

St. Cletus Canticle

November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent



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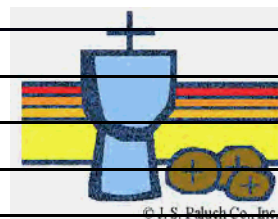
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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 1 - December 7, 2008

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Johnston Family, John L. Gallimore
Tuesday	8:00am	Artemio Agoncillo, Thomas Robinson
Wednesday	8:00am	For all the People at Briar Place
Thursday	8:00am	Parish Priest's Intentions
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Emily Walsh, Josephine & Anton Kuchta
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Blythe O'Sullivan, Donna Czerwinski, Dolores Magdziarz, Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Tom Benka, Frank Wojcik, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Linda Felice, Margaret Piorkowski - Special Intention People of St. Cletus Malachy Mannion, Giulia Alfano Walter Klimcke, Sophie Egielski, Timothy Benrus Hispanic Priest's Intentions



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 6/7, 2008

MONDAY - DECEMBER 8, 2008

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	7:00 PM
SM	Koch, B.	Swindall, V.	Samuelson, D	Wiley, J.	Bolton	Hagen, C.	Wouk, D.	Curnutt, R.
LR	Chlapecka, R. Ciraulo, S.	Bellisario, J.	Kuchta, A. Hagen, J.	Kuchta, A. Chaney, M.	Reisel, T. Bolton, W.	McDonnell, M.	Reynolds, C.	Pawlowicz, R.
B2	Koch, B.	Swindall, V.	Samuelson, D	Wiley, J.	Bolton, P.	Hagen, C.	Swindall, V.	Curnutt, R.
B3	Ryva, J.	Swindall, T.	Borsilli, H.	Schump, C.	Pavlik, L.		Bozec, B.	Heyes, M.
B4	Benkert, J.	Parlier, D.	Chaney, M.	Heyes, M.	Brannigan, R.		Garske, E.	Kwak, T.
B5	Beales, D.	Parlier, J.	Biesadecki, C	Zupancic, R.	Garske, E.		Condon, M.K.	
B6	Burke, R.	Meade, M.	Kensek, M.	Malcak, L.	Mulderink, K.		Severino, L.	
C1	Boyer, K.		Hagen, C.	Tosheff, C.	Fisher, H.	McGann, K.	Bliss, G.	Zaremba, E.
C2	Lenz, R.		Dalsin, P.	Haggerty, F.	Maday, J.	DalPorto, K.	Swindall, T.	Williams, A.M.
C3	Bamberger, M		Kigin, B.	Williams, A.	Ficaro, J.		Horak, V.	Heyes, S.
C4	Benkert, K.		Kwak, T.	Heyes, S.	Hoskins, C.		Wouk, D.	Kuchta, A.
C5	Beales, N.		Biesadecki, B	DalPorto, K.	Gebka, ML		Kalata, M.	
C6	Burke, J.		Ward, L.	Keating-Gay, S	Augstyn, R.		Hullinger, S.	
Altar Servers	TBA							

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or usher. Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

Attention - Ministers of Care

...Schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room this weekend. Please remember to stop by for your copy. Thank you.

Dolores Wouk
Director of Ministry of Care

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Patrick Kavanagh writes, in a poem entitled Advent, "We have tested and tasted too much, lover. Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder." His message is that people become tired and surfeited with sensations. For him, Advent is a time of rediscovering wonder: the joy of a bright, crisp wintry morning, smell of food cooking, the look of surprise on the face of a small child exploring a new world, a glimpse of love or thankfulness for a gift. It is a time to pay attention to the particular, to the present moment.

The people to whom Isaiah writes have tested and tasted too much. Their hearts have strayed from God and this has led to a sense of lifelessness which is described in terms of being unclean or wearing filthy clothing. There is no joy to life. They experience the absence of God in their hearts. Yet they know that he is the potter who molds their destiny. Isaiah wants them to see again how God is active in everyday events.

Wakefulness characterizes the life of the disciple. He reflects on how God is active. To be aware of the giftedness of each person requires eyes to see and ears to hear. The disciple is invited to stand alert, like the watchman waiting for dawn, and to recognize God's power and love breaking in.

Paul is aware of this grace as he observes the witness of the Christians in Corinth. He is able to see the giftedness of the members of the community and recognizes the charisms of the Spirit that they possess. His love for Christ gives him the eyes to see and the ears to hear. He has the alertness of the disciple.

This particular Advent is a season of joy as we celebrate over two thousand years of Christianity. That the small group of disciples who fled from the cross is being remembered over two thousand years later is a true miracle. It bears witness to the Spirit poured over the Church at Pentecost. Recognizing the power of Christ in the Church, in good, help us approach this season with new eyes and ears. How is God revealed in the cycle of nature? How do other people reveal God's love for me? Moments of tenderness, of intimate love, of forgiveness are causes for celebration.

Silence in the midst of activity is a characteristic of the saints throughout the ages. The example of St. Benedict and his followers for fifteen centuries bears witness to the importance of such silence. How is this to be found in the midst of the busy Christian family? With difficulty, perhaps. But the human heart needs moments of silence to renew it. Times of prayer help deepen the awareness of God and God's work.

Gratitude is the mark of the disciple. May this holy season be a time of growth in gratitude for the faith handed on to each one of us.

NEWLY RENOVATED BRIDES ROOM AND REST ROOM

I am pleased to announce the opening of our newly renovated Bride's Room and Bathroom. Our maintenance staff has done a wonderful job in updating this space for use by the entire parish and especially for our brides on their wedding day. The bathroom space has been completely updated and made more easily accessible for those who are in a wheelchair or use a walker. New paint and furniture have made this space a beautiful addition to our church vestibule. Thank you for a job well done that will be enjoyed by all who attend services at St. Cletus Church for years to come.

*Advent Blessings,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Wake-up call

At a time when people are setting up manger scenes to depict the scene of the infant Jesus' birth, it seems strange to look ahead—as this Sunday's gospel does—to the return of a very adult Lord Jesus to gather his people at the end of time. "Keep awake," he told the disciples, "for you do not know when the master of the house will come." While these two pictures look very different, what connects them is *watchfulness*. Advent is the season of our long wait for the coming of Christ at Christmas. And as followers of the risen Lord, we wait for Jesus to come again in the last days. Watch for him; he will come.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*

"You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

ADVENT WEEKDAY

School's out forever

In the satirical movie *Lord of War*, Nicholas Cage is the dark lord who gleefully sponsors—and profits from—violence the world over. While certain industries do make a grim profit on war, most of us hope fervently for the day when no one learns the art of war anymore, as Isaiah beautifully puts it. How do we close the school of war? We begin by closing the door to the impulse for retaliation when someone does us wrong. When it comes to violence, school's out forever only when we learn the rare art of forgiveness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11*

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Our life in Christmas cards

'Tis the season when scenes of peace and serenity start arriving in our mailboxes daily. Every Christmas card is a bid for a more hopeful world. A star shines against the darkness of a fearful nation. A child is born into a culture sadly given over to ways of death and destruction. Wild animals learn to live together as people never do. Even Saint Nick, sliding down the chimney, brings gifts through a spirit of generosity as wide as his belly. This year let's bring those Christmas cards to life in us!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24*

"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Let there be abundant peace

The Book of Isaiah promises abundance for nations that live in peace. With the U.S. engaged in two long-running wars, we do well to ask: What is the economic outcome of not being at peace? Columbia University economist Joseph Stiglitz estimates the ultimate price tag for the war in Iraq alone will reach \$3 trillion or higher, when factors such as the cost of health care for disabled veterans, surging oil prices, and the economic impact on families who have lost breadwinners are considered. Let us

pray this Advent for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37*

"He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

FEAST OF JOHN OF DAMASCUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Imagine a nation that is just

It's very hard to get somewhere if you don't know where it is you're going. It's true not only in travel but in the larger destination of life goals as well. For many, contemplation of religious images helps to focus on the inward journey toward holiness. Such images can even aid in establishing relationships with a spiritual guide in the person of the saint. John of Damascus championed the use of images to ignite the religious imagination. This season let's imagine together what a just nation should look like.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27*

"Open up the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

ADVENT WEEKDAY - To see thee more clearly

At First Sight is a movie that tells the true story of a blind man who, at the urging of a friend, undergoes experimental surgery to restore his sight. The operation is successful; his retina works and he can see. Or at least his eyes function. But he finds he must still finger objects to "know" what they are. He can "see" a cheese grater, for example, but he doesn't know what it is until he has felt it with his hands. *Seeing* is a function of light striking the retina, but it takes the mind to interpret what we are looking at. Sight is one thing; understanding what we see is another. Do you understand what you see?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31*

"Out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

FEAST OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

The path of generosity

On St. Nicholas Day this year let's consider not what goes *into* those stockings "hung by the chimney with care" but the socks themselves. Chilean poet Pablo Neruda in *Ode to My Socks* celebrates a gift of hand-knit socks and the love that produced them. He receives the gift in a way that any true gift-giver wants: He *uses* the gift. His ode concludes: "I stretched out my feet and pulled on / the magnificent socks and then my shoes. / The moral of my ode is this: / beauty is twice beauty / and what is good is doubly good / when it is a matter of two socks / made of wool in winter." Even as we hope that our family and friends will accept, use, and find joy in the tokens we give to bless and warm the body and spirit this season, so also God desires that we will accept and use the gift God gives us in the Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

"You received without payment; give without payment."

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ST. CLETUS PARISH - ADVENT 2008

Tuesday, November 25th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series with Fr. Bob
until 8:30 p.m. in the rectory

Monday, December 1st

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass
6:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
The Chaplet will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. and
continue through to its completion at which time
Benediction will follow.

Thursday, December 4th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

Sunday, December 7th

Welcome Sunday Hospitality
Refreshments and Fellowship after all Masses

Monday December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass Times: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9th

7:30 p.m. St. Cletus School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 p.m. Presentation in church by
Fr. Brian Walker, O.P.

Thursday, December 11th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

Friday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
4:30 a.m. Mañanitas
7:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 15th

7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 16th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

Wednesday, December 17th

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Thursday, December 18th

7:00 p.m. St. Cletus Choirs
Christmas Concert



Year I Large Group Session

Next Sunday, December 7, there will be a large group session for all Year I Confirmation candidates. Jackie Goes and Fr. Merckelis from Providence High School will be guest speakers and will talk about the importance of prayer in our lives. This session will be from 7:15 – 8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. See you there!

Social Outing

Looking for something to do over the holiday break? The teen advisory board would like to invite you and your friends to Midnight Bowl at Rolling Lanes Bowling Alley on Joliet Rd in Countryside!! We will be going on Saturday, December 27, from 9:00pm until 12:30am. This includes music, pizza, pop, bowling 3 games and prizes. The cost is \$17 per person. Go online At www.stcletusparish.com and click on the youth ministry icon to download flier/permission forms. They are due to the Youth Ministry Office, c/o Amy Cranny by December 14, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Mary O'Heron at (708) 784-0578.

Amy Cranny
Youth Director

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE
2008

CHRISTMAS EVE

2:00PM...CHURCH
2:15PM...MORRISSEY HALL
3:30PM...CHURCH
3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
5:30PM...CHURCH
5:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH
10:30PM...CHURCH

**ACCOMPANIMENT:**

VOCALIST/PIANO
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
VOCALIST/PIANO

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00AM.....
8:00AM.....
9:30AM.....
11:00AM.....
11:30AM...MORRISSEY HALL

ACCOMPANIMENT

NO MUSIC
VOCALIST/ORGAN
CHANCEL CHOIR
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
VOCALIST/PIANO

SOCIAL CONCERNS GIVING TREE/FOOD BASKETS

In your Advent Journey of Transformation in this year of St. Paul, here are some great opportunities to "Rejoice in Hope" and share that hope with others less fortunate by participating in our parish Giving Tree outreach:

- Take a tag or two from the trees in the Church vestibule to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need in our community. Instructions are on the tags.
- Volunteer to accept gifts at one of the Masses on the weekend of December 13/14 or help sort gifts in Church on Sunday, December 14, from 12:00 - 4:00 PM.
- Transport gifts down to St. Agatha's Parish in Chicago on Sunday, December 14, around 2:45 PM. Please consider helping out especially if you have a van or truck.
- Sign up to help out in Morrissey Hall on Sunday, December 21. We will be accepting food baskets from 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM, organizing food baskets and family gifts until 1:00 PM, when we will begin distributing baskets/gifts to our community families.

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Reminder: Our annual Usher and Holy Name Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 5, at Sawa's Restaurant in Broadview. Cocktails with a cash bar will be served by 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration will be available next weekend, December 6/7, 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.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Francis Xavier
Thursday:	St. John of Damascus
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Nicholas; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and new-fangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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DISCOVER ST. CLETUS

Families with children from preschool through first grade are invited to discover our full-day and half-day programs for 3-year old preschool, 4-year old preschool and kindergarten and to learn more about enrolling in grades 1 - 8.

You and your child are welcome to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and talk to other St. Cletus School parents. As you discover more about St. Cletus, you'll see it's a great place to send your child.

JOIN US

TUESDAY
DEC. 2
10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Questions?

Call the school office at 708-352-4820



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FAITH FAMILY FUTURE



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Jerry Pietras, Anna Ciszek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Trudy Pacanowski, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Dorothy O'Neill, 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, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Agustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Also please pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.



REGISTRATION

St. Cletus School offers a full day preschool as well as 3 and 4 year-old half-day preschool, a half-day or full day kindergarten option and an average class size of 23 students in grades 1-8. Our well-rounded educational program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student's schedule. Daily religion classes, service hours, and school Masses provide further opportunities for students to enhance the school experience. Junior Great Books, Student Council, boy and girl scouts, athletic programs, band, choir and before and after care programs are available.

If your child is beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- Registration will be available for registered parishioners starting December 1, 2008.
- Open registration will begin on January 5, 2009.

Please call the school office at 708-352-4820 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:15 PM if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school. Come "Discover St. Cletus"!

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal



Divine Mercy Chaplet in Advent...

This Advent the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be prayed as part of our monthly Adoration and Benediction devotional worship. On the first Monday of each month we offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction. On Monday December 1, the *Chaplet* will begin promptly at 6:15pm and continue through to its completion at which time Benediction will follow. Please plan to join us on December 1, as we celebrate God's love and care for us while we pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* together.

Blessings,

Fr. Charles

STEWARDSHIP

It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on watch."

Mark 13:34

God has left us as His servants in charge here on earth. Each of us has our own special work that we can do for God. If we do not do it, who will?

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the early Canticle deadline our collection report for November 23 will be included in next week's Canticle.



THANKS A MILLION!

WomanCare Services would like to thank all St. Cletus parishioners who donated to our recent **baby bottle collection**. The total amount collected so far is almost \$8,000. We are so very pleased by your response and so blessed by your generosity! You have once again demonstrated your love and concern for the Lord's littlest ones. We deeply appreciate your eagerness to partner with us to save babies' lives and help their mothers and fathers.

We are deeply grateful to Father Clark for all his support during Respect Life month and the words of encouragement he has given us. We give a special thank you to Wayne and Marianne Hamilton, pro-life coordinators, for their leadership in this event. Once again, they devoted many hours of their time to make the collection a real success. We would also like to thank the confirmation students for their help in passing out the bottles.

Since these collections in area churches represent over half of our income every year, we depend upon your generosity to continue to serve those who come to us in their hour of need. May the Lord of Life bless all of you for caring!



Wedding Banns

Megan Farrell
&

Michael Prange

Amy Tittlebach
&

Kurt Bentley

La Comunidad Hispana de San Cleto Los Invita

The Hispanic Ministry cordially invites the entire community of Saint Cletus to join us as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Christmas Novena.

Come pray with us the Holy Rosary during the Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena. The Novena starts December 3 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

You are also invited to join us on Dec. 12 for the traditional "Mañanitas" (morning greetings) to Our Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe at 4:00 AM, following with Holy Mass at 4:30 AM presided by Father Antonio Tapparello. There will be traditional food and refreshments after Mass.

We also invite you to join us for the Traditional "Misa de Las Rosas" at 7:00 PM this year, "The Mass of The Roses" will be a Bilingual celebration, there will be traditional food and refreshments after Mass.

The Christmas Novena starts December 16, and ends December 23, at 7:30 PM each day. Please join us for prayer and the traditional "Posada Navideña" with the traditional piñata, games and treats for children of all ages.

Come celebrate with us! We want you to be part of our heritage and traditions.

Deacon Jesús Casas

Director of Hispanic Ministry

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