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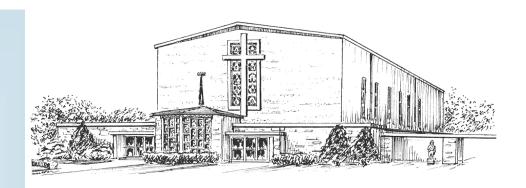
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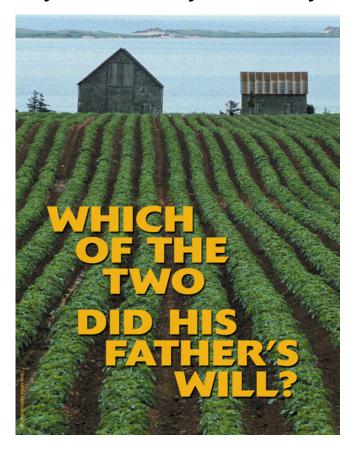
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St. Cletus Canticle

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless in the rear of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 26 - October 2, 2011

Day	Time	Intentions	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Battle, Kay Battle, Thomas McFee	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Carol Wierus, George Rockwood	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Leona Fiala, Ade Verhowen	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Philip Jeffrey	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Patricia Halm Gene Kennedy, Harold Benson, Adam & Marie Pietrzak, Georgia Popp	
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Emilia & Marco Rattin Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Brian Luczak Rosalyn Smola, Charles Scatamacchia, Louis Egielski, Inez Molinari Krystyna Balda, George Benrus, Gene Kennedy, Rosa Frasca DeSimone Leopoldo Martinez	

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Bob Zimmerman, Jennifer DeSantiago, Shannon Thomas. Betty Niwa, Joan Workman. Betty Zapf, Maybelle Ryan, Rose Pasquale, Mary Alice Gregorchuk, Harry Fisher, Donald Cuttill, Laura McDonnell, Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Gail Pankow-Locker, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop, Rebecca Mueller, Joshua Thomas, Jr., Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker, Jessica Gundling, Rajamma Thomas, Saban, Ola Maveety, Jean Weekley, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to

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

Bob Stansberry

Ralph Bond, father of Patricia Jesionowski

Dennis Herrera.

father of Peter Herrera

Milica Callo, mother of Zeljko Vuk

Patricia Urban

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.



WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, October 1/2, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.



WEDDING BANNS

Kristen Feltes and Haydon Heyes

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz

and His Companions

Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,

Archangels; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5772) begins at sunset

Friday: St. Jerome

Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus;

First Saturday

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Sunday morning a young mother skillfully managed to steer her brood through the organized chaos of breakfast, washing and dressing. The transfer from house to car took even more determination, but eventually, in the face of opposition from the smallest member of the household, she got the family to Mass in one piece. As usual, her face reddened on entry into the pew. Why did they always have to be the family that arrived late despite all her good intentions? On leaving the church, she got chatting with an older couple who were selling raffle tickets for the church fundraiser. They casually suggested that she might like to impress upon her children the importance of the day by arriving just a little bit earlier. They went on to suggest that perhaps even saying a prayer with them in the car would ensure that the little darlings enter the church with the appropriate reverence.

Managing to bite her tongue, she quickly left and vowed never to return to that particular church of old fogies, who clearly were out to make life difficult for her and would not accept her children. The church was obviously family- unfriendly. Anyway, when was the last time they dealt with three of these little terrors? Yet, as the week wore on, she began to reflect on why she made such great efforts. The answer was that she needed Jesus in her life. She thanked him for the gift of faith, a gift she wanted to pass on to her children. Some of the congregation might get on her nerves now and again, but that should not stop her from coming to the Lord's table. Arriving late the next Sunday, she again felt embarrassed. Yet somehow that familiar feeling reminded her that she was back in God's house and among friends.

Someone (Socrates) once said that a life not reflected on is no life at all. In today's gospel, Jesus is asking us to reflect on our lives to see if we have been trying to build up his kingdom. We will know this by the lack of conceit among us. We walk in his kingdom when our actions lead others to believe that living in love is possible. The author of the letter to the Philippians lets us know what the kingdom might look like. In a normal grouping of people, there will always be personality clashes, petty rivalries and a certain degree of ambition. The task of any Christian community is to gradually overcome those initial differences, building up trust by the love we share among us. If we rely only on our resources, this will be impossible. Any progress we make in virtue will not be of our own making, but is gained for us by the cross of Christ. The proper attitude, then, is not one of pride, but one of gratitude and humility.

Jesus welcomes sinners into his kingdom, saving his condemnation for the Pharisees in their hardness of heart. They are too stubborn to see that they are being called to conversion. In their arrogance, they believe they have the fullness of the truth and have no need of any new prophets, or messiahs, for that matter. But to those who know their need for forgiveness, those who have fallen but are trying to turn their lives around, Jesus offers the possibility of redemption from past mistakes.

We all spend much of our lives looking after those who have been given to us, our spouses, and our children. It is through this self-giving that we follow the example of Jesus. We come together in the Eucharist, to share our faith, and to draw strength from God and each other. Of course, it can sometimes be difficult to admit that we are in need of help. By reflecting on our lives, we could all say, like the young mother in our story, that we need the strength of Jesus. She came to understand that her initial feelings may not have been the right ones, and was open enough to change. To be faithful to the example of Christ, don't we also need to be open to a change of heart, relying on strength given by God and our faith community?

We often fail each other and fail ourselves in word and deed. But we can take courage from the message of Jesus, that the first in the kingdom are those we might consider to be last. It is never too late. Saint Augustine, who spent many years far from Christ, finally admitted his need for forgiveness. He later penned the words: "Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new." No one is beyond the power of Jesus and his redeeming love. He proves that love by pouring his life out for us on a cross.

Peace, *Father Bob* Pastor



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Behave yourself

While calling oneself a follower of Christ should reflect itself in certain kinds of conduct, being a Christian is not simply a matter of keeping a clean moral scorecard by doing the do's and not doing the don'ts. Rather, *acting* like a Christian comes from *being* one, and being one means believing in Jesus. In his own life he practiced what he preached: that the key to unlocking the door of love is humility, and humility means not letting personal self-interest get in the way of the good of others. Faith in Christ's love provides the strength to follow his example.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*; *Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5*; *Matthew 21:28-32 (136)*

"Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Stop acting like a child—unless you are one

A recent trend in TV commercials has babies speaking with adult voices and adults speaking with children's voices, a combination that tends to blur the line between the two—or, as Groucho Marx said in the movie *Duck Soup*, "Why, a 4-year-old child could understand this report! Run out and find me a 4-year-old child, I can't make head or tail of it." Sometimes the first disciples acted like children, like when they got into an argument about who among them was the greatest. To put a stop to such nonsense, Jesus took a real child and said, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me." It's one thing to act child-ishly; it's another, very grown-up thing to see and respond to the presence of Christ in children and all vulnerable people who need help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455) "The one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

SEPTEMBER 27

FEAST OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

But for the grace of God, impossible

Renowned for his compassion and generosity, Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) is patron saint of charities (one great example being the St. Vincent de Paul Society founded in his honor). Apparently, however, he wasn't always the humble and holy spirit he came to be. He was quite prickly and difficult to get along with early in his priesthood, as he himself later admitted in saying that he would have been impossible to live with but for the grace of God. One takeaway here is that saints aren't always born that way: They are forged in the fire of a long relationship with a God who ends up smoothing their rough edges and burnishing their best qualities. Ask for the grace to give yourself time to grow, and give God time to make it happen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456) "The days for [Jesus'] being taken up were fulfilled."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

FEAST OF LAWRENCE RUIZ, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS One life to give

Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Manila of Christian parents. Married, with two sons and a daughter, he became a companion to Dominican missionaries who sailed for Japan in spite of an intense persecution of Japanese Christians. In Nagasaki, facing torture, Lorenzo at first asked if, by giving up his faith, his life would be spared. He received no answer but felt his faith strengthen to the point that he finally said, "I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly accept death for the Lord; if I have a

thousand lives, all of them I will offer to him." In 1987 Pope John Paul II canonized 16 Asian and European men and women who spread the faith in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457) "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS Get on the side of goodness

The archangels are instructive. Michael, protector of police officers, battles against the forces of evil. Gabriel, patron of postal workers and ambassadors, delivers divine messages to those who listen to God's word and keep it. Raphael, guardian of the blind and of teenagers, is the companion we seek in the confusing times of our lives. One way to think of angels is as God's will made manifest for the time it takes to make it effective, and that's enough to put our trust in them. Don't leave home without a celestial guardian!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647)*

"War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

FEAST OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Haste makes more than waste

"Haste is of the devil," Saint Jerome warns us. We relearn this lesson every time we bash a fender, spoil supper, drop an ill-advised stack of boxes, or push the "send" button on an e-mail before we've had a chance to think things through. "What good is speed," this church doctor reminds us, "if the brain has oozed out on the way?" Whether our hurried pace lets the devil in or the brain out, the resulting mayhem is not an effective use of the precious time we thought we were saving. Stop. Think. Reflect. Breathe. Then act.

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459) "We have been disobedient to the Lord, our God, and only too ready to disregard his voice."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

FEAST OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

It's a gift to be simple

When the 72 disciples Jesus had sent out returned to him with news of all the wonderful things they were able to do in his name, Christ broke out in spontaneous praise to the Father. Like most prayers of praise, Jesus' words included naming the things for which he was lauding God, one of which was: "Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike." Receiving Jesus' message is simple, so you have to be able to see simply to get it. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux knew that. "Jesus," she prayed, "help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be—and becoming that person." Good advice.

Today's readings: *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460)*

"Many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it."

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MONDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

There will be open gym for all men in the parish 30 or over starting October 3. We play from 9-10:30 p.m. Good sportsmanship and a desire to stay in shape are all that is required. New teams are picked each week. All players are asked to bring 1 white and 1 dark top each week. Questions? Call Frank Haggerty at (708) 352-1140.



We are starting to collect *Labels for Education* this year at St. Cletus School. This program helps the school save up points to earn equipment, books, and many other wonderful things. Please clip the UPC code neatly from participating products. It will say Labels for Education on most participating products near the UPC with a dotted line on most products. For a <u>full list of products</u> please visit **www.labelsforeducation.com/Default.aspx.** Please bring in labels and caps and place them in the Labels for Education container located in the Minister's Room. Thank you for supporting our school.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with our *Labels for Education* collection drive, please contact me at (708) 387-1238 or via email at **virginia.m.noga@sbcglobal.net.**

Virginia Noga

COMPANIONSHIP

Take my hand and walk along with me, not ahead of me; otherwise I may not follow you.

-Anonymous

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY

Help! Our next monthly food distribution is on October 13; we are scrambling to make up the 300 bags needed, and the cupboard is bare! Remember, it's as easy as 1-2-3 to make a difference by donating non-perishables to the pantry.

- 1. When you go to the grocery store this week, just pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry.
- 2. Pick something from our "most needed at this time" list, which includes **all** our staples and suggested extras: dry pinto beans, soup, meals in a can, canned meat, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, boxed side dishes, macaroni & cheese, canned tomatoes, crackers, coffee, condiments, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper goods and diapers.

Of course, all in-date non perishables are always appreciated

3. Drop off your donations in the food bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass this weekend or daily 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM.

Thank you for adding St. Cletus Food Pantry items to your regular shopping list!!!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION

When it comes to serving the needs of older adults in our community, the *action* is with Interfaith Community Partners (ICP). Our congregation is a coalition member of ICP, along with 12 other congregations that provide trained volunteers to provide transportation, visitation, and telephone reassurance at no cost to the client. ICP needs your support!

ICP announces its Tenth Anniversary Theater Benefit on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at The Theatre of Western Springs, 4384 Hampton Avenue in Western Springs. A reception is at 7:00 p.m. and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks, and prize drawings, followed by the play at 8:00 p.m. *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* by Steve Martin takes place in a Parisian café at the turn of the century. The comedy features contemporaries Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein who meet in their 20's. There's laughter and absurdity as only Steve Martin can create.

Admission is \$35 per person or \$60 for two. Please use the ticket order available at church or call ICP at (708) 579-8929 to order tickets.

EXPAND YOUR NETWORK IMPROVE YOUR JOB SEARCH SKILLS

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to join us for a supportive evening of networking on Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. Build your skills with a brief introduction and expand your networking with 2-3 small group roundtable sessions. Share leads, information and tips. Network and strategize your job search through shared conversation and connections with other job seekers. This meeting is open to all and there is no fee to attend. Come to the First Baptist Church, 20 North Ashland Avenue in La Grange (across from the La Grange Post Office). Please use the Bell Street entrance. ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

"The Year of the Teen and Young Adult" Youth Ministry Update!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Juniors and seniors will be having their first small group meeting this **Sunday**, **September 25**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Please join us as we begin another year of prayer together! We will meet this <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 30</u>, <u>at 10:00 a.m.</u> in our new teen room. Please join us! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

GREAT AMERICA'S FRIGHT FEST

We are planning our trip for Columbus Day, Monday October 10. Information and permission slips are available on our website: **www.stcletusparish.com/youth** and are due by Monday, October 3. We will need one adult chaperone. If we do not get enough teens to fill the bus by this time, we will have to cancel the trip.

DO YOU SING? PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? THEN WE NEED YOU!

Come to the school music room on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:30pm to gather with other talented teens to prepare music for our teen hosted Masses! Our first Mass is Sunday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m.



Exhausted with your daily lives? Need a break from the rigors of endless piles of homework? Wanting to spend some time **relaxing** with your friends? Kairos is the answer to all these questions and more. Kairos is a four–day Catholic based retreat starting Thursday, November 10-13.

Now I bet your thinking this is just another "boring" church retreat, but let me let you in on a little secret, Kairos is run **BY** teens, **FOR** teens. Your Kairos staff has all been on this retreat before, and we're <u>just like you</u>. We're high school kids; facing the same problems and challenges you are and just like you we all came on this retreat for different reasons.

The reason our retreats work so well is because it's no pressure. We're there to relax...to have some fun and just overall get away from it all! In the process, we learn about ourselves and our faith.

Speaking of the Church, we're Christian and we're proud of it, all denominations are welcome. Even if you're not Christian...or don't know exactly what you want to believe in....WE WANT YOU TOO. This weekend not only lets you strengthen old relationships but helps you build new ones with your friends and in your faith.

So really, what do you have to lose? It's only four days; we promise that it'll be worth it for you.

Registration forms can be found online at **www.stcletusparish.com.** They can also be picked up from the rectory or religious education office at St. Cletus, 700 W. 55th Street. Please return the forms to Kristen Maxwell at St. Cletus Youth Ministry, 700 W. 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525.

Please contact me at **kmaxwell@stcletusparish.com** or (708) 215-5419 with any questions.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

RCIA: COME AND SEE

BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 200 – EDUCATION BUILDING

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
PLEASE CONTACT FR. KEN (708-352 6209 ext 205)
FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION



PET BLESSING AT ST. CLETUS

In observance of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi you are invited to bring your pets for a special blessing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1. We will gather on the school grounds near the statue of St. Francis.

LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd	US Coast Guard	Alexandria, Virginia
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Pfc. Eugene Sapinski	USA	Afghanistan
Greg Vlach	USA	Afghanistan



If you would like to add a name to be listed in the Canticle, please tear off the bottom portion of this page and place it in the collection basket. All names will appear every week. If you would like more information, please call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974.

SOLDIER'S NAME:
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CURRENT BASE:

Amount Collected

Sunday Collections - September 18, 2011

Total Active Registered Families 2,776

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 625 . \$19,921 Envelope Users
% of registered families 23% 2,522 Loose Checks/Cash
2,065 Automatic Debit

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 \$24,508 Total

Over (under) Budget (\$2,492)

This Fiscal Year @ 09/18/11

Actual Sunday Collections \$316,090 Thank you for your participation at Mass and your

Budgeted Sunday Collections 324,000 continuing Stewardship.

YTD Over (Under) than budget \$ (7,910) Fr. Bob, Pastor

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." Matthew 21:28

God does not just invite us to do His work. He clearly commands us, "Go out and work in the vineyard." How can we work in God's vineyard when we have job and family responsibilities? We can follow God's command through prayer, sharing some of our talents in parish ministry, and donating some of the income we make at our jobs to support God's work in the world.

WEEK AT A GLANCE						
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event			
Monday, September 26	7:00 p.m.	SS-98	EPIC Class			
Tuesday, September 27	9:00 a.m.	C	School Mass			
	7:00 p.m.	S-200	RCIA			
	7:00 p.m	RB	PPC			
Wednesday, September 28	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies			
	3:15 p.m.	S-102	EPIC Class			
	7:30 p.m.	S-200	Kairos #9 Team Meeting			
Thursday, September 29	5:00 p.m.	S-Music	Children's Choir			
	6:00 p.m.	S-Band Room	Spanish Choir			
	6:30 p.m.	S-Music	Contemporary Choir			
	7:30 p.m.	S-Music	Chancel Choir			
	8:00 p.m.	S-102	AA Closed Meeting			
Friday, September 30	10:00 a.m.	S-208	Parents of Teen Prayer Group			
	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Presentation			
Saturday, October 1	6-11:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Parking Lot Front Lawn CV CV	OKTOBERFEST Pet Blessing Respect Life Committee Welcome Sunday			
Sunday, October 2	7:00 a.m.	CV	Respect Life Committee			
	7:00 a.m.	CV	Welcome Sunday			
	9:00 a.m.	S-102	English Classes/GED			
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement			

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 Tuesday 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

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