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# 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

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM



"I think we'd better start with just ten we don't want to strain their attention spans."

#### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mark 7, 1-8, 14-15. 21-23

This week we return to Mark's gospel with a strong response from Jesus when he and the disciples are challenged about following the traditions of their ancestors. "How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote,

'This people pays me lip service but their heart is far from me. Empty is the reverence they do me because they teach as dogmas Mere human precepts.'

You disregard God's commandment and cling to what is human tradition."

The question for you and I today is: Where does our motivation to be faithful to God's law come from? Is it our trust in the goodness of God that dwells within us? Are we responding to our personal traditions and self interests or to God's law? Let us be motivated by Jesus' challenge to cling to God's commandments in our daily lives and not our human traditions and personal self interests.

#### THE CROSS IN THE LOOP

Come join fellow parishioners who work in downtown Chicago for a monthly Mass and Lunch at the Union League Club, located at 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes are sponsoring this monthly opportunity to bring the gospel message to those who work in the loop. The first session is Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Our presider and presenter will be Fr. Robert Barron who is a well known author and speaker. You will find brochures in our church vestibule with further details and registration information. I encourage any of our parishioners who work in the city to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mass, break bread with fellow parishioners and grow in faith.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND**

I would like to remind everyone that we will be accepting individual mass intentions for the weekend liturgies starting with this first weekend in September. You will notice that the intentions will be announced during the prayers of the faithful right after the prayers for the dead. This is an age old tradition in our church which provides us an opportunity to pray for specific intentions at each liturgy. We will take up to five intentions per individual liturgy. You may arrange for mass intentions at the rectory.

#### 9/11 FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS

We will be holding a Memorial Mass on Monday September 11, 2006 to honor all those who lost their lives 5 years ago in the great tragedies of the events that took place in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.. The Memorial Mass will take place at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Cletus. Let us gather together to remember all of those who lost their life and to pray for PEACE in our world.

God's Blessings Always, Father Bob

# MANNERS AND CUSTOMS

Manners and customs and conventional behaviors are telling. Simple manners ease relationships among strangers. In everyday commerce, we live in the company of strangers, to whom we owe respect. When our conventional behaviors are truly rooted in respect, manners help create a civil and decent people. But when manners cover for indifference or outright contempt, we are in deep trouble. Our words and ways must be honest expressions of respect and love. They must communicate a sense of mutual trust and responsibility.

What is true of the health of society is also true of religion. The core of our religion cannot be found in this or that era, custom, tradition, or set of rules. Searching for the heart of faith in any of these places may simply be enshrining a particular period in Christian history and endowing it with authority above all others. It may be our new little idol. When this is the case, mere lip service and empty reverence replace charity and service. The chatterers replace the doers; those who know about rules replace those who act in love.



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5;

Mk 7:31-37

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

# Memorial Mass on the Five Year Anniversary of 9/11



7:00 p.m

All are welcome to join in prayer for PEACE

as we remember those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, Pennsylvania crash site of Flight 93 and those who sacrificed themselves to ensure the safety of others as fire, police and military personnel.

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

"Observe," a simple, ordinary word, is at the heart of today's readings. It has two meanings, both important. "To observe" means to watch attentively, the way one observes children at play or observes stars in the sky. It also means to obey, the way one observes the law or the terms of a contract. One is simply seeing and knowing; the other is obeying and doing.

When Moses tells the people to "observe" the statutes and decrees that he is teaching them, he does not mean that they must look at them, memorize them, form discussion groups about them. They must obey them, put them into action. Both kinds of observing are necessary if the people want to "live, . . . enter in and take possession of" the promised land .

### Early Childhood Religious Education

This Sunday School Program is for children ages 3-5 years. Classes meet during the 9:30am Mass on most Sundays throughout the school year. This funfilled 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 me at (708) 352-7693 for more information and a registration form.

Mary Ellen Staelgraeve

## Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

It's not too late to help us fill the grocery bags we will need for the September 14 Food Pantry! When you go shopping this week, please remember those in our community who are constantly struggling to put healthy food on their family's table. Your generosity continues to help ease some of the worries of those families who benefit from our monthly food distribution. A big THANKS to you all!

All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, but here's what we need most at this time: rice, pinto beans, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, pasta sauce, soup, meals in a can and juice. Please bring your donations with you when you come to church next weekend. And thanks again for your continuing support!

Mary Beth Ford Social Concerns

# High School Teens of the Parish

Would you like to let your voices be heard about what you would like to see available for the high school teens of our parish? Now is the time to get involved with planning social, spiritual, and service events for the St. Cletus teens. We have a core group of enthusiastic and talented teens who have met a couple of times during the summer, but we would like to add a few more creative planners and leaders to our group. Please join us on Sunday, September 10, 2:15pm, upstairs in the Education Building. If you have any questions, contact me: (708) 352-4641 or youth@stcletusparish.com. Thanks and I hope to hear from you!

Mary Beth Ford, Youth Director

#### Leisure Loafers ~ Reminder!

Our September meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, in Morrissey Hall at 1:00pm. After refreshments we will be entertained by Bill Bailey's Banjos. If you have not heard this group you will really enjoy them. If you have heard them, you know they are worthwhile and will enjoy hearing them again. So, members and nonmembers please join us, enjoy and have a good afternoon. Hope to see you there!

Mary White

## Mission Ladies \* Here We Go Again!

Summer is almost over and I hope you had a good one. Mission Ladies will be starting up on Wednesday, September 6, at 9:15am. It will be nice to see everyone again.

"Extra Helping Hands" are still needed to sew, knit, crochet or stuff handmade dolls or animals.

All are welcome. No special talent is required to participate. Work can be done at home if you are unable to attend on Wednesdays.

If there are ladies who would like to join our Mission Ladies group, please join us every Wednesday morning from 9:15am 'til noon or call me at (708) 839-9605 for more information. We meet in the rectory basement.

We are no longer accepting donations of fabric, or yarn until further notice.

Dolores Scaletta

# Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Marilyn Matesevac, Mary Pogar, Lorraine Waszak, Joanne Mate, Adrianne 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'Rourque, Debbie Broz, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari.

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209.

## Stewardship

Stewardship is an attitude. It's not so much what we do, as it is why we are doing it. Stewardship is an ongoing process, a continuous revelation that God has given us special gifts and special talents. By using these gifts or talents, we can reveal God to the world.

August 27

Budgeted revenue: \$25,000
Collection Received: 26,852
Surplus last week: 1,852

Revenue to budget

Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 22,387 # of envelopes mailed: 3,190 # of envelopes returned: 895

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

#### 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.

### **Buddy's Place**

Buddy's Place is currently registering families for their fall session which begins, Tuesday, September 12. Buddy's Place is a family-based bereavement support program for children ages 4-18 who have experienced the death of a parent or significant caregiver. Both eight week time-limited and ongoing support groups are offered free of charge. One parent who attends Buddy's Place shares, "My children and I are all very grateful for the added knowledge, support, and the opportunity to meet other families. It's nice to know that we are not alone." If you or someone you know might benefit from Buddy's Place, please call (708) 354-0826, ext. 3122. Thanks.

## The Cross in the Loop

Join fellow parishioners who work in downtown Chicago for a monthly Mass and Lunch at the Union League Club, 65 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago. Noon Mass followed by 12:30pm Luncheon and Presentation is sponsored by St. John of the Cross Parish and cosponsored by St. Francis Xavier Parish and St. Cletus Parish. Dates are as follows:

Friday, September 8:

Fr. Robert Barron, Presider/Presenter

Wednesday, October 4:

Fr. John Hoffman, Presider/Presenter TBA

Thursday, November 2:

Fr. Rich Hynes, Presider/Presenter TBA

Wednesday, December 6:

Fr. Louis Cameli, Presider/Presenter

Reservations are limited. Cost is \$29 per person. Registration forms are available in the back of church. Questions? call St. John of the Cross at (708) 292-1100.

#### **Attention Art Lovers!**

The La Grange Park Public Library is hosting an art exhibit titled, "For the Beauty of Earth," featuring the work of Mary Southard, CSJ, a Sister of St. Joseph of La Grange. A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 6:30-8:30pm. Sixteen paintings and sculptures will be displayed from September 1 thru September 29. The art at the exhibit will be available for purchase. The La Grange Park Public Library is located at 555 N. La Grange Road. Call (708) 352-0100 for library hours and (708) 354-9200 for more information.

# Mark Your Calendar! Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Feast Day Golf Outing

Wednesday, September 27, 2006 Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul Carriage Greens of Country Club 8700 Carriage Greens Drive, Darien

Feast Day Agenda:
7:00am Registration
7:45am Mass
8:30am Shotgun Start
1:00pm Open Bar Begins
2:00pm Luncheon
Golf Package Includes:
18 Holes with Golf Cart
Coffee & Donuts
Halfway House Snack
Luncheon & Open Bar
Hole Contests...all for
just \$125 per golfer!

For more information please call: Claudia Pieske, Executive Director at (312) 655-7181.

# Mass Intentions for the Week of September 4 - September 10

Day	Time	Intention	
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mildred Vendegna, Velma Gartland, Carmela D'Alleva	
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Peter Sakowicz, Adam Wyczolkowski	
Wednesday	8:00am	John Ruzas, James Bozec, Joseph George Kutta, Gerald Kennedy, William Moss, Frances Ference	
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Lillian Stopka, Jozef Slowik	
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Ray & Joni Pietrzak, Joseph Megla, Marcie Johnston, Frances Ference, Dee Kerrigan	
Saturday	5:00pm	Frances Ference, Joe Slowik, Mabel Ann Wilkins	
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Helen & Ray White Joseph Megla Helen & Raymond Krc Michael & Jeanne O'Brien	

# Altar Servers September 9/10

5:00pm - R. Mitchell, Z. Quick, K. Meade

7:00am - G. Valdez, T. Lenz, N. Magats

8:00am - J. Kern, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin

9:30am - A. Bartucci, A. Balch, K. Sipek

11:00am - N. Smith, M. Thomas, M. Johnson-Dahl

## **Baptism**

This Past Week We Welcomed Lily Anne Akalaitis to Our Parish Family.

# Wedding Banns 🛈

Maureen Hickey and Jason Lovelace Cassandra Johnson and Nicholas Rushing

#### Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Ruth Reichl Klanke, mother of Bob Reichl
- ...Katharine Majovsky
- ...Gloria Farrell

# Auxiliary Minister Schedule

5:00 PM	LR	Pfeiffer, Irv-
SM Swindall, Vic	Сl	Ryva, James-
B2 Ghera, Alicja-	C2	Antield, Therese-
B3 Delaloye, Joe	C3	Delaloye, Rose
B4 Swindall, Toni	C4	Swindoll, Vic
B5 Loch, Len-	C5	Koch, Barbara-
B6 Ford, Mary Beth-	C6	Wouk, Dolores-
Sunday, Septem	ber	10, 2006
7:00 AM	LR	Bellisario, Janet-
SM Karch, John		П
B2 Karch, John		
B3 Karch, Terri		
B4 Parlier, Jon		
B5 Parlier, Denise		11
B6 Smith, David-		L
8:00 AM	LR	Okkema, Peter
SM Welch, Jerry-	CI	Okkema, Ann
B2 Thornton, Madelin	eC2	Thornton, William
B3 Skupien, Kathy	C3	Pogar, Carol
84 Dillane, Jennifer-	C4	Welch, Jerry-

9:	30 AM	LR	McMahon, Kelen-
SM	Opila, Andy	C1	Williams, Alice-
<b>B2</b>	Severino, Laurie-	C2	Tosheff, Christine
<b>B3</b>	Micek, Dan	(3	Micek, Judy
B4	Opila, Margo	(4	Opila, Andy
B5	Stumreiter, Earl-	C5	Burke, Kevin-
86	Hullinger, Shirley-	C6	Nicosia, Christine
11	:00 AM	LR	DalPorto, Christine
	Curnutt, Rose-	LR C1	DalPorto, Christina DolPorto, Karen
SM	Curnutt, Rose-	(1 (2	DolPorto, Karen
SM B2	Curnutt, Rose- Augustyn, Ron-	(1 (2	DolPorto, Karen Herzog, Terri-
SM B2 B3	Curnutt, Rose- Augustyn, Ron- Samuelson, Debra	C1 C2 C3 C4	DolPorto, Karen Herzog, Terri- Gebko, Mary Lu-
SM B2 B3 B4	Curnutt, Rose- Augustyn, Ron- Samuelson, Debra- Nash, Sheila-	C1 C2 C3 C4	DolPorto, Karen Herzog, Terri- Gebko, Mary Lu- Curnutt, Rose-

# Change the World

B5 Doria, Annalyse- C5 Stopka, Sharon-

B6 Kalata, Marcie- C6 Warren, Catherin

Gandhi said: "The love of a man and a woman truly given and truly received makes up for the hatred of millions." Learn how to "truly give and truly receive" by improving your communication skills at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next weekend dates are September 22-24. For information or reservations, call Jim and Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or consult our website at www.wwmechicago-gary.org.