

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Cletus Parish - The Sacred Triduum

PLEASE NOTE: *CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY. ALSO, THERE IS NO 8AM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY OR HOLY SATURDAY.*

- March 29 Holy Thursday**
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration until Midnight
- March 30 Good Friday**
3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord-Veneration of the Holy Cross-Holy Communion
- March 31 Holy Saturday***
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
* There will be *no* confessions
or 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass
- April 1 Easter Sunday**
Masses 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Holy Name Society

Walter Klimcke

Pancake Breakfast

Parish Center
Sunday, March 25
7:00am - 12:30pm



Mass Intentions for the Week of March 26 - April 1, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Toncray, Delphine Marciszewski, Andrew J. Jaskierski
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Susan T. Schiller, Frank Lesh, Angelo Cumbo
Thursday	Fr. Clark	7:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	3:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Saturday	Fr. Baker	7:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

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 - Dan Gibbons, Patricia Rodey

February - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

January - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik, Frank Colonna, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." *

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith.

* Paul VI. The Church in the Holy Land (Nobis in Animo) (Rome: March 25, 1974) in The Pope Speaks (Washington, D.C.: TPS), 19: 1, pp. 5-11.

Thank you again for your generosity.



Marriage Banns

Martina Novotny & Jeffery Newell
Kendra Tosheff & Cesar Fernandez

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION



Taller de José

On Holy Thursday, the offertory collection will benefit Taller de José to aid their ministry of accompaniment.

Taller de José is a community resource center, located in Chicago's Little Village, which offers accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus, "that all may be one."

Accompaniment is a unique service in a city abounding in governmental agencies and resources. The staff of Taller de José offers companionship and personal attention to underserved people to help them to navigate the social service system and connect to the resources they need. When accompanying a client, the staff is a supportive presence, at times offering information, direction, emotional support, and advocacy for the clients. Staff members accompany, go with, the clients to appointments and services via public transportation.

You can also make a direct contribution to Taller de José, 1515 W. Ogden, La Grange Park, IL 60526 or donate on line www.tallerdejose.org. Thank you for your generosity.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

PALM SUNDAY

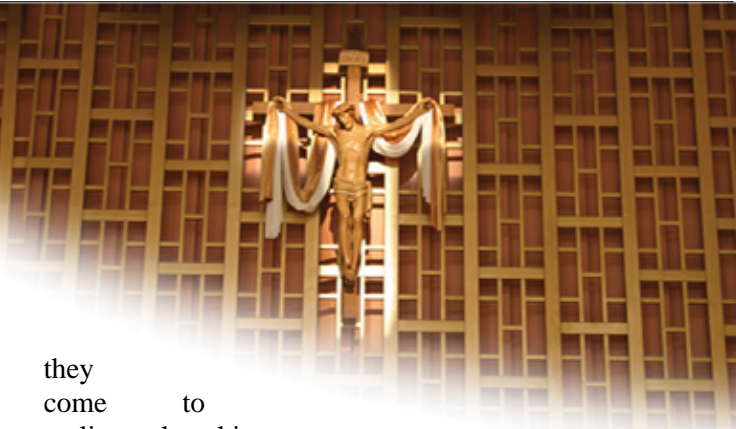
It is not easy to understand all that is happening in today's Gospel, even with the benefit of hindsight and the experience of the Church. How much harder it must have been for the disciples, who found themselves in the very middle of the proceedings. They lurch from the intimacy and trust of the Last Supper to the pain and loneliness in the garden, then on to the confusion and fear of the trial. The fear leads to panic, so they flee, and finally they hear the news that their master is dead.

These are the same men who saw the many miracles worked by Jesus, who realized that he made a difference wherever he went. But on Good Friday they didn't understand what was going on and were afraid for their lives. Nonetheless, for all their lack of faith, courage and fidelity, this was not the end of their relationship with Jesus. Soon after the crucifixion, they realized the full significance of what had happened that day on Calvary, and their lives were changed forever.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' identity is fully affirmed, not by one of his close disciples, but by one of his executioners. The centurion states, when Jesus dies, that "in truth, this man is the Son of God." Here is a soldier who was not around Jesus during the glory days, witnessing miracles and conversions. But in the death of Jesus he finds something extraordinary, something out of this world. There was obviously something in the way Jesus died which moved the hearts of people who otherwise wouldn't have cared about him. For the centurion the penny drops at the very end. But it is still not too late. There is still an opportunity to follow Jesus. Death has not brought an end to this story; the best is yet to come.

When, in our quieter moments, we sit confused, wondering about Jesus and our faith in him, it is all too easy to think, "If only I had been around 2015 years ago and had known Jesus in the flesh. If only I had been one of his disciples and had seen him cure and preach. If only...then my faith in Jesus would be stronger and my relationship with him would be more real." But the reality is that we just don't know how we would have reacted, had we been around all those years ago. We might well have fled, we might well have sided with the authorities, we might well have shouted: "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The fact that we were not with Jesus during his earthly ministry does not prevent us from coming to know and follow him now.

For many people it is during their days of suffering that



they come to realize who this man Jesus is. In our darkness and pain, we can relate to the pain and passion of Jesus and begin to have some appreciation of what he has done for us. By dying Jesus opened the way to the Father and to heaven – for us now, for the people who have gone before us and for those yet to come. His earthly life was limited to a specific period of history, but through his death and resurrection he is now outside time and accessible to us all. We can know Jesus today, because he is the same now as he was 2018 years ago.

As we make the journey with Jesus through this week, let us be sure to take time to deepen our appreciation of what he has done for us. Then, like the centurion, we will be able to proclaim that Jesus is truly the Son of God. It is never too late to meet him.

HOLY WEEK 2018

We are about to begin the most holy week of the year. The next few days signify the core of our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to participate in these grace filled days. Our Easter Triduum begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday as we remember Jesus' gift of the Eucharist and our call to service; Good Friday reminds us of Jesus' ultimate gift of love through his suffering and death on the cross; Holy Saturday we experience the light of Christ and the renewing waters of Baptism as we celebrate Jesus' glory through his resurrection. Let us join together as one faith community in celebrating God's love for us in Jesus Christ during these most holy days.

Holy Week Blessings,



Fr. Bob
Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring BreakMarch 26 - April 2
Beauty and the Beast Jr.April 25-26

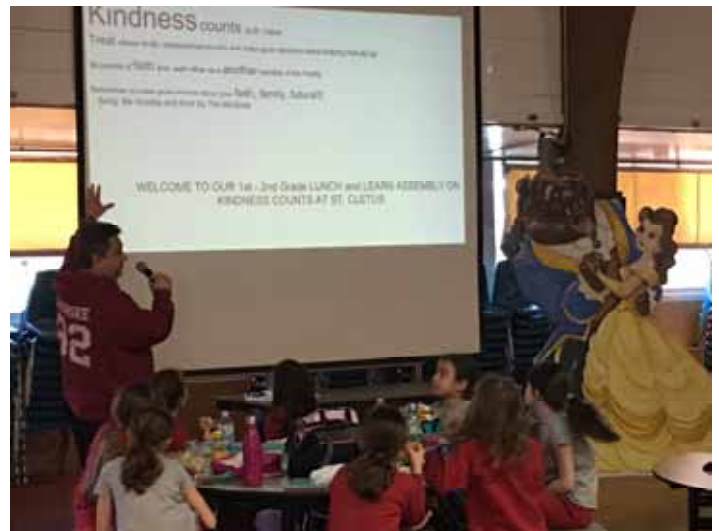
FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Cardinal Teamwork

Congrats to the 5th grade girls basketball team on a fun season. You showed spirit and good sportsmanship from practice to game time and represented our school and community with pride. A big thank you to the 4th graders girls that added their talents to the team this year. The future of Cardinal basketball is bright.



Our First Lunch and Learn Assembly

Principal Tom Chinske engaged our students at lunch with a talk about Bullying and Kindness. Each child in the school received a *Choose Kindness* wrist band and a pledge card to encourage them to continue choosing acts of kindness.



Musical Performances Enrich Curriculum

The St. Cletus Band, under the direction of Phil Enns performed last month. We are a parish with a strong appreciation for music and music education which is why we offer band to St. Cletus students starting in 4th grade.

Our Junior High students take part in the school musical each spring. This year the show will be "Beauty & the Beast." Performances are April 25th and 26th in the new Parish Center. We are blessed to have so many talented students and dedicated teachers at St. Cletus.



Staff Day of Service

Last Friday the St. Cletus School Staff spent a day doing service and reflection with Catholic Charities. Being God's disciples is our mission and spending the day helping others in our community was a wonderful team-building experience.

St. Cletus Lenten Journey Experiences

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>MARCH 25 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>7am - 12:30pm Pancake Breakfast in Parish Center</p> <p>CCW Bake Sale YM Candy Bars Vocations Table</p> <p>4pm Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Concert "Songs without Words"</p>	<p>MARCH 26</p>	<p>MARCH 27</p> <p>6:00pm Holy Hour</p> <p>7:00pm Spanish Holy Hour</p>	<p>MARCH 28</p>	<p>MARCH 29 HOLY THURSDAY</p> <p>No 8am Mass</p> <p>7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p>After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight</p> <p>The Visit of the Seven Churches (details are below)</p>	<p>MARCH 30 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>No 8am Mass</p> <p>3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Church</p> <p>6:30pm Hispanic Ministry Way of the Cross in the Parish Center</p>	<p>MARCH 31</p> <p>No 8am Mass</p> <p>No Confessions</p> <p>No 5:00pm Mass</p> <p>12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in the Parish Center</p> <p>7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass</p>



ST. CLETUS PARISH EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:

7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
& 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Please note: All Masses are in Church

ST. CLETUS PARISH



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS



NOTRE DAME, CLARENDON HILLS



ST. ISAAC JOGUES



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



Holy Thursday Visit of the Seven Churches

On March 29th, right after Holy Thursday Mass we will be visiting churches following the ancient tradition of "The Visit of the Seven Churches." This tradition originated in Rome. It was the custom for the faithful of the Early Church to visit the seven major basilicas as penance. The tradition today calls us to accompany Jesus in his agony by visiting seven Catholic churches and, for an indulgence, to pray for the intentions of the Pope.

St. Cletus Parish will take part with our own parish and then visit 4 additional churches. The remaining churches are for you to visit on your own if you wish to do so.

A bus(es) will be waiting outside St. Cletus after our 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass.

If you plan to join us, please contact the rectory at (708) 352-6209 to ensure we have adequate transportation. Thank you.

The parish would like to thank our Holy Name Society for sponsoring the transportation cost of this event.



Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Baby wipes
- Canned or dry milk
- Cleaning supplies
- Cereal

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).

GCFD

A special word of thanks to our St. Cletus team of Greater Chicago Food Depository volunteers. On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community. Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, e-mail Jerry, jerryconverse@gmail.com, or contact Kendall.

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 UPDATES

This year we will be making many exciting updates and changes to our food pantry. Our long term goal is to improve the food pantry to best meet the needs of our neighbors where they are, serve them with dignity, and provide pathways to self-sufficiency. Most of the steps to achieve these goals will happen beginning in May. An overview of each of these changes is below:

Permanent Space: The food pantry has had a small storage space and each month we move everything into the Church Narthex for distribution. We are beginning to permanently move the pantry to the rectory basement and host our distribution out of this space instead of Church. This will allow us to expand our storage capacity, offer client choice, add freezers/refrigerators, and offer weekly distribution to clients.

Extended Hours & Weekly Distribution: We are thrilled to finally be able to offer distribution weekly (instead of monthly) to the clients starting in May. This increases access to food, particularly to working families, by extending hours and dates to open our doors on a more frequent and accessible basis. **Distribution will switch this to every Thursday night from 6:00-8:00pm.** Clients will still be able to come just once a month but will have many more options to come when it is most convenient for them.

Client Choice: This will allow us to shift from pre-packed bags to full choice distribution, encouraging healthy food choices, nutrition, and dignity for pantry clients by allowing them to select the items they wish to receive while also reducing food waste.

Wider Variety of Items: With this new space we will be able to offer meat, milk, and other cold/frozen perishable items. We currently have an onsite garden with 10 raised beds. With the increased space and distribution schedule we will be able to get our homegrown, organic, local produce to the clients more often so less food goes to waste.

Technology: Starting in April, we will switch over our paper registration book to the Greater Chicago Food Depository online client registration system, Food Bank Manager. This will streamline our intake process and significantly improve our capacity to track data.

Volunteers: These changes will shift some of our current volunteer roles while opening up many new opportunities for volunteers, especially during Thursday evening distributions. We will be looking for additional volunteers to help on Thursdays between 5:30-8:30pm. A Sign Up Genius will be used and can be accessed on the St. Cletus website under the Social Concerns-Food Pantry tabs.

All of these changes and updates to our pantry will help us to provide better service to more clients, more often. We will continue to post updates in the Canticule in the coming weeks with more details on each of these components and ways you can help. We encourage you to check back often as we move forward on these exciting updates. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

WORD OF LIFE

“Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that ‘everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as ‘another self,’ above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1931.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group - If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence, this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant at kgrant@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418 for more information.

*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 to the far left. **You are not alone.***



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —
AWARENESS • SERVICES • PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

LENTEN OUTREACH ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

Our St. Cletus Food Pantry was a 2017 local Rice Bowl Grantee! We are grateful for the generosity of the parishioners at St. Cletus and throughout the Chicago Archdiocese. Funds will be used at the food pantry to help with our expansion and updates. Thank you to all who contributed.

*Please note, Rice Bowls are due back this weekend, March 24-25. They can be dropped at the bins near the door, in the collection basket, or at the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m. -3 p.m., at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace is the 10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit. The benefit raises money to help expand grants and other assistance to the many volunteers as they serve the poor in the communities across Cook and Lake counties.

During the 2018 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago-SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2018 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value).



Raffle Tickets are \$25 Each. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 22, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance. To purchase tickets: www.svdpbenefit.org

GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE

Friday, March 30, 2018 12 pm- 3:00 pm. Gather at the corner of Michigan Ave. & Congress Pkwy.

“Justice is what love looks like in public,” a quote by Cornel West, has been at the heart of why 8th Day Center created the public witness of its annual Good Friday Walk for Justice 38 years ago. This will be the last year the Center hosts its modern day Way-of-the-Cross.

We will revisit the issues and prayers used in previous walks, and connect those issues of the past to our current reality. We invite the walkers to reflect on how the same unjust systems and power imbalances contribute to our experiences today. What will our love look like in the future? Please join us for this holy act of love—to remember, to resist, and to be in solidarity with those working to dismantle unjust structures. Contact 8thdaycenter.org or 312-641-5151 for more info.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are a non-profit organization that works with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 100 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church. **Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver.** Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org, and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

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 Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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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; Mk 16:1-7
 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 Mk 16:1-7

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

SUFFERING

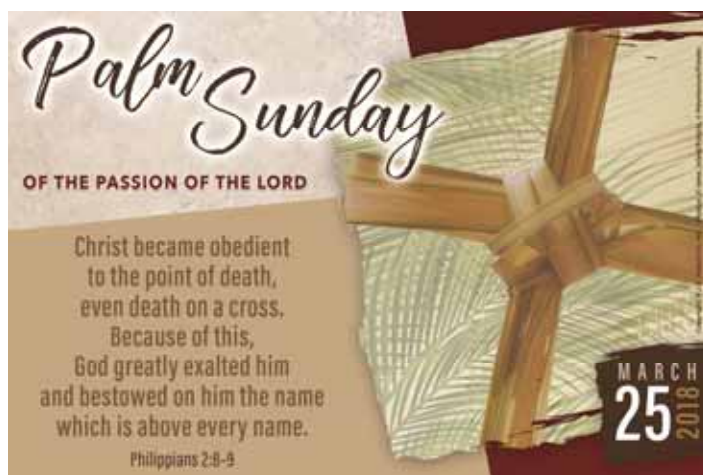
Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

—Paul Claudel

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Religious Education

UPCOMING RE DATES:

March 28	NO Teen Seekers due to Spring Break and Holy Week
April 1/2	NO RE Classes due to Easter
April 4	NO Teen Seekers due to Easter break
April 8/9	RE Classes resume for ECRE, Special Needs and Grades 1-8
April 11	Teen Seekers meet



Parents: What are your kids doing this summer?

Have them join us at our Shipwrecked VBS!

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22nd as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

When: June 18-22, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Where: Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

How to register: complete registration form online at stcletusparish.com, or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website).

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.

Other Ministry News

SCCCW BAKE SALE

Bake Sale at the Pancake Breakfast on March 25th



Stop by the Parish Center today (Sunday) to enjoy the Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast and take home some delicious baked treats from the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) Bake Sale. Proceeds will benefit future programs for the SCCCW. We thank you for your support.



THANK YOU FROM YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who gave last weekend to our Youth Ministry Mission Trip. Your generosity and support of our teens was overwhelming. Thank you!

FANNIE MAY CANDY BARS FOR SALE DURING THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Fill your Easter Baskets while supporting the Mission Trip!

Our teens are selling Fannie May Candy bars for \$2 each to support the trip. They will be available at the pancake breakfast while supplies last.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. on April 10th discussing Colony by Anne R. Siddons. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us March 25th at 4pm as Justin Sisul presents “Songs without Words” featuring Kathleen Kress, Jennifer Lowe, Ed Ashe and more. The church will be filled with the resonant sounds of violin, flute, guitar and piano in various combinations. Featuring songs that will be familiar to many as well as a few unique tunes, this hour of music is sure to be enjoyed by all. This concert is presented free of charge thanks to the generous donations of our sponsors. A free will offering will be collected.




Ed Ward
FINE ARTS SERIES
AT ST. CLETUS - LA GRANGE, IL

**Sunday
March 25th
4:00pm**

St. Cletus Church
Free Admission

SONGS WITHOUT WORDS



Justin Sisul

Holy Name Society Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast

March 25th ■ St. Cletus Parish Center

*Please join the St. Cletus Holy Name Society for their
Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast.*

7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
St. Cletus Parish Center

\$7.00 for adults

\$4.00 for children under 10

Tickets include:

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and beverages

There will also be a split-the-pot raffle
and the St. Cletus Easter Bunnies.

Tickets may be purchased at the event.

We hope to see you there!



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you widowed? Feeling stuck? Need something to get you “over the hump” and on to your new path in life? The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you in your life’s new journey.

April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.
100 N. River Rd. (at Golf Rd.) Des Plaines, IL 60016
(No overnight available)

For more info or other dates/locations contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: www.joyfulagain.org
IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. Register at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You! - Wednesdays, Apr. 11, 18; May 2, 16, 30; Jun 13, 27; Jul 11 1-3PM. The deepest, truest part of who we are is LOVE: yet often this identity eludes us. Come and discover the unconscious patterns expressed through our way of being that are obstacles to love, in this 8 week workshop facilitated by Carol Cummins and The Well’s Bridget Spurduto. Cost: \$250 Pre-registration required.

They Will Inherit the Earth - Sunday, Apr. 15 3:30-5PM
Join author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear for a presentation and book signing of his latest book They Will Inherit the Earth, which shows how our global epidemic of violence and war could only lead to catastrophic climate change. John will invite us to deepen our nonviolence and take new steps into active solidarity with Earth and suffering humanity. Cost: \$20

Inspiration in a Time of Climate Change: Marya Grathwahl, OSF and Helen Prejean, CSJ - Saturday, Apr. 21 9:30 AM – Noon. On this Earth Day, Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwahl, founder of Earth Hope, will receive the 2017 Sacred Universe Award. Join us as Marya and Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned writer and speaker, weave stories of justice, oneness, and hope for our Universe. Cost: \$30

MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE - Mayslake Ministries’ Annual Fall Conference Featuring: Fr. Ronald Rolheiser will be October 27, 2018 9am-12pm at St. Margaret Mary, Naperville, IL. Mayslake Ministries is, once again, honored to host Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, one of the greatest spiritual writers of our time as our keynote speaker. You do not want to miss this exciting event! Register by visiting our website at mayslakeministries.org or by calling our offices at 630-852-9000. **EARLY BIRD** Registration for \$10 OFF Must register and pay by June 1st.

TROOP 19 PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 8



Save the date for the Boy Scout Troop 19 Pancake Breakfast which will be held at the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941, 900 South LaGrange Road, La Grange, IL.

Join us Sunday, April 8th from 8am - noon.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Casino Night - St. Joseph High School will host a Charger CASINO NIGHT fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018!

Deceased Alumni Mass - St. Laurence High School will host its annual Deceased Alumni Mass, honoring alumni of the school who have passed on to eternal life, on Saturday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the school’s Learning Resource Center. Father Michael Foley, from Our Lady of the Woods Parish, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served. Family, friends, and relatives of deceased alumni of St. Laurence are welcome to attend this liturgy. Reservations can be made by contacting Mr. Ed Kozak at 708-458-6900. If you have any questions, please call extension 244 at the school.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018



Appeal Update:

Gifts received during Commitment Weekend have arrive at the Gift Processing Center and will be processed and acknowledged by April 10, 2018. This includes gifts of cash, checks and credit cards.

Thank you to all parishioners for your prayerful consideration and generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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.

Please note that the Easter Canticle has already gone to print so all submissions received will be placed in the April 8th Canticle. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 25	7:00am 7:00am 4:00pm	Parish Center Narthex Church	Pancake Breakfast CRS Rice Bowl Collection Fine Arts Series Concert "Songs without Words"
Monday, March 26	8:00am	Church	Feast Day of St. Cletus
Tuesday, March 27	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Church Rectory Church	Holy Hour RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 28	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Rm	Mission Ladies
HOLY THURSDAY Thursday, March 29	7:30pm 9:00pm	Church Parking Lot	<i>(Please note there is no 8am Mass)</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Adoration until 12am) Buses leave for Visit of the Seven Churches
GOOD FRIDAY Friday, March 30	3:00pm 6:30pm	Church Parish Center	<i>(Please note no 8am Mass, Parish Facilities Closed)</i> The Passion of the Lord Hispanic Ministry Way of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY Saturday, March 31	12:00pm 7:30pm	Parish Center Church	<i>(Please note there is no 8am Mass and no 5pm Mass)</i> Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday, April 1	7:00 am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30 p.m.	Church Church Church Church Church	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass in Spanish

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to the early printing of the Canticle for Palm Sunday the March 18th Collection Report will be published in next week's bulletin.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Donate Online Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski at 708 -352-6209.

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Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

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

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.

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