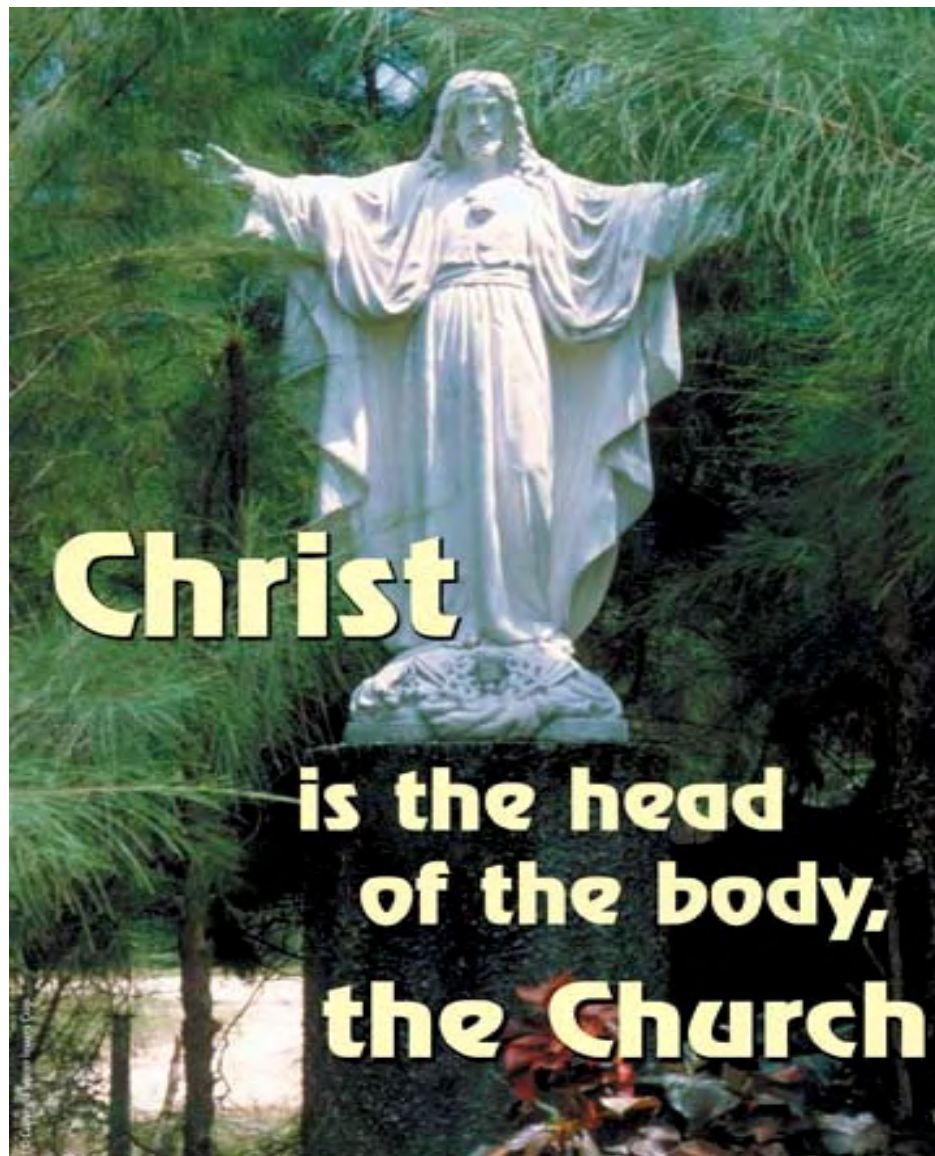


St. Cletus Canticle

November 25, 2007

The Feast of Christ the King



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All are welcome. Handicapped parking is located in front of church.
Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of November 26 - December 2

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - LaVerne Phillips, Meghan Hackett, Joseph Vieceli, (Special Intention-Hackett Family)
Tuesday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda
Wednesday	8:00am	People of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00am	Charlene Kernion
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Robert Suchy, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Marco & Emelia Rattin People of St. Cletus Nancy Battle Scavuzzo, Joanne Mate, Fisher Family John Pavlik, Timothy Benrus, Joseph N. Piccirillo, Wencil Andrulewicz, Dan Fitack

Altar Servers - December 1/2

- 5:00pm - C. McLaughlin, T. Murphy, J. Dombro
- 7:00am - E. Muldonado, J. Jaskierski, B. Stepuszek
- 8:00am - M. Johnson-Dahl, K. Guidice, C. Mosquera
- 9:30am - K. Cernetig, S. Patterson, Z. Quick
- 11:00am - A. Kopicki, M. Patterson, C. Luxem

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 1, 2007

- 5:00 pm** LR Chlapecka, R
 SM Kalata, M C1 Sheridan, E
 B2 Burke, J C2 Burke, R
 B3 Beales, D C3 Beales, N
 B4 Ghera, A C4 Kalata, M
 B5 Heyes, M C5 Heyes, S
 B6 Kensek, M C6 Andrews, D

9:30 am LR Pisone, M L

- SM Hullinger, S C1 Williams, A
 B2 Nolan, J C2 Bolton, P
 B3 Haggerty, F C3 Keating-Gay, S
 B4 Williams, A C4 Hullinger, S
 B5 Koch, B C5 DalPorto, K
 B6 Blecic, D C6 Severino, L

11:00 am LR Demonte, L

- SM Curnutt, R C1 Meuwissen, J
 B2 Fisher, H C2 Schump, C
 B3 Chaney, M C3 Ficaro, J
 B4 Rotunno, P C4 Curnutt, R
 B5 Maday, J C5 Hoskins, C
 B6 Provan, J C6 Provan, K

Sunday, December 2, 2007

7:00 am LR Bellisario, J

- SM Hagen, C
 B2 Hagen, C
 B3 Hagen, J
 B4 Karch, J
 B5 Karch, T
 B6 Hinton, G



- 8:00 am** LR Goethals, K
 SM Welch, J C1 Ford, M B
 B2 Biesadecki, B C2 Biesadecki, C
 B3 Meade, M C3 Kurchta, A
 B4 Dalsin, P C4 Welch, J
 B5 Stopka, S C5 Curotto, L
 B6 Parlier, J C6 Parlier, D



*We welcome these children into
God's Family...*

Orion Francis Carlos Caceres Staten
 Son of Cesar Caceres and Amanda Staten

Agustin Julian Padilla
 Son of Agustin and Erica Gomez

Charles Allen Wangard
 Son of Matthew and Carrie (Freeman) Wangard



Attention Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

We still have some openings at some of the Christmas Liturgies. Please stop at the table in the vestibule or in the Minister's Room to sign up.

Lectors, please pick up your 2008, Cycle A Workbooks in the vestibule. These readings will begin on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent.

Extraordinary Minister's of Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) and Minister's of Care will be re-commissioned at the 11:00am liturgy, December 2.

ALL are invited to participate in our parish Taize prayer service on December 6.

Paulette Bolton
 Director of Liturgy

Notes from Father Bob...

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

The Kingdom of Christ is not an earthly reign of miraculous or magical power. Man, especially unbelieving man, is fond of magical manifestations. Christ's enemies at the foot of the Cross attack Him at that level. Let Jesus perform the extraordinary trick of descending from the Cross, and then they will believe in Him! Jesus replies by silence. He is living on an infinitely higher level.

Perhaps we can ask ourselves this question. Are there not those, even among Christians, who demand that Christ magically remove suffering, injustice, war, etc.? There are others who are ready to say: "If Christ has the power of a king, let Him create a better society for us!" To this Jesus does not answer by performing miracles and prodigies.

The Kingdom of Christ is the Reign of pardon and love. Pardon and love come from above. They are, as it were, a revelation of the inner Law of the Heart of God. Man, who has the privilege of profiting from this Divine Law, must similarly make it the law of his own heart with respect to his brothers and sisters.

As we contemplate Jesus Crucified, each one of us can truly repeat the words of the thief: Remember me when You enter upon Your Reign. We thereby beg Christ to give us the grace to reach our eternal destiny. But we also ask Him to grant us, here and now, His pardon and His love.

Christ hears us without delay: this day. But, as the Gospel insists on telling us, we must unhesitatingly live this spirit of pardon and love in our relations with our brothers and sisters, for those two realities are eminently characteristic of the Kingdom of Christ.

Hospital Visitations

Please let the rectory know if you have a loved one in the hospital. Due to the Privacy Laws and hospital policy we are not given any information regarding admittance of one of our St. Cletus Parishioners to the hospital. When we visit the hospital we must rely on a family member informing us that their loved one has been admitted since the hospital is not allowed to let us know. We normally visit the hospitals on Thursday or Friday mornings or whenever there is an emergency. Please call the rectory (708) 352-6209

Compendium – Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Commandments Continued

443. **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORDS OF OUR LORD, "ADORE THE LORD YOUR GOD AND WORSHIP HIM ALONE" (MATTHEW 4:10)?**

These words mean to adore God as the Lord of everything that exists; to render to him the individual and community worship which is his due; to pray to him with sentiments of praise, of thanks, and of supplication; to offer him sacrifices, above all the spiritual sacrifice of one's own life, united with the perfect sacrifice of Christ; and to keep the promises and vows made to him.

444. **IN WHAT WAY DOES A PERSON EXERCISE HIS OR HER PROPER RIGHT TO WORSHIP GOD IN TRUTH AND IN FREEDOM?**

Every person has the right and the moral duty to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church. Once the truth is known, each person has the right and moral duty to embrace it, to guard it faithfully and to render God authentic worship. At the same time, the dignity of the human person requires that in religious matters no one may be forced to act against conscience nor be restrained, within the just limits of public order, from acting in conformity with conscience, privately or publicly, alone or in association with others.

*Peace of Christ Be With You All,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2007

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Crowning achievement

Citizens of a nation that won its independence by fighting against the tyranny of a distant king may find it odd to honor the kingship of Jesus. But never was there a king quite like Christ. How many kings wash the feet of their followers? Dine with outcasts? Allow themselves to be stripped and flogged? Die to save the least of their followers? This is clearly a different kind of king and different kind of kingdom, one that upends our notions of what it means to be powerful. Let us pray today that our leaders would act more like Christ and less like Caesar.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43*

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

What's her secret?

Acts of charity can be found among atheists as well as Christians. We find the most magnanimous funds given to the poor in Africa with no mention of Christ or the Father. What charity therefore can be said to be distinctly Christian? In the Gospel of Luke Christ witnesses many important men placing treasures into the temple's fund but points out a poor widow giving only two cents as the key to his heart. Christ loved this image because it could only be possible if that woman had faith. Charity becomes an act of Christian almsgiving when it forces givers to trust in God for their own well-being. What would we do with our last two dollars?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4*
"Jesus saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins."

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Will the real Jesus please stand up?

Dinosaurs among our readers will remember a TV show called *To Tell the Truth*, in which a panel of mystery people pretended to assume the identity of only one of them. The contestants had to guess which folks were lying and which person was actually who he or she claimed to be. This was before the invention of the polygraph, of course. Anyway, Jesus never meant to be mysterious about his identity. Those who met him after the resurrection were always clued in by a simple sign: He ate with them. Avoid the messiahs with FX. Head for the table where Jesus is already waiting for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11*
"Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Did he say don't prepare?

As we approach Advent, we already begin to hear talk of preparing for Christ's coming—making ourselves ready. And of course we have gospels full of warnings to "Be prepared," "Keep vigil," "Bring oil for your lamps," "You know not the day nor the hour." But when it comes to defending our faith at the end times, Jesus tells us to not prepare our testimony in advance. Huh? Apparently we're to get busy putting our faith into action now, and when the time comes for putting it into words, we can rely on the wisdom of the Spirit to help us out.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19*
"This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your

minds not to prepare your defense in advance."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Apocalypse now

There really are Christians alive right now who scan the newspaper and the internet and CNN for signs of the end of the world, which they believe the Bible has somehow predicted. A clearer view of what scripture has to say about The End, however, paints a different picture. Jesus actually said that those who point to signs will be wrong. What's more, when Christ got specific about the apocalypse, as he did in "predicting" the destruction of Jerusalem, we see more the hand of the gospel authors, who were writing for Christians who had seen the fall of that city to the Romans. At the end of the day, the point scripture makes is that no one except God knows when the end will come, though come it most surely will. Our job is to be ready to welcome Christ back, even if the evening news isn't telling us when.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28*

"Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

The patron saint of ushers?

Saints Peter and the brothers James and John made up the inner circle of Jesus' first disciples, the ones who accompanied him during some of the "big moments," like the Transfiguration. There's another pair of brother-disciples, Peter and Andrew, and celebrating Andrew today gives him a chance to come out from under the shadow of his more famous brother. In the Gospel of John, Andrew is the one who brings Peter along to meet Jesus. He also brings forward the boy who supplies the soon-to-be-miraculous loaves and fishes, as well as the Greeks who want to see Jesus. Andrew, it seems, is the "usher" apostle. What can you do to "usher" someone to deeper faith? To follow after Jesus more closely, as the early disciples did?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22*

"As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

A servant king

Tomorrow Advent begins. It is the season of preparation for Christmas and the time to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christmas, the birth of the divine in human flesh. But you'll have about four weeks to think about what the birth of that child means to you. For now, remember that last Sunday the church celebrated Christ the King. Before we start contemplating the coming of that king into the world, take a last moment to reflect on how Christ reigns in your life. He is the suffering Messiah, the crucified King. How can you put him first in your life? How can you put love and service first?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36*

"The kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the holy ones of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The religious education students and parents are joining together in prayer to begin the season of Advent on Sunday, December 2, at 9:30am and Monday, December 3, at 6:45pm in Morrissey Hall. We are following the parish theme of Advent, **“Light Our World With Peace.”** All are invited to join us in prayer.

Please remember to continue saving pop-tops for our fifth grade students. They are collecting the tabs from soda, soup, pet food, any type of tab for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Chicago. Please place your holiday tabs in the box in the vestibule of church. Thank you.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

**Early Childhood
OPEN HOUSE - 10am-11am
Thursday, November 29
St. Cletus School
700 W. 55th Street
La Grange, IL 60525**



Meet with our dedicated and experienced teachers and take a tour of our school while we provide activities, stories, crafts, and songs for your child.

Gather information on our 3-year preschool, 4-year Preschool and Kindergarten programs.

Park in the school parking lot and enter through the flagpole door. Call (708) 352-4820 or visit www.stcletusschool.com for more details.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our annual Usher and Holy Name Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 7, at *Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant in Broadview*. Cocktails with a cash bar will be served at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Please bring a donation for the raffle. Thanks.

Daniel Gibbons

WELCOME SUNDAY - NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, December 1/2, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

Please join us for an evening of reflection and friendship on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00pm in church. We will focus on the true purpose of Advent; “Keeping Christ in Christmas” is a reflection on the history of the Christmas tradition. From The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels to Living those Gospels today, we will explore the development and struggle to be faithful disciples in a difficult world that has taken our religious symbols and used them for profit.

Our presenter, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM, is a Franciscan Priest of the Sacred Heart Province of Chicago/St. Louis. Friar Johnpaul is a pastoral associate and preacher at Holy Family Parish in Inverness, a chaplain for AGLO at Mount Carmel Church in Chicago, and now serves as chaplain for the Illinois State Police - District Chicago.

ST. CLETUS COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY “HOLIDAY BLUES”

**WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
2:00-3:30PM
EDUCATION BUILDING
ROOM 201**



Please join us for this supportive and educational program. Questions? Call Karen Schultz, LCSW at (708) 352-6587.

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS...

This meeting is for anyone who believes they have a drinking or drug problem and would like some help. All are welcome!

There will be a closed AA meeting starting on December 6, in the Education building, Room 213, 8:00pm. Please use the flag pole entrance.



"Bending Towards the Light"

On Saturday, December 1, at 2:00pm, St. Cletus will present "Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity." This 60-minute presentation is a musical telling of the nativity, complete with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and the three kings - one of whom plays trumpet, one with drums, and one who is a tap dancer!

This is the third annual production of this wonderful show, and the second to be held at St. Cletus. Most of our ensemble consists of master jazz musicians, whose careers have included performing and recording with the leading jazz artists of our time, including Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

The featured vocal soloists will include Dawn Lauber, Gayle Bisesi, John Rudy, David Molnar, and Emma Bolam. The instrumentalists include Bobby Lewis, trumpet, Mark Olen, trumpet, Bobby Schiff, piano, Jerry Coleman, drums, Tim Coffman, trombone, Geraldo de Oliveira, Latin percussion, Ken Jandes, saxophone, and Andy Tecson, saxophone. Our own parish choirs will provide the choral backdrop for the performance, and Justin Sisul will conduct the entire ensemble.

Please consider joining us on December 1st. The music is a wonderfully diverse outpouring of joy, tenderness and wonder. In the midst of the hectic schedule created by the secular aspects of this season, this musical afternoon promises to provide a journey filled with surprising flashes of color, humor and a quiet contemplation of the mystery of God breaking into our realm in the form of an infant. No one who came last year left disappointed, and many have been anxiously awaiting the return of "Bending Towards the Light." I encourage you to make room for an hour of musical reflection as we begin this Advent season.

SOCIAL CONCERNS—GIVING TREE

Here are some great opportunities to help out in our Giving Tree outreach:

- Please help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need in our community by taking a tag or two from the tree. Instructions are on the tags.
- We need volunteers to help sort gifts in Church on Sunday, December 9, from 12:00 - 3:30 PM.
- Adult volunteers are needed to transport gifts down to St. Agatha's Parish in Chicago on Sunday, December 9th, around 2:45 PM. If you have a van or truck, please consider helping out.

Contact Mary Beth Ford at (708)215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com to volunteer, or for further information. Thank you!



UPCOMING DATES FOR MANNA

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule NEXT WEEKEND, December 1-2. MANNA will also be available at the school on Wednesday, December 5, 6-7pm and Friday, December 7, 2:15-3:15 pm. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. **Christmas is around the corner!** 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Who is a Christian steward?

One who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends God’s gifts responsibly, shares God’s gifts in love and justice with others, and returns these gifts with increase to God.

Gifts of Stock

Year-end 2007 may be an excellent time to consider a gift of stock.

Giving long-term appreciated stock offers you a two-fold tax saving. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. For income tax purposes the value of such gifts may be deducted up to 30% of adjusted gross income, with an additional five-year carry forward.

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend.....	\$ 26,879
Year Ago.....	24,300
This Fiscal Year (thru 11/18/07).....	\$551,991
Last Fiscal Year (thru 11/19 /06).....	527,869

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.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, 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, Marilyn Matesevack, 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’Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” (Isaiah)

This passage from Isaiah is the basis for what has come to be called the Jesse Tree - a symbol of Christ’s heritage or roots and God’s covenant with his people.

This tradition developed during the Middle Ages when many people couldn’t read and so their faith was nurtured through religious art. Through symbols and portraits, people learned stories of those who waited for the Savior and Christ’s ancestry. They passed on those beliefs the same way Jesus taught: through story and symbol.

In addition to our Advent Wreath, we will be creating a parish Jesse Tree. There will be 24 simple kits available in the vestibule with suggestions and instructions. This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the meaning of this Advent season - and connect with generations of people who have sought God and experienced God’s presence in the world.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy



St. Cletus Family School Association

Poinsettia Plant pickup is Sunday, December 2, 7:30am until 12:00 Noon, in the Kindergarten Room. Enter the school by the flagpole. We know this is a busy time of year, so we will give a reminder call on the day before the pickup.

Please note: A limited amount of extra plants will be available to purchase on pick-up day.

Attention Leisure Loafers!

Reminder: December 6 is the date of our Christmas Luncheon at The Flame, 12:00 Noon. Members \$22 - Guests \$24. We do need a final count by November 30. Call Mary White at (708) 246-0340 or Alice Katmarek at (708) 354-7054.

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
Sunday:	8:00am-1:00pm

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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