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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014



All are welcome.

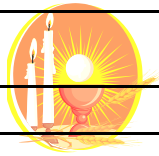
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Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless
in the rear of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 15 - December 21, 2014

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Rodriguez All Priests	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	John Joyce Parish Reconciliation Service
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Nanci Makris, Evelyn Prevenas, Marie Hayes
Wednesday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Monica Mataitis Advent Mass
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Ted Gajos
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Antoinette Bontempi
Saturday	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Karen Carroll, Larry Czerwinski, Rose Delaloye, Georgia Popp, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Jim McNichols, Marilyn Cummings, Joseph Naponiello
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Anglim / Dcn. Heyes Fr. Rodriguez	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, John Karch, Frank Magdziarz, Timothy Wickerd Anna Pleszka, Helen Biesadecki Mary Clare O'Connell, Brother Robert Fisher, O.S.A., Thomas Perillo, Thomas Patrick O'Connor, Chester Wojcik, Robert Kunkel, Frank Skrip, Sr., Josephine Sorrentino Angelo Cumbo, Mima Ralls, Ken Herzog, Valerie Moskus, Fred Czachor Parishioners of St. Cletus



*A Warm Welcome to
Our New Parishioners...*

Please welcome to our parish family:
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gibson and Family.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have
not registered as a parishioner, please consider
the commitment of parish membership.

PARISH FORGIVENESS SERVICE

Our Parish will celebrate the sacrament of
Reconciliation this Monday, December 15, at 7:00
p.m. in church.

Advent is a time to mend quarrels, to forgive those who
have hurt us, and to pray for peace. What better way to
"Be watchful! Be Alert! WE do not know the day nor
the hour."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6,
7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,
27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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



Alice Linkowski,
mother of Bob Linkowski

May she rest in peace. Amen.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2014

"Everybody's happy now," Henry said. "Yes, everybody's happy now," repeated Lenina. They had heard the words over and over again, a hundred and fifty times a night for twelve years. Happiness is important in Aldous Huxley's BRAVE NEW WORLD, the futuristic satire on science and progress. In the book, children are brainwashed from an early age to believe they are happy. And where brainwashing does not convince, SOMA takes over. SOMA is a drug which induces a feeling of wellbeing. It protects the inhabitants of BRAVE NEW WORLD from anxiety, from thinking unhappy thoughts. In a parody of a communion service, SOMA is consumed by the worshippers, and happiness is the result. But there are misfits who have their doubts. They suspect that there is more to happiness, and as they discover the truth, they suffer.

BRAVE NEW WORLD is funny, far-fetched, and wholly frightening. It is a penetrating look at modern science-driven society, taking current trends to their logical conclusions. The POSSIBILITY of it all is what alarms. To think of cloned humans, chemically engineered, brainwashed and drugged individuals is a frightening thought. To think of people who are taught over and over again that they live in a world with the supreme values of "Community, Identity and Stability" but no God is a scary thought. And above all, that they are happy. Surely there is no danger that this nightmare scenario will ever come true?

In the light of the artificial happiness of BRAVE NEW WORLD, Paul's injunction today to "be happy at all times" can seem at best impossible, at worst, sinister. How can we be told to be happy? Surely happiness is a feeling that arises inside us because we have reasons to be happy: we have what we need to live; we have people around us to love; we are aware of our blessings. But Paul is under no illusions. For him, happiness is no easily achieved state; it is not something cheap. Paul is no stranger to suffering. His happiness comes from prayer and from faith.

The prophet Isaiah lived in a time of great political turmoil, was often in danger of his life, and, according to Jewish tradition, was put to death. Yet the spirit of joy which pervades some of his prophecies is equal to that found in any other biblical literature. "I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God." The presence of the Lord, for Isaiah as for Paul, is the cause of a deep and lasting happiness.

John the Baptist is a grimmer figure altogether. There would seem to be no joy or happiness in his ministry. But John was driven by the Spirit of the Lord, preparing the way for Jesus. John saw the ugly side of people as they came to him with their sins. He saw the hypocrisy of professional religious people, and angrily denounced it. But anger alone is not enough to drive a prophet. He must have a vision of a better world. He must glimpse glory. He must sense, however fleetingly, true happiness in his soul.

Today's reading from Isaiah that the time of the Messiah will be one of gladness and rejoicing. It is John the Baptist who ushers in that time. It is he who hands over to Jesus the ministry of forgiveness; it is he who recognizes and proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is he who can rejoice that the time so long foretold has come. Though John will pay with his life for the message he preaches, he can die knowing that his mission is fulfilled. John is a happy man.

There is no point faking happiness: we fool only ourselves. We cannot find true happiness in escape: we merely find distraction from our misery. So BRAVE NEW WORLD is not for us. But the happiness of Isaiah can be ours. If we can look at the world through the eyes of the prophet and glimpse it as it is meant to be, we will be inspired and full of praise to God. If we can have the faith of the apostle Paul, for whom Christ was all, then we will have a window into heaven. And glimpsing eternal happiness, we can rejoice on earth. If we can have the integrity and faithfulness of John the Baptist, proclaiming salvation in Christ, then we will have the reward of faithfulness: happiness with God, forever.

There are no short cuts. Advent teaches us the importance of waiting and watching. Not simply passing time until something happens, but using time creatively to prepare ourselves for the Lord who is with us, yet is to come. Unless we imagine it is all hard work and sacrifice, we are reminded it is about happiness too.

Advent Prayers,

Fr. Bob

Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Joyful Anticipation

Saving God,
 how will you come to us today?
 And will we know you?
 You sent John the Baptist
 to testify to your light—
 and still some did not see.
 Put your spirit in us,
 and grant us a love of unceasing prayer,
 so that we will know you,
 rejoice in you, proclaim your liberty,
 and bring your glad tidings to our
 portion of the world.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus
 Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the
 unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, December 14, 2014
 Proclaim the Good News

Today's Readings: Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11; Psalm: Luke 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice. The joy that should be apparent today is proclaimed in the first prayers of the Mass. The Entrance Antiphon quotes the Letter from Philippians 4:4–5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Soon after, the priest prays the Collect, which looks to the Nativity and asks that we "attain the joys of so great a salvation." Today's reading from Saint Paul to the Thessalonians begins similarly to the antiphon: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing." Drawing near to Christmas, we come closer to the meaning of this season. As we heard on the First and Second Sundays of Advent, we are to repent to ready ourselves for the Lord. But we are also to rejoice in the Lord's coming. Yes, we are to be alert and watch-

ful. But if we are to testify to the light, as John the Baptist did, are we not to do that joyfully? Should we not have the same regard for the Lord as is apparent in the reading from the prophet Isaiah? There, Isaiah says, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God." We are to keep Advent, but we should do it with joy that God has sent his Son.

In the First Reading, we hear that the prophet has been anointed to do several things. First, he brings glad tidings to the poor. He then heals the brokenhearted, proclaims liberty to captives, releases prisoners, and announces a year of favor. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist state his role. He is the "voice of one crying out in the wilderness." As the season of Advent winds down, perhaps we need to consider that we have been anointed and Christ has called us. How have we responded?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 15, 2014

Open the Doors

Las Posadas, Spanish for “lodging” or “accommodation,” is a traditional nine-day novena that includes a procession with individuals portraying Mary and Joseph searching for a place to give birth to Jesus. During the novena, believers accompany the couple, walking from door to door each evening until Christmas Eve, when doors open to feasting and welcome. Explore other seasonal customs from around the globe and learn the traditions of other cultures, races, and nations. Today’s Readings: Numbers 24:2–7, 15–17a; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8–9; Matthew 21:23–27.

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Universal Holiness

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” These chief priests and elders may obey the laws, but God wants a reform of the interior of our lives. We need to do what is right but also to strive to be holy. We are all called to a life of holiness. Do your actions reflect such holiness? Today’s Readings: Zephaniah 3:1–2, 9–13; Psalm 34:2–3, 6–7, 17–18, 19 and 23; Matthew 21:28–32.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

O Sapientia, O Wisdom

Today begins the proclamation of the “O Antiphons.” We are familiar with these texts from singing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” The “O Antiphons” help us get in touch with our yearning for hope and love. Their poetry inspires us to trust in Jesus’s promise of abiding presence in our world. In today’s Gospel, we consider the presence and work of God as we listen to the genealogy of Jesus Christ. God worked through all of these ancestors of Jesus to bring about salvation. Today’s Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4ab, 7–8, 17; Matthew 1:1–17.

Thursday, December 18, 2014

O Adonai, O My Lord of Lords

In today’s Gospel we hear of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of Mary and Joseph. The Holy Spirit is the transforming agent at work in the Church. In the Eucharistic celebration, when we call down the Spirit over the gifts of bread and wine, they become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit also changes us. We are sent forth from the liturgy to “go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” We are to help change the world. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 23:5–8; Psalm 72:1–2, 12–13, 18–19; Matthew 1:18–25.

Friday, December 19, 2014

O Radix Jesse, O Root of Jesse

Perhaps today you might want to look closely at the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” We know the first verses of this hymn by heart but often falter by the time we arrive at the fourth verse, “O Come O Branch of Jesse’s stem.” The verse tells of how Christ delivers us from our foes and provides victory over the grave. Already, we are singing of the Resurrection. God has given us this infant to save us from our sins so that we can share eternal life with him. Today’s Readings: Judges 13:2–7, 24–25a; Psalm 71:3–4a, 5–6ab, 16–17; Luke 1:5–25.

Saturday, December 20, 2014

O Clavis David, O Key of David

In today’s Gospel, the archangel Gabriel greets Mary, saying, “The Lord is with you.” Once the angel has delivered his message to Mary, she responds, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Reflect on how the Lord has called you since last Advent. When have you been ready to respond, and when have you been reluctant? Do you take time to listen to the Lord in the quiet of your heart? Today’s Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4ab, 5–6; Luke 1:26–38.



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A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: THE ST. CLETUS SERAPHS

For many years, Altar and Rosary societies were part of parish life. Their primary mission was to gather women to assist the spiritual needs of a parish and its members. These societies assisted in parish fundraising activities and were the principal planners and faces of hospitality at parish gatherings. In matters of prayer, they recited the rosary together and in matters liturgical, they were the caretakers of the altar, the sacristy and the body of the church. They took care of the vestments for the priests and altar servers, all the altar linens and candles and made sure that the assembly gathered in a worship space that was befitting the Lord. For many years here at St. Cletus, these same liturgical matters were attended to by the St. Cletus Altar Ladies. Naturally as time has passed, the number of ladies involved in this ministry grew smaller due to age and the need to retire. And so now the sanctuary is in need of new caretakers. With that need before us, we would now like to initiate a new ministry: The Seraphs of St. Cletus. The name "Seraph" has been chosen because the seraphim are the highest ranking members of the angelic choir and they are the caretakers of God's throne. St. Thomas Aquinas tell us that "their name does not come from charity only, but from the excess of charity..." and "that these angels have in themselves an inextinguishable light, and that they also perfectly enlighten others."

This new ministry is open to women and men who would be willing to assist in the caretaking of the altar and body of the church. The primary duties of the ministry would be to gather weekly, ideally on Friday, following the 8am morning Mass to dust the altar and sanctuary furnishings, pews and window sills; attend to the holy water fonts and clean them as needed; vacuum and sweep/Swiffer the sanctuary floor; organize the hymnals in the pews and remove old envelopes, bulletins, etc... If we were to have at least ten members, then two groups of five could be formed with each group assisting every other week. The more seraphs we have, the more the activity of the ministry can be divided.

I hope you will consider being one of the caretakers of our sacred space. Please contact me by e-mail (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or by phone (708-352-6209) if you are interested.



St. Cletus Parish Welcomes...

Elizabeth Frances Cirrincione,
daughter of Jim & Adrienne (Theidel) Cirrincione

Brayden Bernard Dalcamo,
son of Philip & Kaytlin (Leonard) Dalcamo

Michael James Lilly,
son of James & Nora (Cahue) Lilly

Audrey Lilly Olson,
daughter of Carl & Tracy (Minton) Olson

Samuel Charlie Olson,
son of Carl & Tracy (Minton) Olson

Michael Joseph Pister,
son of Michael & Carla (Gonzalez) Pister

Ella Harper Kairuz,
daughter of Kenneth & Jennifer (Sowski) Kairuz

Eve Marie Pusko,
daughter of Steven & Lea (Kybartas) Pusko

Nicole Anneliese Tena,
daughter of Victor & Jacqueline (Gonzalez) Tena

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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2014**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



ST. CLETUS PARISH 2014

December 15 - 7:00 p.m. Church
Parish Forgiveness (Reconciliation) Service

December 16-23 - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Novena
7:00 p.m. in Room 207 in the Education Building

December 17
Advent Weekday Evening Mass
Church
6:30 p.m. Mass

December 19/20 - Spanish Ministry
Christmas Posada
7:00 p.m. - Room 98 in the Education Building

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY **MASS SCHEDULE 2014** **2014**

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

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



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 CHANCEL CHOIR

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New Year's Eve/New Year's Day

DECEMBER 31, 2014

8:00AM & 5:00PM

5:00PM-VIGIL MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2015

9:00AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Social Concerns Update!

GIVING TREE REMINDERS

Please remember to place your Giving Tree gifts in the Madonna della Strada chapel in the church narthex 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 distribution after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14.**



Bring your Food Baskets to Morrissey Hall on December 21, from 7:30-11:00 a.m. There will be volunteers curbside to help carry in your baskets. 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.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



MARY AND MARTHA

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 December 19, 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.



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A donation of \$2 is requested

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS THIS Weekend - December 13/14

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Many worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate saving for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Envelopes are available in the pews.

ACTS

The Spread of the Kingdom



A Twenty-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins



Dates, Times, Location

January - May, September - November 2015
First class is January 28, 2015, 20 sessions total
We meet usually three times a month, not every week.

Time: 7-9pm.

Where: Kindergarten room of St. Cletus School

Cost/Registration

Class fee is \$20. Study kit fee is \$30 if you wish to order a study kit (highly recommended). Total cost \$50.

Registration will be after masses on Jan 3/4 and 10/11.
Class materials will be ordered on Jan 12. If you register and/or pay after that date you must order study kit yourself.

For More Information

Stop by the registration table on Jan 3/4 or 10/11 to talk to a CREDO member or go to website below.

This is a DVD study course, Jeff Cavins is not present.

Acts is a story of hope. It's the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. *Acts* will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you live the lives of his first disciples.

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—Margaret A. Tirpak, NY



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YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Look Ahead

The fundamental prayer of Advent is a steady beat of "Come, Lord Jesus." Together, we **look ahead** to that day when the Lord Jesus will return in glory to bring us together in the kingdom that he will present to his Father. We look ahead to the end of our pilgrimage. We anticipate our destiny in the holy season of Advent.

In so many ways, each time we celebrate the sacraments, we also look ahead. The sacraments are signs that point to the presence of the living Christ in our midst right now. The sacraments also point ahead to our destiny. Baptism, for example, makes us sons and daughters in the Son, Jesus Christ. It gives us a glimpse of the glorious inheritance and destiny that will fully and completely be ours one day, when we see God face-to-face. Our Holy Communion now looks ahead to the heavenly banquet in our Father's house.

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Please remember our sick in your prayers:

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St. Cletus School News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Band Concert.....December 17
 Preschool Christmas Program.....December 19
 Start of Christmas Break.....December 22

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Why So Blue?

Our whole school continues to show its pride in being named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon recipient. Above, all our students, teachers and faculty gathered together for a fun picture.

Thank you again to our parish community for your financial and spiritual support in helping St. Cletus provide our students both present and past with a foundation of faith along with nationally recognized academics.



Way to go Cardinals!

Congratulations to the St. Cletus 8th-grade girls A volleyball team for taking 2nd place overall at the Queen of Peace tournament. Way to go girls!

December 8, 2014

The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8.

The feast came to the West in the eighth century. In the 15th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity and is often celebrated with Holy Mass, parades, fireworks, processions, ethnic foods, and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is generally considered a "family day."

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An Advent Calendar for the Digital Age

St. Cletus launched its very own interactive Advent Calendar. Some calendar dates feature Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Hillgoth, and faculty delivering the message. Find a link on the parent page or visit <http://adventcountdown.org/st-cletus/>

**ST. CLETUS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND, December 20/21**

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!
THANK YOU.**

ST. CLETUS



The next book is:
All the Lights We Cannot See
by *Anthony Doerr*

We will meet to discuss it on
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Room to be determined

WORD OF LIFE

“Are we moved by the suffering of those without shelter? Do we seek to alleviate the fear, confusion and panic that women facing unexpected pregnancies may be experiencing? Do our hearts ache for elderly patients in nursing homes who feel abandoned and unwanted, having no one to visit them?”

Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ’s love.”



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

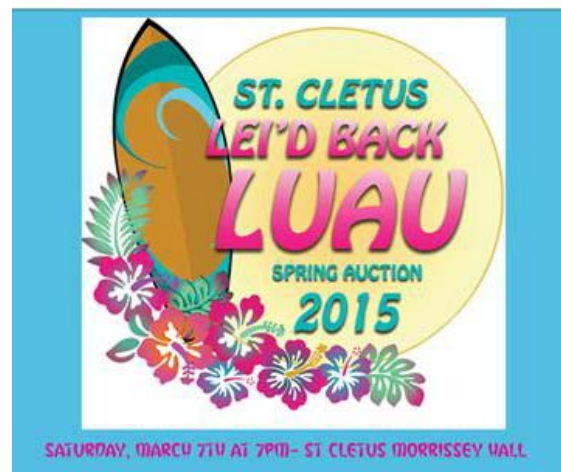
Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: *Las Posadas* begins;

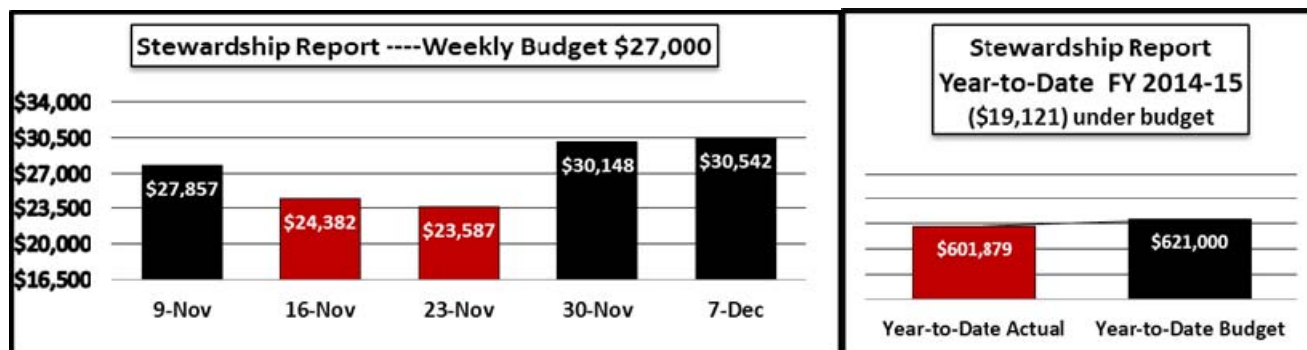
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church’s life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

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“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice Always” means place your trust in God; He will provide you with all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 14	7:00 a.m.	C	Giving Tree Gift Return
Monday, December 15	4:00 p.m.	S-Music	Junior Choir Girls Grades 5-8
	7:00 p.m.	C	Parish Forgiveness (Reconciliation) Service
	8:30 p.m.	MH	Men’s Basketball
Tuesday, December 16	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
	8:00 p.m.	S-202	Spanish Ministry Men’s Prayer Group
	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boys’ Church League Fresh/Soph
Wednesday, December 17	6:30 p.m.	C	Advent Mass
	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
	7:00 p.m.	S-213	FSA Meeting
	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boys’ Church League/Juniors
Thursday, December 18	4:00 p.m.	S-Music	Treble Choir Boys Grades 3-8
	5:00 p.m.	S-Music	Children’s Choir Girls Grades 3-4
	6:30 p.m.	S-Band	Contempo Ensemble Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
	7:30 p.m.	S-Music	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 19	9:00 a.m.	C	School Mass
	2:30 p.m.	MH Lobby	MANNA Cash & Carry
	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Spanish Ministry Christmas Posadas
Saturday, December 20	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Spanish Ministry Christmas Posadas
Sunday, December 21	8:00 a.m.	MH Lobby	Giving Tree Distribution
	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
C...Church Narthex...Church Vestibule (East & West) MH...Morrissey Hall			S...School (Education Building) RB...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

Sunday: 8:00am-12:30pm

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to pdrobny@stcletusparish.com.