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Mass Intentions for April 19 - 25, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
April 19	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Louie & Sylvia Pesut, Special Intention - Josephine Arcuiole
April 20	8:00am	Fr. Gamboa	Frank Wojcik, Agnes Meske
April 21	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Gene Skorepa
April 22	8:00am	Fr. Clark	Gracia Battistoni
April 23	8:00am	Fr. Gamboa	Christina Joyce
April 24	5:00pm	Fr. Baker	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Bill Bolton, John E. Lawless, Bob Staudacher
April 25	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	George Duda, Frank Treski, Stacy Baker, Thomas Koral, Richard Gomez Carol Dale, Lena & Harry Massagli, Don Marshall, John Jacobs, Rosemarie Gallagher Frances Skalski, Patricia Hays, Jordon Nicolosi, Robert Rettig Marcus Garcia

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Rosemary Moreno

Wife of Eduardo Moreno, Sister of Georgina Silva

Dolores Schwappach

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

April - Laurie Stewart, Catherine Cosgrove

March - Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti

February - Virginia Klecka, Montana Jennings, Judy McLean, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Sandra Eckrich, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Laura Terrazino, Patrick Wingert

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

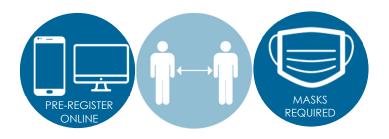
CONFESSIONS

Please note that confessions are offered the first Saturday of the month from 8:30-9:15 a.m. You must pre-register to attend.

ONLINE SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All worship opportunities require that you pre-register. No walk-ins allowed. The sign up links can be found on our website, steletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office for assistance at 708.352.6209.

Recordings of masses are available on the St. Cletus Parish YouTube channel.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

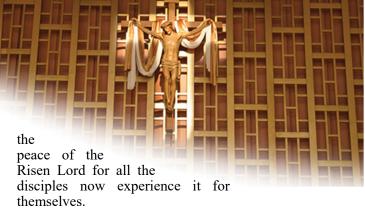
At some point in your life you will have met someone really special. Perhaps it was a famous celebrity from film or television. Maybe it was a sportsman or woman renowned for their world records. It could even have been an old man who, in his seventies, jumped from a plane (with a parachute), bungee-jumped from a bridge in New Zealand and learned to scuba-dive in the Bahamas. Perhaps it was somebody a little more ordinary, a next-door neighbor or friend who made a huge impression upon you. They seemed to be so alive, generous and loving, that you found their company exciting and liberating.

When these meetings occur we try to make the moment last as long as possible. We find out as much as possible in case we will never get the chance to speak to them again. Then we always want to get back home or back to work and tell everybody all about it: "you'll never believe who I met this morning when I took the dog out!" Usually people will be interested for a little while but if we go on a little too long about this marvelous encounter our friends and family will soon begin to get bored. They may eventually try to change the subject altogether.

It is important for us to understand how others can be so disinterested in this remarkable encounter. "Why don't you get it? This is amazing and you don't seem too interested at all! If only you could have been with me when I met so-and-so you would be excited too!"

The disciples are huddled in the upper room and have been listening to the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The lives of these two disciples were turned upside down by their meeting with the Risen Lord and they wanted the other disciples to hear all about it. What were the feelings in the room at that moment? Perhaps some were jealous that it wasn't they who had met Jesus on the way to Emmaus. Maybe a few were still sitting in stunned disbelief – "Can this be true?" There might even have been a few who believed that what the disciples had told them was true, but were angry because they didn't know how they could meet Jesus.

Immediately after the telling of their story Jesus himself appears in the room. He interrupts all their solitary musings and the tender emotions of that moment and wakes everybody up with his presence. Some are still slow to understand what is going on — "Is it a ghost? How do I get out of here?" But Jesus reassures them, "It is I." And he gives them his peace. He is the same Master they had known but he is changed and glorified. The telling of the Emmaus story had set the scene and prepared the hearts of the disciples. However, the telling of their story could not substitute for the other disciples' own meeting with the Risen Lord. They no longer need to speak about



Each of us is called to share the Good News of the Risen Lord. A vital part of that sharing is the telling of our own experiences of God and God's saving love for us. Yet, it is vital for us to remember that, powerful though our sharing may be, it can never truly bring someone else to faith. Only a personal meeting, an encounter, with the Risen Lord can truly bring the peace that the world cannot bring. We are bearers of Good News but it is the Lord himself who will bring the word we share to fruition.

As servants of the word we share the Good News freely, but we do not assume responsibility for everything that happens afterwards. Perhaps someone may be resistant at first to the knowledge of God's love for them; perhaps they may even be hostile because of some past hurt. Whatever the situation, we simply share our trust in Jesus and pray that, in the fullness of time, the person may come to a personal knowledge of God for himself or herself.

The Emmaus disciples told their story and prepared the other disciples for the appearing of the Risen Lord. Let us be bold and generous in sharing the Good News we have received. Let us also be gentle, trusting that the Lord's desire for these people to draw near to him is much stronger and more influential than our meager words.

Easter Blessings,

Fr. Bob, Pastor

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Canned meats (chicken, ham, etc)
- Flavored rice/noodles
- 2 lb dry pinto beans
- Canned pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc)

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



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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

HELPFUL INFORMATION



COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses
- Death must have occurred in the United States
- Death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.



HOW TO APPLY?

- An official death certificate
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.)
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs.



HOW ARE FUNDS RECEIVED?

 You will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number Applications begin on April 12, 2021 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Did you know? ICP volunteers can drive older adults (60+) to get their COVID vaccines if they have no other way to get there. Please think about your older adult neighbors who may need help during this difficult time and share ICP's office phone number: (708) 354-9328

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide escorted transportation for people 60 and better to get to places like physician appointments and therapies. We do not charge our clients and ask for suggested donations, when able.

Interfaith Community Partners also offers Library Home Delivery Service.

We need volunteer drivers!

We'll train you via Zoom. We'll work around your busy life. Background check required. Find out more about Interfaith Community Partners at https://interfaithcommunitypartners.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Chicago has a Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry? For more information, including articles, videos, and educational resources, check out their website or social media pages:

Website: www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org Facebook: @DomesticViolenceOutreach

Instagram: @DVOChicago Twitter: @DVOChicago

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box below **You are not alone.**





WORD OF LIFE

"Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)."

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life". (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please view our programs and register at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708 -482-5048. All programs are on Zoom.

Awakening the Dreamer

Tuesday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Based on climate science and indigenous wisdom, this symposium was launched in 2005 to wake the North up, out of our trance. Dip into the dream of a world that works for everyone, with a sustainable human presence on our planet, in this morning of powerful videos and transformative conversation led by Bridget Sperduto.

Write Your Soul

Wednesdays: May 5, 12, 19, 26 | 9:30 – 11 a.m. During COVID hibernation, did you come upon a long-lost journal? Did you begin the habit of using it again? Did you want to but didn't know where to begin? Learn some

creative techniques with Diane Pfahler, SND.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Blossoms of Hope – April 25th

The Blossoms of Hope Virtual Event will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 to support the Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. The event will include inspiring speakers, raffle & silent auction prizes, and the opportunity to remember & honor loved ones lost to suicide and those who survive them. For information, please contact Kaaron Johnson at kajohnson@catholiccharities.net.

Counseling Support Line

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Health care workers in particular are encouraged to reach out. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PROGRAMS



Divorce and Beyond Support Group

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. on Zoom April 15, 22, 29 - May, 6, 13, 20

St. John of the Cross Parish is hosting an 6-week virtual support group for those who have been through a divorce or who are in the midst of the divorce process. Divorce and Beyond meetings are faith-based and designed to bring hope and healing to one of life's most difficult experiences. Topics include; dealing with stress, anger, loneliness, forgiveness, and healing. Experienced leaders create an open and confidential atmosphere that is conducive to discussion, reflection and sharing. https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond/



Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. on Zoom April 12-May 17

Seasons of Hope is a six-session bereavement support group designed to help participants navigate the grieving process.

Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. There is no obligation to share, and all sharing is held in confidence within the group. Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process. It is suggested that participants allow 3 to 6 months from the time of loss before attending. Seasons of Hope is co-sponsored by St. John of the Cross Parish and St. Francis Xavier Parish. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome. Call Steve Weigand at 708-246-4404x137 with questions. https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/seasons-of-hope-grief-support/

St. Cletus School

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Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal 708) 352-4820 | cschaefer@steletusparish.com





We saw so many robins in our courtyard! They were all looking for food and things to build their nests! They use sticks, leaves and branches for their nests and they were looking for worms for breakfast! You just never know what great learning opportunities will pop up in Junior Kindergarten!



Ministry News

MUSIC MINISTRY

Greetings from the Music Ministry....

Organ music throughout Eastertide!

It is with profound appreciation that I wish to share the news surrounding the organ music that we are currently experiencing at weekend masses!

You may recall that at our weekend masses during Advent last year, we had the pleasure of prelude music which was provided by organist, Ray Horsley. Unfortunately for us (but good for him!), shortly after Christmas, Ray quite unexpectedly decided to return to Guatemala where he makes a living as a jazz pianist! (Just as an FYI...I kept the door wide open with Ray, and eventually, when he returns to the LaGrange area, he will be invited back as a guest organist! He seems agreeable to that offer!)

So, it was at Ray's last mass I announced who he was, our appreciation for his music (which was met with great applause) and how I hoped that the budget would allow for more organ music in the future.

I was extremely pleased when I was contacted in January by a parishioner who commented on how uplifting it had been to hear the organ played with such fervor and how they would like to fund a future organist...perhaps during Lent.

In discussion with Fr. Bob, it was determined that Lent might not be the best time for great organ music, but that perhaps the Easter season might be more appropriate. So, in discussion with our generous parishioner, we agreed that they would fund the refurbishing of our (quite old) organ AND cover the cost of an organist for three masses each weekend for the seven weeks of Easter, ending on May 23rd, Pentecost.

We are truly blessed as a parish to accept this generosity and I know that you all share my sincere gratitude to this anonymous benefactor!

Next week's Canticle will feature some bio information on the two organists, Kelly Dobbs-Mickus and Cathy Hlavacek, who will be "on the bench" with us until, for now, Sunday, May 23rd!

Just one more thing...please offer prayers of thanksgiving for the entire music ministry: for our cantors, extra accompanists (who played at the Parish Center on Easter), instrumentalists and our organists who have shared their talent with our Parish throughout the pandemic, especially during the Triduum and Easter weekend and continue to do so!

May God bless us all. Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries

ST. CLETUS CCW FUNDRAISER ENDS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 18



Pampered Chef Fundraiser | April 8 - 18 https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/stcletusccw2021 A portion of the party sales will go to St Cletus CCW

Act Now! Sunday, April 18th is the last day to place an order for the CCW Pampered Chef Fundraiser. There are many opportunities to spice up your recipes or spruce up your kitchen! Maybe you can find a new gadget or replace an old one. Visit this website & order today! It's a winwin for you and the CCW outreach!

https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/stcletusccw2021

If there are any questions, or you need a paper catalogue call Karen at 773-576-0812.

ACCW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), which is supported by the St. Cletus CCW, offers a 4-year, \$1,000 renewable scholarship to young women who are seniors in high school. Application and guidelines are available at: accw.archchicago.org. Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2021. For more information, please contact: 312-534-8325.

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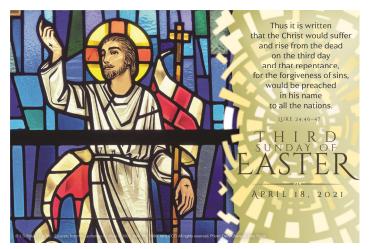
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BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

Sunday Notes



FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . . " (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,

17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;

1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm;

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

FEAST OF FAITH

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for

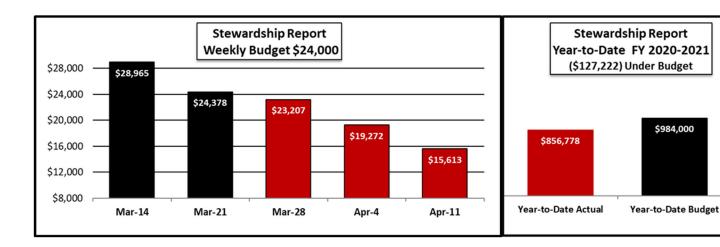
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MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb

Stewardship Report



WHY ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING?

Online giving is an easy, safe and convenient way to make offertory contributions to St. Cletus. Your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account.

Online Giving makes it easy for you to fulfill your financial commitments to the parish even when you are unable to attend Mass. You can change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. Giving electronically also helps our staff plan & budget.

Reasons to sign up for Online Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church.
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
- More secure than checks.
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement.

How Do I Get Started?

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at steletusparish.com and click the "**DONATE**" BUTTON (pictured below) then click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209



Tax Statement by Request Only

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2020 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket after Mass, or simply call the Parish Office at (708) 352-6209 and leave a message. Please include your name, phone and envelope # or address in your message. 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.

Name	Phone #
Address	Envelope #

St. Cletus Parish Information

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www.stcletusparish.com	f stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	l.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed	f

MASSES

Saturday Evening	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
·	12:30 p.m. (spanish)
Weekdays	

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 8:30-9:15 a.m. Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office(708) 215-5407

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Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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