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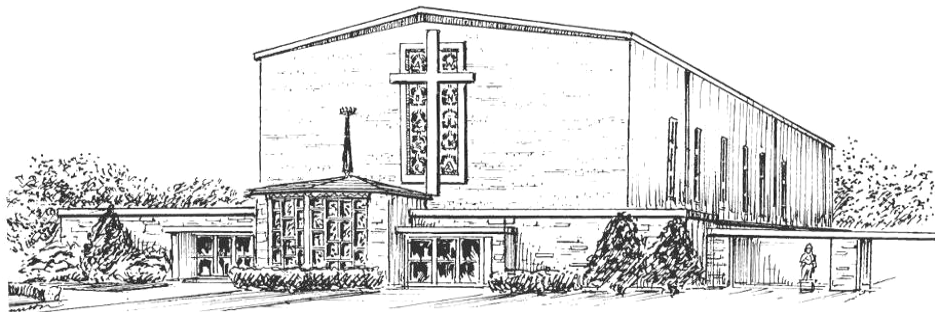
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December 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent



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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 December 14 - December 20, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Michael Maly
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Grabowski Family, Rudy Poropat
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Evelyn Prevenas, Al Cooke
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Joseph Viecei
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Maureen Fahy, Erik Geyer, Monica Chauske
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Anthony Mataitis, Maureen Fahy, Sam & Maria Scopelliti Timothy Benrus, Rose Delaloye, George Kessler, Ruth Ann Taylor, Celine Barone, Patricia Sorrells
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Marco & Emelia Rattin, Ed & Mabel Gordon, Joseph & Mary Buch Brother Robert Fisher, O.S.A. Maryl Luxem, Rudy Poropat, Günter Linsmaier, Michael Arpaia, Josephine Sorrentino, Margaret Rosa Mary Karen O'Connell, Joe White, Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Enza C. Vichi, Teresa Matyas, Bill Oswald, John "Jack" O'Donnell, Domenica & Donato Frasca Souls in Purgatory



*This Past Week  
We Welcomed...*

*Caroline Mary Ketchum,*  
daughter of Robert & Katie (Roth) Ketchum

*Gavin Edward Powers,*  
son of David & Kelly (Sweeney) Powers

*Julian Morgan Sato,*  
son of Junichi & Regina (Augustine) Sato

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



**ATTENTION!**

### LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Your help is needed at some of the Christmas and New Years' Masses. Please stop in the Minister's Room and check the schedules and sign up if you are able. We appreciate any assistance you can give. Thank you.

Thank you.

*Paulette Bolton*

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



*Dr. Karyn K. Chermel,*  
sister of Sharon Carey



*Walter M. Johnston*

**May the Lord 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, Denise Kuchta, Anna Cizek, 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. Also please pray for those who are in nursing homes or homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

## **NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...**



### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2009**

*A lone gunman stepped easily out of the car, rested his rifle on the car door and aimed it at the Church. Through the wide open doors he could see right up the long aisle to his target, a priest who was just finishing his homily at Mass that morning. A shot rang out and so ended the life of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. It was March 24, 1980.*

*For the previous three years Oscar Romero had preached the Gospel to all his people, and had denounced the sins and murders and tortures that were destroying his country. Using the Archdiocesan Radio Station he spoke to all the people and everyone listened to him. To the poor he was the “voice of those who have no voice”. To the rich and powerful he was a Communist and an enemy of the State, and he was publicly denounced as such.*

*“We have never preached violence,” Romero said, “except the violence, or intensity, of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross.” Imitating Christ’s love in this way helps us overcome our selfishness and the cruel inequalities among us.*

*The authorities tried to jam his radio transmissions but he gave his sermons faithfully and the poor people of El Salvador hung onto his every word. What kind of a Gospel would it be, Romero asked, that did not provoke a crisis in you? Nice, pious considerations that do not bother people, this is what many people would like. Such a gospel never hurts anyone, and never helps anyone, either. No, the Gospel is courageous, and it makes demands on us, even to the giving of our lives.*

*This was the message of John the Baptist to his own contemporaries. The Baptist, too, was regarded equally as a messenger from God and as a madman, a holy man and a troublemaker. The people asked John, “What shall we do to make ourselves ready to meet the Lord when he comes?” John gave them simple Gospel answers. Share with those who have nothing. Do not exploit others either for money or power or position. He reminded the rich and the military that true wealth, true influence and true power are spiritual things, not matters of money and guns.*

*Twenty centuries later, in our time, Romero gave the same message to his people. “The Church says to the rich: Do not sin by misusing your money. It says to the powerful; do not misuse your political influence. Do not misuse your weaponry. Do not misuse your power.”*

*The abuse of power has brought great suffering to millions of people. In every human life we are tempted to misuse our power over others. The Baptist tells us today, “The one who is coming is more powerful than I am.” He is the one we must face. And so a feeling of expectation grew among his people.*

*What must we do in our lives? If we have no sense of God, or no sense of justice, we will not be expecting anything. We will fall into lazy ways of living. Then the Gospel will be only a storybook. It will have no power over us, to touch us or move us or bring us life.*

*That is why we need Oscar Romero to shake us up, to be a Baptist for us today. For the Advent season of 1978 this is what Romero said. “Advent should admonish us to discover in each brother or sister that we greet, in each friend whose hand we shake, in each beggar who asks for bread, in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union, in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves, the face of Christ. Then it would not be possible to rob them, to cheat them, to deny them their rights. They are Christ, and whatever is done to them Christ will take as done to him. This is what Advent is: Christ living among us.”*

*A bullet stopped that brave heart beating, but it could not still the voice. Oscar Romero: a voice in the wilderness of worldly greed, a voice calling to us today.*

*A feeling of expectancy, of approaching life can come to you, if you will listen out for that voice. You will say, “What must I do?” A voice will answer, “Follow me.”*

*Advent Courage to Each One of Us,  
Father Bob*



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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - We can't wait!

Today is "Gaudete" Sunday, from the first word of the entrance prayer at Mass, which means *rejoice!* That is what the pink candle on the Advent wreath that we light today signifies: "Be glad! Christmas is almost here. It's not too late to prepare." The placement of the pink candle in the third week instead of the fourth betrays an almost childlike exuberance: I can't wait! Let the candle we light today remind you that children are a big part of this season. Allow yourself to get caught up in the anticipation the way a child does: with open hearts, wonder, delight, and a firm belief that all things are possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18*

*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

#### FEAST OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Darkness can light your way

Prayer, faith, serving others—these are all part of our lives as Christians. But sometimes these holy tasks don't come easily. There may be days or months when despite everything we do we feel lost in our relationship with God. We might even feel as if God has abandoned us. It is here we find a friend in Saint John of the Cross, a mystic, writer, and Carmelite priest of the 16th century. John wrote a poem and treatise on what he called the "dark night of the soul." The dark night is not the absence of God but an invitation to grow in relationship with God. When you find yourself in a dark night, be open to the ways in which the darkness itself can enlighten your relationship with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27*

*"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near."*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY - Your integrity is at stake

"Do as I say, not as I do" is probably the single worst line a parent or other adult can use when trying to give moral guidance to a child. Children see right through hypocrisy. So does God, which is the point Jesus makes in the parable about two sons who were asked by their father to work in a vineyard. The first son shows up to work after having initially resisted the idea. The second promises to work but does not deliver. Actions do indeed speak louder than words, and when the two are in synch we call that *integrity*. Examine your own behavior—actions as well as words—and look for ways to develop greater integrity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32*

*"He answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go."*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

**ADVENT WEEKDAY; LAS POSADAS BEGINS - Let outsiders in**  
*Las Posadas* (Spanish for "the inns") is the annual observance between now and Christmas Eve of the difficulties Mary and Joseph ran into finding a place to stay in Bethlehem where their child would be born. It is of special significance for many Mexicans and Latinos who sometimes encounter the sinful hostility of racism, prejudice, and xenophobia as they come among us, their American brothers and sisters, seeking a better life for their families. What a gift of God we could be if we would

recognize the Christ in those who arrive in our communities from other lands seeking a place to stay.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23*

*"Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

#### God writes straight with crooked lines

Many people caught the genealogy bug after the appearance of Alex Haley's book *Roots* in the 1970s. Gathering information on their ancestors gave them a sense of who their people were and where they came from. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew had a similar interest: He began this gospel with a long list of Jesus' earthly forebears. Prominent on the list are two of the great patriarchs of Israel: Abraham and David. But you also find some folks you might not expect: brothers who cheated brothers, foreigners, a prostitute, women in strange marriages, bad kings, and just plain everyday folks. God's family includes both the noble and less-than-noble: outsiders, sinners, the unknown. Lucky for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17*

*"An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham."*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY - Stop searching and you shall find

A lot of people are on a God quest. They experiment with spiritual paths, sit at the feet of wisdom figures, pace their way through labyrinths, take pilgrimages, join churches; you name it, they've tried it. All of these ways of seeking the holy are good and may be useful. But once you actually "find God," you learn that God was right here, all along. God is Emmanuel, *with us*. We may not always be sure where God is, but it seems God is always clear on where we are. Stand still. Let yourself be found!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25*

*"And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY - Seeing can be unnerving

People often have premonitions before a child is born in which they see its life neatly laid out: The baby will be a boy, have brown eyes, and grow up to be president. But foresight is not always a blessing, as many a seer and prophet will tell you. Forewarned may be forearmed for some, but for others it may forestall living life to the fullest. Our faith provides very clear instructions for those who worry about things to come: Do not be afraid—God is with you and all will be well. Each generation prays for protection from anxiety, and in return God, through Jesus, offers us the gift of peace. Accept this gift whenever you fear what the future holds.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25*

*"Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him."*

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**HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**  
**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

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

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

**ACCOMPANIMENT:**

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

**ACCOMPANIMENT:**

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE/NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:**

4:00PM...CHURCH  
 5:30PM...CHURCH  
 7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH

**ACCOMPANIMENT:**

VOCALIST/PIANO  
 VOCALIST/PIANO  
 HISPANIC CHOIR

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

6:30AM...CHURCH  
 8:00AM...CHURCH

**REMINDER**

Please remember to place your Giving Tree gifts in the Madonna della Strada chapel in the church vestibule **this** weekend with the tag securely attached to the package. If you have more than one package for the same person, please attach a gift tag indicating his/her name and family number, to make sure all gifts go to the correct person. The gifts will be organized for delivery after the 11:00 PM Mass on Sunday, December 13. Thank you to all who are so generous!!!

Next Sunday, December 20, is the date to bring the food baskets to Morrissey Hall between 7:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Please arrange with a friend or family member to bring in your food basket, if you are going to be out of town. We ask that you securely attach the food basket tag to your package. If your food is in more than one container, if possible please mark the containers 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. This will be a big help in our organization process. The teens in our Confirmation Program and other volunteers will be on hand to help carry the baskets from your car. Also, a suggestion: Laundry Baskets make excellent containers for the food...and are useful to our recipients all year long. Thank you for your generosity!

*Mary Beth Ford*  
 Social Concerns Ministry



### ST. CLETUS PARISH 2009

**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.**

**December 19th**

**Morning Prayer - 8:30 A.M.**



The choirs of St. Cletus have been hard at work for many weeks in preparation for the Christmas season, and we are excited to share the results with you! As our Christmas gift to the parish, the Music Ministry will present a Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The Concert will feature our parish choirs and musicians presenting music of the Advent and Christmas season as individual ensembles, and then a stirring finale with the combined voices of the parish. We will also invite the members of the audience to join us in singing some of our favorite Christmas songs.

Plan to spend an hour with us on Tuesday, December 15, to share the sounds of the season. You are sure to leave with a smile on your face and a song in your heart!

*Justin Sisul*  
Director of Music

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!  
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!  
To him be glory forever!  
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss.  
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### MARY AND MARTHA

**Reminder:** 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 **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  
THIS WEEKEND**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH  
AFTER ALL MASSES  
IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING**

**UPCOMING CASH & CARRY DATES FOR MANNA**

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule **NEXT WEEKEND**, December 19/20. MANNA will also be available after school all Fridays in December in the school lobby. **The holidays are upon us! Please take advantage of MANNA this holiday season—it helps the school and also goes towards your tuition!** Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns. Visit [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) to view bonus offers too!



*COME HOME TO THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH...*

The Archdiocese of Chicago has partnered with the Dioceses of Joliet and Rockford on an evangelization initiative called *Catholics Come Home*. TV commercials will air December 16 to January 24, 2010 on 10 major networks in English, Spanish and Polish. We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us at St. Cletus. Parishioners can pick up a brochure to be used as an invitation for those who have drifted from the practice of the faith. We lovingly invite all those who have drifted away, to come home, to find healing, answers and support.

**OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY  
OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**

**A donation of \$3 is requested.**



The word “Bethlehem” means “the house of bread.” The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. With a simple prayer for God’s grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. The spiritual lesson is this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God’s love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

*Thank You*

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FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION**

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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

**St. Cletus Technology Learning Center****Adult Technology Training Courses****2010 Winter Series****January 7 Digital Photography Basics****January 14 Intro to the Internet****January 28 Microsoft Word Basics****February 14 Microsoft Excel Basics****Space is Limited so Register Now!**

Call: (708) 215-5420 or

Email: [cardinaltech@stcletusparish.com](mailto:cardinaltech@stcletusparish.com)**\$15 per class or \$50 for all four**

- Classes start at 7:00pm
- Flash Drive and all course materials included in cost

**STRENGTH AND COURAGE**

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and  
the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous

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

# of envelopes used - this week

799

% of registered families

32%

**Amount Collected**

\$26,030

Envelope Users

3,481

Loose Checks/Cash

\$29,512**December 6, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750****Weekly (Under) Over Budget    \$2,762****This Fiscal Year @ 12/06/09**

Actual Sunday Collections                      \$601,661

Budgeted Sunday Collections                      615,250

(Under) Over than Budgeted                      \$(13,589)

**Our collections continue to increase because of your efforts to contribute just a few more dollars...  
We appreciate your donations. No matter the amount, you do make a difference. Thank you for  
your continuing generous support of Your church, St. Cletus.**

**Fr. Bob Clark****WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, Dec. 14	7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	RB MH	PPC Meeting Men's BB
Tuesday, Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	C	Choir Concert
Wednesday, Dec. 16	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	RB C S-200 S-213 MH	Mission Ladies Parish Forgiveness Service RCIA Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena
Thursday, Dec. 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	RB C S-207 S-213	Mary & Martha Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena SVDP AA Meeting
Friday, Dec. 18	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207 C	Hisp. Ministry Choir Hisp. Min. Bible Class Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena
Saturday, Dec. 19	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV C	MANNA Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena
Sunday, Dec. 20	7:00 a.m.-12 Noon 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	CV C S-213	MANNA Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena Hisp. Min. Christmas Novena
<b>C CV MH</b>	<b>Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall</b>	<b>S RB</b>	<b>School Rectory Basement</b>

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR  
RELIGIOUS APPEAL**

**This** weekend we will have the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. These monies are used to assist the women and men of religious communities who have faithfully and generously served in our schools, hospitals, parishes, and communities for years. 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: Third Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John of the Cross

### 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).**

### EUCHARISTIC 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.**

### 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](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

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