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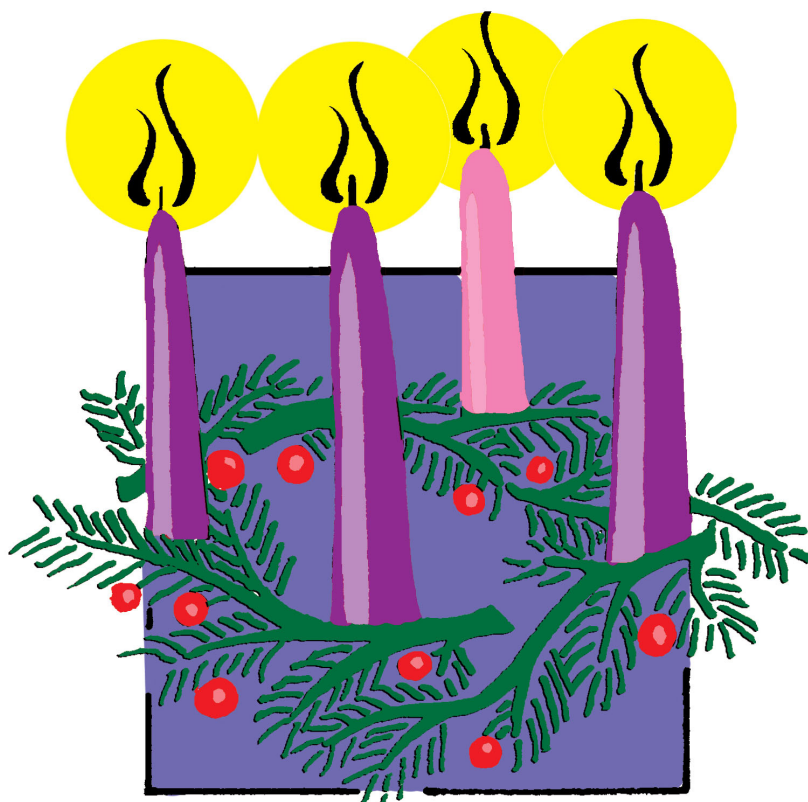
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014




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 December 22 – December 28, 2014

Day	Presider Subject to change	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Karen Marie Wilson, Special Intention for Laura Brooks
Tuesday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Ann Baker
Wednesday Christmas Eve Spanish	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Clark/Dcn Heyes Fr. Baker Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Clark Fr. Rodriguez/Dcn Casas Fr. Clark & All/Dcn Heyes	2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. MH 3:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m. MH 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	 <p>PARISH PRIESTS' INTENTIONS</p>
Thursday Christmas Day	Fr. Clark Fr. Anglim/Dcn Casas Fr. Baker Fr. Rodriguez	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	
Friday	Fr. Rodriguez	8:00 a.m.	Jozef & James Slowik, Neil Cunningham, Dan Rosko
Saturday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Michael Liszeo, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Bob Soldat, Georgia Popp
Sunday Feast of the Holy Family Spanish	Fr. Rodriguez Fr. Baker Fr. Anglim/Dcn Casas Fr. Baker Fr. Rodriguez	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Frank Miller, Howard Madsen, Maria & John Wisniewski, Shirley & Dale Peterson St. Cletus Parishioners Agnes & Albert Hinton, Lorraine & George Kurland, Dr. Thomas Murphy, Eugene Hickey, Denise Rahilly, Dolores Marcin Frances Klimcke, Betty Niwa, Marian Rivera, Shirley Virella David Israel Villagomez, Maria Rosa Chavez



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Gerda E. Dorso, Jean Weekly, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Stacy Rodey, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Pauline Passardi, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Grace Dominick, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, David Harrington, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Fernando Cabral, Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Jacquelyn Fuchs, Loretta Johncola, Catherine Mlot, Denise Rowalka, Marty Weber, Barbara Kotus, Hector Gonzalez, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, George Duda, Steven Onusaitis, Lorraine Walter, Marilyn Matesevac, Barbara Stamm, and Teddy Kowalski. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

**RECTORY HOLIDAY HOURS**

December 24	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
December 27	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
December 31, 2014	9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

PLEASE NOTE: December 26

ALL facilities will be closed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

January 1, 2015 CLOSED

The office will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2014

King David wants to mark a new stage in his reign. His wars have ended, his enemies have been subdued, his kingdom is secure, his palace is built. A new era of peace and prosperity beckons, and David seeks to commemorate this, to show the permanence of his achievements and power, by constructing a suitable dwelling place for God. This is something very natural – an act of recognition of God, but also an expression of David's own position, power and accomplishments.

Perhaps in our own way, we can have something of David's mixed motives in our relationship with God. There can be times when we consciously do things for God. It might be a major life-decision or a small act of kindness or self-sacrifice. Mixed up in our selfishness and dedication can be a little of what David felt: a certain self-conscious pride in what we are doing, perhaps a desire to be noticed and admired by others, or at least to make ourselves seem worthy in our own eyes, a feeling that we are giving God something over and above what might be expected. It can be as if, somehow, we can make God grateful to us, perhaps even get God to realize that he owes us something.

The Lord's reply to David should snap us out of such self-delusion. Whatever David thinks he is doing for God, God reminds David of all the great things he has done for him and for the people of Israel. All things come from him, and David would be nothing without him. He reminds David how utterly dependent he is on God's graciousness – not just in the present and in the past, but also stretching right out into the future. This is also a salutary reminder to us of just how much we depend on God's goodness – and that we can never give anything to God which he has not first given to us. We cannot earn or deserve, let alone coerce his love. Anything we do for God is always a response – and a very inadequate one – to the greatness of God's love for us in the first place.

There is a marked distinction between David and Mary. Mary is under no illusions about her own importance. Far from having David's brash confidence in approaching God, Mary is disturbed, confused; she needs to be reassured that there is no need to fear. In saying she is a virgin; Mary is acknowledging her own emptiness, her inability to do what God is asking of her on her own. It is only by the power of God himself that Mary is able to allow God to achieve his purposes. Mary's humble acquiescence is in stark contrast to David's proud self-confidence.

It is through Mary that God finally builds himself a home, a dwelling-place among his people. He lives not in a house of wood or stone, but in a womb of flesh and blood, a heart full of love. As we stand on the threshold of another celebration of God's coming into our world at Christmas, like Mary, we need to listen to the voice of God and acknowledge our own emptiness and dependence on God, but like her, trustingly give our "yes" to God. Like Mary, we too can say: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done unto me." It is when we seek God's will, not our own, that God really can come and make his home in us. And through our lives, his love can then become real – in the flesh – in the world through us. That is God's invitation and challenge to us. As individuals and a Church, we can have confidence not in our own abilities and talents but in God's faithfulness and power. For nothing is impossible to God.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Our Advent Journey is just about completed. In a few days we will, once again, celebrate together the great gift of the Father who sends His only begotten Son into our world. The gift of Jesus in our world and our daily lives is what we pause to celebrate during this holy season. May each of you and your families experience the true gift of God's love in Jesus this Christmas.

I would like to express the warmest thoughts and prayers to you all this Christmas from myself, Fr. Edgar, Fr. Ken, Fr. Ron, Deacon Jesus, Deacon Stuart, and the entire St. Cletus Staff. May the true meaning and grace of the Christ Child be with you and remain with you always.

*Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



How Can This Be?

O Most High,
 you who sent beautiful and fearsome
 Gabriel to Mary,
 we rejoice in that moment.
 Troubled, she pondered.
 How not to fear?
 Yet she met his eyes with her question.
 She listened: the Holy Spirit,
 the power of the Most High,
 the Son of God.
 All this you prepared and proposed
 to give us yourself.
 We ask for her courage,
 to receive you,
 to meet your eyes, to ask, to ponder,
 to be a faithful handmaid.
 We ask this through the same
 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 21, 2014
Faithfulness and Kindness

Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89: 2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38. The connection between the First Reading and the Gospel today is hard to miss. In the First Reading, David is told of the heir that will come from him, and in the Gospel, Mary hears that her son will receive “the throne of his ancestor David.” With that throne comes a kingdom. David is told that his kingdom will never end and Mary hears the same of her son's kingdom.

The attitude of the main characters in these stories, though, varies greatly. Mary, who is a model of discipleship, appears to rest in the Lord. She waits and listens for the Lord. When the angel Gabriel has delivered the message, her willingness to do God's will is apparent. King David, sure that he needs to do something for God, plans to build a house for the Lord. Through Nathan, David hears that it is

the Lord who has accomplished much for him and will continue to look after him. David need not establish a house for the Lord; the Lord will establish a house for David.

Should you look up the Second Reading in the Bible, you will find that it is a doxology concluding St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Sometimes these doxologies are hard to understand out of context. It is best to read the doxology slowly. When read phrase by phrase, we see that St. Paul is telling the Church in Rome that God is their strength and should be glorified. The Church has come to understand this strength through the Good News that Paul has spread, Christ's proclamation, and the prophetic writings. With Christmas only days away, these readings help us consider how we listen for God and how our words and deeds glorify him.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 22, 2014

O Rex Gentium, O King of the nations

Both of today's readings tell of improbable births. In the First Reading from 1 Samuel, we hear of Hannah, who had been sterile, but upon praying to the Lord she bore Samuel. In the Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth, who in old age bears a child. As Mary meets Elizabeth, she proclaims how God has come to her in her lowliness. In these days before Christmas, you might want to make Mary's prayer yours. Consider praying the *Magnificat* each evening before the family meal. Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24–28; Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4–5, 6–7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46–56.

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

St. John Kanty, Priest

O Emmanuel, O Emmanuel

John of Kanty (1390–1473) was a humble priest who shared what he had with the poor. He was able to do so because he placed his trust in God. Today's Gospel portrays the trust that Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, had in God. After John the Baptist was born, Zechariah would not allow the baby to be named after him. The child's name would be John, the name given by the angel. Is our trust in the Lord evident to others? Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24; Psalm 25:4–5ab, 8–9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57–66.

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

Blessed Be the Lord!

Today's Gospel contains the Canticum of Zechariah. You have been encouraged to pray the words of the *Magnificat*, the Canticum of Mary, at the evening meal. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Canticum of Zechariah (the *Benedictus*, Luke 1:67–79) is prayed during Morning Prayer. Consider adding this prayer to your daily prayers. People from around the world celebrate the Nativity of the Lord in various ways. What are the traditions that you cherish? Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67–79.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

The Nativity of the Lord

Even though you have read and heard the story of Jesus's birth many times, try to take a few minutes alone today to reflect on verses 8–14 from today's Gospel. In these verses, heaven reaches out to the shepherds, penetrating their senses and emotions. The glory of the Lord shines before them, and they are fearful. The angels sing and they leave with haste to find the Savior. How do you allow the message to reach your senses? Today's Readings (Mass during the Night): Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 11–12, 13; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14.

Friday, December 26, 2014

Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused and condemned to death because he spoke the truth fearlessly. Do people in your community face discrimination for their beliefs? Pray for all who face discrimination for proclaiming their faith and belief in Jesus Christ, especially those who face a martyr's death. Can you recall the names of some modern-day martyrs? Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17–22.

Saturday, December 27, 2014

Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

We might be surprised to read an account of the Resurrection just two days after Christmas. This reading clearly links the Incarnation with the Resurrection, a unity celebrated throughout Christmas Time. Considering the connection of Christmas to Easter may enrich our celebration. We may move beyond just celebrating the birth of an infant to rejoicing that God loved us enough to send his Son to die and rise for us. Today's Readings: 1 John 1:1–4; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; John 20:1a, 2–8.



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Keeping the Seasons
Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas 2014–2015



If we speak and our listener **nods** her head, we know that she has accepted what we say. We know that there is agreement.

At the heart of the story of Advent and Christmas, we know that we are called to nod to God's Word. God would not enter this world unwelcomed. God looks for our nod. And so, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands for all humanity and nods to the Lord, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

We believe that the sacraments bring us the presence of the living Christ. And we also believe that his presence is never imposed. As we receive the sacraments, the Lord looks for us to nod to him and to welcome his sacramental presence with hearts full of faith.

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VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for School on Wheels Adult Literacy/English as a Second Language program, which is a ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph of La Grange Park. Tutors are asked to teach one hour or more per week, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at locations in Brookfield, Cicero, Downers Grove, Hodgkins, Lombard, Villa Park, Summit, or Woodridge.

No prior second language skills are needed, however, it is necessary to attend a two-day tutor training session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2015, at the Congregation of St. Joseph Center in La Grange Park. Further information is available by calling (708) 482-5060 or (708) 482-5077.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Winter begins
 Tuesday: St. John of Kanty
 Wednesday: The Vigil of Christmas
 Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Friday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
 Saturday: St. John



CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

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

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

ACCOMPANIMENT

ORGAN/CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING
VOCALIST/PIANO
CHANCEL CHOIR
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR



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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2014

**The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.**

—Luke 1:35

Social Concerns Update!



The Christmas Food Baskets, along with Christmas gifts, will be distributed to our local recipients this weekend on Sunday. If you took a red “Food Basket” tag from the Giving Tree, please bring your basket to **Morrissey Hall this Sunday, December 21, between 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Remember to securely attach your tag to the basket, so we know the size of the family for which it is intended. 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. Thanks for helping make the holidays brighter for a needy family in our community!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Although our shelves are looking pretty well stocked thanks to your donations and a number of holiday food drives, they quickly empty as we fill bags for this month and the early January 8 distribution.

- Most needed items at this time include cereal, boxed side dishes, canned chili, canned meat, snacks, canned/powdered milk, paper goods and diapers size 3-6.
- Please drop off your donations in church after weekend Masses or daily 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On behalf of the households we serve, THANK YOU and may your Christmas be filled with joy and peace!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

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.

Fr. Ken

St. Cletus School News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Start of Christmas Break.....December 22
 FSA Roller Skating Party.....December 29
 School ResumesJanuary 5

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Merry Christmas From Everyone at St. Cletus School!

All of our students, teachers, and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish the parishioners of St. Cletus happiness this Holiday Season.

May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love be with you at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at St. Cletus School!



A Season of Giving

We feel that it is important for the student community of St. Cletus to have a meaningful experience of giving during the season of Advent. In this spirit, for our Advent project this year each class has chosen a family from the parish giving trees. The students will work together to collect food and prepare Christmas baskets for needy families in the La Grange area.



Thank you to our St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers



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ST. CLETUS



The next book is:

All the Lights We Cannot See

by *Anthony Doerr*

We will meet to discuss it on

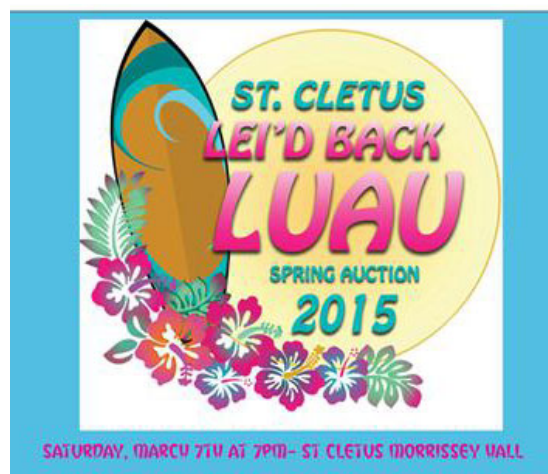
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Room to be determined

WORD OF LIFE

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed...As members of a community of faith ourselves, let us comfort those who mourn as we look forward together to a time when all tears are dried and our families are whole once again."

-Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage," 2014-15 Respect Life Program, USCCB



DUE TO THE EARLY PRINTING OF THE CANTICLE THE SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 12-14-14 WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S CANTICLE.

"HAIL, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU!" -LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's grace.



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Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708) 352-6209.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Sunday, December 21	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	MH Lobby S-207	Giving Tree Distribution Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Monday, December 22	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-207 S-Music	Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 23	4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-Music S-207	All Youth Choirs Rehearsal Spanish Ministry Christmas Novena
Wednesday, December 24	} See Pages 2 & 7 for Mass Times		
Thursday, December 25			ALL Facilities Closed
Friday			ALL Facilities Closed After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday			
Sunday			
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).

EUCCHARISTIC 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-12:30 p.m.

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