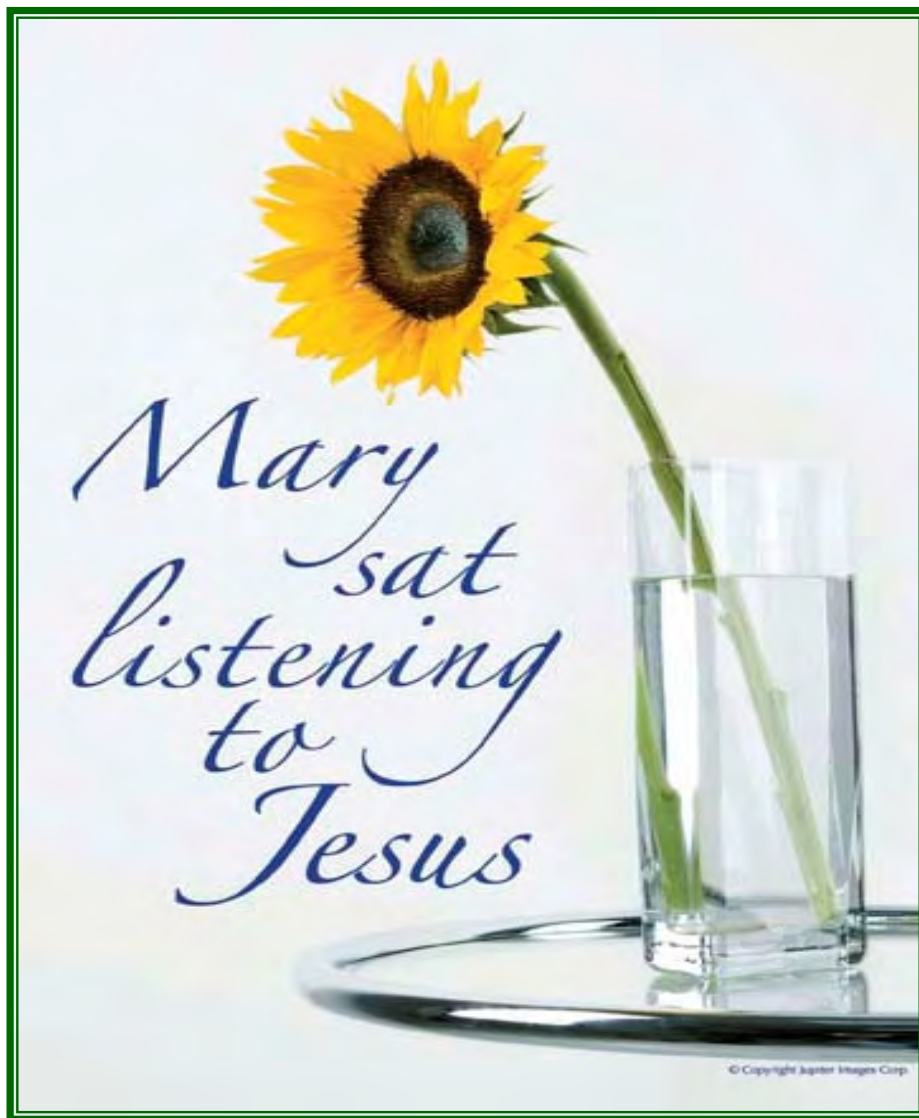


# St. Cletus Canticle

*July 22, 2007*

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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## Mass Intentions for the Week of July 23 - July 29

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Stacy Baker
Tuesday	8:00am	Stanley Pawlowicz, Stella Kadlec
Wednesday	8:00am	Rev. Robert Shannon, Margaret Lucente, Leo & Joan Glyzewski
Thursday	8:00am	Natalija Slizys, Vytas Vaicekauskas
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Bryde Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Haraburda, Adam Novosad, Lorraine & Frank Peck
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Ed Smithy
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Arthur Dalton Fr. Michael Cryan People of St. Cletus John Pavlik, Karen Valek



### July 28 - July 29

5:00pm - R. Temple, K. Guidice, C. McLaughlin  
 7:00am - K. Meade, J. Heim, B. Franklin  
 8:00am - A. Contarino, S. Patterson, C. Luxem  
 9:30am - RE Servers  
 11:00am - J. Babirak, P. Oboikovitz, Q. Collins



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- † *Donald Wouk*, husband of Dolores
- † *Patrick M. Crowley*, brother-in-law of Debra Church
- † *Michael LoBraco*, father of Frank

### Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 28, 2007

5:00 PM

SM Kalata, M	C1 Bolton, W	C2 Condon, MK
B2 Heyes, M	C2 Heyes, S	
B3 Andrews, D	C3 Bozec, B	
B4 Guide, A	C4 Kalata, M	
B5 Delaloye, J	C5 Hockman, S	
B6 Rybva, J	C6 Bamberger, MA	

9:30 AM LR DalPorto, C

SM Benkert., K	C1 DalPorto, K
B2 Opila, M	C2 Opila, K
B3 Nolan, J	C3 Fisher, H.
B4 Benkert, J	C4 Benkert, K
B5 McCaffray, P	C5 Gleich, S
B6 Williams, A	C6 Nicosia, C

Sunday, July 29, 2007

7:00 AM

SM McCartney, S	LR Hagen, E
B2 McCartney, S	
B3 Swindall, T	
B4 Swindall, V	
B5 Ward, L	
B6 Meade, M	

11:00 AM LR Spizzirri, S  
C1 Nilles, C

SM Hagen, C	C2 Schump, C
B2 Gebka, Mary L	
B3 Maday, J	C3 Hagen, J
B4 Brannigan, R	C4 Hagen, C
B5 Meuwissen, J	C5 Ficaró, J
B6 Chaney, M	C6 Garske, E

8:00 AM LR Okkema, P

SM Koch, B	C1 Okkema, A
B2 Thornton, W	C2 Thornton, M
B3 Parlier, J	C3 Parlier, D
B4 Welch, J	C4 Koch, B
B5 Saban, J	C5 Samuelson, D
B6 Kigin, B	C6 Stopka, S



### Welcome to Our Parish Family:

*Daniel Brian Brantner*  
 son of Brian and Sandra  
*Gavin Michael Carolan*  
 son of Andrew and Elizabeth  
*Jessica Magdalen Jerich*  
 daughter of Michael and Kim  
*John Patrick Klimek*  
 son of Gene and Maureen  
*Josephine Clara Pfeiffer*  
 daughter of Mark and Cynthia

*Wedding Banns*  
*Sandra Froylau*  
 &  
*Jose Alfredo Jimenez*

## **FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS**

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Most of us like to keep life as it is. Change can be unsettling, especially too much of it. Yet change also brings new perspectives and opens us to becoming what we never would have dreamed.*

*God's future for us seems to hinge upon the unexpected. Consider the story of Abraham and Sarah. What we are seems to depend upon the tendentious nature of Abraham's offer of hospitality to some wandering strangers who come upon him at a desert oasis. They are weary and bedraggled and eagerly accept his kindness, and in return they promise a son to this aged and skeptical couple. The promise comes true and nine months later the couple births Isaac, through whom the Hebrew nation unfolds, of which Jesus was a member, to whom as his disciples we claim allegiance.*

*Today's Gospel is still another tale of unexpected turns, not because Martha was abandoned in the kitchen, or was unimportant, or because her sister, Mary, seemed more spiritual, but because it became apparent that a woman could sit at the feet of a master as readily as a man. Such a thing was both unexpected and unsettling.*

*We can hardly be inattentive to the unexpected in our lives. Such moments may be the very soup spoon of God stirring our lives into some new cuisine. The unplanned job relocation at a time when life finally seems settled, the child who comes late in life (as it did for Abraham and Sarah), the unpredicted mental illness of a spouse or child, the needed care for an aging parent, changing parish dynamics, shifting financial winds, addiction and the treatment it calls for, doubts in one's faith, prayer that no longer satisfies—all so unexpected. It may all be a hint of God's imagination, of the way God brings us to holiness and grace, and of the nature of God's kingdom.*

*When has the unexpected become for you a treasured turn of events? When you consider accepting the unexpected, of which virtue are you most in need? These are some very important questions for each of us to consider as we focus on the winds of change in our lives.*

### Making Ordinary Time Extraordinary

*What are the ways you have chosen to make this year's Ordinary Time in our church calendar Extraordinary? Have you renewed or further developed your prayer life? Have you found new and better ways to reach out to the poor? Have you gotten involved in ministry? Have you made an effort to get to know one of your fellow parishioners? Have you made a conscious effort to build up people around you instead of pulling them down? Have you been open to change in your life and parish?*

*These are just a few questions to help us reflect on the impact that this Ordinary Time has had on us. Let us pray that it has indeed made us Extraordinary in many new ways as followers of the Gospel message. There is still plenty of time to make this Ordinary Time Extraordinary and be filled with the peace of Christ.*

*Blessings Always,  
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### Those outlaw women

Too often we treat the sisters, Martha and Mary, as if they were on opposing sides of a feud. How about focusing on what they had in common: They were both “way out of line” in their relationship to Jesus. Martha invited Jesus into her home—without a male chaperone or mediator? Mary sat at his feet and listened to him—like a disciple? What were these women thinking? These things were simply not done, and the fact that Jesus took these women seriously—as host and student respectively—shows the respect he had for them as people and how little convention mattered.

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

*“A woman named Martha welcomed Jesus into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at his feet and listened to what he was saying.”*

#### MONDAY, JULY 23

##### FEAST OF BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS—Be bold

Brigitta (1303-1373) was one of those independent medieval women, like Saint Catherine of Siena and others, who was unafraid to go where she believed God was calling her. Married at age 13 to a Swedish nobleman, she gave birth to eight children. After becoming a widow, she experienced visions and founded a religious community. Then she journeyed to Rome to get approval for her new group, and while she was there decided to try to reform the church and the papacy. Many of the Roman people loved her because of her kindness to the poor and the power of her prayers for the afflicted. Courage, leadership, compassion: Where do you practice these qualities?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42*  
*“The queen of the South came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here!”*

#### TUESDAY, JULY 24

##### FEAST OF SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

##### Holy listening

Saints haven’t always done big things like bring the gospel to whole continents or founded great religious orders, laudable though those achievements have been. Sometimes they just sat by the door and listened to God and the people who visited them. Many visited Saint Sharbel (1828-1898), a Lebanese hermit, for his blessing and counsel—just as millions sought other saintly people such as the parish priest John Vianney (see August 4) and others. The service these people rendered consisted almost entirely of welcoming, listening, and praying with anyone who came to them. Do you have a saint or saintly person who can help you find a way through your troubles? Are you someone whom others can go to for some listening and help?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 14:21-15:1; Matthew 12:46-50*

*“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”*

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

##### FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE - Take a big gulp

Saint James was a disciple of John the Baptist who took up Jesus’ call to follow him. Brash, impulsive, and hotheaded (he and his brother John were nicknamed by Jesus the Sons of Thunder), James was rebuked on several occasions, but he proved himself when put to the test. He dedicated his life to spreading Jesus’ gospel, traveled to Samaria, Judea, and Spain in the name of Christ, and died a martyr’s death—the first apostle to do so—in Jerusalem in the year 44. James

drank deeply from the cup Jesus passed to him. Prepare yourself each day through small acts of faith to do the same.

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28*  
*“Jesus asked the sons of Zebedee, ‘Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ ”*

#### THURSDAY, JULY 26

##### Eyes to see and ears to hear

When we listen to and read the gospels, we may have the same question the disciples once had for Jesus: “Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?” Why not talk in plain language rather than these stories? The reason has to do with the power of stories to communicate. But Jesus’ answer is as unexpected as some of the things that happen in the parables: He tells the disciples that they have special insight into his message, while the rest of the people may misunderstand, so he must speak to them in stories.

To our ears, however, the meanings of the parables may not always be obvious. We—unlike Christ’s original audience—cannot identify so closely with the people and situations in them. We, too, though, can have insight by staying close to Jesus and by availing ourselves of a good study Bible or other aide to help us understand the words of scripture.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17*

*“Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed . . . to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”*

#### FRIDAY, JULY 27

##### Make ’em laugh

Comedian Bob Hope died four years ago today at age 100. Hope holds the Guinness World Record as the most honored entertainer in history. During his long life he received more than 2,000 awards and citations, primarily for humanitarian acts. He and his wife, Dolores, a devout Roman Catholic, supported many Catholic charities, but his generosity didn’t stop there. “I do benefits for all religions,” Hope once quipped. “I’d hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.” Despite the rocky ground of wealth (he was said to be worth nearly \$1 billion), Hope bore much fruit. Show thanks for the memory of Bob Hope by not letting money or other worldly cares prevent you from freely sharing your gifts and talents.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23*

*“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke it, and it yields nothing.”*

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

##### Weeds among the wheat

It seems the church can spend a lot of time deciding who’s in and who’s out: who can receive Communion, whether there’s a hell and who may be in it, which theologian needs to be silenced. It’s good for all of us, then, to hear Jesus say that we have to be careful about pulling up the good plants along with the weeds. Do we get to decide who gets thrown on the compost pile? No, that task belongs to God alone at the end of time. We have enough to do tending our own faith lives rather than taking on the whole garden.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30*

*“In gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.”*

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### Music Ministry News

For the past two years, we have been privileged to have Joe Rosenmeyer serve as our parish accompanist. Joe has played for weekend and holiday Masses and worked with all of our choirs, enhancing the music ministry with his dedication and his skills. Joe has recently accepted the position of Director of Music at Mater Christi Parish in North Riverside, and thus next weekend will be Joe's last at St. Cletus.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Joe for all that he has given to St. Cletus Parish through the music ministry over these past two years. Our singers have enjoyed working with him, our choirs have embraced him as one of their own, and I personally have appreciated Joe's significant musical talents, commitment to our program, and sense of spirit and service. Joe, we wish you the best of luck in your new position. Your new parish is blessed and fortunate to have you, and we will miss you here at St. Cletus.

Over the coming months, I will be looking to hire a parish accompanist to fill the positions held by Joe and Warren McGee, our Children's Choir accompanist who recently departed for college. Anyone interested in finding out more about these positions is invited to contact me either by phone at 352-4547, or by email at [jsisul@stcletusparish.com](mailto:jsisul@stcletusparish.com).

*Justin Sisul*  
Director of Music



### Youth Ministry News...

GREAT AMERICA is this week!! Reminding those who have signed up that we will meet at St. John of the Cross parking lot on Wednesday, July 25, at 12:30pm. The parking lot is located at 5005 S. Wolf Rd. in Western Springs. We will return at this same location at approximately 11:15pm. Looking forward to a fun day! If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at the Youth Ministry office (215-5419).

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Director

### Attention Leisure Loafers!

Our picnic is set for Thursday, August 2, at Denning Park located on Willow Springs Rd., just north of the hospital. Time is 12:00 Noon.

We must have a head count by July 27 to insure enough food for all. If you did not sign up at our last meeting, please call Mary at (708) 246-0340 or Alice at (708) 354-7054.

Members are free—guests are \$5. Bring your favorite chair if you wish.

*Alice Katzmarek*



our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

## **WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from local churches, helps older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through:

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you are able to volunteer to help, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 482-6597.

## **Food Pantry**

You've done it again, St. Cletus friends and parishioners! A big THANK YOU! to all who made contributions to our July collection of food. We were able to provide a bag of groceries for more than 110 families because of your generosity. Our clients are most grateful for your support. They continue to struggle to pay their rent, household bills and medical bills, so our help with supplemental groceries means a lot to them. Please pray for those who are in need of this ministry and continue to keep them in mind when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Our pantry shelves are now looking pretty empty. Here are a few reminders to help replenish them:

- All in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially our staples of rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, meals in a can/box, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits, soup, and cereal.
- Some favorite "extras" include coffee, juice, crackers, baby food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. (Usually one of these extra items is put in each pre-packed family bag.)
- These items can be dropped off in the church vestibule in the bins now provided in the former baptistery.
- Brown paper bags to pack the groceries for distribution are also greatly appreciated. Please place brown bags in bins referred to above.
- The Food Pantry distributes groceries from the vestibule of the church on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-8:00PM. Our next distribution is on August 9.
- We will again have a "Share the Wealth" distribution of fresh garden produce during the months of August and September. Watch the Canticle for details.

As you can imagine, it takes some time to pack over 100 bags each month. So we greatly appreciate getting donations each week throughout the month. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (708) 215-5418, or email to [mford@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mford@stcletusparish.com). Thanks again!

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to St. Cletus  
**Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
 Show Times at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available after all Masses starting July 29, 2007

<b>TICKETS</b>	
<b>In Advance</b>	<b>On Circus Day</b>
Adult.....\$9.00	Adult.....\$12.00
Child.....under 12.....\$5.00	Child.....under 12.....\$ 6.00

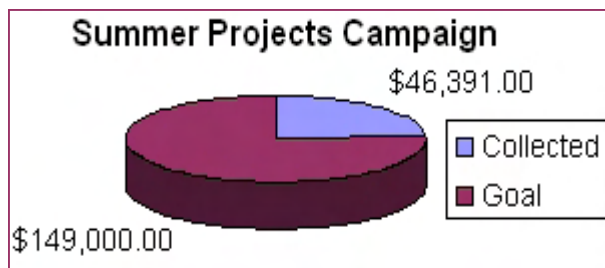
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**July 15, 2007**

<b>Budgeted revenue:</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>
<b>Collection received:</b>	<b>24,089</b>
<b>Shortfall last week:</b>	<b>- 4,411</b>
<b>Revenue to budget</b>	
<b>Shortfall for this fiscal year:</b>	<b>- 5,661</b>
<b># Of envelopes mailed:</b>	<b>3,291</b>
<b># Of envelopes returned:</b>	<b>865</b>

**Thank you for your continued financial support.**

**Stewardship**  
*“What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?”*  
 (Ps 116:12)



**MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM  
 Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30 AM,  
 11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)  
 Monday: 8:00AM  
 Tuesday: 8:00AM  
 Wednesday: 8:00AM  
 Thursday: 8:00AM  
 Friday: 8:00AM  
 Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM  
 Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
 Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

**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 (215-5407).

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**Rectory Office Hours**

Monday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
 Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
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