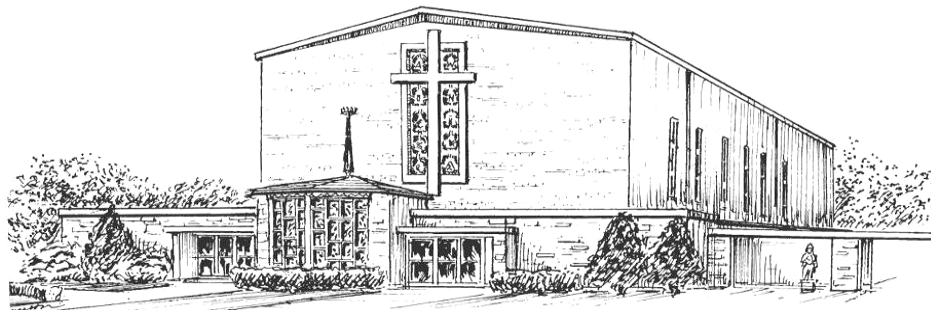
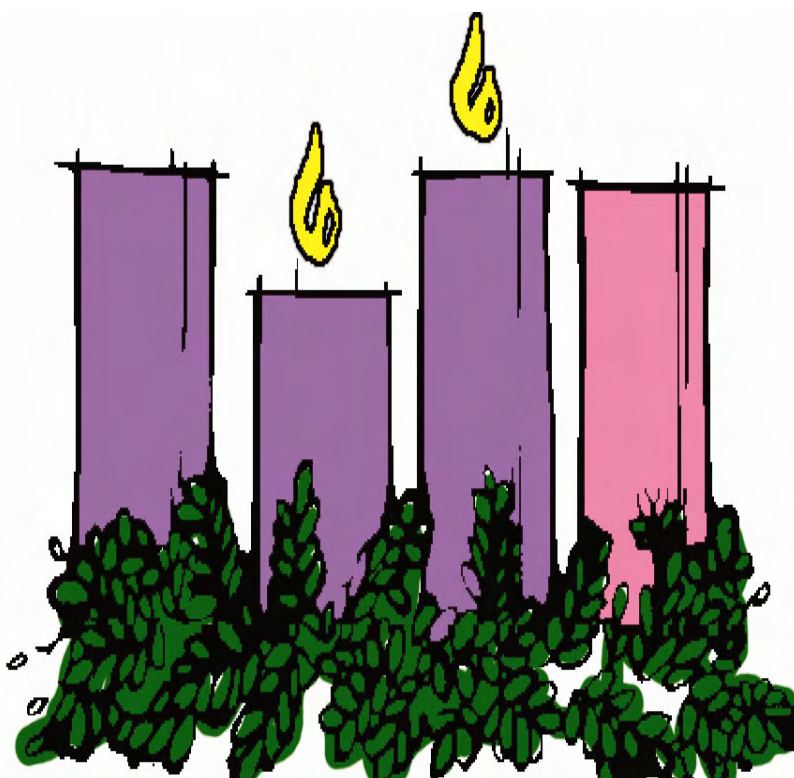


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St. Cletus Canticle

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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 6 - December 12, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Blythe O'Sullivan
Tuesday Vigil Mass	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Terry Carrick Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wednesday Feast of the Immaculate Conception	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Yolanda DiNella, Henry & James Meske School Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Anne Brady
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	John Hopp, Marcus Berquist, Nicholas Murphy Stella & Felix Gembala, George Benrus, Arlene Defino
Sunday	6:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe "Mañanitas" (morning greetings) Don Wouk, Nancy & Mario Maturo, Mr. & Mrs Costantino Lombardi Joe & Mary Harburda, Mary Anne Casey Karen Marie Wilson, Sheila Nash, Julie Hartnett Joe White, David Sredzinski, Sophie Egielski, Timothy Benrus, Steve & Stella Dziabuda Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please Note: *The 12:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass will not be held on Sunday, December 12, due to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Joan Workman, Dick Radom, Rosa Battista, Idolina Montano, Wei Wu, Sue Kramer, Gail Pankow-Locker Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Cindy Bringle, Sherry Sumner, Maeva Bishop, Rebecca Mueller, Joshua Thomas, Jr., Leslie Imholt, Loretta Pavlik, Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Dominic Cairo, Rajamma Thomas, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.



Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, December 6, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



*Please Welcome to
Our Parish Family...*

Jackson Dylan Baird,
son of Steve & Janeen (Kopale) Baird

Lillian Georgia Kessler,
daughter of Brian & Melissa (Schebo) Kessler

Sawyer James Michel.
son of James & Kimberly (Schlameuss) Michel

Paul Michael, Natale, III
son of Paul Michael & Emily (Uremovic) Natale, Jr.

Abigail Katherine O'Toole,
daughter of Patrick & Kathleen (O'Connor) O'Toole

Sergio Trujillo, Jr.,
son of Sergio Trujillo & Esmeralda Urquide

May God's Love Always Bless Them.



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2010

A teacher once asked her class of ten-year-olds: "What would you do if one day there was a ring at your front door, and when you opened it you found our Lord standing on the doorstep?" One little boy knew what he would do. "I'd run upstairs," he said, "and I'd get the big Bible from my Mom's room, and I'd hand it over to our Lord and I'd say: 'Jesus, this is your life!'"

The boy was closer to the mark than his teacher may have realized. Of course, something like three quarters of the Bible was written before Jesus was born—it's the part we call the Old Testament, the part that usually provides the first of our Sunday readings. Naturally, the Old Testament cannot speak directly of Jesus' life and teachings, and yet, without it, our understanding of him would be impoverished; without it, his life's story would have no context; it would seem to have been parachuted in from nowhere. We would be meeting him in two dimensions rather than three, so to say, in black and white rather than in color. St. Paul says that "everything that was written long ago in the scriptures"—he's thinking, of course, of the Old Testament—"was meant to teach us." It has not lost its significance. The point is perfectly illustrated in the readings we've heard today.

In the first, Isaiah, who lived eight centuries before the birth of Christ, looks towards a time when God's people will rejoice in a ruler on whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest, who will rule with justice, who will bring peace, who will fill the country with knowledge of the Lord. The responsorial psalm, also from the Old Testament, of course, takes up the same theme—a coming king who will rule "from sea to sea," who "will save the poor...and the needy," and "have pity on the weak," and in whose days "justice shall flourish."

When we turn to the gospel, there is John the Baptist crying out: "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." And if the kingdom is close at hand, so too is its king, the king who was promised long ago, and the promises of the old are about to be fulfilled in Jesus. And so the call goes out: Make ready for the coming of the King! Without the Old Testament, we would never have known how perfectly Jesus fulfills the hopes and yearnings of men and women who lived long before him. It would be like hearing the climax of the story of our salvation without hearing the "lead-in" in the final chapter.

During Advent we are invited to share in the longings and yearnings of Old Testament times so that we may celebrate worthily the birth of the King at Christmas. The infant of the stable is the fulfillment of the whole of the Old Testament, the realization of everyone's hopes and dreams, and he is also destined to come again in glory at the end of time. We are to repent, says John the Baptist: that means that we're to have a change of heart. It may well result in our finding a little extra time for prayer and scripture reading during these days before Christmas, but the main part of the preparation will be the way we lead our daily lives. After insisting that "everything written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us," Paul sets before his readers some very practical consequences of listening to the scriptures: you must live together in harmony, he says, striving "to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you"—apparently squabbles were not unknown among the early Christians! A similar appeal is made to us today: how can we be ready to receive the Prince of Peace if we are not at peace with our brothers and sisters?

But there is something more. Paul speaks of the immense hope that the scriptures bring, for they are centered upon Jesus, who is the God of hope in our midst. And so Paul concludes with a prayer, although unfortunately not mentioned in today's reading, is a beautiful prayer which includes in it such wonderful Christian key words as hope, joy, peace, faith, and the power of the Spirit. It is a prayer that we might make our own on this Advent Sunday. "May the God of hope fill (us) with all joy and peace in (our) faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit we may be rich in hope." Amen. (Romans 15:13)

Advent Peace,

Fr. Bob

Pastor



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - **There's still time**

Advent can seem like a wintery Lent—purple decor, sober worship, scripture about the end times. While it is about focusing on our inner life, it's not from the perspective of repentance but a passionate desire for God. Unfortunately, a quiet time like Advent is easily shouted down by the madness of a jump-started Christmas. Advent is not a to-do list; it's a gift tied in purple velvet ribbon. Unwrap it—it's "just what you always wanted!" Confront your use and abuse of time. Create and jealously guard little pockets of quiet. Go for a walk in the crisp air. Sit with your address book; picture, pray for, and bless each person you cherish. Turn off the TV, listen to the first part of Handel's *Messiah* and bask in its beauty. Be still. Know God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12* - "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

FEAST OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

Lean your ear this way

Today many countries in Europe celebrate Saint Nicholas Day, which involves gift-giving, merrymaking, and other festivities. Santa Claus, as well as the British Father Christmas, are figures based on the legends surrounding the generosity of the real Saint Nicholas (270-346). As bishop of Myra (part of modern-day Turkey) Nicholas had many miracles attributed to him and was known for secret gift-giving, such as placing coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him. He is also one of the most widely revered of all saints, honored by Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches alike. Generosity has the power to generate such affection and respect. Practice some today, in the spirit of the season and of Saint Nick!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26*
"The power of the Lord was with him to heal."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

FEAST OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Virtue prepares the way

The message is clear: "Prepare the way of the Lord." But how exactly do we do that? Try cultivating virtue, right where you are and precisely through who you are. After all, Saint Ambrose wasn't named the "Honey-Tongued Doctor" for keeping bees. He became patron of beekeepers and waxworkers for using his best asset—fine speech—to prepare a way for God. He also directed his audience to Mary, the Mother of God, the woman who found virtue in each place life took her: "the Virgin within the house, the companion for the ministry, the mother of the temple." In the wilderness of this world, Mary used who she was to prepare a unique path for God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14*
"A voice cries out In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - **Original blessing**

We know today's celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is important. It's a *solemnity*, after all, and the doctrine is one of only two—along with the Assumption of Mary into heaven—proclaimed infallible by a pope. It's also the patronal feast day of the United States. Why all the attention? Mary, the church teaches, was preserved from original sin since the moment of her conception. This day reminds us of the communion Mary had with God that never was broken and that led to her giving birth to the one, Jesus,

who would overcome the brokenness of sin and bring humanity back into closer communion with God. Like Mary, we, too, can welcome God into our very selves.

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

"May it be done to me according to your word."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

FEAST OF JUAN DIEGO, HERMIT

Celebrate a home-grown faith

According to Mexican Catholic tradition, Juan Diego witnessed apparitions of the Virgin of Guadalupe in 1531 and persuaded skeptical church officials of their authenticity. Controversy surrounds the authenticity of Juan Diego himself, but even so, many Mexicans saw his elevation to sainthood in 2002 as a symbolic victory in the struggle for greater recognition of their indigenous heritage. The canonization Mass included elements of indigenous rituals, dress, and language. In his homily Pope John Paul II urged Mexican church leaders to incorporate indigenous traditions into religious ceremonies. We are at our best as a church when we cherish the diversity of our roots.

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

"That all may see and know, all may consider and understand."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

ADVENT WEEKDAY - **Apply yourself**

What keeps us from acting in the ways we know we should? Or, as God laments to Isaiah, why have we not hearkened to his commandments so that our "prosperity would be like a river"? At this point it doesn't really matter why we are the way we are, or who is to blame for our faults and weaknesses. Perhaps we grew up in difficult circumstances, or surrounded by too much luxury and not enough love. No matter our history, it's time to accept responsibility for our actions. All the knowledge in the world—theological or otherwise—means nothing if we don't act upon what we know. Wisdom is knowledge applied. Take a step toward wisdom today and apply what you know.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19*
"Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

FEAST OF DAMASUS I, POPE - **Become Word wise**

Pope Damasus I had a challenging papacy, but among his most significant contributions was his care for the language of faith. Damasus encouraged Saint Jerome to undertake the task of providing an accurate translation of the Bible so that ordinary folks could encounter the Word of God in their own language. Damasus also had a hand in shifting the language of the liturgy from Greek to Latin, again to allow the prayer of the church to be more accessible to people. Today we continue in the spirit of Damasus by having translations of the Bible and the liturgy in many languages and styles. Take some time to explore different versions: a study Bible, an inclusive language Bible, a teen-friendly Bible. And most important, enter into the Word of God alive in our midst.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13*
"Then the disciples understood . . ."

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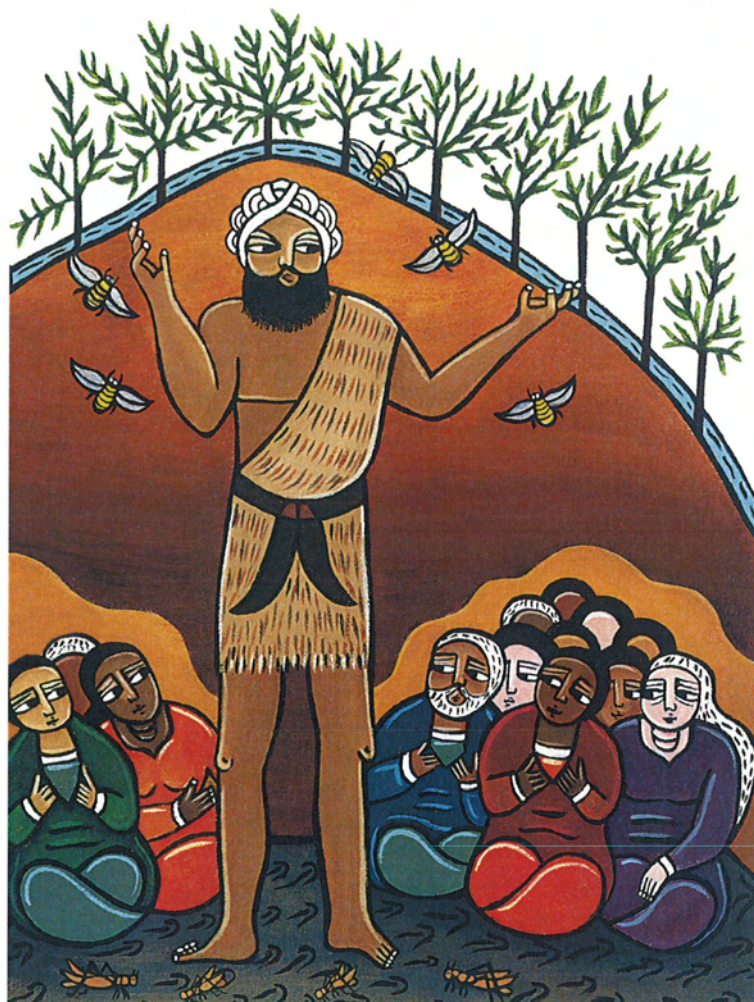
Bending Towards the Light *a Jazz Nativity*

SUNDAY, DEC. 5 4:30 P.M.

Featuring Bobby Lewis, Bobby Schiff, Jerry Coleman, Andy Tecson,
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Dawn Lauber, Gayle Bisesi, Daniel Riley, Bill Tadevich,
Justin Sisul, Kiley Ancona, and Emma Bolam.



Second Sunday of Advent



Prayer for the Reign of Peace

God our Father,
 we long for the peace of your kingdom
 where the wild and the tame live
 together,
 and we want to follow your Son,
 the child who will lead us there.
 Help us to reconcile the forces at war
 within ourselves,
 our families, our workplaces, and
 our nations.
 May we be filled with the joy of your
 presence
 as the waters fill the sea.
 During our Christmas preparations,
 help us to distinguish the important
 from the trivial.
 Above all, may we value our loving
 relationships.
 Give us eyes to see you clearly in
 our midst
 as John the Baptist recognized Jesus,
 and give us courage to reform our lives.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Sunday, December 5, 2010 Two Sides of God

Today's Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; Romans 15:4–9; Matthew 3:1–12. What could be more tender than the images of peace in today's First Reading from Isaiah? A shoot is frail, easily crushed by a careless shoe. We can't help but feel a little anxiety as we contemplate the real-life precariousness in the image of the lamb lying next to the lion. Yet our compassionate God holds even the most vulnerable in profound care.

What could be more wrathful than the mood of today's Gospel reading from Matthew? "Brood of vipers" and "thrown into the fire" are hardly words of invitation. Few of us would choose the subway seat next to John the Baptist, being slightly leery of the camel's hair jacket and the grasshopper lunch.

How do we reconcile the dramatic contrast? Think of a parent who loves a child intensely. The parent feels a rush of tender compassion for that child and would give life itself if the child were threatened. However, sometimes the child behaves so obnoxiously that the parent must put the "fear of God" into that beloved daughter or son. A severe warning or strict punishment could make the difference between a wasted, dissolute life and one of fruitful, disciplined productivity. Many people are grateful to the demanding teacher, while they quickly forget the more lenient one.

The love of God, like the love of human parents, has tenderness and toughness. Made in God's image, we may recognize both facets of good parenting in these readings.

This Week at Home



Monday, December 6

Optional Memorial of Saint Nicholas

Following the European custom, each person places a pair of shoes outside the door tonight. Then a kindly "Saint Nick" fills them with candy or small gifts. Everyone can be a Saint Nick, secretly doing kind deeds for others. What a treat to find beds mysteriously made, trash emptied, or shoes polished! It prepares for the birth of Jesus, who embodies all kindness. Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26.

Tuesday, December 7

Memorial of Saint Ambrose

Today we remember Saint Ambrose, (d. 397) whose preaching converted many, including Saint Augustine. Reflect on today's First Reading from Isaiah: "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. / Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. . . ." In what arena of your life do you most need God's comfort? Who needs the comfort you can give? To whom could you speak more tenderly today? Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14.

Wednesday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Today's Gospel describes the angel's Annunciation of the Lord to Mary. If you have children in your household, dramatize the conversation between the angel and Mary, or act it out with puppets. Adults may reflect quietly: How often has God surprised you with news that at first seemed a disaster, then turned out to be a blessing? How does God call us in the midst of our daily routines? Today's Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

Thursday, December 9

Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego

Around 1531, when Juan Diego's Bishop asked for proof that the Blessed Virgin Mary had appeared to him at Tepeyac, his

tilma, or cape, filled with roses. Mary's image appeared on the cloak, where it can still be seen in Mexico City's basilica. Believers attribute miracles to this glowing figure. Because Mary was brown-skinned when she appeared to Saint Juan, she was seen as a mother to the indigenous people of Mexico, saving them from the profound discouragement they felt after their nation was conquered and they were oppressed. To celebrate this recently canonized saint, decorate your table with fresh flowers or make roses from crepe paper. Today's Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15.

Friday, December 10

Leading Us

In today's First Reading, God speaks to his people in exile in Babylon through the prophet Isaiah, asking why they did not listen to him so that they could have avoided this terrible exile, for after all, "I am the LORD your God, / who teaches you for your own good, / who leads you in the way you should go." How is God teaching and leading you? How do you discern what God wants of you? Today's Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19.

Saturday, December 11

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

Although the Third Sunday of Advent displaces the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 12, the feast may be celebrated today or on Monday. Honor Our Lady at home by praying the Cantic of Mary, Luke 1:46-55. Then make these special cookies:

1 cup (2 sticks) soft butter, 1 cup powdered sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups flour. Combine butter, sugar, salt, and vanilla. Cream until light and fluffy. Mix in flour. Pinch off small pieces of stiff dough and shape into 1-inch balls on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 8 to 10 minutes or until creamy tan in color. Roll in powdered sugar while hot and again when cool. Makes about five dozen.

Today's Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.



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SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FAIR TRADE SALE

ATTENTION ALL HOLIDAY SHOPPERS! Don't forget to take a walk over to Room 98, in the Education Building after Mass. An assortment of unique, reasonably priced, high quality, fairly-traded handcrafts, coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate bars, and other gift items await you. Your purchase will put a smile on the face of those special loved ones on your Christmas list, and disadvantaged, small-scale artisans and farmers from around the world, will receive all the benefits of Fair Trade – a fair price, long term trading relationship, safe and healthy work places, and economic and social opportunities. Looking forward to seeing you there!



REMINDER

Don't forget to return your Giving Tree **gifts** to the **Church next weekend, December 11/12, 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. **Remember, each tag represents a real person. When you took a tag from the tree, you made a commitment to that person, and to returning your gift(s) on time.** After Sunday Masses on December 12, 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!

CHANGE IN TIME for Adult and Teen Volunteers for December 12 sorting of gifts in Church: Since there will be no 12:30 p.m. Mass on December 12, we will begin the sorting process at **12:45 p.m.** Thanks for adjusting your schedule accordingly!

Adult volunteers are needed here at St. Cletus on Sunday, December 19, to help check-in and distribute food baskets. If you can help for a few hours between 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 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 19, please contact Mary Beth Ford at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com and we can work out details. Thank you!

The St. Cletus Social Concerns Committee

Youth Ministry News!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY...

This Tuesday, December 7, we will be meeting at church at 7:00 p.m. for the Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception. Immediately following, we will have a Christmas party in Room 200, in the Education Building. Please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for a "white elephant" exchange. We will also have hot chocolate and Christmas cookies – maybe Christmas music or a holiday movie too. All are welcome! Bring your friends!

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS APPEAL "SHARE IN THE CARE"
SECOND COLLECTION - DECEMBER 11/12

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offered their lives in service to others often ministering for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices over many decades now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's collection.



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 **Friday, 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

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE:

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

ACCOMPANIMENT:

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

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:00AM...CHURCH
 8:00AM...CHURCH
 9:30AM...CHURCH
 11:00AM...CHURCH
 12:30PM ...CHURCH



ACCOMPANIMENT:

ORGAN/CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHANCEL CHOIR
 CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
 HISPANIC CHOIR

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

8:00AM...CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

(Not a holy day of obligation)
 8:00AM & 5:00PM

St. Cletus Women's Club Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 11

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

La Grange Country Club

Attention Women's Club members! We can't wait to see you at the Annual Christmas Tea. With a little holiday magic, you might be able to help Santa with his gift giving by winning one of these super fun raffle prizes:

- ♦ One day of professional painting supplied by Gary's Painting & Decorating
- ♦ 1-month unlimited membership to The Dailey Method exercise studio, La Grange
- ♦ \$50 tuition credit for St. Cletus Religious Education
- ♦ Premium tickets for the Chicago Blackhawks vs. the Colorado Avalanche on January 12.
- ♦ Tickets to the Western Springs Theater
- ♦ VIP passes to the Museum of Contemporary Art & the Shedd Aquarium
- ♦ Round of golf for two on the newly redesigned Championship course at Medinah Country Club, home of the 2012 Ryder Cup, with lunch included
- ♦ Many other gift certificates and items from local businesses.

All proceeds go to the St. Vincent dePaul Society, providing emergency financial assistance to families in need right here in our community. Try your luck at the raffle while supporting a great cause.



WILLIAM FERRIS CHORALE

PAUL FRENCH, MUSIC DIRECTOR

A BOY WAS BORN



The Chorale's Christmas concert is a perennial favorite. This year's edition includes music spanning three centuries, a veritable snowstorm of carols and a performance of Benjamin Britten's rarely heard masterpiece, *A Boy Was Born*, written when he was only 19 years old!

Sunday, December 12, 2010 – 3:00 PM

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
203 S Kensington Avenue, LaGrange

Tickets: \$25 & \$20
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Gary Lewis helped coordinate the distribution of the turkeys.

H O L Y N A M E T U R K E Y R A F F L E



Confirmation candidates, and their advisors helped the Holy Name Society distribute turkeys on Sunday, November 21, to raffle winners and to the food pantry.



After carrying all those frozen turkeys to the cars of the HNS raffle winners on Sunday, November 21, two confirmation candidates take a break near the school's statue.



More Youth Ministry News!

GIVING TREE PROJECT: Reminder to all **Year II** candidates. Our large group service project will be held on Sunday, December 12, and Sunday, December 19. Please check with your small group advisors for your group's scheduled time to assist in this service opportunity.

KAIROS REUNION: The Kairos 6 reunion will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Babirak's house. Please join us that evening to reunite with one another!

ALSO, the Kairos 1-6 Reunion will be held at St. John of the Cross teen center space on Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m. Come and meet Kairosians from year's past!

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry



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

Mary Gertrude "Corkery" Flickinger,
grandmother of Matt Flickinger

Dr. Edward Kallal

Lester Buczek

**May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.**



Evangelization has always been the mission of the Catholic Church. The call to evangelize first given to us by Christ requires that we proclaim the word of God using every means of communication. In the Church today using the media has become indispensable in bringing the Gospel message into the world through the internet, radio, and television.

This year there will be NEW *Catholics Come Home* ads shown on TV from mid-December to mid-January. Once again, the ads will become a catalyst for faith conversations and moments of evangelization in homes, schools, neighborhoods and places of business all around the Archdiocese. You can find out more about this evangelization effort and how you can participate by going to our website at **www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org**.

Advent Labyrinth Walk

Please join us on Tuesday, December 14, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., in Morrissey Hall to pray and walk the labyrinth as you reflect upon your life and spiritual journey. Stay as little or as long as you want—let the Spirit lead you.



WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

Sunday Collection Summary Fiscal Yr 2010/11

11/21/2010 & 11/28/10

Total Registered Families 2,722

	11/21	11/28
Budgeted Collection	\$27,250	\$27,250
Actual Collection	25,002	31,357
(Under)over weekly budget	(\$2,248)	\$4,107

		Amount Collected	
	Collection Statistics	11/21	11/28
Number of Envelopes Used	719	\$23,199	\$21,702
		1,803.17	2,080
			7,575
		\$25,002	\$31,357

This Fiscal Year@ 11/21/10 and 11/28/10

Actual Sunday Collections	\$572,556
Budgeted Sunday Collections	22 599,500
(Under) Over than Budgeted	(\$26,944)

We understand that economic situations are different for every family at this time. Please know we are grateful for everyone's Mass participation and for every contribution that is made.

Fr. Bob
Pastor

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, December 6	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C C S-102 MH	Adoration and Benediction Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena School Marketing Committee Men's Basketball
Tuesday, December 7	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 S-213 S-102 MH	Teen Advisory Board Meeting Pastoral Care Commission Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Boy's Church League
Wednesday, December 8	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH C S-102 S-200 MH	Market Day Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena RCIA Baptism Prep Class Boy's Church League
Thursday, December 9	5:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music RB MH	Children's Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting Boy's Church League
Friday, December 10	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music C S-207	Spanish Choir Practice Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, December 11	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV C	Collection of Giving Tree Gifts Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Sunday, December 12	5:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	C CV S-102 C MH	Our Lady of Guadalupe Collection of Giving Tree Gifts Adult Faith Our Lady of Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

Amazon Bath and Body Best Buy Borders Fannie May Hallmark Home Depot Kohl's Marshall's Marshall's Musicland Office Maxx Oldemark Toys R Us Sears Roebuck Target Theaters Jewel Osco Speedway Visa Dominicks Whole Foods Wendy's Subway Leda's McDonald's Noodles Chicago Boston Market

Buying Gift cards?

Gift Cards for Education

- Order online through the Parish or School website.
- Use one of our Cash and Carry days

Morrissey Hall After Mass
2-3:15pm Dec. 18 & 19
Dec. 3, 10, 16

**SJC MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS
FR. ROBERT BARRON
"JESUS AND WHY HE MATTERS!"**

The St. John of the Cross Men's Club would like to invite all male parishioners to a presentation by Father Robert Barron on Thursday, December 9. Father Robert Barron is a sought-after speaker on the spiritual life-from prestigious universities to YouTube to national conferences and private retreats. The prominent theologian is one of the world's great teachers of Catholicism. He has taught Systematic Theology at the nation's largest Catholic Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, and he grew up at St. John of the Cross parish in Western Springs. Fr. Barron has been called "one of the Archdiocese's greatest gifts" (Open Book, Amy Welborn).

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, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	TBA
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Marty Mulcrone (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Adult Faith Formation:</i>	Mike Pusatera
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Gary Lewis Jim Matthews
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Paulette Bolton
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Louis Lopez
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Peggy Meidell
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Nicholas
Tuesday:	St. Ambrose; Islamic New Year 1432; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Wednesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Juan Diego
Friday:	International Human Rights Day
Saturday:	St. Damasus I