

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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Rev. Patrick O'Neill

Associate Pastor

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352-6209

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352-4820

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352-2383

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352-4856

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352-4641

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352-4834

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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

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S MUTTERINGS

Today's gospel is a curious story. It is so odd that we might pass over it in silence as a "mystery." Or we might get so wrapped up in the vibrant images—Jesus' changed appearance, Moses and Elijah's sudden presence, bright robes and overshadowing cloud—that we miss the point. We have to be attentive or we will miss the meaning.

First, the story is not just a visual miracle. It is also aural. A voice from the cloud cuts through the disciples' fear and awe—their babbling about building shrines—and says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" But what are they to listen to? Jesus has said nothing.

To figure this out, we have to remember where the passage occurs. It comes between two passages where Jesus tells the disciples that he must suffer and die. In the first, the disciples did not listen. Peter "rebuked" Jesus and Jesus reproached Peter. Later, after the transfiguration, Jesus tells them again he must suffer and die. This must be what the disciples are told to "listen to." We find God's glory in the suffering, death and resurrection.

Second, while the transfiguration is a moment of joy—confirmation that Jesus is the Beloved Son of God—it is also a call to be attentive and listen for the glory of God even in suffering. Isn't this part of the meaning of the Eucharist?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathie O'Neill who has served our worship community for so many years as our Art and Environment Coordinator. Her dedication, talent and hard work have helped us over the years to praise the Lord in an appropriate fashion. The entire community of St. Cletus Parish is grateful and thanks you. May God continue to bless you and watch over you.

Now that I have been here for a month and have had the opportunity to speak to so many of the parish staff members and meet and pray with many of the parishioners I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Fr. Ray Klees for the wonderful things he accomplished within the parish over the past fourteen years as your pastor. I have never seen a parish with such beautifully maintained grounds and buildings which have been so well cared for. The opportunities that he provided through prayer, reflection and liturgy were numerous. Fr. Klees provided a variety of priests as presiders who were always well prepared and diverse homilists giving an opportunity for all to hear other voices.

It is my hope and prayer that we can continue this wonderful legacy that has been handed down by Fr. Morrissey, Fr. Gallagher, Fr. Burke, and Fr. Klees along with all the wonderful associate pastors that have so faithfully served this parish community. May God bless Fr. Klees as he begins his sabbatical and keep him in His loving care.

Let us continue to pray for PEACE in our world!

Father Bob

Transfiguration: Talk About Spectacular!!

It's been about a month since we celebrated our birth as a nation on the Fourth of July. Many of us went out after darkness fell to enjoy fireworks displays. We were no doubt awed by the glory of the light and patterns. In today's scripture we are captivated by a different kind of glory—a glimpse of what awaits us when we "listen to" Jesus. Even as we struggle to listen, to overcome our own human weakness and sinfulness as we plod along on our paschal journey, we already see the glory that awaits us. We are encouraged to embrace the cross of discipleship because we already know the promise of resurrection. In today's gospel, the three apostles question "what rising from the dead meant." We already know — it means life.

The transfiguration of Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is already here. We help establish that kingdom when we die to self and rise with Christ in glory. The cost of discipleship is not something we would naturally embrace. This gospel motivates us to be disciples because we already see what becomes of the faithful disciple: she or he is transfigured into glory. The challenge to our everyday living is that our life be transfigured (transformed) so that when people see us, they see Jesus. Now, wouldn't that make for a spectacular display!?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2006

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34;
 Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For hundreds of years, Catholics observed the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but it was not until 1950 that the Church proclaimed this teaching a dogma of the Church—one of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith.

On August 15th we celebrate both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death and her bodily assumption into heaven. The idea of the assumption of Mary into heaven is first expressed in narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries. Even though these were never official, they bear witness to the very early belief in the teaching. Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the bible does not mention the assumption of Mary and there is no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. According to one tradition, Mary was warned of her approaching death by St. Michael the Archangel and was surrounded on her death bed by the apostles. Where she now is, we are meant to be eventually by imitating her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.



Mary at Mass

Devotion to Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. **WRONG!** There isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year. However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the Mass texts every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass in the Eucharistic prayer. She is called by two titles that are interesting by their juxtaposition: virgin and mother. In the second Eucharistic prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother." Additionally, Mary appears in the Creed, as the virgin who gave birth to the Word made flesh.

At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like, Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Assumption which we will celebrate August 15th. A preface often prayed on these days echoes her song of praise, the Magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother. In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her son. She gives birth to him not only in time but in the liturgy and in our hearts.

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*You are cordially invited to the
Installation of
Fr. Bob Clark
as Pastor of St. Cletus Church
600 W. 55th St., La Grange, IL
on Sunday, August 13, 2006
11:00 Liturgy officiated by
Bishop Thomas Paprocki
All are invited to attend the reception
following the Mass in Morrissey Hall.*

Virtus Training

Any person wishing to volunteer to work in any capacity with the children of St. Cletus Parish is required by the Archdiocese to attend and participate in a Virtus Training session. This is a one-time commitment. Virtus is part of the Protecting God's Children Program.

Sessions for Virtus are being held all around our area. The sessions to be held at St. Cletus are scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00pm., Sunday, September 24 at 1:00pm and Thursday, September 28 at 7:00pm. Each session will last two hours. Please register before hand at www.virtus.org.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Food Pantry Fresh Produce Reminder

This Thursday, August 10, we will be accepting fresh produce donations for our regular Food Pantry distribution, from **4:45-5:45PM in the church vestibule**. It is important to remember that we can accept donations only on August 10, from 4:45-5:45PM, since we have no way to store/distribute perishable food except at this time. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 352-4641 or online at marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns


Attention! 5th – 8th Grade St. Cletus Students

Cross Country Season is scheduled to begin with practice on Tuesday, August 22, at Spring Rock Park. Please pick up a practice schedule on Book Day. See you at our first practice! Any questions, call Coach Gray, (630) 269-2728 or Coach Micek, (708) 482-8583.

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Lorraine Waszak, Joanne Mate, Adrienne and Jerry Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, 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, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari.

July 30

Budgeted revenue:		\$23,500
Collection Received:		21,052
Shortfall last week:	-	2,448
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	15,431
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		756

Summer Mission Collection: \$ 6,624

Dear Father Clark,

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity you gave me to share in the liturgies at your parish (July 15-16, 2006) and the joy of meeting so many of the parishioners. The kind assistance you all have given our missionary endeavors is much appreciated, especially by those serving in the developing nations.

You have been open to our needs. Your gracious response will be reciprocated by the prayers of our sisters who have received the name of your parish as a specific prayer intention.

Sister Michele Marth, MSC, Mission Coordinator
Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Need for Confession

In his book on the Sabbath, Wayne Muller brilliantly juxtaposes two descriptions:

“Jules and Olivia are in their fifties, and even though their children are grown, they love to celebrate Shabbos. Every Friday night before the Sabbath meal, they draw a warm bath and, together, take off their clothes and bathe. This is their ritual cleansing, part of their marriage covenant, preparation to receive the Sabbath bride. But more than this, it is also a time for intimacies, and confession.

Each unclothed and open to receive the other, they each put a hand to the other’s heart, and ask if there is anything they need to say, any confession, something lingering in the heart that, left unsaid, would hinder a full and joyful Sabbath. On some nights, there is little to say. On other nights, words must be spoken aloud that have lived in secret. Who can imagine what lovers must share, when seeking a pure heart and an honest Sabbath? For thirty years, such honesty comes to this: two beings, warm and close, bathed in love.”

“Confession – it is said – is good for the soul. Before Mass, Catholics practice confession, a ritual cleansing before receiving the gift of communion. Not to receive punishment or even absolution, but rather to speak what must be brought out from darkness, if we are to receive the light.” (Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives*, N.Y., Bantam Books, 1999, p. 198)

Roman Catholics are familiar with confession, the sacrament of reconciliation. However, in recent years, the practice of confession has suffered, and pretty massively, from neglect. Fewer and fewer people are going to confession and, those who do, are going less frequently. Many people aren’t going to confession at all and those who are going are, by and large, going only twice a year, at penitential services just before Christmas and Easter. This is a far cry from a time when most Catholics would go to confession at least once a month or even once a week.

There’s a sad irony in this. People are beginning to neglect the practice of confession just when, for the first time, we are learning from the experience of the therapeutic community that, for some things, there is no help, and there can be no help, outside of a searingly honest and detailed telling of our sins, addictions, fantasies and foibles to another human being.

An honest confession is a nonnegotiable step in any healing process. What healing programs have discovered – just when so many of us inside church

circles are forgetting it – is that, good as it is, it’s not enough just to be contrite silently in our hearts. Full healing can only take place when we express that contrition not just to God in the secret recesses of the soul, but when we also speak it out, and in detail, to another human being.

What’s at issue, as Muller’s brilliant juxtaposition highlights, isn’t, radically, forgiveness itself, or even absolution. Sincerity of heart and touching the Body of Christ inside of family and community, particularly Eucharistic community, as the Gospels show us, leads to the forgiveness of our sins. But that alone doesn’t enable us to come to the family table, the Eucharistic table, to our circle of friends, to our communities, and to our marriage beds with hearts that aren’t carrying things that block deeper intimacy and deeper joy.

As well, there is a certain grace, a key one needed to come to grips with our addictions and bad habits, that can, as anyone who has ever been addicted to anything knows, only be entered into when we openly and honestly bring into the light what, until then, has lain hidden in the dark, however sincere our contrition about it. We cannot transform our lives by willpower alone; we also need grace and community and both of these, at a point, depend upon the type of transparency that can only come about by honest confession.

D. H. Lawrence once wrote a poem he entitled, “*Healing*,” that goes this way:

I am not a mechanism, an assembly of various sections.

And it is not because the mechanism is working wrongly, that I am ill.

I am ill because of wounds to the soul, to the deep emotional self and wounds to the soul take a long, long, time only time can help and patience,

and a certain difficult repentance, long, difficult repentance, realization of life’s mistake, and the freeing oneself

from the endless repetition of the mistake which mankind at large has chosen to sanctify.

One of the mistakes that too many of us have chosen to sanctify is the misguided belief that there are things that we do in the dark that need never be brought to the light, that private sincerity alone is enough, and that we can continue to grow in intimacy with our loved ones without, regularly, putting our hands on each other’s hearts and speaking aloud those things that have been lived in secret.

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
August 7 - August 13**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Angela Clifford, Velma Gartland, Frances Ference
Tuesday	8:00am	Edgar Bedwell, Bruno Bransberger, Evelyn Weaver, Lillian Stumreiter
Wednesday	8:00am	John Ruzas, Gil Walker, Florence Dudash, George “Bud” Supplitt
Thursday	8:00am	Frances Butkus, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Frank Michalowski, Margaret Herzog, Olga Pazin
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - John Hopp, Joseph Megla, Celeste Klees, Tom Kigin, Gil Walker
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers



August 12/13

- 5:00pm - C. Madden, R. Bogolin, A. Balch
- 7:00am - A. Driscoll, M. Gray, A. Bartucci
- 8:00am - E. Pavlik, D. Anfield, K. Kages
- 9:30am - D. Clarke, J. Newman, A. McQuillan
- 11:00am - J. Flach, E. Mrazek, S. Sipek

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 12, 2006

- 5:00 PM** LR Augustine, Ellie
- SM Wouk, Dolores- C1 Kalata, Marcie-
- B2 Pogar, Carol C2 Skupien, Kathy
- B3 Bamberger, MaryA C3 Bozec, Betty
- B4 Kensek, Maggie- C4 Wouk, Dolores-
- B5 Ghera, Alicja- C5 Loch, Len-
- B6 Delaloye, Rose C6 Delaloye, Joe

Sunday, August 13, 2006

- 7:00 AM** LR Hagen, Emily-
- SM Swindall, Vic
- B2 Swindall, Vic
- B3 Swindall, Toni
- B4 Maltby, Terry-
- B5 Mezan, Mary Ann-
- B6 Walsh, Mary Jane-

9:30 AM

- SM Opila, Margo C1 McMahon, Helen-
- B2 Gardner, Fred C2 Gardner, Joan
- B3 Zupancic, Robert- C3 Curnutt, Rose-
- B4 Opila, Andy C4 Opila, Margo
- B5 Burke, Kevin- C5 McCaffray, Paul-
- B6 Koch, Barbara- C6 Kigin, Billie-

11:00 AM

- LR Augustyna, Ron-
- SM Hagen, Colleen- C1 Maday, Josephine
- B2 Hoskins, Celine C2 Hoskins, William
- B3 Gebka, Mary Lu- C3 Pavlik, Loretta-
- B4 Haggerty, Frank- C4 Hagen, Colleen-
- B5 Benkert, Kim C5 Benkert, John
- B6 Heyes, Stuart C6 Heyes, Marlene



8:00 AM

- LR Chaney, Marlene-
- SM Karch, John C1 Hague, Kay-
- B2 Borsilli, Helen- C2 Bliss, Georgia-
- B3 Saban, Jackie- C3 Welch, Jerry-
- B4 Karch, Terri C4 Karch, John
- B5 Stapka, Sharon- C5 Kuchta, Ann-
- B6 McCartney, Sandra- C6 Hullinger, Shirley

Wedding Banns

Ruth Heyes and Jon Remkus

Karoline Drobny and Michael Whittaker

Baptism



This Past Week We Welcomed... John Patton Lamm and Ian Finn Lamm to Our Parish Family.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...Elizabeth (Anne) Woodhull

Mission Evening at the Comboni Mission Center...

An international group of Comboni religious from several African countries will speak about current socio-political and religious realities of Rwanda, Sudan, Togo, Kenya and Uganda. This event will be held at the Comboni Mission Center, 1615 E. 31st St., La Grange Park. For more information, please call (708) 354-1999.