

MARCH 31, 2024

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

We are the Easter people
and HALLELUJAH IS OUR
SONG. - St. Pope John
Paul II



EASTER SUNDAY

the Resurrection of the Lord



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Mass Intentions for April 1- April 7 2024

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
April 1	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Louie Marasovic, St. Cletus Purgatorial Society, Lidwina Duka, Rosita Duka, Karen Molis Golema
April 2	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Antoinette Colanda, Johaza Adan(Special Intention)
April 3	8:00am	Fr. Romero	William Garske
April 4	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Tom Noetzel, Mike Noetzel, Ralph Kriho & daughter Laura
April 5	8:00am	Fr. Kalas	Louie Marasovic, Nan and Bob Rettig, Renee Saban, Ralph J. Kriho
April 6	5:00pm	Fr. Novick	Frances and Albert Jachimek, Mary Stram Dybas
April 7	7:15am	Fr. Kalas	Philip Clark III, Frank Wojcik, Julia Kopacz
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Josephine Serrentino, Jose Juan Martinez Mendoza, Kay and Joe Klemak, Helen Whited, Robert and Agnes Findor, Sammy Colonna
	11am	Cardinal Blase Cupich	John and Stacy Baker, Zofia Mika, Edward Hrzenjak, Louis Berger, Rodrigo Gamboa

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 - Gary Lofgren, Joan Madell, Lewis Andres, Paul Rattin, Richard Madsen

March - James Phelan, Brandon Babinsky, Laura Terrazino

February -

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



Pastor's Note

*"On this day, Lord God,
you opened for us the way to eternal life
through your only Son's victory over death.
Grant that, as we celebrate the feast of his resurrection,
we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit
and rise again in the light of life."
Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB*

Dear Friends,

With gratitude and hope I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Easter!

As beloved daughters and sons of God, we have been the recipients and witnesses of the closeness, kindness, and love of God. We have let God walk with us. We have allowed him to heal our wounds and brokenness. We have invited him to be part of our struggles and joys. We all, at some point in our lives, felt and experienced God filling our hearts with his love.

Personally, I feel and experience the closeness, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the love of God in conversations and interactions I am lucky to have with many of you, planning a parish event that will bring us closer to one another and to the Lord or celebrating the sacraments. For example, praying and administering the Sacrament of the Holy Anointing to our loved ones continues to be a source of encounter with the Lord. Also celebrating a funeral or memorial Mass or celebrating Mass on weekdays and Sundays is another blessing that connects me with the Lord and for which I am most grateful.


Another source of encountering and experiencing the closeness, mercy, and love of God is the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a parish we offer the sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM. I am happy to let you know that almost every Saturday Fr. Mike and I hear confessions almost until 10:00 AM. During Lent, there were two priests and sometimes three priests hearing confessions every Saturday. This means that the Lord is eagerly engaging and inviting his children to return to him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Mike and I feel blessed to be around and part of something beautiful and profound.

Next Sunday, April 7th, 2024, we will be welcoming Cardinal Blase J. Cupich at our parish. He will be the principal celebrant and homilist at an 11:00 AM Mass which will be in English and Spanish (there will be no 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM Masses next Sunday). After Mass everyone is invited to the Parish Center for a Reception (Finger Foods) with Cardinal Cupich. This will be a special opportunity for all to offer Cardinal Cupich a personal warm welcome to St. Cletus and thank him for his support and leadership as the Archbishop of Chicago. I consider his visit as another source of experiencing the closeness of the Lord. In advance, I would like to thank you for your prayer, support, and participation.

As we celebrate Easter today, may the Risen Lord renew and strengthen our faith and rekindle in us his Spirit so that we can lead others to him.


Happy Easter!

Fr. Elmer Romero



**Join us for a special Mass
next Sunday at 11 AM.
Cardinal Cupich will be
the principal celebrant
and homilist.**

**Please note that this Mass will be
bilingual, in place of our regular
10:30 and 12:30 Masses.*



Note From Father Mike

Easter – God’s covenant fulfilled

Happy Easter to one and all!

After being less than 100% healthy last year around Easter because of some surgery I had to have, I have been longing to truly celebrate Easter joy with you. Yes, I was here for Easter, but it’s amazing how our bodies tell us our limitations. This year, that (to the time of this writing) is all behind me. I feel good in my physical health, and Easter is on the horizon.

I have certainly seen my share of Easter’s as a priest over nearly the past 23 years. I think of one particular Easter when my mom hosted myself, a friend of mine, and one of the religious sisters for dinner. It was a great dinner. Sr. Doris had been a teacher at our parish for many years up to that time. I believe she actually taught my brother in 4th or 5th grade. I was not blessed with that time as I “skipped” the unit/module she was teaching in. However, we became good friends over the years, even though that didn’t always involve a lot of social time. So having dinner with her that day was a great opportunity.

Of course, the subject of Easter morning Masses came up during dinner. I had preached with the help of a “gimmick” I had been thinking about. Sister Doris simply said, “you didn’t.” to which my mom replied “Oh, yes. Michael can be a little bit of a showman.” It was a great laugh and a marvelous memory.

Sister passed away just a few months later. I was so happy to have created such a memory on that glorious Easter morning.

Many blessings to all of you and much Easter Joy!

I hope you will be attending the Mass next weekend on April 7th at a special time - 11pm. The Mass will be bi-lingual. Our hope as a parish is to be willing to become one community of faith. I must say that every parish that takes on the gift of having Mass in more than one language, the transition is very difficult. Language can seriously divide. However, the Apostles were sent on their way to announce the gospel at Pentecost and did so in several languages. They ultimately all had one message – Jesus Christ is Risen from the Dead!!!

Blessings to all,

Fr. Michael Novick

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 x 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools’ Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Sharing Our Graces and Blessings

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Holy Name Society Pancake breakfast! It was a delightful and delicious morning!



CCW PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

A Bakery in the Spirit of Easter

A BIG THANK YOU to all the CCW members and parishioners who donated baked goods to our Palm Sunday Bake Sale. We were overwhelmed by everyone's giving spirit. There was an ample selection of cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, breads, biscuits, cupcakes, fruit filled favorites like lemon, blueberry and pineapple sweet breads, and artisan candies. Chocolate fans had their pick, too! Thanks to all who purchased and donated sweets. A special THANK YOU goes out to Kirsten's Danish Bakery in Burr Ridge, Kirschbaum's Bakery in Western Springs, Crumbl Cookies in LaGrange and Fill My Jar Candy Shop in Brookfield for their generous donations.

THANK YOU to all who purchased baked goods for their Easter baskets and tables. You are certain to WOW your guests. We do have one disclaimer: We are not responsible for any additional calories you have added to your diet.

Funds collected will be used to help support St. Cletus School and Faith Formation programs along with CCW service projects.

God bless you with the Spirit of Easter and new life in HIM!



Sacristan Training

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who attended the recent sacristan training here at the Parish of St. Cletus. Your dedication to serving our community with reverence, joy, and happiness is truly inspiring.

It is remarkable to see how many of you have been serving for over 20 years and yet remain eager to learn and grow in your roles each day. Your commitment to excellence and your willingness to continually deepen your knowledge and skills are a testament to your love for our parish and its mission.

A special thank you to Deacon Santos for leading the training and for generously sharing his knowledge and expertise with us. His guidance and support are invaluable, and we are truly blessed to have him as part of our parish family.

Thank you once again for your commitment and dedication. Your service is a blessing to us all.

With heartfelt gratitude, Norma Hernandez, Coordinator of Faith Formation for Children and Teens



Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Encountering Christ's Glorified Body

Catholicism is pretty weird when you think about it. We worship a God who entered our world 2,000 years ago as a Jewish carpenter, was executed as a criminal, rose from the dead, and continues to be truly present to us under the appearance of bread and wine when a priest follows an ancient ritual.

Dr. Paul Hilliard made this point when speaking at our recent Evening of Prayer & Reflection. Our job as the laity is to share the good news—that God loves us so much that he became one of us, defeated death, and offers us eternal life. It's extraordinary. And it's the hope our world sorely needs.

The Eucharist, too, can be difficult to comprehend. How can it be that we consume the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, who died and ascended into heaven so long ago? The Gospel stories we hear throughout Easter of Jesus appearing to his disciples may be helpful in answering this question.

When Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, to his apostles, and to the travelers on the road to Emmaus, they see him in his glorified body. It's different from before he died. He can walk through walls, suddenly appear and vanish, and travel great distances. He isn't immediately recognizable as the Nazarene rabbi and carpenter even to people who know him well. And yet it is Jesus, present in the flesh.

When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving the same glorified body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. It is under the appearance of bread and wine, but the substance is Jesus' body (hence why the doctrine is called "transubstantiation"). Like Jesus' disciples, we don't see Jesus the same way as before he died when we see the Eucharist, but we have it on good authority that "This is my body, which is given for you" (Luke 22:19).

If we believe the eternal God was able to enter into humanity, defeat death, and rise from the dead, we can trust that he really is present in the Eucharist.

Fish Fry Reflection

"On Behalf of the St. Cletus Fathers' Club, I wanted to extend our utmost gratitude to all those who made our 3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry a huge success! We especially want to thank Fr. Elmer, Father Mike, Deacon Foti and all of the parish staff and administration who not only worked hard to bring this year's event to fruition, but who also continue to offer their unyielding support and commitment to making the fish fry such a community building and prominent event! To honor this tradition of community building, the Fathers' Club is once again donating all the proceeds back to the St. Cletus community by giving half of the proceeds to the parish and the other half to the school.

Additionally, we also want to extend our sincerest thanks to our numerous volunteers who put significant time and energy into planning, staging, and hosting the event. We could not have done it without our many, many selfless and dedicated volunteers.

Thanks also goes to our wonderful sponsors and entertainers. A big shout of appreciation goes out once again to Dennis Tischler of Tischler Finer Foods in Brookfield, and Steve Palmer of The Stadium Club at the Max for providing the food, and donating deep fryers and beverages. And of course, who could forget about the great entertainment we enjoyed; our gratitude goes out to Those Little People and the Trinity Irish Dancers for making the event fun for the

whole family, children, and adults alike!

Finally, we want to thank everyone who was able to attend this year's event. It is all of you who make this event one of the Parish's largest single-night gatherings of the year. It is certainly true that where two or more gather in His name, the Holy Spirit is present and among us. There is no doubt that we all witnessed His presence in the beautiful time we spent together last Friday evening at the Fish Fry! Thank you to everyone again for participating in and helping out at this year's Fish Fry.

May God continue to bless our St. Cletus Parish Community!

Sincerely,

Jim Ludden (on behalf of the St. Cletus Fathers' Club)"



Anointing of the Sick

ST. CLETUS PARISH
600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL 60525

**MASS WITH
THE
Anointing
OF THE SICK**

 **SATURDAY,
APRIL 6, 2024**  **10:00AM**

**JOIN US FOR A
LIGHT LUNCH
AFTER MASS**

*Register
Now*





Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY**
THURSDAYS
4-8PM

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Detergent and soap
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Baby wipes

Follow us on
Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry
Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

FOOD PANTRY

Easter at the Pantry

During the month of March, each household eligible to receive a one-time \$25 gift card to Jewel or Walmart. Thanks to your generous donations, we are able to help supplement groceries or other household items they may need.

Thanks to the Monahan family, we were recently able to distribute about 30 Easter Baskets to kiddos coming to the pantry! We love these baskets and all the thought and hard work that goes into them. Thank you!



Matching Donation

We have been given an anonymous matching donation of up to \$35,000! These funds will help us provide additional assistance at a crucial time when we are seeing a record number of people coming for assistance. In 2023, we served 52% more households than the year before!

These funds will help us purchase more food and help with direct financial assistance to families. Please consider helping us reach this full match! Donations can be made online to the "Food Pantry", checks can be written to "St. Cletus Food Pantry" and put in the collection basket, brought to the Parish Center or mailed to: Attn Food Pantry 600 W 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525 Thank you!

MATCHING DONATION

We invite you to be a part of this matching donation opportunity, where every donation is doubled!

Help us reach our goal of raising
\$35,000



For Information * 708-215-5418 * foodpantry@stcletusparish.com

Food Pantry Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up is now available through the end of June! Volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 3:15-5:30 and 5:15-8:15. Volunteers must be 6th grade and up. Adults are needed too! Sign up available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CACAC2EA2FC1-stcletus#/>

Lenten Almsgiving: Happy Easter!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the collection basket or the parish center. Thank you!

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

School News

PREPARING THE PALMS

Thank you to our 7th graders for preparing all of the palms for our Palm Sunday masses!



SCIENCE FAIR

A big shoutout to eighth graders Ben, Ethan, and Jesse who attended the Illinois Junior Science Fair at North Central! Congratulations Ben on your project The Hydration Station advancing to STATE. State will be at Millikin University in May.



TAYLOR SWIFT RAFFLE!

TAYLOR SWIFT THE ERAS TOUR

Purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for your chance to win 2 tickets to see Taylor Swift October 18th in Miami, \$1,000 Southwest gift card, and a 2 night stay in Miami!! We are only selling 300 and we have already sold over 100 so don't miss your chance! Scan the QR code to purchase or come to the table in the Narthex this weekend!



SCAN HERE!

AN "EGG"CELLENT MORNING!

Thank you to our FSA for hosting our annual egg hunt for our Preschool-3rd grade students!



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
2 de abril, 2024	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
31 de marzo, 2024	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español Spanish Mass	Iglesia Church
Segundo Sábado de cada mes Second Saturday of each month	8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church



ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Cada segundo sábado del mes el Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Adoración Nocturna, comenzando con una Misa a las 8:00 p.m. seguido de la Adoración al Santísimo hasta las 5:00 a.m. Todos están invitados a participar.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month the Hispanic Ministry conducts Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with a Mass at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a mass intention for the 12:30 p.m. Mass, please call the main office 708 352-6209 or 708-215-5441. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested prior to the day, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

INTENCIONES DE MISA:

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal 708 352-6209 o al 708-215-5441. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del día, la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

HISPANIC EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

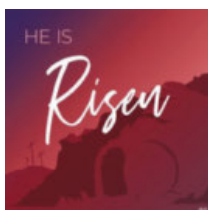
There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers in the Hispanic Ministry on Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Gallagher room. We will share our experiences as Eucharistic Ministers and have theological and historical reflection on the Eucharist and ministry. All ministers of Communion are encouraged to participate in this meeting for their continued formation.

REUNIÓN DE MINISTROS DE COMUNIÓN HISPANOS

Habrá una reunión para todos los Ministros de Comunión del Ministerio Hispano el miércoles 3 de abril a las 7:00pm en el salón Gallagher. Compartiremos nuestras experiencias como ministros de Comunión y tendremos reflexión teológica e histórica sobre la Eucaristía y el ministerio. Se les anima a todos los ministros de Comunión a participar en esta reunión para su formación continua.



Faith Formation



The colorful flowers of Easter announce that the earth is awakening from its winter sleep as Christ in the tomb awakened from death to life. Easter eggs remind us that Jesus broke out of the grave with full life as a chick hatches out of the confines of its shell. Christ was given an abundance of new life, both human and divine, at His Resurrection.

Happy Easter!

Remember: Our Faith Formation Classes resume on Sunday, April 7.

Christian Meditation at St John of the Cross

Everyone who perseveres in meditation discovers that although during the time of meditation it might appear that nothing happens, yet gradually the whole of our life is changed. - John Main, OSB

All are welcome to visit one of our weekly groups and join us as we unite with our risen Christ in this prayer of the heart. No experience necessary.

Mondays 11:00 am – phone conference call - Christian Meditation as an 11th Step practice. All are welcome, even if you are not in a 12-step program. Contact Janet, 708 246 4866, jccadc@sbcglobal.net

Tuesdays 7:30 pm – Zoom only. Contact Joan, 708 246 4110, craw5@att.net

Wednesdays 2:30 pm – in person, room 3 in Parish Center or on Zoom. Contact Joan, 708 699 1002, bill-joanbinder@sbcglobal.net

Thursday 3:00 pm – phone conference. Contact Janet 708 246 4866, jccadc@sbcglobal.net

Friday 7:00 pm – phone conference. Contact Janet 708 246 4866, jccadc@sbcglobal.net

Saturdays 8:00 am – in person, room 7 in Parish Center or on Zoom. Contact Betsy, 708 269 2143, wccm-chgo@gmail.com

For more information on the practice, go to wccm.org or wccm-usa.org.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvFneqPA8U8> for “How to Do Christian Meditation.”

HAPPY EASTER!

Ministry and Community News

BOOK CLUB



Come join us on April 9th for a discussion of *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. . We meet at 10 a.m. in the Gallagher Room. If you have any questions, please e-mail book_club@stcletusparish.com.

For those who like to look ahead, our June book is *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All you can eat pancakes and sausage link breakfast. After masses on April 14th at St. Francis Xavier Joyce Hall. Adults and Teens: \$10 Ages 6-12: \$5, Ages 5 and under: Free **Pay at the door on April 14th**



SCAN HERE TO RSVP



Community News

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, We beg you good and holy priests. In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their lights as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray.

Amen.



THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Through Turmoil to Transformation Retreat: Becoming the Change We Long For

Wednesday, Mar 20 through Friday, Mar 22

- Mornings: 9 - 10:30am
- Afternoons: 1 - 2:30pm (CT)

Facilitator: Margaret Silf

We are living through times of extreme turmoil as crises multiply and the "old normal" breaks down all around us. Could these things be the

labour pains of a new story striving to come to birth for the human family and for our planetary home? Can an apparently catastrophic breakdown become a breakthrough to an astonishing new beginning? Cost: \$300 Overnight •

\$225 Commuter (includes lunch, snacks and contemplative

space) • \$195 Zoom

Ecology and the Risen Christ Retreat: A Series on the Goals of Laudato Si'

Tuesdays: Apr 2, 9, 16, 23 • 9:30 - 11am (CT)

Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

Look around, our human life has gotten out of whack. The state of the world is calling us personally and as a human

community to an ecological conversion with no time to waste! As the Body of Christ, this conversion summons us

to live in, with, and for Christ. Hybrid • Facilitator is In-Person • Cost: \$80 series

LYONS SHRED EVENT

Township of Lyons Clerk's Office
Shred Event
 Saturday, April 6, 2024
 8am-12pm
 (or until the truck is full)

Note:
 4 box maximum

Where:
Township of Lyons Offices
Address: 6404 Joliet Road
in Countryside

www.lyonstownshipil.gov 708-482-8300 Option 4

Preferred Partners



Thank you!



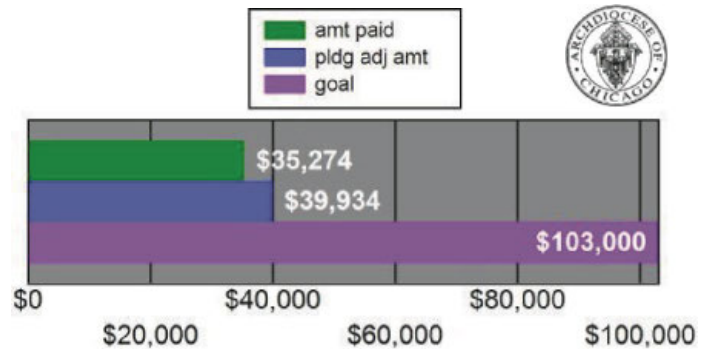
Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 31			Easter Sunday
Monday, April 1			Parish offices closed
Tuesday, April 2	7-8pm	Church	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish
Wednesday, April 3	9am-12pm 1-1:45pm 7-9pm 8-10pm	Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Gallagher Room Parish Center	Mission Ladies Living Rosary Hispanic Eucharistic Ministers Meeting School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, April 4	4-8pm	Food Pantry	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, April 5	7-9pm	Gallagher Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, April 6	10am	Church	Mass of the Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, April 7	11am	Church	Divine Mercy Sunday 11am Mass With Cardinal Cupich

Annual Catholic Appeal Report

2024 ACA through 3/19/2024

Parish #	870
Parish Name	St. Cletus
Donor Count	144
2024 Goal	\$103,000.39
Amount Pledged	\$39,934.00
Amount Paid	\$35,274.00
Balance Due	\$4,660.00



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2023 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 jdion@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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Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209
School.....(708) 352-4820
www.stcletusparish.com..... stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office.

Monday thru Friday9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

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..... Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements 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.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office(708) 352-6209

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Elmer Romero, *Pastor*
Deacon Franco Foti, *Operations Director*
Rev. Michael Novick, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. John Lodge, *Senior Priest for Weekend Liturgy*
Mr. Ramón Cazales, *Deacon*
Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor Emeritus*

PASTORAL STAFF

Tina Norton, *Pastoral Associate (708) 215-5412*
Ryan Rump, *Music Ministry (708) 215-5423*
Kendall Grant, *Social Concerns (708) 215-5418*

HISPANIC MINISTRY STAFF (708) 215-5441

Juanita Avila, *Head of Hispanic Ministry*

SCHOOL STAFF (708) 352-4820

Gregory Porod, *Principal*
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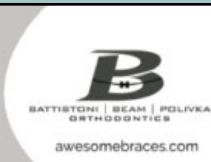
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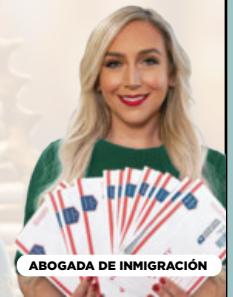


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