

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

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 (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

Fr. Marshall's Musings For Divine Mercy Sunday

I would like to thank all those that participated in the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. It was so inspiring to see so many of our parishioners at the various services and how alive the faith is in this community.

On Easter Sunday, I was impressed with the numbers of people who were either visiting or who were not regular church-going Catholics. I felt a little sad that we are not doing more to evangelize our community. I will certainly work with Fr. Clark, our new pastor, on the whole notion of evangelization. There are so many parishioners that are on our books, but seldom attend Mass here. I think that we need to continue to be a welcoming hospitable community with good Liturgies with many ministries in order to embrace our fellow Catholics. The Resurrection gives us hope that it can and will be possible that more will find the riches of the Catholic tradition in the teachings of our Church.

I'd like to thank all the Liturgical ministers who provided the beautiful services from those that decorated the church, to those who executed the services, to Justin Sisul and our music ministry personnel, to our choirs, and ushers. I could go on and on but I'm afraid I'd miss somebody. I am most grateful for the beauty of each of the Liturgies.

One group that especially touched me was the high school, second-year confirmation candidates who performed the living stations on Good Friday evening. It was a very moving experience of the suffering and passion of Jesus Christ. I think that many people's faith was stirred by the prayerfulness by which our young adults performed their roles.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. This was started by St. Mother Faustina to emphasize the great mercy God has for all of us in his love. There are prayers and devotions that accompany this second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, encouraged devotion to our Lord under this title of Divine Mercy. I hope as we look into our lives especially our wrong doings that we recognize how much love God has for us, especially giving us his son who even overcame the chains of death to give us hope and promise of new life.

During the next 50 days the Church celebrates the mysteries of Easter. The church remains decorated and the Priest wears white vestments and there's an air of celebration. So, I hope that we enjoy these Easter days and look for signs of Resurrection that come to us in both great and small ways.

Fr. Patrick.M. Marshall

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who volunteered their time and talent to make this Easter Season so special. Your devotion to St. Cletus is truly appreciated. Also, a special thanks to those who took the time to acknowledge the beauty of each Liturgy.

Carol Pogar
Liturgy Coordinator

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education enrollment begins this Sunday, April 23, after all Masses. Registration materials are being mailed to current families. NEW families are invited to stop in the Religious Education Office to complete registration forms after Masses on April 23.

Remember, registration forms must be accompanied by a \$50 registration fee. New students also need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate.

We are looking forward to seeing and welcoming you this SUNDAY, APRIL 23. If you have questions, please call me or Mary Lee at the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383.

R. E. Closing Celebration

The 2005-2006 Religious Education classes end April 23/24 with prayer and ice cream! All R.E. families are invited to join in our closing celebration! See the website for more information.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Day of Retreat

Next weekend, on Sunday, April 30, our Year I Confirmation Candidates will gather together in church for the 9:30am Mass, and then go to Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge in Hinsdale for a day of retreat and reflection. Please keep them in your prayers this week. May their time apart 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.

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Food Pantry

Thank you to all who contributed groceries for our April Food Pantry. It is so gratifying to our ministry to be able to count on you to respond to our specific needs. Because of your continuing generosity we served more than 100 families in our community this month. Besides a grocery bag of non-perishable staples, we were able to also give a \$10 Jewel food certificate to each family to help purchase perishables for their Easter dinner. Our clients have asked me to tell you how much our monthly donations mean to their families, and to wish you all abundant blessings!

Please note that our next Food Pantry Night will again be on the first Thursday of the month, May 4, from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the vestibule of church. (In June we will go back to our regular Food Pantry schedule, the second Thursday of the month.)

Please drop off your donations of non-perishables in the Minister's Room when you come to Mass next weekend. Some items we can use most at this time are pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, meals in a can, and tuna. Also, all non-perishables and especially our staples are most appreciated: dry pinto beans and rice, pasta, canned tomatoes, soup, cereal, diapers and paper goods. Thanks again!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Reminder! Lector and Eucharistic Ministers

...Schedule questionnaires are available for pickup in the Minister's Room.

Carol Pogar
Liturgy Coordinator

Stewardship

Stewardship is the product of our gratitude. With grateful hearts we thank God who provides for us our past, our today, and our tomorrow, and we show our gratitude by giving of ourselves generously.

April 9 - Palm Sunday

Budgeted revenue:	\$32,000
Collection received:	30,981
Shortfall last week:	- 1,019
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 12,298
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	1,027

April 16 - Easter Sunday Regular

Budgeted revenue:	\$16,000
Collection received	14,060
Shortfall last week:	- 1,940
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 14,238
# of envelopes mailed	3,187
# of envelopes returned	602

Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 751 N. State St.

Couples married in 1956 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact St. Cletus Parish (708-352-6209) by June 7 to register. For further information, call the Family Ministries Office (312-751-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

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.

Another Raffle?!?!?!?!?

Great! It's an opportunity for you to win \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,000; or \$550. The Sisters of St. Joseph will be selling tickets after all Masses at our parish today. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Good luck if you buy and thank you for supporting the Sister's ministries, which will benefit from the raffle. Winners will be notified following the drawing on May 16: their names will be posted in the Canticle.

Support Illinois Soldiers

Several parishioners, members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, are gathering donations of items to be sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of Join Hands Day 2006. Join Hands Days is a national day of service which focuses on all generations working together. Donations will be taken to the Operation Support Our Troops [osotil.org] headquarters in Naperville. Monetary donations are also needed to pay for shipping. Please bring your donations to church before any Mass on April 29-30. Questions? Call Carol Anders at (708) 352-6002. Needed items are listed below.

Food Items

- Canned fruit - 16 oz. or smaller
- Canned stews, pasta, and ready to eat soups
- Peanut butter - 20 oz. or smaller, plastic only
- Jelly - 20 oz. or smaller, plastic only
- Canned tuna, chicken, ham, etc.
- Crackers - 16 oz. or less
- Canned chips & nuts
- Instant oatmeal, pop tarts, & cereal bars
- Individually wrapped snack items: candy Beef jerky sticks, chewing gum, mints, cookies, cheese & crackers, etc.

Non-Food Items

- Toilet paper (single or double rolls)
 - AT&T international phone cards
 - OTC allergy, cold & flu medication
 - Pocket packs of Kleenex
 - Body wash - 16 oz. (NO BAR SOAP)
 - Mouthwash strips or liquid - 16 oz. or smaller
 - Batteries AA or AAA
 - CD's and DVD's
 - Men's magazines or crossword books
 - Disposable cameras
 - Ziploc bags-gallon & quart size
 - Saline nasal spray/eye drops
- * **Underlined items are most requested**

Come Together in Celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Senior Unity Mass on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 10:00am at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago. The Principal Celebrant is Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller who 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.

A Voice that Never Dies

Easter is about many things. We celebrate God's power to overcome death, sin, and injustice, but we also celebrate the voices and wounds of the ones who died on Good Friday.

To illustrate this, I would like to recount one such voice, that of an anonymous young woman who was brutally raped and murdered by the Salvadoran military in 1981, at a place fittingly called La Cruz. The story was reported by Mark Danner, a journalist.

He describes how, after this particular massacre, some soldiers told how one of their victims haunted them and how they could not get her out of their minds long after her death.

They had plundered a village and raped many of the women. One of these was a young woman, an evangelical Christian, whom had been raped many times in a single afternoon and subsequently tortured. However, throughout this all, this young woman, clinging to her belief in Christ, had sung hymns. Here's how one of the soldiers described it:

"She kept on singing, too, even after they had shot her in the chest. She had lain there in La Cruz with the blood flowing from her chest, and had kept on singing - a bit weaker than before, but still singing. And the soldiers, stupefied, had watched and pointed. Then they had grown tired of the game and shot her again, and she sang still, and their wonder began to turn to fear - until finally they unsheathed their machetes and hacked her neck and at last the singing stopped." (*The Massacre at El Mozote, N.Y., Vintage Books, 1994, pp. 78-79*)

Gil Bailie, who recounts this story in his monumental book on the cross and nonviolence, notes not just the remarkable similarity between her death and that of Jesus, but also the fact that, in both cases, resurrection means that their voices live on when everything about their deaths suggest that their voices should have died.

In Jesus' case, nobody witnessing his humiliating death on a lonely hillside, with his followers absent, would have predicted that this would be the most remembered death in history. The same is true for this young woman. Her rape and murder occurred in a very remote place and all of those who might have wanted to immortalize her story were also killed. Yet her voice survives and will, no doubt, continue to grow in importance, long after all those who violated and killed her are forgotten.

As both Jesus and this young girl illustrate, powerlessness and anonymity, linked to a heart that

can sing the words: *"Forgive them for they know not what they are doing!"* while being raped and humiliated, ultimately become their opposite, power and immortality.

A death of this kind not only morally scars the conscience of its perpetrators and their sympathizers, it leaves something that can never be forgotten, a permanent echo that nobody will ever silence. What God raises up after Good Friday is also the voice of the one who died.

A critic reviewing Danner's book in the New York Times, tells how, after reading this story, he kept "straining" to hear the sound of that singing.

The task of Easter is to rekindle the creed within ourselves. The earliest Christians, immediately upon experiencing the resurrected Jesus, spontaneously voiced a one-line creed: *"Jesus is Lord!"* That does, in fact, say it all. When we affirm that Jesus has been raised from the dead and is Lord of this world we are saying everything else within our faith as well.

In essence, we are saying that God is ultimately still in charge of this universe, despite any indications to the contrary; that brutality and rape not withstanding, at the end of the day violence, injustice, and sin will be silenced and overcome; that graciousness and gentleness, as manifested in Jesus, are ultimately what lies at the root of all reality; that this young woman, so brutally violated, has now been raised and lives, joyfully, in the heart of God; and that her death, like Jesus', is redemptive precisely because, like him, she too, in the face of helplessness before the worst brutality the world could perpetrate, could still say: *"Forgive them for they know not what they do!"*

To celebrate Easter is to affirm that all of this is true.

It asks, as the critic in the New York Times so aptly put it, that we strain to hear the sound of that girl's singing, that we struggle to keep her, and her song, in our hearts. She is still alive in God's heart, but we must keep her alive in ours as well.

Why? Not for sentimental reasons, nor simply because her story is exceptional. No. We must keep her alive in our hearts because her song is the leaven, the yeast, of the resurrection and that alone, can raise us up to become exceptional too.

One of the tasks of Easter is to strain to hear the voices of Good Friday.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
April 24 through April 30**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Louis Guide, Joseph Megla, Raymond Clifford, Marjorie Burke
Tuesday	8:00am	Leona Luczak, Louis J. Kadlec, Michael Maly, Victoria I. Stanis
Wednesday	8:00am	Ruth Wandtke, Antoinette Tandarich, Special Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Elsie Wagner, Charles Rufa, Paul Reifon
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Amelia S. Baricevich
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers, April 29/30 

5:00pm - M. McQuillan, J. Stosheff, R. Ward
 7:00am - R. McCollom, B. Funk, D. Hebal
 8:00am - A. Cabral, W. Lawler, K. Kodatt
 9:30am - R. Adamec, M. Shannon, C. Schwendner
 11:00am - A. Hess, R. Lenz, J. Baker

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kosteki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Myers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, 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, Mary Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Albert R. Mitchell, father of Robert and Nancy
- ...Patricia Rose Lullo, wife of Wayne
- ...William Moss, son of Mary Lu

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

<u>Saturday, April 29, 2006</u>		<u>9:30 AM</u>	
<u>5:00 PM</u>	LR Augustine, Ellie-	SM Hullinger, Shirley-	C1 Okkema, Peter
SM Burke, Jack	C1 Sheridan, Erin-	B2 Ficaro, Jennie	C2 Bartucci, Carol-
B2 Andrews, Diane	C2 Guide, Alfreda	B3 Kelliher, Karen	C3 Kelliher, Larry
B3 Wouk, Dolores-	C3 Loch, Len-	B4 Severino, Laurie-	C4 Hullinger, Shirley
B4 Burke, Ruth	C4 Burke, Jack	B5 Doria, Annalyse-	C5 Keating-Gay, Sus
B5 Delaloye, Joe	C5 Delaloye, Rose	B6 Kunkel, JoAnn-	C6 Burke, Kevin-
B6 Reichl, Mickie	C6 Kensek, Maggie-		
<u>Sunday, April 30, 2006</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>	
<u>7:00 AM</u>	LR McDonnell, Michae	SM Curnutt, Rose-	C1 Condon, Mary Ka
SM Kalata, Marcie-		B2 Hoskins, William	C2 Hoskins, Celine
B2 Kalata, Marcie-		B3 Rogan, Janina-	C3 Gebka, Mary Lu-
B3 Soldat, Mary Rita-		B4 Mangahas, Aurora-	C4 Curnutt, Rose-
B4 Walsh, Mary Jane-		B5 Kigin, Billie-	C5 Gleich, Sharon-
B5 Fahey, Ann-		B6 Provan, Karen	C6 Provan, Jim
B6 Mezan, Mary Ann-			
<u>8:00 AM</u>			
LR Dalsin, Pat-			
SM Stamm, Richard	C1 Hogue, Kay		
B2 Pagar, Carol	C2 Skupien, Kathy		
B3 Biesadecki, Bob	C3 Biesadecki, Carol		
B4 Stamm, Barbara	C4 Stamm, Richard		
B5 Parlier, Jon	C5 Parlier, Denise		
B6 Anfield, Therese-	C6 McCartney, Sandr		



Catholic Charities

Foster Care Information Meetings

If you'd consider opening your home and your heart to someone in need of a home, you might plan on attending one of the following foster parenting classes.

May 2, 7:00pm, at Catholic Charities, 751 W. Lake St., Chicago.

May 8, 7:00pm, at Catholic Charities Southwest Suburban Office, 10661 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills. For more information, please call (312) 655-7205.

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