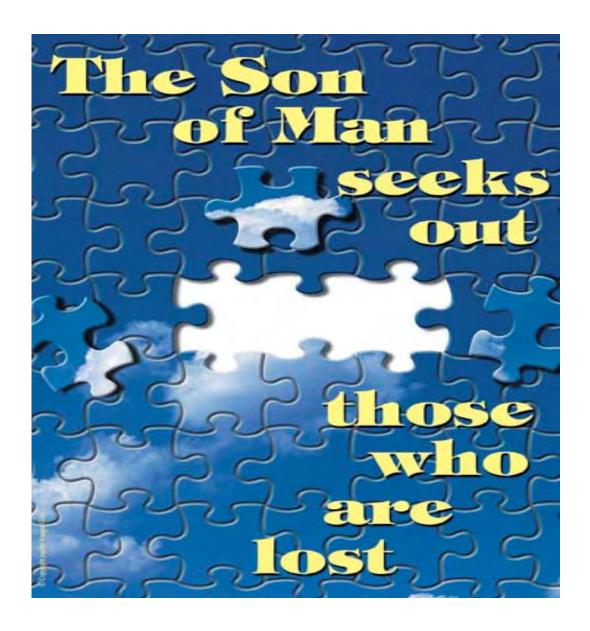


# St. Cletus Canticle

November 4, 2007

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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All are welcome. Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

# Mass Intentions for the Week of November 5 - November 11

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Al Cooke, Anna Dekan, Emma Palzer
Tuesday	8:00am	Bruno Bransberger, Ken Lesnig, Raymond Lubien
Wednesday	8:00am	Marcie Johnston, Mrozinsky Family
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Louis Schoenberger
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Celeste Klees
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Ed Smithy, Sam & Maria Scopelliti, Robert Suchy, Frank O'Brien, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Marco & Emelia Rattin John Hopp, Joseph Stopka, Jessica Rufa Anton Benedetto, (Charles & Amelia Moravec-60th Wedding Anniversary) John Pavlik, Edward Petrak, Mulvenna & Pfeiffer Families, Fran Cirrincione, Sophie Egielski

# November 10-11

5:00pm - S. Frisbie, K. Pikul, K. Collins 7:00am - B. Curtin, H. Griffin, S. Garvey 8:00am - N. Muldonado, T. Ruggiero, E. Ashe

9:30am - N. Muldonado, T. Ruggiero, E. Asne

11:00am - N. Smith, M. Thomas, T. Gray

# **Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

	5:00 pm	LR	Chlapecka, R		
SM	Micek, J	C1	Kensek, M		
B2	Ghera, A	C2	Sheridan, E		
ВЗ	Beales, N	C3	Beales, D		
B4	Boyer, K	C4	Micek, J		
В5	Bozec, B	C5	Bartucci, C		
B6	Andrews, D	C6	Delaloye, J		
Sunday, November 11, 2007					
	- 00		Bellasario, J		
	7:00 am	LK	Denasario, o		
SM	7:00 am Zmuda, L	LK	Demusurio, o		
		LK	Schadario, C		
B2	Zmuda, L		Schadario, d		
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B2 B3 B4	Zmuda, L Zmuda, L Zmuda, R				
B2 B3 B4 B5	Zmuda, L Zmuda, L Zmuda, R Nault, H				

C1 Kuchta, A

C3 Kigin, B

C5 Okkema, A C6 Walsh, M J

B2 Biesadecki, C C2 Biesadecki, B

SM Curnutt, R

B5 Stopka, S

B6 Saban, J

	9:30 am	_LR	McMahon, H
SM B2	Samuelson, D Keating-Gay, S	C1 C2	maiaoimi, it
ВЗ	Hagen, C	C3	Haggerty, F
B4	Williams, A	C4	Samuelson, D
В5	Kunkel, J A	C5	Nolan, J
В6	Maday, J	C6	Rotunno, P
	11:00 am	LR	Bolton, W
SM	Bolton, P	C1	Fisher, H
SM B2	Bolton, P Nash, S		Fisher, H Ficaro, J
	,	C2	,
B2	Nash, S	C2 C3	Ficaro, J
B2 B3	Nash, S Severino, S Pavlik, L	C2 C3 C4	Ficaro, J Nilles, C



Please pray for those who have died and their families.

† Irene Lajter
Mother of Sandra Lajter

**Frank Baggio**Husband of Yvonne

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Daylight Saving Time ends

Tuesday: Election Day

Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

in Rome

Saturday: St. Leo the Great

Wedding Banns Alma Corona & Alexander Leon

# Notes from Father Bob ...

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time "The Story of Zacchaeus"

Today it is our privilege to meet one of the minor characters of the gospel who is called by name. He is Zacchaeus. Benedictine monk Daniel Durken, O.S.B. shares the following reflection with us.

"Zacchaeus lived in the city of Jericho, perhaps the oldest urban settlement in the world, dating to the eighth millennium B.C. and situated 825 feet below sea level about fifteen miles southeast of Jerusalem."

"Zacchaeus is identified, and redundantly so, as 'a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man.' Redundant because there were no poor tax collectors. Their task was the lucrative one of collecting compulsory Roman taxes and skimming off their cut. Since Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector, he was assured of additional kick-back income from his staff."

"Obviously Zacchaeus was not a needy person. He could afford to give half of his possessions to the poor and repay anyone he may have extorted four times over. But he was nevertheless missing something. Rather, he was missing someone. As the gospel puts it, 'He was seeking to see who Jesus was.' But Zacchaeus had a problem. He had enough money. But he didn't have enough height. 'He was short in stature.'"

"Having been in business long enough to know that 'God helps those who help themselves,' Zacchaeus solved his problem in a hurry when he 'ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus.' He didn't have to run far because sycamore trees were planted on the sides of roads to provide shade for the traders and travelers. A sycamore tree, unlike the palm tree, is an easy tree to climb because it has a wide strong root that begins branching out close to the ground. So his ascent was more a matter of scrambling up an incline instead of strenuously shinning up the slippery bark."

"There he was, sitting on a branch, peering through the leaves to get a glimpse of Jesus. Then - wonder of wonders - it is Jesus who gets a glimpse of Zacchaeus, sees this small man with a big heart and decides to give him the honor of being his host."

"Despite his diminutive size, Zacchaeus plays a major role in the saga of salvation. He challenges us to 'seek to see who Jesus is,' to know Jesus better, to serve him more faithfully, to love him more deeply. To accept this challenge means taking time every day to carefully and prayerfully read a page or a paragraph from one of the gospels. We need to get more accustomed to Jesus' words and works."

"Zacchaeus 'received Jesus with joy.' Is our relationship with Jesus marked by joy? Or is it fear or indifference that is the defining factor in our relationship with Jesus who continues to 'come to seek and to save what was lost?' We need to make room in our hearts and minds for Jesus to stay at our house as he stayed with Zacchaeus."

"For most of us the generosity of Zacchaeus is likely to be admired more than imitated. Who can afford to give fifty percent of one's possessions to the poor as this little man did? But how about giving ten percent of our gross earnings to the poor? When is the last time we have contributed food or money to our parish food pantry?"

"What an amazing person is Zacchaeus! I am disappointed that there are no churches dedicated to Saint Zacchaeus, no devotions that honor him, no books written about him. This month that began by honoring All Saints is the prime time for us to add Zacchaeus to our list of favorite saints and to pray every day during November, 'Saint Zacchaeus, short in stature but tall in generosity, pray for us.""

Let us remember during this month of November all those, like Zacchaeus, who came before us and were an example to us of who Jesus really was and why he came to save us.

May God Continue to Bless Us and Enlighten Us Always, Father Bob



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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The little man who could

The scene was ripe for ridicule: a tax collector who was large in wealth but short in stature struggling to climb a sycamore tree just to get a peek at a carpenter's son. When Christ beheld this man, he easily could have pointed out the irony and shamed him before the crowd. Instead, Christ asks this man to take him into his home. In doing so he takes all of this man's shame and the derision of the crowd and places it upon himself. And how Christ wishes to do this for all of us! Seeking Christ often can open us to socially embarrassing situations, which put us at the mercy of the crowd. Trust, though, that the Lord will redirect all of your shame.

Today's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

"Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way."

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - Gotta hand it to them

Take note the next time you practice charity or drop a coin in the cup of someone begging. How will you feel if they don't say "thank you"? Jesus' advice to hold a banquet for those who can't possibly repay us challenges our deepest instincts. It is natural to shower our generosity on friends and loved ones. Jesus challenges us to go further. True charity has no strings attached. Can we reach out a hand to others even if we come up empty-handed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."

# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

### An unexpected invitation

In the gospel parable of the great feast, many are invited, but one by one each declines the invitation. Sometimes saying yes feels too much like hard work. We've got so many other things to do! But are we really too busy? Maybe we just don't recognize the invitation. Or maybe the place Jesus is inviting us doesn't look like a banquet.

Today, let's remember that Jesus invites us every day: to say a kind word, to think of someone else first, to forgive. Then let's resolve to accept the invitation. We might be surprised.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24 "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many, saying, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'"

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

# First things first

Talk about hard choices! Not only are buying land or getting married not important enough to put off an invitation to the kingdom, but Jesus warns that even family ties may not take first place when you hear "Come, follow me." A marriage doesn't rest only on that one-time and very public "I do" but on today's decision to love, honor, respect, and care for another. The life of the gospel becomes very real when I realize I have to choose again today what I am willing to let go of and what—and who—I will cling to with all my heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

### When angels dance

Want to make an angel happy? Change your heart. Joy, that fruit of the Holy Spirit that eludes so many, can be had at the price of letting go of the old way and starting out in a new direction. After all, "Repent!" is the first word of the gospel message. The only possible way any of us can hope to experience the fulfillment of our lives, what theology calls "heaven," is to first make that turn away from what drags us down in this passing world. We all have some habit, grudge, prejudice, stinginess, nastiness, or moral cowardice from which we might repent. No better time than now.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

# **DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME**The mother of all churches

An early bishop once wrote, "Although the universal church of God is constituted . . . of the many parts of its holy body, the church subsists in an integral whole." Today's feast offers an opportunity to celebrate that unity. The Basilica of Saint John Lateran serves as the cathedral church of the pope, who is the bishop of Rome, just as the cathedral in your diocese is the seat of your bishop. Because the pope is the pastor of the universal church, his cathedral (not Saint Peter's!) is known as the "mother of all churches"; an inscription on its facade reads, "Most Holy Lateran Church, Mother and Mistress of all churches of the city and the world." Remember today you are part of a vast, diverse church of 1 billion members who nonetheless call themselves one.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22* 

"The angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing."

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

# FEAST OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Do little things well

What makes a pope "great"? Only two were so defined (Leo I and Gregory I). If some have their way, the late John Paul II will be another. We also have saints like Albert the Great, as well as Gertrude the Great—a rare woman so described. It's not an official title, more an honorific by those who admire the wide-sweeping influence of such leaders on their times and on the church for centuries to come. Yet greatness is within reach of all of us, if we do little things faithfully. Greater things are given to those who handle small things well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

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# Youth Ministry News...

# Year II Candidates Mass

Today, at the 11:00 AM Mass, our Year II Confirmation Candidates will publicly commit themselves to continued preparation for celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation this coming Spring. This week, we pray for them as they continue their formal journey towards strengthening their relationship with the Holy Spirit. We hope they may feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in guiding their lives.

# **Attention High School Boys!**



St. Cletus intends to again sponsor three teams in Church League Basketball. Games are usually on Saturday nights beginning in December and ending with playoffs in

March. Information/registration letters were sent this week to all teenage boys on our parish high school mailing list. If your name is not on our high school list, you can download permission slips from our website at **www.stcletusparish.com** and click on the Youth Ministry icon. Space is limited and teams will be formed on a first come, first serve basis. Please turn your permission slips and fees in to the rectory or school/religious education offices as soon as possible if you wish to take part. If you need further details, contact me in the Youth Ministry office at (708) 215-5419 or **acranny@stcletusparish.com.** 

**Amy Cranny -** Youth Director

# **Cash and Carry for MANNA**

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule *next* weekend, November 10 - 11. MANNA is an ongoing fundraising program through the St Cletus FSA, which purchases gift cards at a discount, sells them at face value and the proceeds then go to the school. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! Give gift cards as gifts or use them to purchase holiday items. Any questions please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257.

# **Social Concerns**

# **Food Pantry Update**

This Thursday, November 8, is our monthly Food Pantry...and we still have bags to fill. There's still time this week, Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am - 4:00pm, to drop off your food donations. Here's the details:

- 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, cereal and paper products.
- Some favorite "extras" include coffee, juice, crackers, baby food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap.
- These items can be dropped off in the Church vestibule in the bins provided in our beautiful Madonna della Strada Shrine.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this community outreach, as you live out our Baptismal call to serve all of God's people who find themselves in need. Our clients are most appreciative of your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 215-5418, or **mford@stcletusparish.com.** 

# **Giving Tree**

Christmas decorations are already being displayed in stores and advertisements for gift giving will soon be a common sight. As the season of Thanksgiving and the holidays approach, we Christians are looking for ways to keep the true meaning of the season alive in our families. One way is to take part in our annual Giving Tree Project, which will begin on the weekend of November 17 and 18. Please watch upcoming Canticles for details.

**Reminder:** The Social Concerns Commission will have their monthly meeting this coming Tuesday, November 6, at 8:00 PM in the Education Building, Room 200. If you are interested in joining the Commission, please contact me. We'd love to have you join us at our meeting.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

# TASTE WINE & FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, November 9 7:00-9:30pm

St. Cletus School in Morrissey Hall.

Cost: \$25 per person

On sale after all Masses November 3/4
Orders for the wine will be taken
Wine recommendations and appetizer recipes
will be available

Raffle for gift baskets and wine dinners
We hope you and your friends come and enjoy
this fun event!

Please send in check payable to St. Cletus School c/o Pattie Curran. Any questions call Pattie Curran, (708) 579-1721 or Christine Tosheff, (630) 662-0991.



# St. Cletus Parish Remember the Date!

Where: Morrissey Hall

When: Sunday, November 18 Time: 8:00am until 12:00 Noon

Watch the Canticle for more information next week!

# **Mission Ladies**

We are in need of yarn, specifically baby, sports, 3-ply and 4-ply worsted. We also need white eyelet fabric and small 1 inch crosses (no bigger) for bibs that we make to give to the babies when they are baptized.

Mission Ladies make several items and donate to 10 different charities at Christmas time. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9:15am 'til 12:00 Noon in the rectory basement.

You are welcome to join us and no experience is needed. If you are interested, please call Dolores Scaletta at (708) 839-9605.

# ST. CLETUS "HOLIDAY BLUES" WORKSHOP SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 2:00-3:30PM

The Compassionate Care Ministry (CCM) at St. Cletus is sponsoring a workshop for those individuals and families who have suffered the loss of a loved one this year or in recent years. We will provide a safe place to talk about how hard, lonely, and stressful the holidays can be. We will discuss coping strategies and make an action plan to deal with holiday concerns. Bring an item to share that represents your lost loved one, so we can honor them and their lives. There will be handouts and refreshments. This workshop will be held in Room 201 in the Education Building.

Please join us for this supportive and educational program. Please call Karen Schultz, LCSW to register (708) 352-6587, or feel free to attend. This workshop is FREE to all parishioners. You don't have to be alone! We care about you!

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, Duane St. Germain, Ann Fahey,

Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourque, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

# Stewardship

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful to his gifts." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

As we practice Stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened.

# **Weekly Giving Summary**

Last Weekend\$ A Year Ago	27,472 28,515
This Fiscal Year (thru 10/28/07)\$ Last Fiscal Year (thru 10/29/06)	

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

# New Parish Shrine Madonna della Strada with Children

The blessing and dedication of the new parish shrine in September was a wonderful and prayerful event for our faith community. "Thank you" to all the generous donors who made this goal come to reality through their support. Many gave in memory of a loved one or in the name of their families. Please remember that your intentions will always be remembered by this faith community in our thoughts and prayers. Anyone who makes a future donation of \$500 or more to our social concerns ministry in the name of a loved one or themselves will be remembered on the plaque of donors in the new shrine area.

# Reminder:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Monday, November 5, beginning immediately after the 8:00 morning Mass and will continue in church until Benediction at 6:45pm.

# **Latin Mass Returns to Berwyn**

A Triduum of Solemn High Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the Poor Souls in Purgatory in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional) at St. Odilo Parish, The National Shrine of the Poor Souls, 2244 East Avenue, Berwyn. These Tridentine Masses will be celebrated at 7:00pm the first three Tuesdays in November (November 6,13 & 20).

# **The Four Last Things**

A Triduum of Preachings

Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell

November 6,13 & 20

Preached by Father Richard Simon, scriptural Apologist, and Catholic radio personality at St. Odilo Church. These sermons will be presented during three consecutive weekly celebrations of the Solemn High Requiem Mass (extraordinary form).

The Comboni Missionaries

Invite you to their 41st Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Alta Villa Banquets- 430 N. Addison Rd., Addison

For tickets or more information, contact the Comboni Mission Center at (708) 354-1999.

# **2007 Annual Catholic Appeal**

"...your reward shall be great in heaven." Luke 6:23

More than 90,000 households throughout the Archdiocese have supported the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gifts are given to help your neighbors in Cook and Lake Counties and around the world.

Just two more pledge billings will be sent before the conclusion of the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Many thanks to those of you who have completed your pledges.

Whether your gift is large or small, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, every gift makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide vital ministries and services. Thank you again for your support.

# **MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

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

## **BAPTISMS**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. 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 4:15-4:45pm.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

**Rectory Office Hours** 

Monday thru Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm **Saturday:** 9:00am-5:00pm 8:00am-1:00pm **Sunday:** 

# **Bulletin Articles**

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.

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