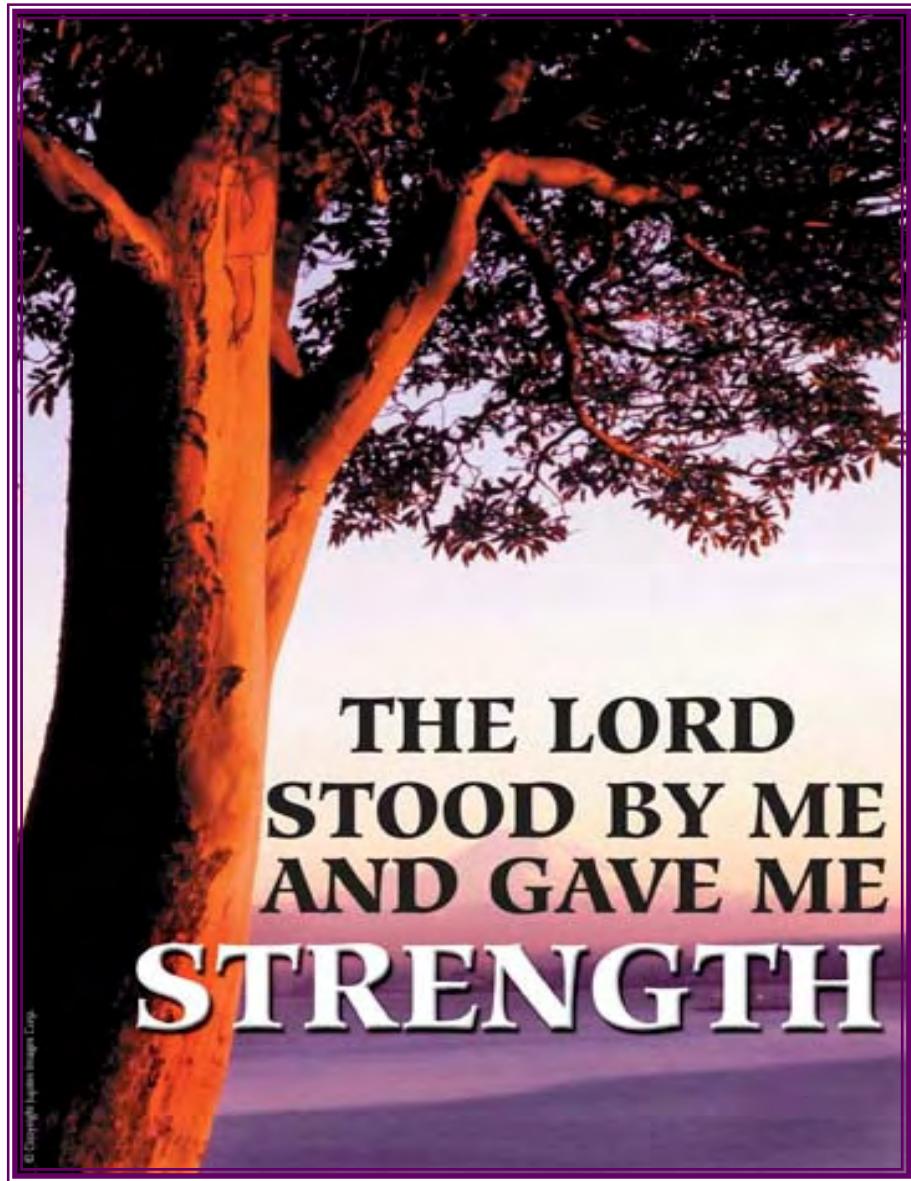


St. Cletus Canticle

June 29, 2008

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

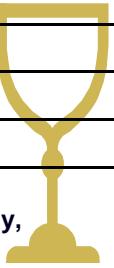
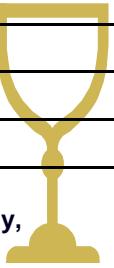


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All are welcome. Handicapped parking is located in front of church.
Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 30 - July 6, 2008

Day	Time		
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society	
Tuesday	8:00am	People of St. Cletus	
Wednesday	8:00am	Mary Jane Taylor	
Thursday	8:00am	Robert Suchy, Barbara McQuaid	
Friday	8:00am	Jonii Patterson, Nan Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Linda Grigutis	
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Robert Suchy, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Ed Smithy, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Anthony Pontillo	
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mary Vicich Frank Baggio, Joseph McDermott, Ginny Lawler Michael Arpaia, Melvin Charlier Timothy Benrus, John Pavlik, Sophie Egielski Hispanic Ministry	

AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 5/6, 2008

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Heyes, S.	Zmuda, R.	Hullinger, S.	McCaffray, P.	Curnutt, R.
LR	Augustine, E.	Chlapecka, T.	Kuchta, A.	Reynolds, C.	O'Dowd, M.
B2	Heyes, S.	Zmuda, R.	Hullinger, S.	McCaffray, P.	Curnutt, R.
B3	Beales, D.	Zmuda, L.	Biesadecki, C.	Bartucci, C.	Gebka, M.L.
B4	Hockman, S.	Karch, T.	Hagen, C.	Wehrmeister,	Brannigan, R.
B5	Burke, R.	Karch, J.	Hagen, J.	Simonelic, Sr.	Maday, J.
B6	Thornton, W.	Smith, P.	Saban, J.	Williams, A.	Rotunno, P.
C1	Richards, M.		Kigin, B.	Reichl, M.	Fisher, H.
C2	Heyes, M.		Zaremba, E.	Maday, J.	Ficaro, J.
C3	Beales, N.		Biesadecki, B	Dillane, J.	Nicosia, C.
C4	Bozec, B.		Hagen, Julie	Blecic, D.	Hoskins, C.
C5	Burke, J.		Hagen, E.	Zupancic, R.	Mangahas, A.
C6	Thornton, M.		Sipek, S.	Schump, C.	Mulderink, K.
Altar Servers	L. Donatelli D. Hurley K. Callahan	M. Murphy D. Bowie T. Findley	M. Finucane A. Dostal M. Figura	M. Geraci M. Mrazek K. Tosheff	D. Bendyk J. Heim T. Ruggiero

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: Blessed Junípero Serra
- Thursday: St. Thomas
- Friday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Independence Day; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Wedding Banns

*Elizabeth Osborne
and
Richard Kurkowski*

*Jessica Sokolowski
and
Brian Murphy*

Please pray for those who have died and their families...

*Bernard "Bernie" Kelly,
husband of Patricia*



*Peter Vecchi,
father of Mark*

*Lois B. Eckert,
mother of Laura Stephens*

*May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.
Amen*

Notes from Father Bob...

Saints Peter and Paul

For preaching and teaching the new faith in the early church, Christian leaders often found themselves in trouble and in jail. The reason for this harsh treatment was because the Gospel challenged the existing order of things. It claimed an allegiance greater than the emperor, and preached a way of life that undermined the existing power structures. It claimed a God who was greater than Caesar, and practiced a love of others, even of enemies, that threatened the control exerted by Rome.

Rome operated a system based on fear and favor. Threatening people and rewarding them for their compliance is a corrupt and corrupting way to live. This was the style of King Herod when he imprisoned Peter. But as Jesus told his disciples, the gates of hell cannot hold out against a kingdom of truth and justice.

Peter walks free from prison in a miraculous escape on this occasion, and Paul, too, on many occasions, finds that the Lord protects him from all harm. In the end, of course, in the city of Rome, at the heart of the empire, Peter and Paul are once more put in chains and sentenced to die. But death holds no fear for them. The manner of their dying, yes, but not the fact of death. Where the Lord has gone before them, they, too, will be allowed to follow. The crown of righteousness awaits them, Paul tells Timothy. The Lord will bring them safely to his kingdom.

This commemoration of Peter and Paul today, like every other Christian feast, is a proclamation of freedom and of the possibility of freedom. The prisons that we find ourselves in are many and varied. There are actual physical prisons and the deprivation of liberty for criminal conviction. There are the prisons of domestic violence and the sadness of broken homes. There are the prisons of mental torture that people inflict on one another, and the prisons of emotional disturbance and heartbreak that hold people hostage for a long period of time.

In the face of all this oppression it is the call of Christians to be freedom fighters in the truest sense of that phrase. Sharing in the spirit of Christ, we have the power to set people free. Our day of liberation comes when we are part of Jesus Christ, for Christ has broken every chain and he is our freedom. To be part of Christ is to be free. No matter what threatens us or tries to enchain us, we can never be deprived of our personal liberty again if we are in Christ. Christ Jesus is the Lord of all, and to be part of his kingdom is to be free.

Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Home Bound

Beginning this weekend we will formally send forth our communion ministers to the sick and home bound after communion at each parish Mass. Since these ministers are going forth from here as representatives of our entire faith community it is very appropriate that we send them with our Lord during our parish celebration of liturgy.

Any communion ministers present at Mass who will be making a visit to the sick either in homes or the hospital following our liturgy will approach the altar at the end of communion to receive our Lord and a blessing from the priest. "May you go forth with our Lord to the sick and homebound with the prayers and blessings of the St. Cletus faith community and may Almighty God Bless You in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Amen.

*Extraordinary Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Passion in action

Today we remember and celebrate the lives of two very different men who nevertheless had one important characteristic in common: passion. Their passionate love for Jesus found divergent outlets and took different forms, but this quality above all is what makes their words and deeds so compelling, even 2,000 years later. To be passionate about an idea, a cause, our faith is a great gift. But passion requires action. Today is a good day to pause and consider what our passions are. Then ask, "Does my life reflect my passions?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19*
"Who do you say that I am?"

MONDAY, JUNE 30

FIRST HOLY MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

Wanted: Dead or alive

Jesus made startling statements about family—that his true kin were those who did the will of God, and, perhaps most shocking, that a would-be disciple forgo burying his dead father and follow him. His point—made with a large helping of biblical exaggeration—is that being a disciple should be job number 1; everything else falls into place behind that task.

But look at the church, and the dead are everywhere among us, commended to God at funerals, laid to rest in cemeteries, prayed to in the communion of saints. We remember some anonymous but important dead today, the first Christians to die from persecution in Rome in A.D. 64. We do not, however, leave these early ancestors in our family of faith unburied but let them lead us by example to follow Christ, even to the cross.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22*
"Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.'"

TUESDAY, JULY 1 FEAST OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST

If today you hear his voice

A coworker's favorite rhetorical question, "Is the pope Catholic?", is intended to provoke an obvious assent, much as the prophet Amos' questions indicate absolutely no doubt that punishment will follow abandoning God's covenant. With that same kind of zeal and confidence the Franciscan Junípero Serra undertook his mission in California and Mexico, undeterred by illness, politicians, or soldiers. Such single-minded individuals can be faulted for their one-track minds, even for excesses in fulfilling what they perceive as their mission. While compromise is a valuable and necessary skill in human relations, the prophet, the saint, holds to the rock of faith. "Always forward, never back," was Serra's motto, and hundreds of years later, thousands of people around the world are the beneficiaries of missionaries like him.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27*
"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

A silk purse from a sow's ear?

If you don't think there's humor in the Bible, think again. It's subtle sometimes and a little hard to get, but it's there. Take for example the story of Jesus driving the demons out of two people and into a nearby herd of swine, who then proceed to drown themselves. First, from the Jewish perspective there's uncleanness all over the place: the possessed were living among the tombs—and therefore the dead—not to mention the presence of the pigs.

When the demons go into the swine and with them into the sea, Jesus' audience would have laughed; they already knew the devil was in the pigs. Of course the purpose of the story is to show Jesus' power over demons. But can't healing and deliverance from affliction be a moment of lighthearted joy?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34*

"The demons came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed into the sea and perished."

THURSDAY, JULY 3 FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

But now he's a believer

OK, so Thomas was a little incredulous at first. Wouldn't you be, too, if you were told that someone you know who was dead had been seen alive? Thomas didn't have the advantage of 2,000 years of faith. But you do. Christ comes to you today in the poor, the lowly, the weak, and the vulnerable who need your help. He speaks to you through the proclamation of the gospel that calls you to faith. He pleads with you in the voice of the hungry and the rejected of the world. Blessed are you even if you don't see him yet still believe.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29*

"Jesus said to Thomas, 'Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'"

FRIDAY, JULY 4 FEAST OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

From pain to gain

"What a life of bitterness I am leading," said Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336). "On whom but God can I depend?" These anguished words came from a woman who was married to the king of Portugal at 12, endured his philandering, watched their son lead an armed revolt against his own father, and was banished for a time by her husband.

How did she deal with all these problems? By turning to prayer and works of mercy, including founding a hospital, a house for reformed prostitutes, an orphanage, and a pilgrim hostel. She also defused the father-son conflict, lived to see the king repent of his sins before his death, and even conducted some diplomacy by preventing a war. As a widow she lived the rest of her life in a convent of Poor Clare sisters. Elizabeth's example counsels us not to endure abusive situations but to turn our pain into healing, both for others and ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13*

"Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

SATURDAY, JULY 5 FEAST OF ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, PRIEST Someone's calling

Pope Benedict XVI's recent trip to the U.S. brought media coverage to the growing number of people who are entering religious life as a second career. Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria (1502-1539) can serve as a model. After learning medicine and practicing as a physician for three years, he studied and was ordained to the priesthood. He worked in hospitals that served the poor and founded no less than three religious orders—one each for men and women religious, plus a lay congregation for married people. Wondering if you or someone you know is heading toward religious life? A visit to *VocationMatch.com* might offer some leads.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17*

"New wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

SAGAR MISSION (INDIA)



Bishop Anthony Chirayath a personal friend and colleague of Fr. Charles, having worked together in the Itinerant Ministry, will speak here at all Masses next weekend, July 5/6, to plea for help in keeping his diocese in central India afloat. In essence, he is a modern missionary who works among the non-Christian majority as the major Catholic voice in the region. He will share with us his plight, which often borders on modern persecution, and his need for any support that we might be able to share. Bishop Anthony comes here knowing of the willingness with which we embrace the works of the Church in foreign lands. Resources are needed to help continue present sacramental services and to provide for future needs of Catholics in the region. There will be a second collection next weekend, July 5/6.



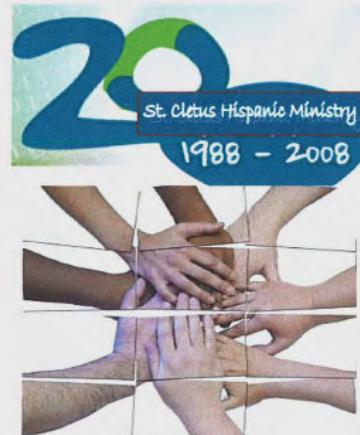
INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS HONORS VETERANS

On Friday, July 4, at our 8:00 a.m. Mass we will once again honor veterans of all branches of military service. We invite those who have served our country to wear a piece of their military uniform or some insignia that represents their service, and to sit with their fellow veterans in a place of honor in our church. The Mass will include a procession of the military flags carried by local veterans, and our musical "Salute to the Services" performed by a 40-piece band under the direction of Mr. Ed Ward. A light reception will be provided on the parish grounds following the Mass. Please join us to honor our veterans on this special day!

Justin Sisul
Music Director



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
 Matt Wulff, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox,
 Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide,
 Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein,
 Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek,
 Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka,
 Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn
 Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler,
 Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow,
 Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson,
 Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-
 Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich,
 Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski,
 Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke,
 Debbie Broz and Scott May. Also pray for our
 parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound
 unable to attend Mass.



Celebrate!

Twenty Years of reaching out and
Sharing the Good News
Twenty years of being a Voice of Hope

On June 29, 2008
 Thanks giving Mass at 12:30 noon.
 Presided by Bishop John Manz
 Concelebrated by the Scalabrinian Brothers
 Accompanied by the Holy Cross Marimba Band
 of Fr. Bruce Wellem
 Followed by a Parish Picnic

YOUTH MINISTRY REMINDERS

GREAT AMERICA...Just a reminder that permission slips are due into the office by July 1st! You can download information and permission slips at www.stcletusparish.com. Looking forward to a great day!

Confirmation Registration...The registration packets for incoming freshman and returning sophomores were sent in May and are due to the Youth Ministry office by July 1, 2008. They can be downloaded from our website at www.stcletusparish.com. Thanks!

Amy Cranny
Director of Youth Ministry

***ST. CLETUS PARISH
MINISTRY WEEKEND - JUNE 21/22, 2008***

Social Concerns Ministry

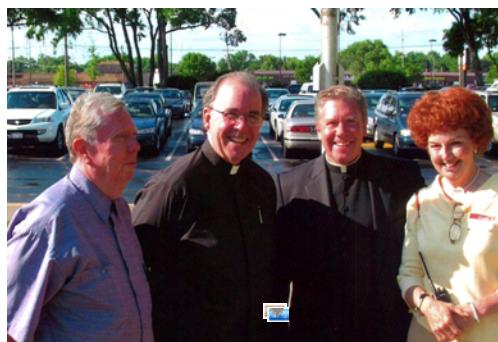


We
Are
Called

Hispanic Ministry



Technology



Fr. Bob Clark & Fr. Pat O'Neill

Respect Life Ministry



Ministry of Care



Music Ministry



Mission Ladies



Parish Pastoral Council Committee



Worship

Youth Ministry



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

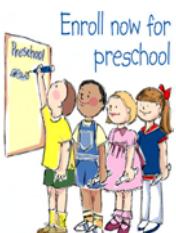
Our volunteer crew of packers stand ready to fill the necessary bags, but we need your help putting groceries on the shelves so they have enough to pack! Please add shopping for a few food pantry items to your immediate "to do" list. Then you can drop off your donations in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine in the Church vestibule. The church is open during weekend Masses and daily from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM. A few reminders:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. We are low on many of our staple items, including pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, soups, meals in a can/box, and canned vegetables & fruits.
- Favorite "extras" include coffee, juice, tea, toiletries, cleaning supplies, dish washing or laundry detergent, paper goods and diapers, especially size 4 & 5.
- Check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use.

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 July 10.

Please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or foodpantry@stcletusparish.com with any questions. Thank you for your continuing support.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

**FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL**

Combined 3 and 4-year-olds
Beginning Fall 2008
Hours 8:15am to 3:00pm
Monday through Friday
Before and AfterCare available
Tuition: \$4,000
Fees: \$133
Total: \$4,133
(ten installments of \$413.30)

For more information, call the school office at (708) 352-4820.

**STEWARDSHIP**

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom. I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend.....	\$ 22,853
A Year Ago	27,623
Sunday Collections thru 06/22/08.....	\$1,402,034
Sunday Collections thru 06/24/07.....	1,357,567

RUMMAGE SALE JULY 26TH

IN ORDER FOR THIS EVENT TO BE A SUCCESS, WE NEED YOUR TIME, TALENT AND "TREASURES".

We are looking for volunteers to staff the following time slots:

Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20:

Pick up of larger items. Vehicles and Drivers needed.

Saturday, July 19 - Wednesday July 23:

Accept donations at Morrissey Hall.

Thursday, July 24 & Friday, July 25:

Sort and price items.

Saturday, July 26, Rummage Sale Day!

Lots of opportunities to help **WHERE NEEDED...sales, check-out, etc.** The hours vary. You can work as long-or-short, as you are able. We will have a pre-sale for volunteers who work a total of 5 hours or more! There will be a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, July 9, at 7:00pm.

To help out at this parish wide event, please contact Maureen at (708) 308-7345 or rummagesale@stcletusparish.com. All proceeds of the sale will benefit our newly formed Society of St. Vincent DePaul. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Ignacio Saavedra

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Jim Ryva

Technology Representative: Julie Lenz

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

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

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION
AND COMMUNION CALLS**

Please contact the Ministry of Care
office (215-5407).

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.

CONFESIONS

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