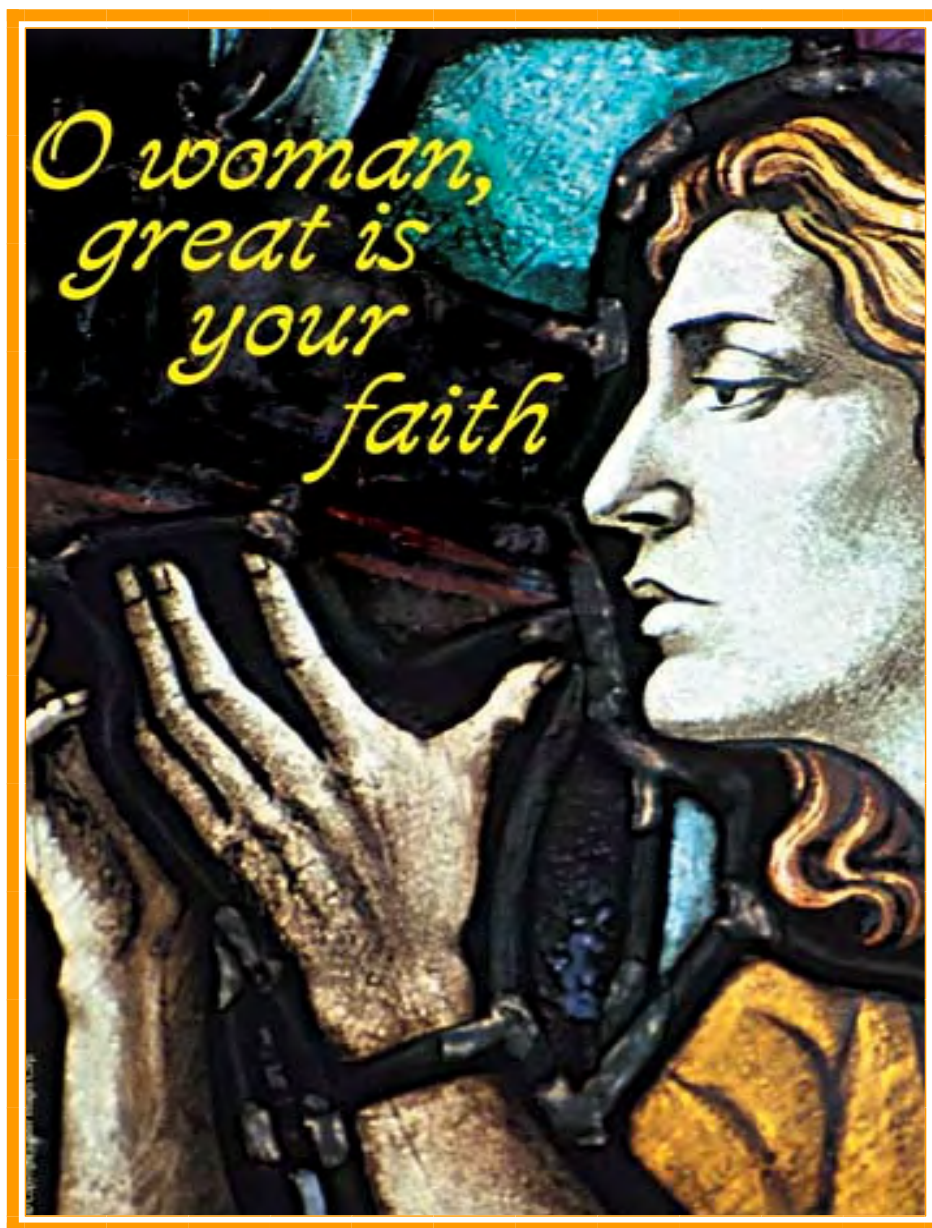


St. Cletus Canticle

August 17, 2008

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



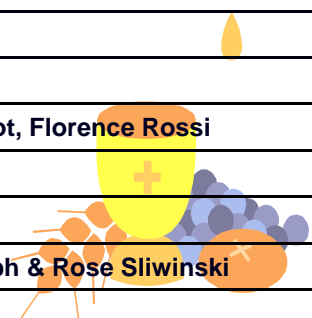
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Mass Intentions for the Week of August 18 - August 24, 2008


Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Vieceli
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph & Clare Idzik, Constantino De Bartolo, Marshall Mlot, Florence Rossi
Wednesday	8:00am	John Burns
Thursday	8:00am	Joseph & Kay Klemak, Mary Poropat
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Gerry Jackson, Barbara Fisher, Joseph & Rose Sliwinski
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Souls in Purgatory Jozef Slowik, Bob McDonald, Mary Jane Taylor, Tracy Lynn Carlisle
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Parish Priest's Intentions Rose Mary Ptak Michael Arpaia Barbara McQuaid, Mary Malally, Lenore Madden, Andrew Jaskierski Priests of the Missionaries of St. Charles



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23/24, 2008					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Swindall, V.	Swindall, V.	Hullinger, S.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
LR	Gallagher, J.	Pfeiffer, I.	Staelgraeve, M.	Rotunno, P.	Bolton, W.
B2	Swindall, V.	Swindall, V.	Hullinger, S.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
B3	Heyes, M.	Swindall, T.	Hogue, K.	Bartucci, C.	Haggerty, F.
B4	Boyer, K.	Kalata, M.	Hagen, C.	DalPorto, K.	Nash, S.
B5	Beales, D.	Loch, L.	Welch, J.	Samuelson, D.	Provan, K.
B6	Hockman, S.	Mezan, M.A.	Warren, C.	Mulderink, K.	Brannigan, R.
C1	Delaloye, J.		Kwak, T.	Horak, V.	Mangahas, A.
C2	Swindall, T.		Thuma, M.	Keating-Gay, S.	Garske, E.
C3	Heyes, S.		Meade, M.	Dillane, J.	Nilles, C.
C4	Andrews, D.		Hagen, J.	Dunkovich, A.	Gebka, M.L.
C5	Beales, N.		Walsh, M.J.	Tosheff, C.	Provan, J.
C6	Kensek, M.		Saban, J.	Stumreiter, E.	Maday, J.
Altar Servers	McAtee, M. Bogolin, K. Donatelli, L.	Lombardo, M. Madden, N. Pristo, J.	Zebus, K. Lange, K. Funk, R.	Tosheff, K. DalPorto, T. Wuerl, K.	Flannery, K. Flannery, S. Flannery, M.

 **Wedding Banns**

*Anne McLamore
&
Anthony Nowak*

 **In Sympathy**

Please Pray for
Our Deceased...

*Frank Genovese,
father of Kathy Doles*

*Kathleen Ann O'Connell,
wife of John J. O'Connell*

*Arlene LeGrand,
mother of Richard LeGrand*

Reminder...

- Extraordinary Minister's of Communion:** Training in church Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00pm.
- Lector Training:** Thursday, August 21, 7:00pm in church.
- Teen Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Training in church Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30pm.
- Lector Training:** Wednesday, August 20, 7:30pm in church.
- Usher Training:** Thursday, August 21, at 6:30pm in church.

Looking forward to seeing you all,
Paulette Bolton
Director of Worship



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel challenges us about our priorities in life and the extent to which we treat others as outsiders. Are our priorities all centered on self, on making our own lives comfortable and easy? Or are other people at the heart of our lives? Do we have time for others or do our priorities mean we ignore their needs?

Charity begins at home. We can ask ourselves about the quality of our relationships – and of the time we spend – with those who are nearest and dearest to us. We might ask if we restrict our love, our time and compassion to our own people. Or can our love extend beyond these narrow limits? Charity might begin at home, but it shouldn't end there.

This gospel also asks us to see if we are willing to change, to set aside our plans in order to respond to the real needs of people. If we think we are too old or too set in our ways to change, this might mean we have stopped growing, or worse, that we are closing our eyes and ears to the needs of others. It is easy to demonize others, to depict them in ways which deny their basic humanity, so that we can ignore their needs. The gospel challenges us to look beyond labels, to see the common humanity of the person who is different, the stranger, and to respond with generosity.

“Have a care for justice and cling to the Lord's covenant”, Isaiah tells us. “HAVE A CARE FOR JUSTICE”: be fair, honest and generous in our dealings with others – not just those close to us, but all God's children. “KEEP THE LORD'S COVENANT”: acknowledge the Lord in our life. If we act with justice towards others and make room for God in our lives, he promises that he will give us a deep joy; he will hear our prayers and accept not just our sacrifices, but our very selves. Then we will not be foreigners, aliens to God, but rather insiders, members of his chosen people.

St. Cletus Parish Parking Lot

This coming week August 18th – 22nd our parish parking lots will be seal coated and restriped as part of our Summer Projects. We will be doing this in sections in an effort to limit the amount of inconvenience this will cause to the parish. This project will include the painting of the games for our school's Peaceful Playground Program. Thank you in advance for your support of this project and for your patience while it is being completed.

St. Cletus School

It is very hard to believe that the teachers will be returning to school this week to prepare for the opening of school on August 25th. It seems like it was only a couple of weeks ago that I was wishing them a safe and restful summer.

Welcome back to our returning teachers and welcome to our new faculty members. Thank you in advance for your dedicated ministry to the young people of our parish community. Have a spirit filled year as you bring Christ to your students.

*Blessings and Peace,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

No unheard prayers

Some people will tell you that God only hears the prayers of Christians. But today's story is about a pagan woman whose prayers are answered because she believes they will be. In Christ, there is no "us" and "them"; there is only "us." God's mercy and compassion is universal. You can't divide up God's infinite love. Not everyone goes to church on Sunday or even claims a religion. But just about everyone prays because God is the first and final hope of all. When the chips are down and everything else fails, people pray. And God, who hears the prayers of all, will answer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28*

"Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'"

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 - Poor guy

A wealthy young man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do to have eternal life. We can identify with him; it's the question we all have in the end. Christ told him that if he wanted to "enter into life" he was to keep the commandments. The young man said he had done that. But then Jesus threw him a curve ball: Sell what you have, give to the poor, and follow me, and that will clinch the eternal life thing. But the young man couldn't stomach that last step and "went away sad." Jesus asks us, too, to go beyond following the rules and make a personal sacrifice of our security in order to share with one another. Will we follow or go away?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22*

"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

FEAST OF JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

The descending way of Christ

The way of Christ is a descent that will take us very far from the ascending pull of the world. For John Eudes (1601-1680) this way brought him all the way from the Normandy estate of his inheritance to an empty cask. How? Eudes first veered from the path of the world when he took a private vow of celibacy, defying his father's wishes to marry and build up the family's fortune. Later, when Eudes had become the star preacher in the Congregation of the Oratory of France, he departed again to serve the victims of a plague. From then on, there was no turning back. Even when Eudes returned to his monastery, he lived in a cask in the middle of a field to avoid infecting others. At what times have you felt the closest to Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30*

"Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

FEAST OF BERNARD, ABBOT, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Past imperfect

Strike with confidence and die yet more confidently, for he serves [God] when he strikes. . . . He is God's minister, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of the good. Should he be killed himself, we know that he has not perished, but has come safely into [heaven]." These words come from the mouth of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), the

"Mellifluous Doctor" of the church, who "preached" a crusade against the Muslim empire of his day. We celebrate someone like Bernard—and rightly so—as a theologian and leader. But saints are also human beings who don't always do or say the most admirable things. That's what makes them human—like us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16*

"Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Prophets see things differently

Anyone who sees Ezekiel only as a haranguing prophet needs to turn to the oracle mentioned in the reading today, remarkable not only because of the tender and powerful love of God it promises, but because God *chooses* to prove God's own holiness not by spectacular special effects but by wiping out the sin that separates a foolish people from their loving God. "I'll show you that I am God by cleansing you of your impurities, giving you a new heart and a new spirit." It's as though God is starting all over again so that creation is not left wallowing in its own folly. It will bring hope to remember today, should things not go well, the absolute statement of God: "They *will* be my people, and I *will* be their God." Any questions?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14*

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A different kind of queen

An odd juxtaposition of images comes to mind when we consider the words *queen* and *Virgin Mary*. The common words associated with "queen"—wealthy, dominant, imperious, proud, and distant—do not apply to Mary in any way. Rather we know her as humble, present, gentle, kind, protecting, and consoling. Why then has the title "queen" resonated with so many people for so long? Perhaps she embodies what we most desire in our leaders—thus, she is our true Queen. When Pope Pius XII instituted this feast day he was not proclaiming a new truth but rather making official what for centuries had been a cherished belief. Today, take some time to think about what Mary, Queen of Heaven means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40*

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The exalted and the humbled

Jesus frequently cautioned people about their religious leaders. Follow what they say, he told the crowds, but don't imitate their example, for they like outward displays of piety, try to impose their priestly ways on others, take the best seats, and want to be called things like *rabbi, teacher, father*. As one quipster put it, "I trust God, but not always the people who work for him." Leaders lead best by doing, and the best doing is not lording it over others but serving them. On this weekly Saturday remembrance of the Virgin Mary, recall the words of her Magnificat in which she praised God who "has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12*

"The greatest among you will be your servant."

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

FATHER BOB TO LEAD A 6-WEEK DISCUSSION GROUP IN CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Monday evenings for six weeks on the following dates:

September 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6 & 20

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

in the Rectory Basement

Immerse yourself in the person of the apostle Paul – so heroic, yet so recognizably human in his conversion story and personal involvement in sharing the Gospel with others.

Gain fresh insights into your own personal growth potential through the writings of St. Paul.

- **Who is Paul, and what is his relevance to me today?**
- **Where can I find the central teachings of the Catholic Church in Paul's letter in the Bible?**
- **How might I gain confidence from Paul's bold and creative approach to challenging society's status quo?**

Come join Fr. Bob and explore these questions and more through the use of Father Mitch Pacwa's, S. J. new Bible study guide for Catholics. Please call the rectory office (708-352-6209) to register for this upcoming series.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

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RCIA *What is RCIA?*

It is the process to receive non-Catholics into the Church. If you are considering joining the Church, NOW is the time to pick up the phone and call me at (708) 352-2383. The journey begins with a phone call and continues with two meetings a month on Wednesday evenings until Holy Thursday. Classes start September 24, at 7:00pm in the Education Building. If you have been considering the Church as a means to bring God more fully into your life, then the RCIA is for you.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

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 contact Mary Ellen (708) 352-7693 or Deb (630) 887-1209 for more information and a registration form.



St. Cletus School

Beginning
Fall 2008!

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL



Combined 3 and 4 year-olds
Beginning Fall 2008
Hours 8:15am to 3:00pm
Monday through Friday
Before and AfterCare available
Tuition: \$4,000
Fees: \$ 133
Total: \$4,133
(ten installments of \$413.30)

For more information, call the school office at (708) 352-4820.

Religious Education News!

Did you know that you should register for religious education classes beginning in September? Classes for Grades 1-6 begin on September 14/15 and September 21 for grades 7-8. Don't let your child miss one exciting session of class. Register now on line or stop by the religious education office for your registration materials.

CATECHISTS NEEDED... I am seeking two or three high energy, faith-filled volunteers to serve as Sunday first grade catechists. What loving Catholic adult could say "NO" to energetic, smiling, six and seven year olds? Please call me if you have time on Sunday mornings from 9:00-11:00am. Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." They can only come to Jesus if you are willing to serve. Call me at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

MANNA CASH AND CARRY THIS WEEK!

There will be a MANNA Cash & Carry on **THURSDAY, August 21**, from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the SCHOOL LOBBY during the "Meet & Greet" night. Any questions? Call Erin Rhoads at (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty at (708) 482-0257.

VIRTUS TRAINING SCHEDULE

Anyone that volunteers time to work with the children of St. Cletus Parish in any capacity is mandated by the Archdiocese to attend a Protecting God's Children - *Virtus* - Session. St. Cletus is scheduled for three sessions. You **MUST** register for the session of your choice online at **virtus.org**. Click on the registration tab and find the date and location of your choice. The sessions scheduled for St. Cletus are: Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00pm, Sunday, September 7 at 12:30pm and Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mary Lee at the religious education office (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

Youth Ministry

REMINDER! Registration packets for the St. Cletus High School Confirmation Program were sent out in May and were due back July 1st. Please make sure your registration packets have been returned to the Youth Ministry office. If you need another registration packet, you can visit our parish website, www.stcletusparish.com and download the form. If you have any questions or would like a packet mailed, please give me a call at the Youth Ministry office (708) 215-5419. Thanks!!

Amy Cranny
Director of Youth Ministry

Calling All College and Graduate Students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) University of Chicago (U of C) Northwestern University

Did you know that at UIC, U of C and Northwestern there are strong, vibrant Catholic student communities? At each of these institutions, the Archdiocese sponsors a Catholic Student Center for the students that attend that university. It is a Church away from home for those who come to our institutions. We offer a variety of programs from daily Masses, confessions, adoration, bible studies, retreats, lectures on Catholicism, ethics and moral lectures, service trips, social justice concerns and much more.

If you are a student at any of these three institutions, or, if you are the parent or grandparent of a student at any of the three institutions, please contact us so that we can make a connection with you on campus this Fall. At the John Paul II Catholic Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, please contact Fr. Patrick Marshall at frpatrickmarshall@jp2newman.com. At Calvert House, the Catholic student center for the University of Chicago, please contact Father Patrick Rugen at prugen@uchicago.edu. For the Sheil Catholic Student Center at Northwestern University please contact Father Thomas Franzman at franzman@northwestern.edu.

STEWARDSHIP

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.”

Isaiah 56:7

Although God no longer expects burnt offerings, each of us is called to bring a sacrifice to the altar, to make a contribution to the building up of God’s Church. What is your contribution?

Weekly Giving Summary

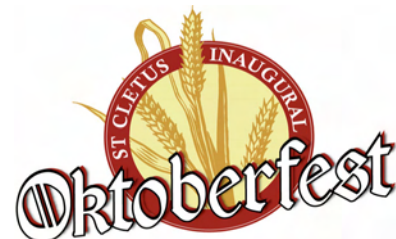
Last Weekend\$ 21,406
A Year Ago..... 25,224

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.

National City and GoodSearch Fundraising

New accounts opened at National City earned \$40. Internet searching and shopping using GoodSearch earned more than \$100 for the parish. Both are great opportunities to earn the parish money without spending a dime! Learn how to participate in these and other fundraising efforts by going to www.stcletusparish.com/fundraising/.

Chris Wagner
Director of Technology



Save the Date!
October 18, 2008

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

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)
Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm
Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

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 (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 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

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.