Registration...Please register NOW for for 2007-2008 classes. New student forms are available online at www.stcletusparish.com or call the religious education office at (708) 352-2383. The deadline for registration is August 15. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Catechists Needed...Please consider serving your parish and especially the children of the parish as a teacher of the faith. Catechists are needed for Sunday morning (9:15-10:45) and Monday evening (6:30-8:00). I am waiting for your call!

R.C.I.A. ...Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Church? Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult classes will be begin in September. Join us for an exciting faith journey to membership in the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. Please call the R.E. office at (708) 352-2383 for further information and a warm welcome.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education



St. Cletus School has limited openings available for the 2007-2008 school year. In addition to our first through eighth grade classes, we offer:

Preschool: Our preschool classes meet for half-days: 3-pre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; our morning 4-pre class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and our 4-pre afternoon class Monday through Friday.

Kindergarten: We offer both half-day and full-day programs.

Before and Aftercare Programs are also available.

Please contact the school office at (708) 352-4820 for information on openings for specific programs. Our website: www.stcletusparish.com/school is always available for information on the school and registration forms.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal



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KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as “the persistent mother.” She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church’s greatest scholars.

Today’s readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke’s Gospel, tells his disciples to “ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham said to the Lord: Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Should not the judge of the world act with justice? (Genesis 18:20-32).

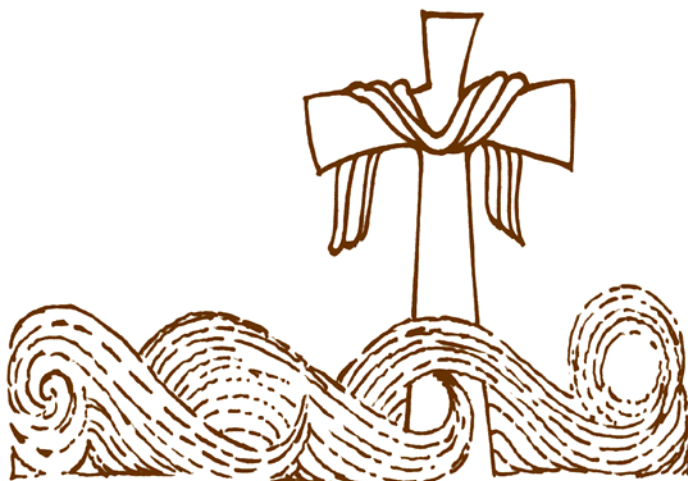
Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Peter Chrysologus
Tuesday:	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Wednesday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Thursday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. John Mary Vianney; First Saturday



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You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus on Wednesday, September 5th.



Show Times are at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Advance Tickets available after all weekend Masses beginning July 29th thru Sept. 2nd or at the following ticket outlets in LaGrange:

- De Vries Grocery & Market
- Little Joe's
- Palmer Place Restaurant & Bier Garten
- Park District of LaGrange
- St. Cletus Rectory

TICKET PRICES	
In Advance	On Circus Day
Adult..... \$9.00	Adult..... \$12.00
Child.....under 12..... \$5.00	Child.....under 12..... \$ 6.00

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Budgeted revenue:	\$28,500
Collection received:	21,357
Shortfall last week:	- 7,143
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 12,804
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	865

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Matthew Kelly News

On the 21st of August, Matthew Kelly's new book, **The Dream Manager**, will hit the stores. This book is different than any of his previous books. For the first time he has written fiction! **The Dream Manager** is a story about a company that is struggling because its employees are disengaged. What follows is a series of events that lead the employees of the company to explore what their dreams are for their lives and for the company. The result is the passionate pursuit of dreams that have been buried and forgotten. The book was written to promote a nice cool breeze of fresh air to blow through the hallways of the corporate world.

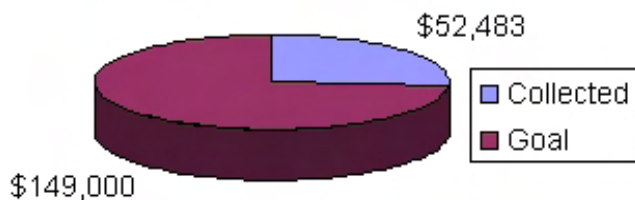
If you would like to pre-order a copy of this new book, you may do so by visiting www.barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com or matthewkelly.org.

I am sure you remember Matthew when he visited here last November with his message of inspiring people to become the best versions of themselves.

So, mark you calendar for August 21st for his book, **The Dream Manager** to hit the stores, because his books do change lives!

Fr. Pat O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Summer Projects Campaign



Attention Ministers of Care!

Schedules are ready for pickup in the Ministers Room in church.

Dolores Wauk,
Director of Ministry of Care

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM,
11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM

Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

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 (215-5407).

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday:	9:00am-5:00pm
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Saturday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday:	8:00am-1:00pm

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The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, **one full week** prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.

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