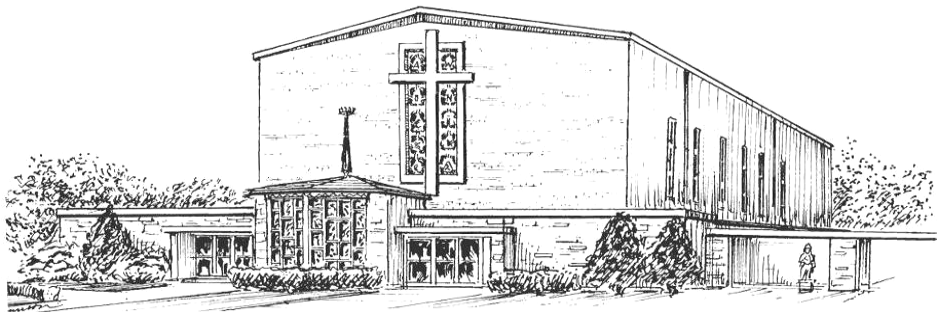


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St. Cletus Canticle

600 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL**(708) 352-6209 Rectory****(708) 352-4820 School****www.stcletusparish.com****December 6, 2009****Second Sunday of Advent****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 December 7 - December 13, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society - Tim Schiefelbein Vigil of Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Joseph Viecei Immaculate Conception of Mary
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Pauline Cuttill
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Michael Maly
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Nicholas Murphy, John Hopp, Barbara Maly, Marcelle Truben
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Lucille Hustead, Regina Thomas
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Charlotte Casey, Marietta Fitzgerald, Tom Benka John Mellott, Lawrence Micek, Sr. Robert Reichl, Maryl Luxem, Tom Kigin, Julia Hartnett, Donald Cotig Timothy Benrus, Richard Boudnek, Rose Czopek Souls in Purgatory



***Please pray for those who have
died and their families:***



***Steve Duckett,
son of Mary Duckett***

***Glen Barg,
husband of Virginia***

***May God grant them eternal rest.
Amen.***



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Adrienne Welenc, John Burke, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf,
Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner,
Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger,
Bernice Hyatt, Norma Evans, Therese Wess,
Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen
Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman,
James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti,
Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich,
Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson,
Marilyn Matesevac, Ruth Calandriello. Please know we
pray daily for the sick and dying.



***This Past Week
We Welcomed...***

David Zurriel Colmenero,
son of Javier Colmenero & Maricela Martínez

Ruby Cruz,
daughter of Ismael Cruz & Mónica García

Nathan Patrick Fitzgerald,
son of Todd & Becca

William Montalvo,
son of Genaro Montalvo & Leticia Urquiza

Yael Alonso Roldan,
son of José M. Alonso & Mariela Roldan

***to the Catholic Faith through the
Sacrament of Baptism.***



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2009

We hear from the prophet Baruch today that something terrible has happened. The Jewish people are forced from their homes into exile, but Baruch can see a day of liberation in the future, when something wonderful will happen. Jerusalem will be restored, and the glory of God will shine for all to see.

This future day is given definition for us in the Gospel when Luke says exactly when it was that John the Baptist began his preaching along the Jordan valley. It was 'During the reign of Tiberias Caesar.' That is when John came, and John's coming is a definite sign that something is about to happen, something wonderful. Someone was coming. The day is the day of Jesus Christ.

This good news was preached most powerfully by the Apostle Paul. It was an amazing conversion that Saul of Tarsus, so fierce, forceful, and even violent, in protecting his rigid version of religion, should now spend his life preaching the love of Jesus Christ. "I love you as much as Jesus loves you," he tells his people in Philippi, "and may your love for each other increase more and more."

This is not a pious platitude that Paul is speaking. He has come to realize that the love of God in a person does powerful things. It improves our knowledge and our understanding. It deepens our perception so that we can always recognize what is best in life. More, it makes us pure and brings us to the condition of being like Jesus himself, and that is the glory of God, present in our world.

When this happens to us, something wonderful has happened, and no matter how terrible some of our experiences may be – and many are terrible – this love, this persevering love, is stronger and deeper and greater. It restores to life, where once there was only death.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO ONE OF OUR OWN



Roman Szabelski

On Friday, October 2, Rev. Patrick J. Pollard, CCCE, president, Catholic Cemetery Conference and director, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago, in the presence of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, presented Roman Szabelski CCCE, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago, with the 2009 Reverend William P. Casey Cemeterian of the Year Award.

The award was made during CCC's 60th Anniversary Banquet at the Chicago Hilton and Towers in downtown Chicago.

The Cemeterian of the Year Award was established by the Catholic Cemetery Conference to recognize one of its members who most exemplifies a quest for excellence, leadership, and faithfulness to its ministerial mission.

Roman has been with the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago for thirty years. He is to be commended for his insightful leadership and guidance of our Archdiocesan Cemeteries. To quote from his letter of nomination regarding another of his significant attributes, "He has distinguished himself for his personal charism of compassion and respect for the families who bring us their deceased loved ones..." Roman, also, has been a parishioner of ours and faithfully serves on our St. Cletus Parish Finance Committee.

Congratulations Roman on receiving this much deserved honor. You have made your parish family very proud. May God continue to bless and guide you in this very important ministry to his people. Your dedication and compassion are wonderful examples to each of us of what it truly means to be a faithful disciple of Christ.

*Advent Blessings and Grace,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Be the voice

Who should play John the Baptist, that great shaggy herald, in the movies? My vote goes to Viggo Mortensen: He's tough, fit, wild, and just dreamy-eyed enough to be the prophet. My only regret is that Clint Eastwood is so far north of 30 or he'd be a shoo-in. We might argue the casting for a motion picture, but we don't get to argue who gets to play the herald of the Lord in real life: That would be you and me. The wilder the place in which we find ourselves, the louder we must cry: Prepare the way!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6*

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

FEAST OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be open to God's truth as others see it

In the third century the church was bitterly divided over the Arian heresy, and Saint Ambrose was in the thick of it, vigorously defending the Catholic position but also being a remarkably generous and flexible bishop. When in Rome, do as the Romans do, he said—a reference to his willingness to adapt to local custom and tradition in liturgical matters. He was a champion of Mary and of the role of the local bishop, and he also gave the church a style of chant and a selection of hymns, including one of this season we still use: "O come, Redeemer of the earth, / and manifest thy virgin birth. Let every age in wonder fall / such birth befits the God of all." Controversies continue to exist today among Christians. Can we, like Ambrose, maintain the truth we believe and be willing to lovingly compromise?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26*

"The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Make room to be filled

A professor visits a wise man in search of the meaning of life. The wise man offers his visitor a cup of tea, which he pours until the cup is full, then overflowing. The professor exclaims, "Stop! The cup is full; no more can go in!" The wise man responds, "Like this cup, you are full of opinions, judgments, and speculations. You have no room for anything else." With the feast of the Immaculate Conception we acknowledge that Mary, the future Mother of God, was born without sin. Her cup was truly empty so she could be filled with God. During this season of Advent let's pray that we may empty ourselves to make room for Jesus to be born in our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38*

"And [Gabriel] came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.'"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

ADVENT WEEKDAY - Grow in strength on humble pie

Two words Jesus uses to describe himself—*meek* and *humble*—do not get the best press these days. But these gentle words imply a quiet strength that may not be apparent at first glance. The word *meek* comes from an old Norse word related to *supple*, which is strength with flexibility. *Humility* is related to the Greek word for *earth* or *ground* and can be understood as describing someone who has his or her "feet

on the ground" or is "firmly grounded." *Supple* and *grounded* are not bad qualities to possess. Strive to be meek and humble in the best sense of the words!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30*

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

ADVENT WEEKDAY - Take the Kingdom by peace

Kids have a way of holding their parents' feet to the fire. It goes something like this: "I cleaned up my room like you told me. Now you have to take me to the mall"—even though going to the mall doesn't work right now. The same kids will cry injustice if you send them to their room for misbehaving. Grown-ups do that with God. Those who manage to be righteous will insist that God hold up God's end of the bargain. Then they cry out when things don't go their way. But Jesus says that God *gives* the Kingdom to those who ask. There's no reason to take it by force. It's a gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15*

"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

FEAST OF DAMASUS I - Take good care of holy history

Pope Damasus I (304-384) was named patron saint of archaeology for his work preserving church archives and buildings and restoring the Roman catacombs, which had served as the burial place for several generations of Christian martyrs and contained important early Christian drawings and inscriptions. His wisdom and foresight were not altogether appreciated at the time, but centuries later renowned Christian archaeologist Giovanni Battista De Rossi referred to the first volume he wrote about the catacombs as the "second Damasus," a tribute to the vital role the early pope played in preserving Christian history. Consider the holy history being made in your own life and times and find ways to preserve it for the next generation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19*

"Wisdom is vindicated by her works."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-E pluribus unum

The Virgin of Guadalupe, said to have appeared on a hilltop at the outskirts of present-day Mexico City in 1531, has served as a symbol of Mexican unity for centuries. Author Judy King calls Guadalupe the "common denominator" uniting a people composed of a vast patchwork of differences—ethnic, linguistic, geographic, economic. As the United States becomes ever more diverse, it sometimes appears our differences will pull us apart instead of draw us together. Let Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is honored as the "Patroness of the Americas," serve as a unifying symbol in our multicultural society.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47*

"Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord . . . and they shall be his people."

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GIVING TREE UPDATE...

Reminder: Don't forget to return your Giving Tree **gifts** to the **Church next weekend, December 12/13 when you come to Mass**. Please arrange for a friend or family member to return them for you if you will not be in town. After Sunday Masses on December 13, gifts are sorted for distribution to St. Agatha's or to the needy in our community. Be sure the gift tag is securely attached to the packages. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth at (708) 215-5418 or Maureen, (708) 839-0345. Thank you for your generosity!

Adult volunteers are needed here at St. Cletus on Sunday, December 20 to help check -in and distribute food baskets. If you can help for a few hours between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM in Morrissey Hall, please contact Mary Beth, (708) 215-5418 or Maureen, (708) 839-0345. Thanks!

A Special Request: If there is anyone in our parish who is able to donate some **new** boxes for us to use for the groceries we are distributing to our local Giving Tree recipients on December 20, please contact Mary Beth Ford at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com and we can work out details. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns Ministry

St. Cletus Youth Ministry

KAIROS 3!...Recently, 28 teens attended a 4-day KAIROS retreat for juniors and seniors in high school. This retreat was hosted by St. Cletus and was an awesome experience! St. Cletus Youth Ministry is doing this retreat for upperclassmen in conjunction with St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier, with each parish hosting one event per year...but leaving the experience open to juniors and seniors from all three parishes. The next KAIROS 4 will be hosted by St. John of the Cross in March 2010. Watch the Canticle for more details!

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry



K3 Teen Leaders: Becca Adamec, Kelly Blair, Meg Gleich, Mary DeMars, Matt Straface, Peter Zurowski and Joel Pavlik.



**CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE 2009**

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
HISPANIC CHOIR
CHANCEL CHOIR

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

7:00AM...CHURCH
8:00AM...CHURCH
9:30AM...CHURCH
11:00AM...CHURCH

ACCOMPANIMENT:

TRADITIONAL (NO MUSIC)
VOCALIST/ORGAN
CHANCEL CHOIR
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

The Hispanic Ministry cordially invites the entire community of St. Cletus to join us as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us on December 12, for the traditional "Mañanitas" (morning greetings) to Our Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe at 4:00 A.M., followed with Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. There will be traditional food and refreshments after Mass in Morrissey Hall.

Deacon Jesús Casas
Hispanic Ministry



**ST. CLETUS CHOIRS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 P.M., the music ministry will present a Christmas Concert. The Concert will feature our parish choirs and musicians performing Advent and Christmas music. The concert will be presented free of charge. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of music that is sure to fill you with the spirit of the season.

Justin Sisul
Music Ministry

MARY AND MARTHA

We are approaching *Holiday Time* once again. We hope you have been saving little items for the Briar Place residents Christmas packages. We will be putting our gift bags together in the Rectory Basement on Thursday, December 17, at 9:00 A.M. Small items e.g. lotions, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, deodorant, playing cards, small books, and jewelry are needed. We usually assemble 70 bags. Please drop off your donations at the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.

Mary White

**PLEASE STOP AND SHOP
ADVENT CHRISTMAS
BOOK/GIFT SALE**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
AFTER ALL MASSES**

IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

The St. Cletus Women's Club cordially invites you to a

Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 19, 2009

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
La Grange Country Club
620 South Brainard Avenue
\$30 per person | \$300 per table of 10

In this season of giving, please bring new adult hats, gloves or slipper socks as a donation to the St. Cletus Giving Tree

For further information, please call Sheila Benson at (708) 579-1299

Seating is limited, please reserve your space by Dec. 5th

Proceeds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Cletus Parish



ST. CLETUS PARISH 2009

December 3rd-12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 7:00 P.M.

December 12th & 19th

Morning Prayer - 8:30 A.M.

December 7th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil - 7:00 P.M.

December 8th

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times
6:30, 8:00 A.M.**

December 15th

Christmas Concert - 7:00 P. M.

December 16th

Forgiveness/Reconciliation Service - 7:00 P.M.

December 17th-21st

Christmas Novena - 7:00 P.M.



ADORATION/BENEDICTION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to the Celebration of the Vigil for the *Immaculate Conception* on Monday, December 7, we will begin Adoration as usual after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, but will end at 5:00 P.M. to accommodate the Mass which begins at 7:00 P.M. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 5:00 P.M. followed immediately by Benediction.

MORNING PRAYER...After 8:00 A.M. Mass Each Saturday of Advent

This traditional prayer of the Church is part of the Liturgy of the Hours which encourage specific prayers at 7 different times of the day. This practice originated centuries ago and is intended for all the people of God. This prayer consists of a couple of Scripture readings, a Psalm, Intercessions, Reflection and the Lord's Prayer - about 20 minutes. All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the day in prayer.

Paulette Bolton
Liturgy



*COME HOME
TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH...*

Take Another Look...



If you left the Church

Or felt the Church left you

Or you just slipped away

Or have questions and just don't understand

*Or say that you're Catholic but rarely
go to church and don't feel connected*

*Or you want to find God and to follow Jesus and you know that
you can't do it on your own*

Take Another Look...

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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 is available starting December 1, 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

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

Sunday Collection**Total Active Registered Families 2,514****Collection Statistics**

of envelopes used - this week 592
 % of registered families 24%

Amount Collected

\$21,707 Envelope Users
 5,149 Loose Checks/Cash
 6,818 Ach User
 \$33,674

November 29, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$33,674**Weekly (Under) Over Budget \$6,924****This Fiscal Year @ 9/27/09**

Actual Sunday Collections \$572,121
 Budgeted Sunday Collections 588,500
 (Under) Over than Budgeted \$(16,379)

Week at a Glance

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Room #	Event
Mon., Dec. 7	8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	C C S-201 MH	Adoration/Benediction Vigil Immaculate Concep. Hisp. Min. Guadalupe Men's BB
Tues., Dec. 8	6:30 & 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C MH MH	Immaculate Conception Mass Hisp. Min. Guadalupe YM Basketball
Wed., Dec. 9	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB C S-213 S-98 S-213 S-200 MH	Mission Ladies School Christmas Program Hisp. Min. Guadalupe Parish Life RCIA Baptism Prep. Class YM Basketball
Thurs., Dec. 10	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music MH S-213 MH	Choir Practice Hisp. Min. Guadalupe AA Meeting YM Basketball
Fri., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-201 S-207 C	Parish Life Hisp. Ministry Bible Class Hisp. Ministry Guadalupe
Sat., Dec. 12	4:00-6:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	C C S-98 CV C MH	Hisp. Min. Guadalupe Choir Concert Rehearsal Worship Ministry Collecting Giving Tree Gifts Hisp. Min. Guadalupe Mass Guadalupe Reception
Sun., Dec. 13	8:00 a.m. - Noon 9:30 a.m.	CV S-200	Collecting Giving Tree Gifts RCIA
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

**RETIREMENT FUND
 FOR RELIGIOUS APPEAL
 "SHARE IN THE CARE"**

Next weekend, December 12/13, we will have the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. These men and women religious and thousands like them have educated the young, cared for the sick comforted the dying, and spoken for the oppressed. Never counting the cost, they have invested in the future of others. Many continue to serve today. Others are frail and elderly. Most face skyrocketing healthcare expenses while receiving an average Social Security benefit of just \$4,156 annually. Please join with Pope Benedict in giving thanks for the gift of religious. Your prayers and donations mean so much. Envelopes are available in the pews.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Ambrose;
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
 Friday: St. Damasus I
 Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe;
 Hanukkah begins

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

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 (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the Month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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NEW TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS!

A televised Sunday Mass airs on CBS Channel 2 from 5:30-6:00 A.M. each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. Too early for you? Tape or Tivo it! For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

Immaculate
Conception



A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney