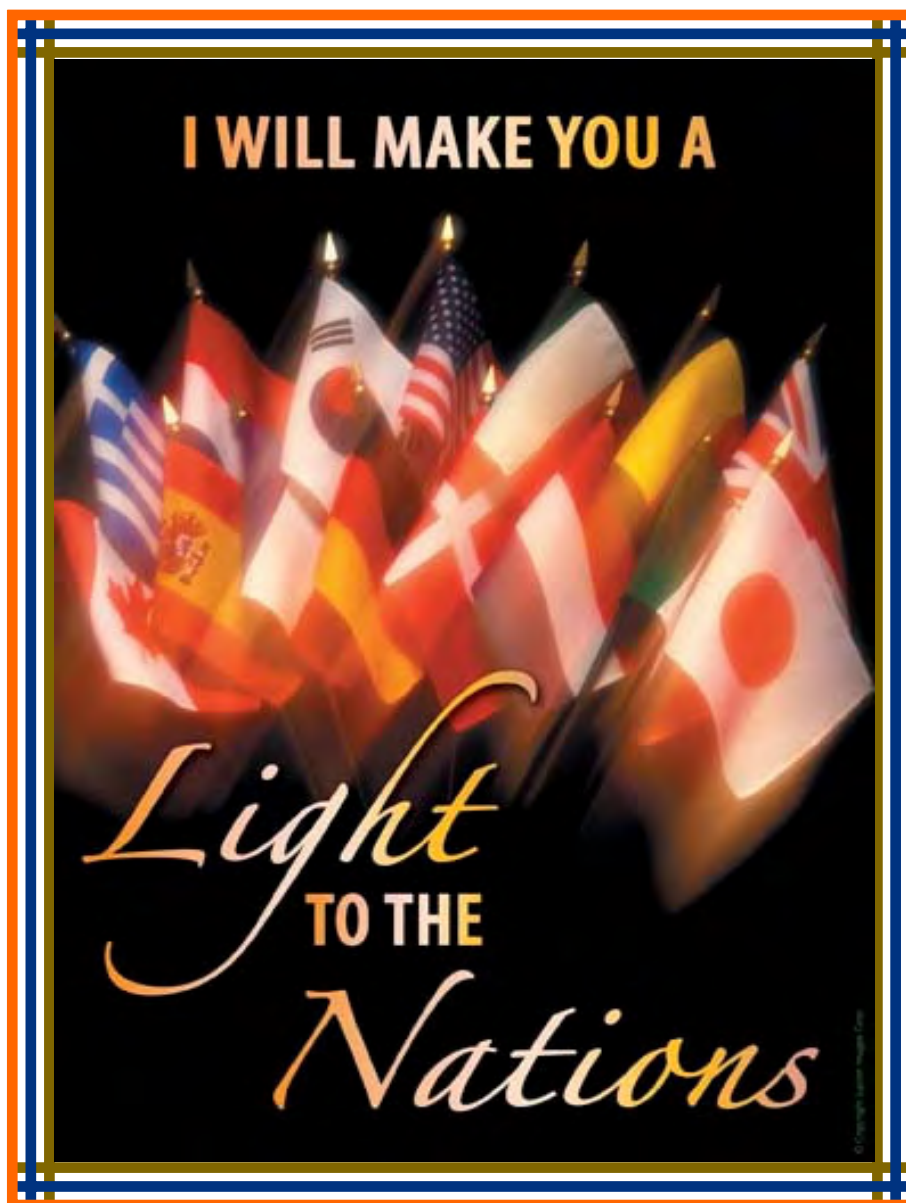


St. Cletus Canticle

January 20, 2008

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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 January 21 - January 27, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Christopher Wyczolkowski
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Viecei
Wednesday	8:00am	Socorro DePeralta
Thursday	8:00am	Walter Rogers
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Lou Kadlec, Erik Geyer
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Ed Smithy, Eugene Lynn, Lucaz Family, Sr. Elizabeth Kotre, CSJ
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Stella Wojciechowski, Frank Wojcik Priests of St. Cletus Eugene Sorrentino, Arlene Skryd Carolyn & Carrie Kopman, Lillian Schraeder, Barbara McQuaid, Kathleen Gabriel

January 26/27



5:00pm - C. Luxem, J. Heim, N. Smith
 7:00am - M. Figura, B. Franklin, A. Bartucci
 8:00am - E. Maldonado, J. Kern, K. Pikul
 9:30am - K. Toscheff, D. Bendyk, J. Rodriquez
 11:00am - A. Pusatera, T. Lenz, M. J. Dahl

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 26, 2008

5:00 pm LR Goethals, K
 SM Wiley, J C1 Severino, L
 B2 Benkert, K C2 Benkert, J
 B3 Loch, L C3 Koch, B
 B4 Rotuno, P C4 Wiley, J
 B5 Kensek, M C5 Reichl, M
 B6 Thuma, M C6 Ward, L

9:30 am LR Haggerty, F

SM McCaffray, P C1 Doria, A
 B2 Dunkovich, A C2 Nolan, J
 B3 Burke, K C3 Dillane, J
 B4 Stumreiter, E C4 McCaffray, P
 B5 Blecic, D C5 DalPorto, K
 B6 Maday, J C6 Meuwissen, J

Sunday, January 27, 2008

7:00 am LR Chlapecka, T
 SM Karch, J
 B2 Karch, J
 B3 Karch, T
 B4 Zmuda, R
 B5 Hinton, G
 B6 Meade, M


11:00 am LR Reynolds, C

SM Samuelson, D C1 Herzog, T
 C2 Provan, J
 B2 Provan, K
 B3 Heyes, M
 B4 Kunkel, J C4 Samuelson, D
 B5 Hoskins, C C5 Gebka, M L
 B6 Severino, S C6 Augustyn, R

8:00 am LR Staelgraave, M

SM Hagen, C C1 Samuelson, D
 B2 Bliss, G C2 Nicosia, C
 B3 Hogue, K C3 Kalata, M
 B4 Hagen, J C4 Hagen, C
 B5 Ford, M B C5 Kwak, T
 B6 Kuchta, A C6 Kigin, B





Please pray for those who have died and their families:

✠ *Jerry C. Novak,*
Husband of Ethel



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, 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, 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. 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.

Notes from Father Bob...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

“GOD’S CHOSEN ONES”

We too are the chosen ones of God. In baptism the Holy Spirit descends on us and makes us the sharers in God’s own life. Our responsibility as chosen ones is to take up the assignments we have just heard of in the life of Jesus, in the life of Paul and in the life of the servant disciple in today’s readings. We are called to take away the sins of the world, to be apostles and to be the light of the nations, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth: all daunting tasks. We may be forgiven for trying to flee them or off-load them onto those we consider to be especially trained for the purpose, the clergy and religious. But, through our baptism, we are each called to make unique contributions to these assignments. It helps if we can see how in turn they have been communicated to us. As we have received, so shall we give. How have we been enlightened? What brings clear vision and understanding into our lives? What has our experience of forgiveness been? Have we really forgiven others or allowed ourselves to be truly forgiven? Finally, how have we received the good news? What words or images moved or still move us? It is through our own experience of God that God will communicate his presence to others.

SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR AN ABUNDANCE OF GENEROSITY

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful outpouring of the spirit of giving that was demonstrated this past Christmas season within our parish community. The abundance of gifts that were presented by the people of our parish to those less fortunate through our Giving Tree Program was overwhelming. The commitment of our parish to the needs of all God’s people is inspiring and speaks to the gospel in action.

St. Cletus parishioners are indeed extremely generous in their support of the work of the gospel. You have once again demonstrated your generous support of our parish ministries and programs by your Christmas contributions this year which as of this weekend total more than \$261,000. It is a true sign of this parish’s willingness to answer our baptismal call to be of service to one another in Christ.

May Christ shower each you with abundant blessings for your spirit of generosity and love. I personally thank each of you for your continued commitment to the work of the Lord through your financial support of our parish family. I ask that God watch over you and keep you and your families in His loving care always.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Today you will hear from representatives of the Woman Care Services regarding the Baby Bottles which will be distributed at the end of each Mass this weekend. Since June of 2004 they have been helping women and men considering abortion to choose life instead for their babies. Please take a baby bottle home and be as generous as possible in contributing to this very important LIFE giving project. You can make a difference in giving an unborn baby life. Please return your generously filled baby bottles on the weekend of February 2 and 3.

*Continue to Light Our World with Peace,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Great teammates

John the Baptist had quite a following even before Jesus arrived on the scene. The two prophetic leaders might have ended up as competitors, sniping at each other and trying to steal away each other's disciples like so many of today's religious leaders seem to do. Instead, they offer a model for mutual respect during this week dedicated to Christian unity. Jesus came to John for baptism. John pointed to Jesus as the greater of the two. Their followers knew and respected one another. We have the role models we need for Christian unity—the rest is up to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34*

"After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - Resistance takes discipline

Even the most charismatic leaders need followers to bring about their vision, and Martin Luther King Jr. was no exception. Yet the story of these courageous young men and women has largely been left untold—until recently. The 2000 film *A Force More Powerful* documents the intense study and preparation the first civil rights protesters in Memphis and elsewhere undertook. Their training included many practice confrontations with hostile opponents, which resulted in the tremendous self-discipline that nonviolent resistance requires.

King once observed: "The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood." Through what daily action can I place myself among those "disciplined nonconformists"?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22*

"But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

DAY OF PENANCE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

Remember the us in them

At the heart of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, is the "versus," the antagonism, the eternal contest between "us" and "them." Our great challenge in choosing life over death is less to beat "them" whom we easily demonize as the other side but rather to see those with whom we profoundly disagree as persons beloved by God and saved by the Christ who reminds us, "The Lord does not see as mortals see, the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Part of the struggle to uphold the sanctity and value of life must be to draw close enough to the other to actually listen and see, beyond the "versus," another human heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28*

"They look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 - Working together to heal the world

In developing countries around the world, missionaries of every Christian denomination work side by side to care for the poor, the hungry, and the sick. Projects that provide water and medical services to remote villages are accomplished every day by people cooperating despite their religious differences. The resistance Jesus encountered in his own healing ministry was because he often had to cross the dividing lines of religion in order to get the

job done. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we may not be able to share the sacrament of communion, but we can share the work of justice, which ultimately is the work of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6*

"Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 - The bonds of kinship and friendship

The task of unity among Christians tends to polarize its focus to those on either end of theological or political debates. Reconciliation, however, more often than not comes from the thankless legwork of those caught in the middle. Few could attest to this fact better than Jonathan, who was the beloved friend of David but also the son of King Saul. The lesser known Jonathan found himself a tenuous link between two colossal figures of Israel. Torn between loyalties to his father and to God's new anointed, Jonathan sacrificed his own safety to plead reconciliation. Many of us can relate to such a position, be it within our church, family, or work. Rather than trying to assert your own individual viewpoint, focus on how you can serve as a figure of reconciliation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12*

"Jonathan then brought David to Saul, and David was in Saul's presence as before."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

**CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE; WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS
Grace without borders**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends in the conversion of Paul, a person transformed by an encounter with the Righteous One himself, shaped into a new apostle to the nations. Paul's worldview and religious conviction were not so much reversed as expanded, made more universal in Christ. Proud to be a Jew from birth to death, Paul did not abandon his spiritual heritage but by God's Spirit came to see messianic hope fulfilled in Christ. Paul did, however, forsake his methods for carrying out God's will—coercion and punishment—in favor of Jesus' own practice of invitation and awakening faith in others. Perhaps our images of what Christian unity ought to look like need to be not only Catholic but catholic.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18*

"You will be his witness to all of what you have seen and heard."

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 - FEAST OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS -
Be one of the left behind**

There are good and bad ways of being left behind. The good way to be left behind, in the Christian context, is to be asked to continue the work of the kingdom of God. In this way, our ancestors in faith have left to us the ongoing work of God, as we will leave it to those who follow after us, and as Saint Paul left it to his friends Timothy and Titus, whom he commissioned to finish what was undone when he left Ephesus and Crete respectively. That's tradition—receiving the faith, caring for it, and handing it on—and we all have a part to play.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:20-21*

"I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done."

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WOMANCARE SERVICES INC
(caring for her - saving His children)

The *WomanCare Services*, a crisis pregnancy center in Berwyn dedicated by Bishop Paprocki in 2004, will be passing out baby bottles after each Mass **this** weekend, January 19/20. When you take home a bottle and fill it with change and dollars you may have spent on treats or entertainment during the following two weeks, you will be helping to save lives.

Women and teens in our area facing unexpected pregnancies come to us looking for answers. We help them to choose life for their babies by providing them with crisis counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothing, baby furniture, medical and housing referrals - all free of charge. Your generosity makes this possible.

The baby bottles will be collected after all the Masses during the weekend of February 2/3. Thank you for participating in this life-saving event!

ROE VS WADE - 2008

January 22 is the 35th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* when the Supreme Court legalized abortion at any stage. Today 4,400 babies are killed each day by abortion. That is *one million six hundred and six thousand* each year **(1,606,000)!**

In the message from Our Holy Father, he says "As you, your Bishops and great numbers of the faithful from throughout the United States gather at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion in your country, I assure you of my spiritual closeness and my sharing in your concern for the continuing holocaust of innocent human lives. This anniversary of the decision which effectively legalized abortion on demand in the United States is a call to people of good will to reflect seriously on the devastating consequences of that step. Now is the time for recommitment to the building of a culture of absolute respect for life from conception to natural death."

You can join the **National Mass for Life** brought to you **LIVE** from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC at 6:00pm Monday evening, January 21, at 6:00pm CST and on Tuesday morning, January 22, at 6:30am over the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN, Comcast Cable Channel 62.

Then on Tuesday, January 22, at 10:00am, EWTN brings you **LIVE** and complete coverage of the most important pro-life event of the year, the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE** in Washington, DC.

You'll be a part of it all, with interviews of participants from across the U.S., including prominent pro-life leaders and speakers. Then follow the March for Life procession up Constitution Avenue, and join the **Rally for Life** at the Washington Monument. *This 4-hour telecast encores at 9:00pm on Tuesday, January 22 and again at 8:00am on January 23, and again on Saturday, January 26 at 12:00pm...* on Comcast Cable Channel 62 (EWTN). *Check your local cable listing..*

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton

Coordinators, St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

Youth Ministry News Confirmation Year I and II Candidates...

There is a required large group session **next** weekend on Sunday, January 27, 2008. Jackie Goes and Fr. Merkellis from Providence High School will be talking on "Spirituality in Sexuality". This program is from 7:00-8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. All high school teenagers are welcome to attend. See you there!

Amy Cranny

Director of Youth Ministry



CARDINAL CORNER

News from the St. Cletus School Board

Catholic Schools Week Open House

St. Cletus School is once again celebrating Catholic Schools Week with an Open House on Sunday, January 27, from 10:30am until 12:15pm. Come *Light the Way* and find out more about our school!

Tour our classrooms, library, computer lab, science lab, art room and music room

Meet one-on-one with our experienced teachers

View our students' entries into the 8th grade Science Fair, 7th grade History Fair and 6th grade Consumer Fair

Meet our current families and learn why **FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE** are the pillars of St. Cletus School!

Pre-register online at www.stcletusschool.com or at the Open House for the 2008–2009 school year in one of our faith-based programs:

3 year-old Preschool (2 days a week)

4 year-old Preschool (3 days a week in the morning and 5 days a week in the afternoon)

Half-day Kindergarten

Full-day Kindergarten

Grades 1 – 8

Join us for some bowling fun

The kids have had their fun, now it's time for the adults to "light up the town." By Candlelight, that is. The St. Cletus Athletic Association invites adults to a Candlelight Bowl on Saturday, January 26 at Willowbrook Lanes, 735 Plainfield Road in Willowbrook (630-325-1746).

Check-in and buffet begin at 9:00pm; bowling goes from 10:00pm to 1:00am. Cash bar available.

Cost is \$50/couple; \$20/person for buffet or bowling only. Reservations are required by January 21. Please contact Janet Rausch at (630) 654-4665 or email janet.rausch@comcast.net for reservations. Don't miss the 1st BIG outing of 2008!

UPCOMING DATES FOR MANNA

MANNA will be available after all Masses the weekend of January 26/27. On Saturday, January 26, CASH & CARRY will be in the church vestibule and Sunday, January 27, in the school lobby for the Catholic Schools Week Open House. MANNA will also be available at the school Friday, January 25, 2:00-3:15 pm. 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 your sweetheart gifts for Valentine's Day!** Any questions please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257.

Religious Education Reminder

Families in our Religious Education Program are reminded that classes are not in session on January 20/21 and January 27/28. Classes resume on February 3. Enjoy your time off!

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT...PSALM 27:1
2008 ARCHDIOCESAN
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

COMMITMENT WEEKEND - JANUARY 26/27

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the *2008 Annual Catholic Appeal*.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Your financial support is important. The success of the Appeal depends upon the gifts given by each of us to support our Archdiocese. Each of our gifts enables our parishioners to reach far beyond our parish boundaries. They bring the light of Christ to many who are served through education, ministry and services provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please answer the Cardinal's request and make a generous pledge. Thank you.

The *ELIZABETH MINISTRY* of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale is hosting the *fifth annual Holy Innocents Memorial Mass* and reception from 3:00-4:00pm on Sunday, January 27, in the Parish Center, 421 S. Clay St.

Families are invited to reflect and light candles in memory of children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or childhood death. Questions? Call (630) 655-6671.

Circle the World With Love on Valentine's Day!

Attend The Well's Valentine's Day Celebration: **Circle the World with Love** benefit on Valentine's Day, February 14, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the William Tell Restaurant in Countryside. Tickets are \$75 each and include a reception, full-course dinner, open bar and entertainment by BMX Jazz. A split-the-pot raffle and a silent auction including sporting events tickets and a vacation get-away will be held. Tables of 10 are available.

The Well, a spirituality center in La Grange Park, established by the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, offers spiritual, physical and emotional wholeness programs. All are welcome to attend. For reservations or more information, call (708) 482-5048 or (708) 482-5088 or email thewell@csjlagrange.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Wrapping Your Gift

If indeed, our participation at Mass includes a gift, it is an appropriate gesture to use our regular weekly envelope as a "gift wrapper." Using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner.

Sacrificial Giving and the use of your envelope as a gift wrapper should be a decision that is reflected in regular, consistent giving - not occasional, or just in response to a certain appeal. That consistency is also a part of the practice of our faith and is part of the celebration of the liturgy each and every week. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively.

Forward in Faith

When making a commitment to Sacrificial Giving, we place our trust and security in the Lord - not possessions or the material. It is a matter of moving forward in our own faith - without any guarantees. We give to God first. We turn over our apprehensions and anxieties about unconditional giving to the Lord and trust in Him. Money is not the security that will save us. We must trust in the Lord and move forward in faith.

How do I move forward in faith and what is expected?

You can move forward in faith by making a Sacrificial Gift from your "substance rather than surplus" each and every week in your regular envelope.

The next step is to evaluate your own giving. The ideal would be to be giving 5% of your gross annual income to the parish and another 5% to other charities (world missions, Catholic schools, etc). Recent studies indicate that Catholics give between 1.1% - 1.4% of their gross income. It would be unrealistic to ask people to jump from giving 1% to 5%. Perhaps, you might prayerfully consider increasing your giving by 1% annually (spread out over 52 weeks) until you reach the 5% - 10% level in the future.

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

Last Weekend	\$ 25,343
A Year Ago	25,160
This Fiscal Year (thru 1/13/08)	\$776,911
Last Fiscal Year (thru 1/14/07).....	747,585

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.

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 BENECTION

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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