

DECEMBER 17, 2023



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

ENTER THE SEASON OF

ADVENT

WITH GRATITUDE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

WELCOME

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Mass Intentions for December 18 - December 24 2023

Day	Time	Presider	Intentions
December 18	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joe and Kay Klemak
December 19	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Anthony Serritella
December 20	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Laura Brooks(special intention), Mike Thuma, BC and Rip Collins
December 21	8:00am	Fr. Novick	Nick Brzezniak, Lily Sutkus(birthday)
December 22	8:00am	Fr. Romero	Joe and Kay Klemak, Louie Marasovic, MaryAnn Slowik, Fr. Dan Stempora(special intention)
December 23	5:00pm	Fr. Kalas	Edmund Pilarski, Vivian Pilarski, Edward Pilarski, Paul Pilarski, Nicholas Ruich
December 24	7:15am	Fr. Belaukas	John and Frances Kennedy
	8:45am	Fr. Kalas	Santos Aranas, Efrena Aranas, Reynold
	10:30am	Fr. Novick	Marco, Emilia Rattin, Bill De Pasquale, Stacy Baker, John Baker, Fr. Dan Stempora(special intention), Ralph Kriho and daughter Laura
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Respicio Castro, Por las benditas almas del purgatorio(special intention)
	3:00pm	Mosignor Pat Pollard	Julia Kopacz
	3:15pm	Fr. Novick	Nicholas Kriho(special intention)
	5:00pm	Fr. Kalas	Deacon James Sheil(special intention), Daniel Klepczarek
	7:00pm	Fr. Romero	
	10:30pm	Fr. Novick	

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.

December - Mary Lue Buchler

November -

October - Debbie García, Carina Orona

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

Kathleen Bryson
Wife of Thomas Bryson

May she rest in peace....

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 4PM!

bending
TOWARDS
the Light
a Jazz Nativity

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

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Pastor's Note

*“Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Dear Friends,

I pray that the season of Advent and your preparation for the birth of Jesus is going well. Aided by the grace of God, I have felt inspired to embrace the season of Advent with gratitude. My sense of gratitude has been growing and allowing me to notice more clearly the presence and action of the Lord in our parish community. With gratitude and joy, I am happy to share with you some of those events and activities where I strongly felt the presence and love of God.

On Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, at 10:00 AM we held our School Reconciliation in Church. Children from third through eighth grade had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They were prepared and led by their caring teachers. Christy Shaefer, Assistant Principal, was responsible for directing children when to go to the confessors. All went well. Confessors (5) were encouraged by the level of preparation shown by our children. Personally, I felt like each of them wanted to experience the mercy and love of God. I saw them approaching confession with a smile on their faces and returning to their pews with a smile. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to the wonderful, dedicated, and generous teachers, staff, and administrators we are blessed to have.

The visit of Juan Manuel Pineda from El Salvador to our parish on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, was filled with kindness, gentleness, and love. With no legs, he radiates life, joy, and love. Joined by his friend, Heather Anderson, Liz and Jim Wisnasky, he attended our 5:00 PM Mass. He shared his story after my brief homily, and then after Mass, he graciously offered us a short concert. Watching him playing his guitar and singing for us was special. I felt like the Lord himself was playing and singing for us through Juan Manuel. Another thing that I noticed was that Juan Manuel did not complain at all about his condition. Rather, he showed us how to appreciate life and be grateful. I was encouraged by his witness. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns, for coordinating Juan Manuel's visit to our parish. Mass was recorded and it is available at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_wgHskYzHc

Your generosity, concern, and love for those in need uplifts my spirit every day. My heart was filled with gratitude when I learned that we did well in the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal was \$101,103.05. As of November 19, 2023, the amount paid was \$103,857.65. I wholeheartedly would like to thank you for your generosity and for sharing God's blessings with others. I pray the Lord continues to bless your generosity and fills your heart with his joy and love.

The sense of gratitude that I am experiencing during this season of Advent, is allowing me to spend more time with Jesus in prayer. Each day, I want to hear his voice and be with him. My awareness of his goodness, care, and fingerprints all over my day keeps getting better and deeper. I believe this is the fruit of your prayers for me, for which I am most grateful. Gratitude seems to be an excellent aid in our prayer life and relationship with Jesus.

May our sense of gratitude continue to lead us closer to Jesus and to each other.

Fr. Elmer Romero



Note From Father Mike

Advent 3 Liturgical Year 2024

I don't know how many of you saw the two comedic films *Bruce Almighty* and its sequel *Evan Almighty*, starring Jim Carrey and Steve Carrell in the title roles. Actually, yes, Morgan Freeman plays God in both films. Both movies had good-intentioned messages for humanity in the end – live like trust that God has everything under control, and do your simple “acts of random kindness” (cleverly, known throughout the second movie as ARK). I don't like giving away a lot of details about these things, but know that one of the lessons many of the characters took to heart in the end was to give God our thanks for everything we have.

Neither of the films is Catholic per se, but both provide good lessons for each of us to learn as we have with many other movies or TV shows. Not every feel-good movie is made for the Hallmark Channel only.

Each year around this time, the classic Christmas “Claymation” cartoons produce by Rankin & Bass from the late 1960s and early 1970s hit TV screens around the world. From Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer to The Year Without a Santa Claus, many of my generation would admit their love for these priceless pieces of animation. However, there was only one that I remember that made us think about Jesus – The Little Drummer Boy. It was not AS popular as some of the other films, but it was certainly important enough for the production company to create. Maybe it was just the timing. It shows up AFTER Christmas. We were children. It was probably all of the anticipation for Christmas day. The only thing we didn't focus on at that age was that Christmas doesn't just end. It's a true beginning.

This weekend that we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, we give glory to God for offering us hope for eternal life. We may continue to await and anticipate remembering Jesus' birth into history, and we are inching ever closer to the return of Jesus into our time. We set this hope off by a very special symbol – the color rose. The lighting of the rose candle is that “flashing neon sign warning” that God's promised Savior is returning sooner than we might think. Of course, we know that in our head's because time marches on. Yet, it's not our heads that need to realize Christ's return is imminent, but our souls need that realization. Maybe reclaiming some of our childhood lessons we were supposed to have learned can be the focus as we keep on moving through these days.

Being grateful comes with rejoicing as our quick color-change tell us to do – REJOICE! Let the anticipation and waiting continue to swell up within you during these final days of Advent. Technically speaking, we will finish Advent next Sunday morning and then Christmas comes just hours later. You certainly don't want to get caught not paying attention when the Savior RETURNS.

Carry on. The Savior is near! Keep hoping and praying that holy moments will show themselves throughout your life.

Peace,

Sunday Notes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



Sharing Our Graces and Blessings With Gratitude



Christmas Mass Times



Christmas EVE

MASS SCHEDULE

- 3:00 P.M. CHURCH | ENGLISH
- 3:15 P.M. PARISH CENTER | ENGLISH
- 5:00 P.M. CHURCH | ENGLISH
- 7:30 P.M. CHURCH | SPANISH
- 10:00 P.M. CHURCH | CAROLS
- 10:30 P.M. CHURCH | ENGLISH

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Christmas

Christmas DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:15 a.m. | English
- 10:00 a.m. | English
- 12:30 p.m. | Spanish

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Archdiocese Christmas Mass Guidelines and Approval Letter

Dear Father,

As Advent approaches this weekend, and we begin the journey to Christmas, I write to remind you about the timing of Christmas Vigil Masses on December 24.

Years ago, the pastoral desire for early Christmas Eve Masses was discussed among the bishops of the Province of Chicago. It is understood that families gather to celebrate the great mystery of Christ's Incarnation in a way that helps them share their faith and the beauty of traditions with their children and extended family, some of who have become disengaged with the life of the Church. These early Masses can be a moment of evangelization and allow our pastors the ability to meet the demands made on them in a very busy season.

In scheduling anticipatory Masses, the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, notes that the "liturgical day runs from midnight to midnight, but the observance of Sunday and solemnities begins with the evening of the preceding day" (No. 3). Based upon this norm, the policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago note that "the time for the vigil liturgy is ordinarily between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, but not earlier than 4:00 pm" (202.7, Book IV, *Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures, The Sanctifying Office of the Church*). Observance of this policy is necessary for the liceity of the Mass and the integrity of the various feasts.

At the same time, as this applies to Christmas, the bishops of the Province of Chicago appreciate that some parishes need to accommodate large numbers of worshipers beyond a single early Christmas Vigil Mass.

Taking this into consideration, pastors may ask and be granted permission to schedule Christmas Vigil Masses beginning prior to 4:00 pm but no earlier than 3:00 pm. All requests for an exemption to the 4:00 pm policy must be made in writing to the Episcopal Vicar, explaining the reason(s) for the request. However, in accord with an agreement by the Bishops in the Province of Chicago, no permission will be given for the celebration of a Christmas Vigil Mass earlier than 3:00 pm on December 24. For the good of the Church and out of respect for Church unity in the Province, Cardinal Cupich requires strict adherence to this policy.

As you welcome people to the many celebrations in your parish during the Advent and Christmas season, be assured of my prayers and gratitude for all that you do to lead and inspire the people of God within your care.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Most Reverend Robert G. Casey Vicar General

Dear Fr. Romero,

My greetings to you and your parish. I received your request for an earlier Mass on Christmas Eve. I do give my permission for St. Cletus Parish to schedule a Mass beginning at 3:00 p.m. on the Vigil of Christmas. The letter from the Vicar General was just sent to pastors last week.

At any Vigil Mass for Christmas, the scripture readings used must be those prescribed for that Mass, and not the readings and prayers of the Mass at Midnight and/or the Masses of Christmas Day. Thank you for following the norms in this regard.

Thank you for your concern and care for the people of God entrusted to you at St. Cletus Parish and for your service to Vicariate V and the Archdiocese of Chicago as pastor. Be assured of my prayers as I ask to be remembered in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Rev. William Corcoran Interim Vicar of Vicariate V

School News

ST. NICK VISITS ST. CLETUS!

Recently our students had a visit from St. Nick and his two elves! In honor of St. Nick’s Day they passed out sweet treats to all of our students!



PBIS ASSEMBLY

During his visit, St. Nick also had some fun at our PBIS assembly with our cardinal! They had a great time with our students!



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BEAUTIFUL TREES?

Thank you to our Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts who took the time to decorate these beautiful Christmas trees currently on display in front of our school!



HOLIDAY HOOPLA

This time of year is always busy and full of FUN in cardinal country! Our 1st-3rd graders enjoyed a HOLIDAY HOOPLA last week full of crafts, a movie, and games!



Social Concerns Ministry



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

Wish List:

- Canned meats
- Pasta Sauce
- Coffee, tea, cocoa
- Dish Detergent
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Razors and shave creaming
- Deodorant

Follow us on Facebook:
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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 UPDATE



Are you on our email list? Stay up to date with all the things happening in the food pantry! Scan the QR code to sign up on our email list or follow us on social media. Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com.



GIVING TREE

This weekend we will be distributing the Christmas gifts, food and grocery gift cards to our local recipients.

A HUGE thank you to our volunteers last weekend! We had over 100 different volunteers move and organize (literally) over a thousand gifts donated by generous St. Cletus families and community members!

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in our community.



Hispanic Ministry

FECHA-DATE	HORA-TIME	EVENTO-EVENT	LUGAR-PLACE
19 de diciembre, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament	Iglesia Church
17 de diciembre 2023	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.	Adoración Nocturna Night Adoration	Iglesia Church
Sábados	8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Hispanic Ministry and the Guadalupe Committee of St. Cletus Parish, we want to thank everyone for their participation and support in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Also, we would like to thank everyone who made possible this wonderful celebration. **Thank you all.**

¡GRACIAS!

En nombre del Ministerio Hispano y del Comité Guadalupano de la Parroquia de San Cleto, queremos agradecer a todos por su participación y apoyo en la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. También queremos agradecer a todas las personas que hicieron posible esta maravillosa celebración. Gracias a todos.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Novena Guadalupana. It is always an honor to pray the rosary for our most holy mother of Guadalupe, mother of Jesus, we ask Him to help us increase our faith. Thank you all.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Gracias a todas las personas que participaron en la Novena Guadalupana. Siempre es un honor rezar el rosario para nuestra Madre Santísima de Guadalupe, la Madre de Jesús, le pedimos a El que nos ayude a aumentar nuestra fe. Muchas gracias a todos.



POSADAS

Our celebration continues from December 16 through December 23 with the Posadas Novena at 7:00 p.m. After the Posadas “aguinaldos” (bags filled with candy) will be distributed.

Posadas are celebrations that aim to prepare for Christmas for the birth of baby Jesus.

The posadas are a tradition that originates from the history of the pilgrimage that Mary and Joseph covered before the birth of Jesus whose trip to Bethlehem took 9 days according to the Catholic religion. During this trip, María and José were looking for a home to spend the night, giving rise to the word posada that saves this tradition before Christmas.

If there are any families who would like to pray the rosary of the posada, and host that evening’s hospitality, please contact Juanita Avila, Director of Hispanic Ministry. 708-215-5441.

POSADAS



Nuestra celebración continúa del 16 al 23 de diciembre con la Novena de Posadas a las 7:00 p.m. Después de las Posadas se repartirán “aguinaldos” (bolsas llenas de dulces).

Las posadas son celebraciones que tienen como objetivo preparar la Navidad para el nacimiento del niño Jesús.

Las posadas son una tradición que tiene su origen en la historia de la peregrinación que realizaron María y José antes del nacimiento de Jesús cuyo viaje a Belén tomó 9 días según la religión católica. Durante este viaje, María y José buscaban un hogar para pasar la noche, dando origen a la palabra posada que salva esta tradición antes de Navidad.

Si hay algunas familias a las que les gustaría tomar una posada y ser anfitriones de la hospitalidad de esa noche, en la iglesia se encuentran unas listas en donde se pueden anotar. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con Juanita Avila, directora del Ministerio Hispano. 708-215-5441.

Ministry News

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The holidays are fast approaching and as we think of gift giving, let us also consider our friends and neighbors who need assistance with rent, utilities, transportation, etc. The St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul chapter needs your help. The need for assistance has increased while many local agencies have run out of funds. There are green envelopes in the narthex that you can place a donation in. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you for your help, especially at this time of year.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

A reminder to Faith Formation Families: Classes will be in session December 17 & 18. Our Teen Seekers will meet on December 13 & 20.

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

We invite the high school girls of our parish who are interested to sign-up for our Church League Basketball Team. There has been a change in the scheduling and games will begin in January.

If interested please scan the code below and fill out the registration form. If you have question you may reach out to Lawrence Manetti, Director of Faith Formation at lmanetti@stcletusparish.com.

Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE!



Kairos 42 Retreat, February 22-25, 2024. This amazing 4-day retreat is specifically designed for Juniors and Seniors. Kairos is a unique opportunity to grow in your faith, and your relationship with God and others. Give yourself the gift of retreat this Christmas!

Registration for K42 opens on January 9, 9AM. We anticipate these spots will go quickly. Please see our website for more information and to access the link on January 9, 9AM.

KAIROS FRIENDSGIVING

“Teens from our past Kairos retreats enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship for Friendsgiving, 2023.

Our 3 parishes, St. Cletus, St. Francis and St. John of the Cross, offer these amazing 4-day Kairos Retreats for our Juniors and Seniors, as a unique opportunity to encounter God and grow in relationship with Him and with peers.

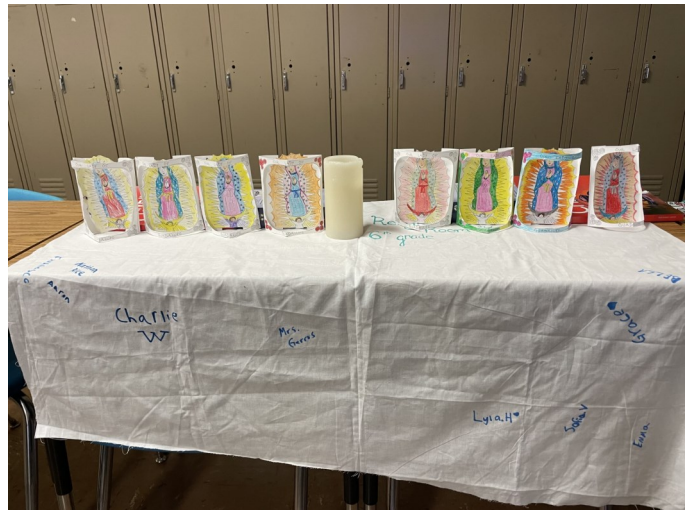


FAITH FORMATION

This past week at our Faith Formation Classes was a Marian Theme. Children learned about and studied the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. As part of the day children in grades 1 – 3 made church boxes of Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

In grades 4 – 8 our children crated Our Lady of Guadalupe Grottos. Below is a picture of some of the grottos created by our sixth graders.

A reminder: Classes are in session on Sunday, December 17 & Monday December 18.



Community News

ENGAGE COMMUNITY – DECEMBER

Thursday, December 28 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX

Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!**

Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor!

Refreshments will be potluck.

Please **RSVP at the email below by December 26.**

We are also planning an outing:

Tuesday January 9 at 1 pm to the Elmhurst Historical Museum (120 E Park Ave, Elmhurst) for their exhibit: **Lost Chicagoland Department Stores.**

Take a nostalgic trip back to the heyday of Chicago area department stores like Marshall Field's, Sears, Carson Pirie Scott, and more. Learn about the eclectic history of these iconic retailers through an array of artifacts, images, video, and memorabilia. Exhibit collaborator, historian, and author Leslie Goddard will share many fascinating stories and items from popular city and suburban department stores of the past.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PRIESTS

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call **Priests' Health and Retirement** at **708.449.8026**. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit prmaa.org.

Week At A Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 17	4pm 7pm	Parish Center Church	Bending Towards the Light a Jazz Nativity Posada Devotion-Spanish
Monday, December 18	7pm	Church	Posada Devotion-Spanish
Tuesday, December 19	7pm 8pm	Church Parish Center	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-Spanish Senior Basketball Practice Church League
Wednesday, December 20	1-1:45pm 8-10pm	Church Parish Center	Living Rosary School Fathers Basketball
Thursday, December 21	4-8pm 7pm 8-10pm	Food Pantry Church Parish Center	Food Pantry Distribution Posada Devotion-Spanish Church League Basketball Team Practices
Friday, December 22	7pm 8-9pm	Church Parish Center	Posada Devotion-Spanish Frosh/Soph Church League Practice
Saturday, December 23	7pm	Church	Posado Devotion-Spanish
Sunday, December 24			Christmas Eve

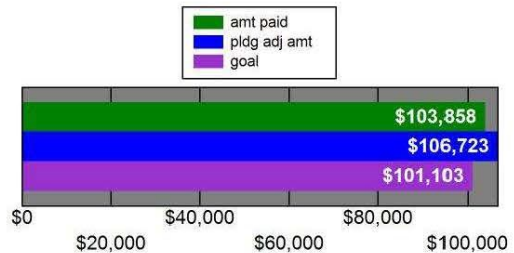
Annual Catholic Appeal Report



ACA Report By Parish

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal through 11/19/2023

Parish #	870
Parish Name	St. Cletus
Donor Count	300
2023 Goal	\$101,103.05
Amount Pledged	\$106,722.65
Amount Paid	\$103,857.65
Balance Due	\$2,865.00



Preferred Partners



Thank you!



St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 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

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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.