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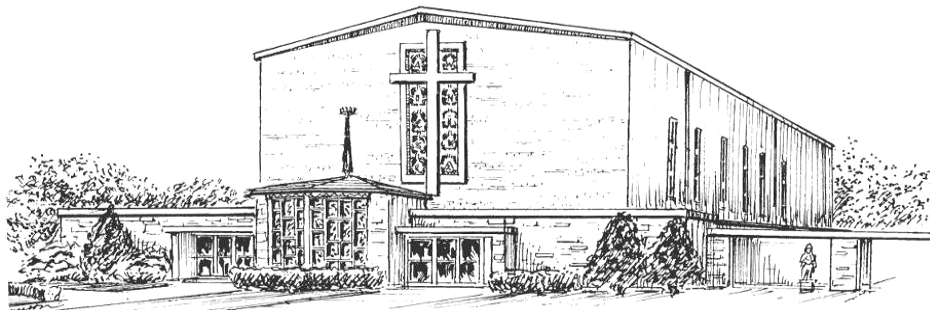
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July 18, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 19 - July 25, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Kenneth Bibeau, Stella Kadlec, Margaret Rosa
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Aubrey Olsen, Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Dan Danhauer
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Jozef & James Slowik, Francis Sciacca
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Stacy Ann Baker
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bogolin, Daniel Danhauer, Peter Vukosovich, Paul Morris
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Margaret Lucente Fr. Robert Shannon James Reisel, Dr. Leroy Garbe, Karl Kucab, Carl Manno Timothy Benrus, Harald Janecek, Dámaso Almendárez, Helen Janecek, María Guadalupe Almendárez Purgatorial Society



Please pray for those who have died and their families...



LaVerne Ann Lynn,
mother of Laurie Porpora

Joseph McKee,
brother of Linda McKee

Vivian Frances Pilarski,
wife of Edmund Pilarski

***May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.***



Please remember our sick in your prayers, Ann Fahey, Rajamma Thomas, Mary Anne Casey, Gerry Saban, Steven Blazek, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

PRAYERS FOR SICK

PLEASE NOTE: The requested intentions for the sick at Mass will be announced for three weeks unless notified. If you wish to remove the person's name or continue for an additional 3 weeks, please notify the rectory.

Names of the sick are listed for **two months** in the *Canticle*. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. Please notify the rectory to remove a name when the person no longer needs to be on the list.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Apollinaris
- Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Friday: St. Bridget of Sweden
- Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhluf;
Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY DAILY

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2010

In today's gospel, Martha is so intent on doing everything that any real personal experience of our Lord is missed. At first glance, our sympathies lie with poor Martha as she runs around trying to make sure that the sacred duty of hospitality is fulfilled. So why is Martha criticized, while the apparently selfish, even lazy Mary, is praised by Jesus? Surely Martha is doing no more than Abraham and Sarah in hurrying around to prepare food and drink for the guests? They received a blessing as their reward, and yet the Lord criticizes Martha.

When Abraham's guests visit him, he acts as a servant, bowing to the ground in greeting. And rather than join them in the meal, he remains standing nearby – as a servant would – ready to see to their needs. And in that, it is Mary, rather than Martha, who is following Abraham's example. What are Jesus' needs? To be waited on, to be served? Far from it – Jesus himself came not to be served, but to serve. And part of his mission was to make disciples, who would learn from him and so spread his gospel among the nations. In sitting at the Lord's feet, Mary is in fact serving the Lord. She is doing precisely what he wants – listening to his message, letting it sink into her heart. She is assuming – literally and figuratively – the position of a disciple. Martha on the other hand, is too busy with her own ideas, her desire to be the perfect hostess – and she outs this first.

This story follows on immediately from the parable of the Good Samaritan, and in fact acts as a kind of commentary on it. The priest and the Levite, like Martha, were too busy with their own projects to be able to see what was really asked of them. Like the Samaritan, who put aside his own plans to help the injured man, Mary is able to see what is essential, what the moment demands. In so doing, she welcomed the Lord and was obedient – she sat and listened. Martha never heard. She was so preoccupied with what she thought was important, that she missed out on the experience herself of sitting at the Lord's feet, of being a disciple.

It is easy for us to berate ourselves for being busy Martha rather than contemplative Mary. That would be a simplistic understanding of the readings. Superficially, what Martha did was exactly what Abraham did. The difference between them is not what they did, but their underlying intention. Martha was totally unable to set aside her own plans and ideas. Mary, on the other hand, was able to resist society's expectations of her role as a woman (serving, carrying, fetching), as well as Martha's complaints, because she was able to see that this was a moment of grace. Whether our lives are superficially more like Marthas or Marys, what is important is our inner attitude. We need to learn to detach ourselves from our own preconceived ideas, our own plans and intentions – and the expectations of those around us too – in order to be free to do what the Lord wants. The heart of this story is obedience – meaning listening. We need an open heart, which is able to make space and time to hear the Lord – all the more so if this challenges us or goes against what we expect. It is that openness, that ability to listen, for which Mary is praised. She encounters the Lord at first hand. It is real, personal relationship. It is a lesson for us all.

*Blessings of Discipleship,
Father Bob
Pastor*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please stop fussing and sit for a minute

As essentially Christian and counter-intuitive as “love your enemies may be,” Jesus’ defending Mary’s “laziness” over her hard-working sister Martha seems even more outrageous and unfair! If Americans love and believe in anything, it is hard work. It’s what gives us identity. I’m a farmer, an attorney, a physicist, a salesperson. So how can Jesus tell poor Martha, who just burned her fingers taking the soufflé out of the oven and could use a little help in the kitchen, that her sister has chosen the “better part”? It’s a matter of priority. We can imagine Jesus saying, “Martha, can’t we just get take-out? I came to visit you, not your cuisine. I know you show love by your hard work, but *you* mean so much more to me than what you do. Come sit here with me.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”

MONDAY, JULY 19

If you do this for me, then . . .

The scribes and Pharisees were “credentialed” religious leaders, and they took offense with this upstart Jesus. Without a degree or apparent pedigree, he appeared out of nowhere (or so it seemed) and began teaching with authority. They wanted to “see his papers,” to be given some proof, and then they would believe him. The operative phrase here is “and then.” How many times in our own faith journey have we uttered that qualifier? Help me get well, “and then” I will believe; find me a job, “and then” I will have faith; answer my prayers, “and then” I will believe. Isn’t it time we dropped the qualifier, stopped demanding signs, and let the truth of Jesus’ message speak for itself in our hearts?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42*

“See, something greater than Solomon is here!”

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Prayer by any other name

It’s been said there are five kinds of prayer: praise and adoration, blessing, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession. Some prayers are one or another, but many prayers don’t fall into these neat categories; they combine different ones. Take the Lord’s Prayer, for example. It has “hallowed be thy name” (adoration) and “forgive us your trespasses” (petition). Or the Hail Mary: “The Lord is with thee” is praise, while “Blessed art thou among women” is—obviously—blessing. The five types of prayer are really more ways of praying as much as set forms. When you pray, whether the prayers of the church or your own, be aware of how the different kinds of prayer are at work. It will enrich your prayer.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50*

“Who is a God like you? . . . You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

FEAST OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
The fruitful witness

Can a politician be saved? Some would say it’s impossible! But we know that for God anything is possible. Take for instance today’s saint, Lawrence of Brindisi. A Capuchin priest, he was also a politician. He was at various times during the 17th century vicar-general of his order, chaplain to the emperor, papal nuncio to Bavaria, and

special envoy to the king of Spain. He was in politics up to his ears. Yet his saintly patience, kindness, and goodness witnessed to those with whom he worked. “You will know them by their fruits,” Jesus said. Even politicians can bear good fruit!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9*

“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

THURSDAY, JULY 22

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

The heart of a disciple

Mary Magdalene is one of the bad girls of the Bible, right? Although tradition often depicts her that way, the gospels paint a more accurate picture of who Mary Magdalene is. Mary proclaimed the Good News with Jesus and other disciples throughout the land. At the foot of the cross she risked her own life to stand vigil with Jesus as he was crucified and died. After Jesus was buried, she channeled her own grief into an act of love by going to the tomb to show reverence. Finally, it was Mary whom the gospels tell us was the first witness to the Resurrection. May we be blessed with the heart and courage of Mary Magdalene.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; John 20:1-2, 11-18*

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

FRIDAY, JULY 23

FEAST OF BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS

Read, think, ponder

After raising eight children in a happy marriage, Bridget of Sweden was attracted to a life of contemplation. We’re not surprised: Ask any parent of a large family if a little peace and quiet isn’t appealing! The Bridgettine sisters were committed to giving all surplus income to the poor at the end of each year. They also kept their buildings simple. But one thing they didn’t skimp on was books. Each member could have as many as he or she pleased. In an age that gets its information from sound bites, book reading is a vanishing art. Promote “extreme understanding.” Read books!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23*

“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it.”

SATURDAY, JULY 24

FEAST OF SHARBEL MAKHLÛF, PRIEST

A cedar of Lebanon

Saint Sharbel (or Charbel), born in northern Lebanon in 1828, was a Maronite Catholic monk and priest. His reputation for holiness and simplicity led to his canonization in 1977. Descended from the ancient church at Antioch, Maronite Catholics spent centuries isolated from other Christian communities and appointed their own patriarch. Unique among Eastern Catholics, however, Maronites have always remained in full communion with the Church of Rome. When Sharbel was canonized, Bishop Francis Zayek, head the U.S. Diocese of St. Maron, noted that Sharbel’s canonization and other Maronite beatifications prove “that the Aramaic Maronite Antiochian Church is indeed a living branch of the Catholic Church.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30*

“Let both of them grow together until the harvest.”

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Catechists



The Religious Education Department is looking for men and women who are willing to share their faith with the young boys, girls and teens of our parish. We are in need of catechists for our Sunday program in grade 3, 6 and 7th grade. In our Monday program, we need a 3rd grade catechist and a 5th grade catechist. Working with young people is a rewarding experience. Please think and pray about this ministry and consider helping to deepen the faith lives of the children of St. Cletus Parish. Please call the Religious Education Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. during the month of July and from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the month of August. **Our office number is (708) 352-2383.** Thank you.

Sr. Pat Mc Kee, O.P.

Director of Religious Education

St. Cletus School



We welcome all the children of St. Cletus Parish to our parish school. Our school office hours for the month of July are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We invite you to come and tour our school. Our goal is to deepen the faith life of the children and offer an excellent academic curriculum. We have a limited amount of spaces left and we invite you to think about sending your child to our parish school. Feel free to come and see for yourself what St. Cletus School has to offer.

Mrs. Terri Langellier

Principal

(708) 352-4820.

Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School is for children ages 3-kindergarten. Classes meet during the 9:30 a.m. 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 the Gospel in a way that is age appropriate. The children play, pray, do a craft and have music time. At Christmas they perform songs and a play for families and friends. At Easter they take a journey and walk through Holy Week with Jesus, learning about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday, and the Resurrection. Our dedicated teachers and music instructors have worked hard to make Sunday School a fun place to be! Please join us. There is still room available in all the classrooms.

Please contact Mary Ellen at (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

Youth Ministry Update!

GREAT AMERICA TRIP...


Come and join the teens of our parish and the teens from St. John of the Cross on our Great America trip on Tuesday, August 3. Buses will depart from St. John of the Cross parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 11:15 p.m. Permission slips can be downloaded from our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. The cost is only \$35 (\$8.00 if you are a season ticket holder) and the deadline to turn permission slips in is July 26! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, call the Youth Ministry office at (708) 215-5419.

REGISTRATION 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, visit our parish website, www.stcletusparish.com and download the form. If you have any questions or would like me to mail you a packet, please give me a call at the Youth Ministry office (708) 215-5419. Thanks!!

Amy Cranny

Coordinator of Youth Ministry



**St. Cletus
Technology
Learning Center**

Computer Open Labs

July 18 & August 15
Noon - 1pm

**Get help with computer and
technology questions in a
fear free environment**

**Enter door #11 on 54th Street
and follow the signs**

ATTENTION LEISURE LOAFERS!

It's picnic time! Please join us on Thursday, August 5, at Denning Park located on Willow Springs Rd., just north of the hospital. Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We must have a head count by July 30 to ensure enough food for all. Cost: Members: Free - Guests: \$5

Please call Mary at (708) 246-0340 or Alice at (708) 354-7054 if you have questions or need more information.

Alice Katzmarek



JULY 24TH

Reminder: Wednesday, July 21, is the last day to drop off your donations at Morrissey Hall (St. Cletus gym) for the Rummage Sale. Please also support the sale, which benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Society, by shopping Saturday, July 24, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to champion this worthy cause. Don't forget to visit our special rooms filled with great deals, featuring "Treasures", Home Décor, "Children's Ware", "Sporting Goods" and "Electronics"! Thank you for your continuing support of the Social Concerns Ministry.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for remembering that there is no summer vacation for our Food Pantry! We greatly appreciate your continuing support. Items most needed at this time include pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, boxed side dishes, all sizes of diapers, and "extras". Some suggestions: baking mixes, coffee, crackers, condiments, cooking oil. As always we welcome any in-date items.

Also, please refer to the insert in today's Canticle, regarding Gabe Valdes' Eagle Scout Project, a "Back to School" Supplies' Drive. Blessings to you all!

Mary Beth Ford

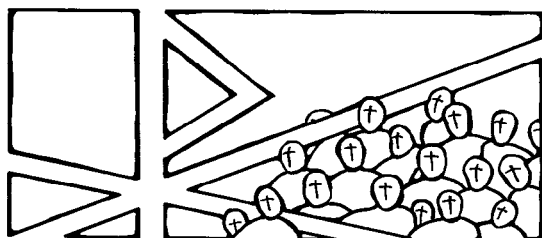
Director of Social Concerns

<u>Sunday Collection</u>			
Total Active Registered Families	2,675		
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	657	\$21,939	Envelope Users
% of registered families	25%	<u>2,961</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
July 11, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$27,250		\$24,900	
Weekly (Under) Over Budget (\$2,350)			
This Fiscal Year @ 7/11/10			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$49,680		
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>54,500</u>		
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ (4,820)		

Thank You for your continued generous support. Your extra two to three dollars helps the parish meet our weekly budgeted needs.

Fr. Bob
Pastor

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, July 19	9 am - 6 pm	MH	Rummage Sale Drop-off hours
Tuesday, July 20	9 am - 6 pm	MH	Rummage Sale Drop-off hours
Wednesday, July 21	9 am - 6 pm	MH	Rummage Sale Drop-off hours
Thursday, July 22	8:00 p.m.	RB	AA
Friday, July 23	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, July 24	9 am - 3 pm 5:00 p.m.	MH CV	Rummage Sale Day! Eagle Scout School Supply Project
Sunday, July 25	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	CV S-207 S-213	Eagle Scout School Supply Project Hispanic Ministry/English Classes Hispanic Ministry/English Classes
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2010

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all
wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

— *Colossians 1:28b*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE!

I am sure you have noticed the new enhanced lighting in the vestibule and the east side of the lower ceiling in the church. Also the new panel in the Minister's Room has been replaced. The electricians continue to work diligently replacing the old wiring throughout the church. Please continue to watch the Canticle for more updates!

Blessings,
Fr. Bob