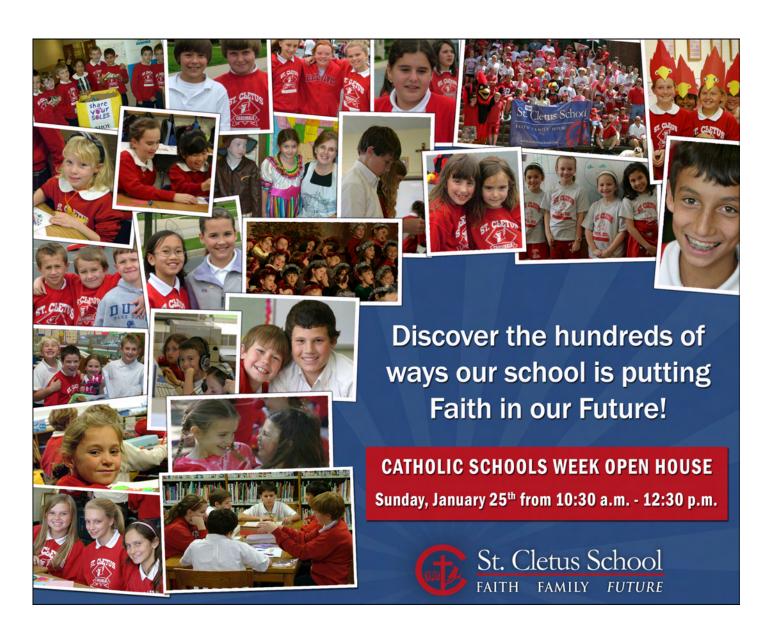


St. Cletus Canticle

January 25, 2009

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 26 - February 1, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00am	Alexander Majercik, Tim Gawron		
Tuesday	8:00am	Alexander Majercik, Joseph Vieceli		
Wednesday	8:00am	Ann Jiganti, Dr. W. James Syms, Alexander Majercik, Sr. Veronica Adams		
Thursday	8:00am	Phillip C. Butkus, Alexander Majercik, Fran & Frances Cirrincione		
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Alexander Majercik, Giovanna Vieceli		
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Alexander Majercik, Louis Vieceli Ramona M. Syms		
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Frank R. Reynolds, Linda Felice Linda Bagal Edward D. Novick Timothy Benrus Hispanic Ministry		

AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1, 2009

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Curnutt, R	Kalata, M.	Welch, J.	Benkert, J.	Bolton, P.
LR	Staelgraeve, M Augustine, E.	McDonnell, M.	Duffy, M. Bolton, W.	McGann, B. Hagen, K.	McMahon, H. Augustyn, R.
B2	Curnutt, R.	Kalata, M.	Welch, J.	Benkert, J.	Bolton, P.
В3	Thornton, W.	Smith, D.	Warren, C.	McGann, K.	Pavlik, L.
B4	Hockman, S.	Lenz, R.	Samuelson, D.	Nash, S.	Hoskins, C.
В5	Burke, R.	Parlier, D.	Szabelski, R.	Kelliher, L.	Schump, C.
В6	Bamberger, J.	Parlier, J.	Hagen, C.	Heyes, S.	Rotunno, P.
C1	Ryva, J.		Kigin, B.	Tosheff, C.	Condon, M.K.
C2	Sheridan, E.		Stopka, S.	Blecic, D.	Brannigan, R.
С3	Thornton, M.		Ward, L.	DalPorto, K.	Herzog, T.
C4	Andrews, D.	1	Curotto, L.	Dillane, J.	Pristo, B.
C5	Burke, J.		Kwak, T.	Kelliher, K.	Haggerty, F.
C6	Bamberger, M		Hagen, J.	Heyes, M.	Garske, E.
Altar Servers	Franklin, M. Luxem, C. Jacobs, A.	Lawler, J. Lawler, K. Stepuszek, B.	Flannery, K. Flannery, S. Flannery, M.	Cahill, K. Kelly, B. McDonnell, B.	Kelly, P. Frisbie, S. Callahan, K.

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



† William Jacobs, Father of John Jacobs

May God Grant Them Eternal Rest. Amen.

Baptism

Please Welcome to Our Parish Family...

Paola Campos Anda,
Daughter of Flavio & Juana Anda Campos

Colin Thomas Reck, Son of Craig Mathey & Michelle Reck

Kylie Nicole Reck,
Daughter of John Cooper and Michelle Reck

Abigail Patricia Schulz,
Daughter of Barrett & Genevieve Fitzgerald
Schulz

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark is just beginning to tell us the story of Jesus. He has set out his main character's credentials, offering us the witness of John the Baptist and the prophecies of the Scriptures. Now he brings Jesus himself onto the scene. It is at the time of John's arrest. There is an undercurrent of danger running through Mark's account of Jesus' life, an undercurrent that will grow stronger, to flow out into the events culminating in his death. Jesus begins his public life with a summary of what he is about, as succinct a Mission Statement as any modern organization could demand. The time people have been waiting for has come. The kingdom of God, the new state of God's presence in the world, is being inaugurated. To be part of it we have to repent and believe the Good News. Putting flesh on these bones will be the story of the gospel. We see people turning away from the past, turning from evil and from failure and being transformed by what Jesus says; we will see people discovering their true destiny.

The first example we are offered is the calling of Jesus' closest followers or disciples. Mark's gospel is very much the gospel of action, so here too we see no questioning of destiny but an immediate response. Simon and Andrew, James and John don't utter a word. At once they leave both their livelihood and their families and follow Jesus. Mark was well aware of the cost to early Christian communities of their belief, where following Jesus brought persecution and inevitable family splits. For Romans, for example, the gods of the household, the lares and penates, were inextricably bound up with being family. So you could not follow Jesus and remain within your family, unless your whole family chose to follow you in your belief. The disciples are offered as a reassuring model. Even before knowing Jesus they respond immediately to him. It is a world of high drama and response Mark is introducing to us.

We live in a world that is often very confused. Some young people do still grow up with a clear sense of purpose and conviction. Many struggle to discover themselves against the pressures of peer groups, changing fashions, conflicting values and an underlying sense of uncertainty. In other parts of the world oppressive regimes and a lack of economic and political freedom make it even more difficult to discover that sense of having something special to do or be in life.

Mark draws a picture that is tough, but is also reassuring. In one way he is letting us know that nothing has changed. The discovery of destiny will always be a challenge. We always have to leave behind a lot that we consider important. It may even be our family or our livelihood. The American poet Robert Frost talked about taking the road less traveled, and there is always that element of the unknown involved; but that, as he went on to say, makes all the difference. What we have to leave behind are bits of us that impede our real progress, the baggage we all carry in one way or another – the false messages and perceptions, the fears and anxieties. What faces us is the Good News. The Good News tells us that we matter in a unique way. It tells us that we too are part of Christ's transfiguration of the world into a better place.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Today we begin a week long celebration of Catholic Education within our parish community. We have every right to be very proud of all of our Catholic Education endeavors within our parish. We have an outstanding history of providing a quality Catholic education in our parish school; our parish religious educational programs; our youth ministry programs. Let us take this opportunity to recognize their efforts and celebrate their accomplishments. We thank all of our parishioners who have made these ministries a top priority through their financial, spiritual, and prayerful support from the very founding of our parish to the present.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

I would like to thank all those who gave so generously to our Christmas collection. Your contributions help us to continue to meet our financial commitments and obligations. Your gifts provide for all the many ministry opportunities that take place each day within our faith community. Your help and assistant is greatly appreciated by all who they serve. May God bless your willingness to continue your financial support especially during these difficult financial times. You truly assist in our ability to spread the Good News within our parish and community.

Grateful Blessings Always, Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS The gospel truth

Catholic Schools Week begins today. Its purpose, according to the National Catholic Education Association, is to build community awareness of and involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country and to celebrate "education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life [to prepare] students for a Christian life." Catholic school teachers show a special dedication by the sacrifices they and other teachers make on behalf of their students. Go out of your way to thank one of them this week, as you look for ways you and your family can help support education that promotes gospel values.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

One true thing

"What is truth?" Pontius Pilate famously asked at Jesus' trial. His question showed he had no idea what Jesus meant when Christ said: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). While people sometimes go to the opposite of Pilate's question and are a little too quick to call something the Truth, most of us understand truth to mean something we know to be so—something we can trust.

The one we know is always telling the truth is God. How? One place to look is scripture. Listen to God's Word revealed to us and learn it well, and you will "belong to the truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:22-30

"For the sake of the faith . . . and the knowledge of the truth . . . that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

FEAST OF ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

What a difference it makes to be different

Jesus was truly an extraordinary personality, an original thinker who continually challenged his followers (and us) to think beyond rigid definitions and long-established rules. Angela Merici (1470-1540) was one who accepted this challenge. At a time when women were either supposed to marry or enter a convent, Angela understood that single women could live with their families, immerse themselves in their community, and evangelize through their good works. She considered the women who joined her mission her "daughters," and thus expanded, as Jesus calls us to do, our perception of who is family. In what ways do our definitions restrict what we think is possible? How can we open ourselves up to think in new ways, as Jesus and Angela Merici did?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35 "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

FEAST OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH The ears have it

Surely the word *sown* has seldom brought in so great a harvest as it did in the heart of Thomas Aquinas. His formidable writings are still studied today, not only by theologians but by secular philosophers as well. While he did refer to his massive and unfinished *Summa Theologiae* as "so much straw" when compared with what he came

to discover in his relationship with Christ, he is nonetheless an important model for us today when clear thought and study do not seem as prized as how we "feel" about life and God. We can also show Thomas respect by holding on to the intrinsic universality of our Catholic tradition, seeking to include rather than exclude, to understand more than worrying about being understood.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20 "When he was alone, those who were around him along with the Twelve asked him about the parables."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Good works, good lives

Children have virtuous living figured out. "If you do good things," one child wrote in her report, "you will have good experiences. If you do bad things," she continued, "you will have bad experiences." Sounds like a plan. Jesus says it differently in the gospel: "The measure you give will be the measure you get." So how do we get our children to live good lives? It might be wise during Catholic Schools Week to learn a lesson *from* our children. If we want them to live good lives, we need to live good lives ourselves.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25 "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Whose stuff is this?

Christians commonly suffered the confiscation of their property during the persecutions of the early church, and church property has been confiscated by hostile governments ever since. Perhaps that is why the Catholic Church defends the right to private property. Yet the church also says that this right is not absolute; it is limited by the concept of the "social mortgage," our mutual obligations to one another and to a just distribution of wealth. You can read about church teaching on property and other social issues in the first "social encyclical," *Rerum novarum* ("On the Condition of Labor"), written by Pope Leo XIII and issued in 1891 (see the Vatican website, *www.vatican.va*).

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34 "You cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

FEAST OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST Before there were Boys' Clubs

With some notable exceptions, the default position throughout much of history for disciplining children was to force them to be good by punishing them harshly when they were bad. One of these exceptions was the 19th-century Italian priest John Bosco. As a young priest working in Turin, he encountered masses of boys left out in the cold. In response he established youth clubs, hostels, and boarding schools. What was especially unique was his "preventive system" of dealing with the boys, which was based on reason, religion, and kindness. It appealed to their intelligence and their desire for God and the good. Try it yourself: Rather than trying to force the bad out of a person, appeal to their good.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41 "Where did this man get all this? Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

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Parish Life Ministry

The St. Cletus Parish Life Commission is a ministry committed to planning social programs and activities that will provide opportunities for the Parish Community to meet and interact, and to share our Christian Faith.

We are excited to announce the formation of the Parish Life Commission. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time and talent as commission members. At this point in time, we need parishioner input. Please complete the following survey and place it in the Parish Life Suggestion Box located in the vestibule of the church. We look forward to hearing from you.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing during a special 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, February 8, 2009. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. A reception will follow in the foyer of the church.

Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708) 352-4834.

WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, January 31/February 1, 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.

2009 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

"...DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD." (1 COR. 10:31)

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 2009 *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.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Do all for the glory of God". Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$109,677, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Youth Ministry News...

Confirmation Year II Candidates: There is a required large group session Sunday, January 25, 2009. "A Night of Many Questions" will be a panel of priests and deacons who will answer the questions that you have submitted about our Church and Faith. This program is from 7:15–8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. All high school teenagers are welcome to attend. See you there!

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: The next advisory board meeting is Sunday, February 1, 1:15pm, in Room 201 of the Education Building. Any teens who have signed up to attend the Mission Trip in the summer are also required to attend for further details about this trip. Thanks!

Amy Cranny

Director of Youth Ministry

CASH & CARRY FOR MANNA THIS WEEKEND

MANNA will be available **THIS WEEKEND** after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass, January 24, and after the 7:00 and 8:00 am Masses on Sunday, January 25 in the church vestibule. Remember...you can **use MANNA to pay your Christmas bills at Kohl's!** Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty at (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

We are experiencing locally what pantries across the country are finding...a 20% rise in the number of people who find themselves

needing our services. As we struggle to keep up with the need your donations, along with those from various area churches and organizations, are what keep us going. Thank you for your continuing generosity! It's not necessary to bring every item we need each week (although we will graciously and gratefully accept them!), but if everyone could just bring one or two items, it would help us greatly. Here is a list of items we are in most need of right now: RICE, DRY PINTO BEANS, BOXED SIDES (i.e. instant potatoes, stuffing mix, hamburger/tuna helper), peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, tuna, pasta, and all sizes of diapers. Your donations can be dropped off in the designated food bins in the Church vestibule when you come to church on the weekend, or daily from 7:45AM-4:00 PM. Thank you for faithfully answering Christ's call to feed the hungry.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.

-St. Angela Merici



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Patti Boland, Rose Delaloye, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, 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, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Fahey, Joan Klein, Rosemary Svlvester. Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, 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, Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Louise Jaunich, Frank Marie Krolecki. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

SAVE THE DATE...

The West Cook, Relay For Life, Survivor Event

June 19 – 20, located at Walker Park, 7425 South Wolf Road, Burr Ridge.

Come join your fellow parishioners, neighbors, family and friends as we CELEBRATE with the Survivors, REMEMBER those who have passed and FIGHT BACK against Cancer. For more information: Please contact: Ed Kuchta, Event Volunteer, at (708) 354-2517 edk.rsx@juno.com or Wilt, ACS Representative (708) 484-8541- adam.wilt@cancer.org.

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STEWARDSHIP

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Come after me" is a call to all Christians. Jesus asks us all to help Him in His work. By being good stewards, we, too, can help bring others closer to God.

Weekly Giving Summary

Sunday Collection, January 18	\$ 21,463				
Last Year	\$ 23,781				
Total Collection:					
Year-to-Date	\$767,382				
Previous Year-to-Date	\$800,692				
Needed for Budget thru 1/18/09	\$821,425				
2008 Christmas Collection					
Actual thru 1/18/09 \$213,491					
Budgeted\$245,000					

"That each of us will give generously to support the work of our Archdiocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We pray to the Lord..."

St. Cletus would be grateful if you would consider remembering the parish in your estate planning.

Thank you.

FISCAL 2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please Note: All registered parishioners will receive a 2008 contribution statement. Anyone who gave regularly but is not registered will also receive a contribution statement. Statements will be in the mail by February 2, 2009.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Timothy and St. Titus;

Chinese New Year 4707

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: St. John Bosco

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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).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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.**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm