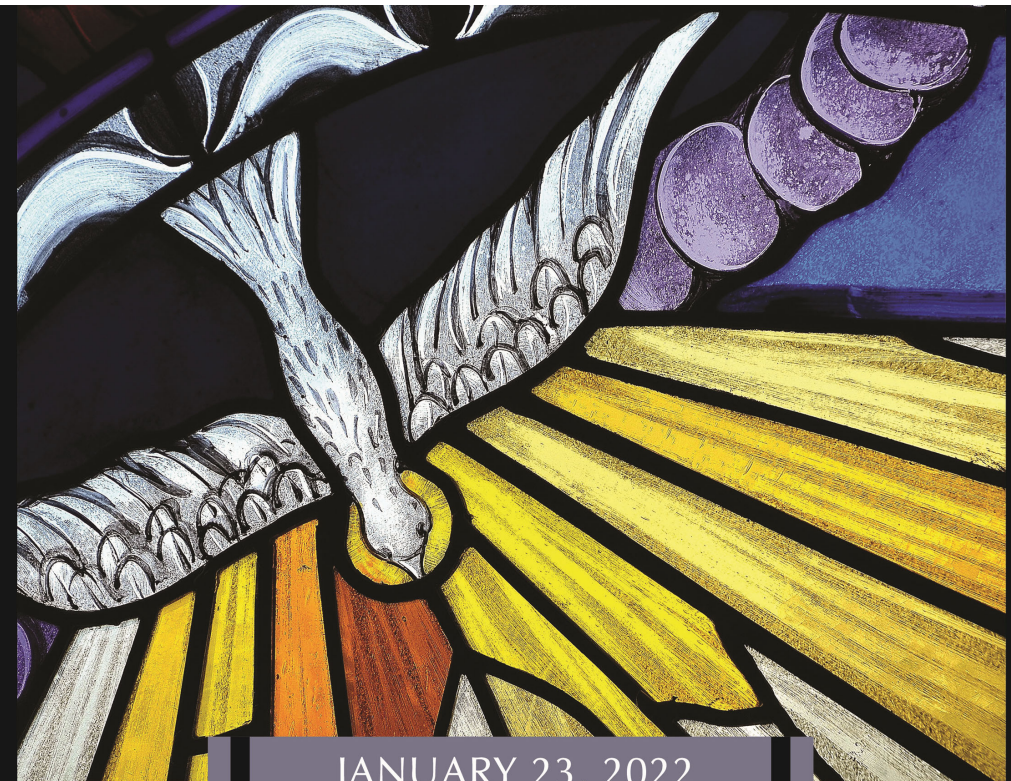


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.**
— LUKE 4:18A



JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

~ LUKE 4:18

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Mass Intentions for January 24 - 30, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
January 24	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Andrew F. Bultas Jr.
January 25	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 26	8:00am	Fr. Costello	BC Collins
January 27	8:00am	Fr. Romero	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 28	8:00am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 29	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Anthony Lonis Braun
January 30	7:15am	Fr. Costello	Richard Gomez
	8:45am	Fr. Romero	Eugene Sorrentino
	10:30am	Fr. Costello	St. Cletus Parishioners
	12:30pm	Fr. Romero	Diacono Mario A. Avila, Josefina Loza, Thomas Baldibia, Rosa Padilla

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.

January - Debbi Pach, Steve Romanowski

December - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan

November - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

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

Evelyn Conforti
Mother of Joe Conforti

James Davis
Father of Stacy O'Keefe

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please see page 7 of the Canticle or visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Pastor's Note

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to announce to you that Fr. John Lodge, *Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biblical Studies and Homiletics* at the University of the St. Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary, has graciously accepted my invitation to come to our parish on weekends and celebrate Mass for us starting this weekend. He will be with us every other weekend. We will have him again on February 5th and 6th. Due to a scheduled trip, he will return to us on March 19, 2021.

Fr. John Lodge has been teaching at Mundelein Seminary since 1981. When I went to Mundelein Seminary (2000-03) to complete my theological education, I was blessed to have him as one of my professors of Scripture. Then, when I joined the Seminary Faculty in 2012, Fr. John was one of the first faculty members that reached out to me and offered me his support in my new role as formator of future priests. I truly benefitted and learned much from the regular meetings and conversations I had with Fr. John since 2012. By the invitation of the Seminary, I traveled (twice) to the Holy Land with Fr. John and seminarians. We have also traveled to the United Kingdom twice and, in June of last year, we made a trip to Arizona to visit the awesome and spectacular Grand Canyon. I have learned that to travel with Fr. John is truly a joy. He generously shares his knowledge, insights, and wisdom with you on the journey. Apart from being my mentor, I consider him as my best friend in whom I relied. Please help me by offering to Fr. John Lodge a warm welcome to our parish family. You will see more information about him below.



M.Div., S.T.L., University of St. Mary of the Lake; M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; S.S.L., Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome; S.T.D., Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome; Author of *Reading Romans 9-11: A Reader Response Analysis* (Scholars, 1997); Professor at Quigley Preparatory South 1976-1978; V.P. and Academic Dean, 1984-1988, 1997-2003; Ecclesiastical President, 2003- Adjunct Professor, Gregorian University, Rome, 1992-1993. Member of the Catholic Biblical Association, Catholic Theological Society of America, American Academy of Religions / Society for Biblical Literature, contributor to *Biblica*, *Bible Today*, and *Chicago Studies*.

On Monday evening, January 24, 2022, along with St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier Parishes, we will begin our involvement in *Renew My Church: Process of Decision, Discernment, and Discipleship*. We are scheduled to attend five meetings (Jan. 24th, 31st, Feb. 7th, 28th and March 7th). All meetings will be held at St. John of the Cross Parish. Our facilitator will be Elizabeth J. White, Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship. I will be attending the five meetings accompanied by Barbara Campbell, Kendall Grant, Lilia and Steven Dziak, Camille Koch, Helen Acke McComiskey, Collen Hagen, Tina Norton, Leonard Bertin, Gregory Porod, Juanita Avila, and Fr. Dan Costello. I am looking forward to the meetings with excitement and hope. I think God has something very important to share and show us. We will be taking notes and share them with you through our parish bulletin. Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit for all of us.

My hope is that at end of the *Renew My Church* process, after our personal relationship with Jesus has deepened, gently and confidently we can better bring Him to others.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Mt. 19: 14.

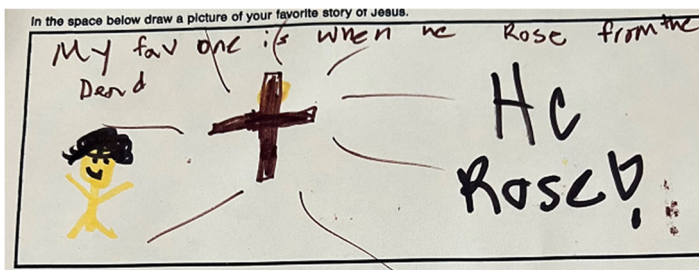
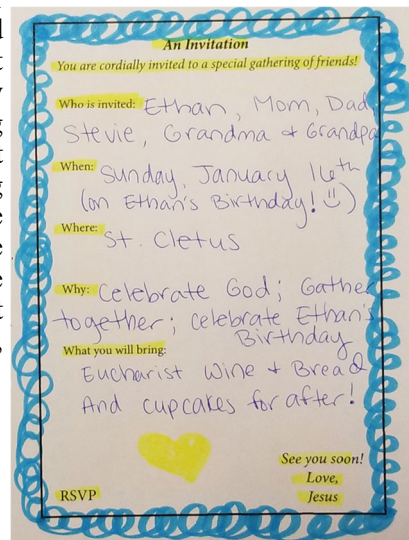
One of our family lessons this month focuses on the invitation to come to Mass. Some of our families have showed great creativity and enthusiasm with regard to this lesson. There are so many benefits of bringing our children to Mass. When children are brought to Mass frequently, they quickly learn the language of our faith. Behavior at Mass gets better at an earlier age if they are taken from an earlier age and become used to coming. Faith becomes interwoven into the "fabric" of their lives, and they begin to hunger for and love the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

At St. Cletus, we want you to attend Mass with your children – no matter what age they are! Jesus wants them to be comfortable and "at home" in Church! Here are a couple of things to remember:

1. Please be consistent – bring your children to mass each week. Jesus wants them to visit as much as possible!
2. If possible, sit close to the front (usually the easiest place to find a seat). Let them be close to the action and see what is going on. We forget that little people can't see from the back.
3. Try to get to mass a few minutes before Mass starts. Talk to them about the things they see in Church. Does anything look different this week? Remember the colors you see around the Church (or what color the priest is wearing) will tell you what liturgical season we are in. Answer their questions.
4. Bring things with you that they can use when they get distracted. Good ideas are: colorful Children's Bible or a book on a saint (or on the mass!), coloring pages from a religious coloring book, or other activities that help them to learn about God.
5. Teach them about the parts of the Mass – especially what happens at the consecration – when the miracle happens!
6. Teach them to bless themselves with holy water and to genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, since it contains the Holy Eucharist, each time they enter or leave Church.

7. Teach them about the parts of the Church (the tabernacle, the apostles creed and sacramental stained glass windows, the altar, the crucifix, the baptismal font).
8. Don't let Mass be the only time they see you pray. Make sure you pray with them at meal times and before they go to bed at night.
9. Please don't speak disrespectfully during or after mass about the clergy, the homily, or the church. This sets a bad example, and can cause your children to be cynical about faith as they grow up.
10. If the priest is greeting people after Mass, bring your children to say hello to him!
11. Try to attend mass at a time that is best for your children. This will also make it easier on you!

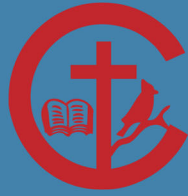
Start while your children are young and stay at it! Sometimes it might seem like they are not understanding or paying attention at all, but they are getting more than we realize and just might surprise you! Remember that we want our children not just to learn their faith, but to *love* it.



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Please join us for the
St. Cletus School
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 30, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- ✓ Meet our Teachers
- ✓ Talk with Students & Parents
- ✓ Explore our Classrooms
- ✓ Learn about our Programs

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Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations for a few weeks. Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook:
[@StCletusFoodPantry](#)

Now on Instagram:
[@St.CletusFoodPantry](#)

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

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

This weekend we commemorate the anniversary of Roe v Wade. Last weekend, thousands gathered for March for Life Chicago and a few days ago thousands more gathered for March for Life in D.C. to work towards protecting all life. We encourage you to join us in prayer:



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Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

The not-so-fun FACTS about Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are often seen as women's issues but in fact they are community issues, public health issues, business issues and human rights issues. The statistics are staggering and have very real and tangible effects on us, on our loved ones, our communities, and our world.

- APPROXIMATELY 1.3 million** women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States. (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
- EVERY MINUTE 20 PEOPLE** experience physical violence by an intimate partner. (CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS))
- One in every three** women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
- One in fifteen** children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and **ninety percent** of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. (U.S. Department of Justice, National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence)
- Domestic violence is the 3rd leading cause of homelessness for families.** (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families)

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

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

WORD OF LIFE



“Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion”



Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

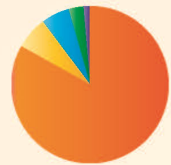
To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

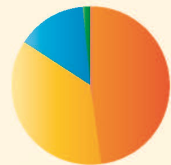
- Grants and Donations: **83.31%**
- Program Costs: **6.42%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.07%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **2.90%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**



Total Expenses: \$6,877,734

Total Number of Grants Approved: 358
Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

- Emergency Disaster Funds: **47.93%**
- General Pastoral*: **36.41%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **14.22%**
- Child Protection: **1.44%**



*Includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries



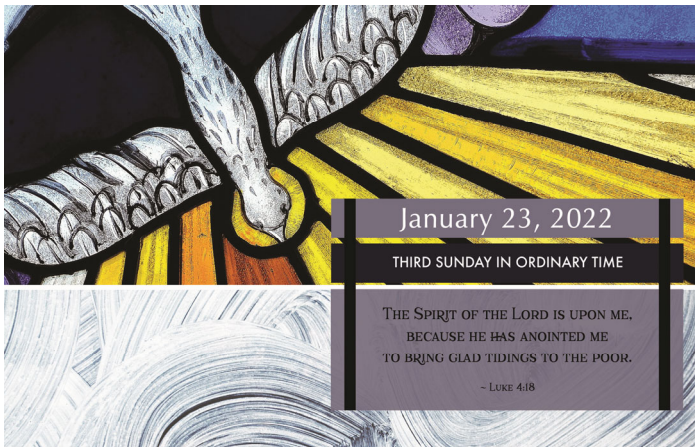
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Sunday Notes



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GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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WINTER WARMTH

One kind word can warm three winter months.

—Japanese proverb

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sunday of the Word of God
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Wednesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I allow God to direct my actions this week?

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PARDON QUICKLY

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly. Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.

—Sir Arthur Pinero

ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



LA LEY DE DIOS

La Escritura siempre ha sostenido que la ley de Dios es el camino para la felicidad humana. En la primera lectura, el sacerdote Esdras lee el rollo de la ley al pueblo que regresó del exilio. El pueblo llora y luego se alegra. La relación de Israel con Dios siempre se ha definido por cómo guardaba y vivía la ley de Dios. El autor del salmo 96 también alaba la ley de Dios como el origen de la sabiduría, alegría e iluminación, pureza y justicia.

En su consejo con los corintios discutidores, Pablo señala que, al igual que Dios ha hecho todas las partes del cuerpo humano esenciales para la salud integral, vivir como “el cuerpo de Cristo” requiere que cada miembro sea reconocido como necesario para el bien de todos. Por último, en el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús afirma que el Espíritu lo envía a aliviar el sufrimiento humano. Como Esdras, quien está leyendo de un rollo, proclamando la “ley” de misericordia de Dios a los necesitados.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios ante la asamblea reunida. El pueblo entendió y aceptó la ley (Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Tus palabras, Señor, son espíritu y vida (Salmo 19 [18]).

Segunda lectura — Del mismo modo que el cuerpo con sus muchas partes forma un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo (1 Corintios 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Evangelio — Jesús, participando del culto en la sinagoga de Nazaret, leyó del profeta Isaías y declara que en su propia persona se cumple la profecía (Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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INVIERNO CALIDO

Una palabra cálida puede calentar tres meses de invierno.

—Proverbio japonés

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 25-26; Mc 3:22-30
- Martes: Hch 22:3-16 o 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
- Miércoles: 2 Tim 1:1-18 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 27-30; Mc 4:1-20
- Jueves: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Sal 132 (131):1-5, 11-14; Mc 4:21-25
- Viernes: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Sal 51 (50):3-7, 10-11; Mc 4:26-34
- Sábado: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Sal 5 (50):1:12-17; Mc 4:35-41
- Domingo: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lc 4:21-30

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

- Domingo: Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo de la Palabra de Dios
- Lunes: San Francisco de Sales
- Martes: La Conversión de san Pablo; Termina la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
- Miércoles: Santos Timoteo y Tito
- Jueves: Santa Ángela de Merici
- Viernes: Santo Tomás de Aquino
- Sábado: Santa María Virgen

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, dirige nuestros pasos de manera que podamos agradarte en todo y así merezcamos, en nombre de tu Hijo amado, abundar en toda clase de obras buenas. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo permitir que Dios dirija mis pasos esta semana?

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PERDONA RÁPIDO

Si tienes algo que perdonar, perdona rápido. El perdón lento es poco mejor que la ausencia de perdón.

—Sir Arthur Pinero

ELUSIVA FELICIDAD

La felicidad nunca será nuestra si no reconocemos en algún grado que las bendiciones que Dios nos dio son para el bienestar de todos.

—Anónimo

Youth Ministry

At our All Teen Event we had the opportunity to hear from some NAMI speakers about how to Stress Less! We wanted to share some of the important information from this great meeting!

NAMI METRO SUBURBAN

Teen Stress Management Strategies

Know the Warning Signs

Stress affects everyone at some point in our lives. However, chronic, long-lasting stress is unhealthy. Here are some warning signs of stress:

- Physical responses like headaches or stomach aches
- Loss of appetite or increase in unhealthy eating
- Trouble sleeping, poor quality of sleep
- Feelings of sadness, anxiety, or anger
- Overlooking assignments or tasks, inability to focus or concentrate

Why Mindfulness Matters

Mindfulness is the practice of focusing on the present moment while calmly acknowledging feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations. Practicing mindfulness helps you by:

- Improving grades—students who practice mindfulness before tests perform better than students who don't
- Reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress
- Improve quality of sleep, increase overall well-being

How to Practice Mindfulness

1

BREATHING EXERCISES

Sit comfortable with your feet on the floor. Close your eyes and take deep breaths. Count to four while you inhale and count down from four while you exhale. Do this until you feel calm.

Search "Triangle Breathing" on YouTube for more tools to help.

2

BODY SCAN

Sit somewhere quiet and without distractions. Take a deep breath and, starting at your feet, consciously relax every muscle in your body. Try to focus only on your breath and how it feels when your muscles start to relax.

There are great guided meditations that'll help you go through this.

3

VISUALIZATION EXERCISES

Stairway Exercise: Imagine you're standing at the top of a staircase with ten steps. With each breath, visualize yourself walking down the stairs, becoming more relaxed with each step.

Empty Room Exercise: Imagine that you're in an empty room. Notice how you feel. Now imagine adding people, objects, decorations until you have filled it to your satisfaction. Pay attention to how satisfied, happy, and safe you feel.

Tips and Tricks to Deal with Stress

- Talk about what's causing you stress with others
- Take deep breaths
- Progressive muscle relaxation exercises
- Set smaller goals and break tasks into manageable chunks
- Exercise, eat regular meals, get proper sleep
- Work through worst-case scenarios
- Visualize and practice feared situations
- Lower unrealistic expectations
- Take breaks to do things you enjoy

Mindfulness Apps

- Headspace
- Insight Timer
- Smiling Mind
- Breathe
- Stop, Breathe, and Think
- Calm

Mindfulness Videos

- <http://www.mindfulteachers.org/2019/04/silent-videos.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXltOY0sLRY>

Ministry News

BOOK DISCUSSION



For the next book discussion, we are reading **The Patron Saint of Liars** by Ann Patchett. We will meet on February 8, 2022 at 10 AM in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. Please note, this is a time change from previous discussions.

For those who like to look ahead....
 April 12, **What Alice Forgot** by Lianne Moriarty
 June 14, **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles
 As always, all are welcome.
 Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

HISPANIC MINISTRY



Adorado sea El Santísimo Sacramento

Por Siempre...

La comunidad hispana de San Cleto, ha estado realizado la Adoración Nocturna todos los segundos sábados de cada mes en el horario de 7:00pm a 10:30pm. A partir del mes de diciembre 2021 comenzamos hacerlo durante toda la noche con el debido permiso de nuestro párroco P. Elmer Romero. El nuevo horario ahora será de 9:00pm a 5:30am. Todos son bienvenidos a rendir Adoración a nuestro Señor. Para cualquier pregunta dirigirla al consejo parroquial 708 5024891.

Ave María Purísima
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ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1st Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 11th @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

Please contact Jim Ludden at (630) 880-2415 if you are interested in helping out!.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

Save the date for a fun, night celebrating our school at the St. Cletus Spring Auction 2022
 WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd
 TIME: 6-11pm
 WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center Fr. Clark Gym
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Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

SEE NO STRANGER Ten Mondays, Jan 24—Apr 4, 10—11:30 AM Facilitators: Colleen Gorman and Bridget Spurduto

Book series based on Valarie Kaur's *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*. We will explore Valarie's ideas of revolutionary love as "a call for our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions--to others, to opponents and to our-selves." \$150.

STILLNESS OF WINTER: ALMOST FEBRUARY... Thursday, Jan 27, 7—8:15 PM Facilitator: Barbara Mahany

February tries its darnedest to turn us into doubters. But now is the time when we're wise to pay closest attention: Listen close for the first stirrings of winter loosening its grip, making room for the light to seep in. \$15

RE-EMERGING IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD First Thursdays, Feb 3—May 5, 10—11:30 AM Facilitator: Bridget Spurduto The pandemic has lasted far longer than we ever imagined. Let us gather, process and unpack how the pandemic has affected us and how we want to consciously move forward, considering "which parts of normal are worth rushing back to." \$15/session.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Our annual "Cabaret" dueling pianos evening featuring Tony Kidonakis was originally scheduled for February 4th but with the current COVID spike, and the Archdiocesan restrictions currently in place, we are looking to postpone to a later date. Stay tuned for our new date and more information.

On Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying the music, but singing along from the audience too!

Finally, on Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 pm you can experience "A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim." Join some of the area's finest vocalists and instrumentalists as we share an afternoon of songs by arguably one of the greatest composers and lyricists in recent history. You are

sure to find songs that are familiar - and you may learn some lesser known Sondheim pieces. Both "Sing" and the tribute concert are free of charge.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE



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Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



We are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Please see page 5 for more information about the St. Cletus School Open House on Sunday, January 30.

Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30-February 5
www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22

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.

Week at a Glance

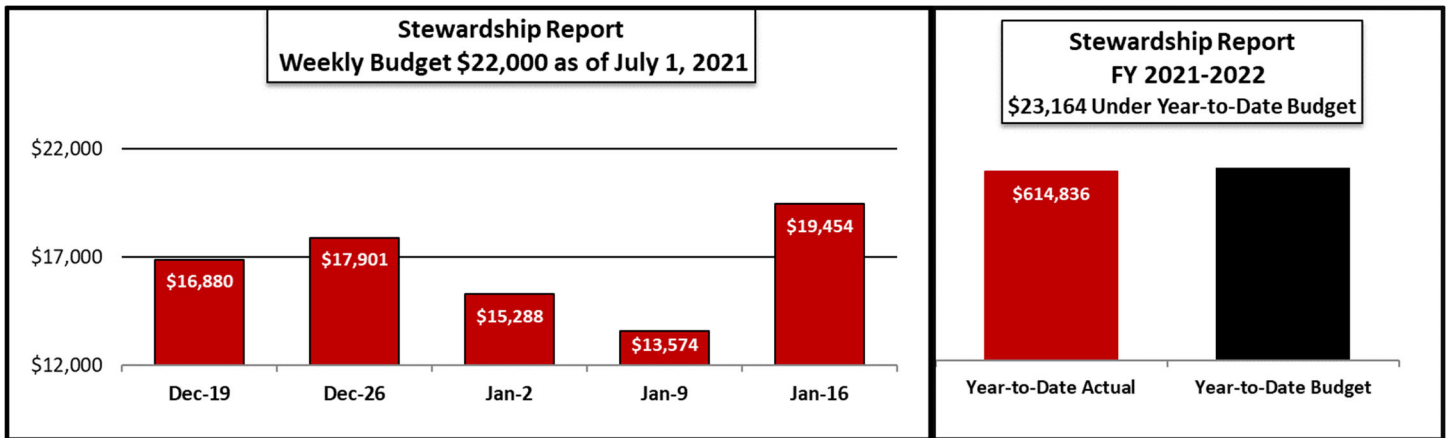
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 23	7:00am	Narthex	Respect Life Committee
Monday, January 24			
Tuesday, January 25	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 26	9:00am 7:30pm	Parish Center Meeting Room Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Church League Practice
Thursday, January 27	7:30pm	School Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 28			
Saturday, January 29	4:00pm	Parish Center Gym	Church League Games
Sunday, January 30	9:30am	School	CSW Open House

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Christmas collection to date - \$169,607.17

Donations to sound system to date - \$17,885.00



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2021 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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St. Cletus Parish Information

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

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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..... Mon. thru Fri. 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

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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.

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