

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

APRIL 5, 2020

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.**
— PHILIPPIANS 2:9

ZION GATE
JERUSALEM

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

MATTHEW 21:9

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cardinal Cupich has mandated the suspension until further notice of all liturgical services (weekend and daily masses, confessions, reconciliation services). In addition, he has mandated the closing of schools and religious education programs operated by the archdiocese.

This mandate will continue through Easter. Palm Sunday and Holy Week Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly in our parishes. Easter sacraments for RCIA candidates and catechumens are to be postponed – guidance will be provided later on when they might be celebrated after this crisis subsides.

Please continue to pray for the People of God and for all whom the Coronavirus and these closings affect.

APRIL 5
2020

**Palm
Sunday**
OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

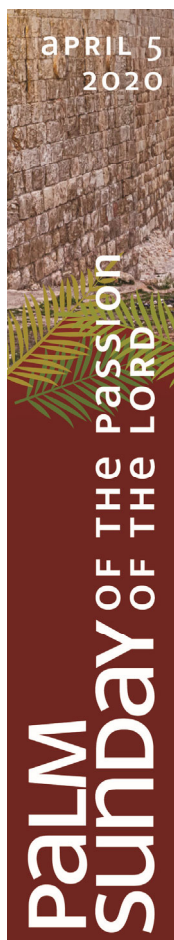
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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 6 - April 12, 2020

Please note that all Mass Intentions during the temporary closing will be rescheduled for future weeks when Masses are celebrated. Family members who would like to request a specific date should contact the parish office.

Day	Intentions
Monday	Shirley Funk
Tuesday	Joseph & Kay Klemak, Frank Dunbar & John Battistoni, Nick, Veronica & Edmund Brzezniak
Wednesday	Virginia Rachford, Richard Gomez, Andrew L. Jaskierski
Thursday	St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	St. Cletus Parishioners
Saturday	St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	St. Cletus Parishioners

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME



Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday: At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.

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PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March

Frank Niwa, Virginia Klecka

February

Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz

January

Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Don King, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Rachael Schopp, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Letter from Fr. Bob...

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and have the resources you need amidst the current restrictions. We know these measures are designed to protect our well-being and that of our broader community and world.

The ministries of St. Cletus continue to adjust and adapt to today's reality, which seems to change day by day...sometimes by the hour. We remain flexible to this change and committed to serving the needs of our parishioners and community, even if the way we minister looks different. We continue to provide weekly curbside service to feed the hungry through our food pantry, both School and Religious Education students continue their education through eLearning, and other resources that are available. The parish staff are working remotely to ensure as much continuity in our operations as is possible.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Though our parish family may be physically separated from one another, we are blessed with several ways we can unite in prayer and devotion.

Online Masses are available on the Archdiocese of Chicago and St. Cletus Parish websites. ABC 7 has been airing Mass with Cardinal Cupich on Sundays at 9:30am. There are also many resources online for Catholic prayer and devotion.

GIVING TOGETHER

All parish Masses and liturgies through Easter Sunday will not be celebrated publicly. This is leading to extreme losses in our offertory income, which is placing all of our ministries and operations at significant risk. Our staff and parish community depend upon your regular, weekly offertory contributions and, during this current challenge, they are needed more than ever.

Please consider giving online through our parish website, where you can make a weekly offertory and/or Easter contribution to maintain and keep all of our ministries and services. We ask you to prayerfully consider maintaining your regular weekly donation level or even increasing it during these times.

If you prefer to make an offertory donation by check, please mail them to St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525.

The fact that this pandemic is occurring during our Lenten journey and Easter celebration offers each of us important reminders about the role of faith, hope and charity in our daily lives and in whom we place our trust. I believe we are being called by Jesus Christ to a renewed sense of solidarity. This is a time for unity in prayer, not for isolation; it is a time for hope, not despair; it is a time for generosity, not self-focus. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)

May God grant you peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways.

Easter Prayers and Blessings to all as we are reminded that God is with us each day.

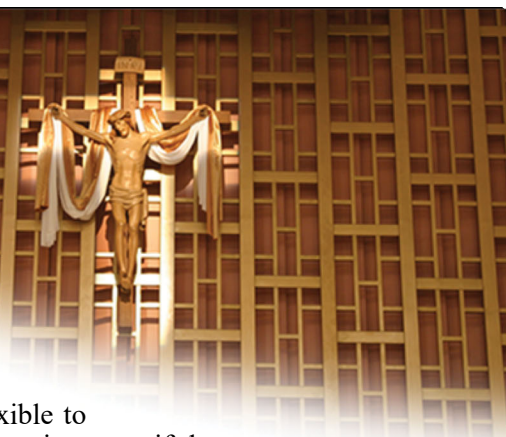
Even though we are not able to receive Jesus physically in Holy Communion, know that he is in Spiritual communion with each of us every day.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office at (708) 352-6209. If we aren't able to immediately answer, please leave a message in the general parish voicemail which is monitored remotely.

*Prayers of Good Health,
"He is Risen" "Alleluia"*



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Granola Bars
- Meals in a Can (Ravioli, etc.)
- Boxed Potatoes
- Flavored Rice/Noodle Sides

Donations can be dropped off in the Food Pantry bins near the Rectory.

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*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418
kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

FOOD PANTRY



New Donation Drop Off Location

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, this will be checked daily. A list of our most needed items can be found to the left. Please do not make a special trip out to the store if you do not need to!

Food Pantry Update

We are adapting quickly to the changes that continue to come our way, while still continuing to meet the increasing need of our neighbors. Our food pantry distribution during “shelter in place” is going very well. **We saw a 22% increase** in households receiving food, the first week and we only expect this number to increase as more and more people are out of work, get sick, lose health insurance, etc.

As noted last week, in order to keep everyone safer we have made a number of changes:

- Switched to prepacked bags of food
- Only offering curbside pickup, like a drive thru
- Cut back the number of volunteers at each shift
- Encouraged our “at-risk” volunteers to remain at home
- We are only releasing our volunteer sign up one week at a time. We want to make sure when you sign up you are in good health and not trying to sign up weeks from now.

We have been in regular contact with the Greater Chicago Food Depository. We are so grateful for their strong leadership during this crisis.

We also want to express our gratitude to all of you. Your support has been overwhelming! Thank you!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR A MATCHING GRANT!

We have been given an anonymous matching grant up to \$20,000! Can you please help us match this donation? We have never come to you like this before!

With the current pandemic, our neighbors need help now more than ever. We are here to help. To ensure we have the necessary resources, we need adequate funding. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us continue our services. All donations go directly to the operation of our pantry. We appreciate your support! Here are some benefits to making a monetary donation:

- A monetary donation can stretch 8-10x further than it would at a grocery store because we can purchase items at a deep discount through the Greater Chicago Food Depository.
- Funds allow us to buy what our clients need, when they need it.
- Food donations must be sorted, dates checked, and processed by volunteers, which we are trying to limit during this pandemic.
- Funds allow us to purchase necessary safety and sanitation items, such as wipes and gloves.

All donations are tax-deductible

Online donations can be made here: <https://bit.ly/2UMNfeP> Or you can write a check

to "St. Cletus Food Pantry" and mail it to: 600 W. 55th St. LaGrange, IL 60525. **Can you help us reach the full amount of this matching donation?** Your \$10 donation becomes \$20, a donation of \$50 becomes \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200!

LENTEN OUTREACH



Do This in Memory of Me - As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

WORD OF LIFE



"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2019-2020 Respect Life Reflection
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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

We are hoping to bring the SVDP Donation Truck May 16 & 17. The truck will accept clothing and small household items (no furniture).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy during this uncertain time. We are very aware of the extra stress, fear, and danger that "shelter in place" puts on families with domestic violence. Individuals normal opportunities to get out of the house for work, school, activities and to see other people is greatly limited or non-existent.

We wanted to remind you that our Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry is still here for you at this time.

- If you would like to talk directly to one of our volunteers please call 708.215.5418 and leave a message for someone to call you back. Or email kgrant@stcletusparish.com
- Pillar's 24-hour DV hotline is available at 708.485.5254
- If you prefer not to talk on the phone, or if it unsafe to do so, you can chat directly with someone at: <https://www.thehotline.org/what-is-live-chat/>
- Call your local police or 911, if needed
- Under the "shelter in place" order we are still allowed to be outside, to go for walks, etc.

We are thinking of you, please let us know if we can be of any assistance.



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Sunday Notes



HOSANNA!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Monday: Monday of Holy Week
 Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
 Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins
 Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
 Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
 Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *The Roman Missal*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Sunday, March 28 - Sunday, April 4, 2010

“The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mt 26:14 — 27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." ' " The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written:

I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;

but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying

the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.' " The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you:

From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.' "

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They

(continued from page 7) bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet,

And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull—they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they

had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.' " The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

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Ministry News

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

**"Vegas Night--Where The Sky is The Limit!"
Saturday, May 16**

The Auction is now just over two months away. We have rescheduled for Saturday, May 16, so mark your calendar, as you will want to come out and celebrate! Not only will we celebrate our school, but we will celebrate surviving COVID-19! We have fabulous Live Auction items to sweep us away and amazing silent auction items to warm our hearts. Check out the Live items on our website: auction.stcletusschool.com.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Religious Education activities are temporarily suspended. We hope to resume classes on April 19/20 as planned, but will update all RE families as more information becomes available.

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Age of kids in VBS: Any child entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade in the fall is welcome to register!

Can I volunteer? YES! We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for Junior High and High School Students as well as Adults to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com or call (708) 352-2383.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to the temporary closing of the parish the weekly collection numbers were unavailable at the time of printing this bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of St. Cletus Parish during this difficult time.

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If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2019 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email bkallal@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

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