

November 27, 2011 • First Sunday of Advent

Holy Family

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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

O Come, O Come Emanuel! This ancient Advent carol calls us to prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts. "I have come to make all things new" says the Lord. This Advent is ushering in many new things.

First of all, we begin a new liturgical year on this First Sunday of Advent. We are now in a new cycle of readings. In this Cycle (B), many of the Gospels this year will be taken from Mark. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ in our hearts. Please take home a copy of our Advent prayer books. These booklets are given to us each year by Jim Decorrevont. They provide a daily meditation that can make all the difference in keeping the spirit of Advent. The lighting of the candles each week reminds us of the themes of Hope, the Christian Way, Joy and Peace as we draw closer to Christmas.

We also begin celebrating the liturgy with the new Roman Missal. The prayers and language will change. It is going to take time to get used to it. Please make sure you get a prayer card for use during the Mass. It will make it much easier to become familiar with the changes. If you did not get a copy of the booklet describing the changes last week, there are still many copies available in the back of Church. Don't worry about making mistakes; I will be leading the list with the most mistakes!

We begin this morning the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We are a little late in starting this but we have been reviewing what we have been doing and have made some great enhancements to what is already a wonderful program. Virginia Clayton and Jim Bruton worked with a committee and we have more catechists and new materials to work with. The age group appropriate for liturgy of the Word is kindergarten to 6th grade. Each Sunday, the children will be dismissed after the opening prayer. They will hear the word proclaimed from the lectionary for children and then will reflect on the Word and how it speaks to them. They should be back with their families by the time of the presentation of the gifts.

We also begin a new phase of preparation for those who will be received into the Church at Easter. Sr. Eileen has already begun meeting with our candidates. They too will be dismissed after the homily to continue their discernment. Any adult who would like to be baptized or to prepare for Eucharist of Confirmation, please see Sr. Eileen.

This afternoon at the 5:00 Mass our special guests will be the families of the victims and survivors of the fire at Our Lady of the Angel's School. This is the 54th anniversary of that tragedy. I am grateful to the honor guard from the St. Florian Council of the Knights of Columbus who will participate in this annual observance of this painful chapter in the history of our city. We are blessed to have the Shrine to



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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least
six months in advance.



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading 1

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading 2

1 Cor 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord

the Victims of the fire in the south west corner of the Church.

What a week it has been, thanks to the committee that made Sr. Otilie's Christmas sale such a success! Thanks to all those who volunteered last Tuesday for the distribution of turkeys for families in need in our community. Hundreds of families received turkeys. Thanks to the community of Faith Hope and Charity, the Holy Family Scholarship Program, Our Lady of Pompei and countless benefactors who made the whole thing possible. Sr. Marion and Sr. Otilie's worked so hard organizing this effort. Thanks!

On Dec. 10th, at Joe's on Weed Street, please go to the annual Kandy Kane Ball. The Holy Family Christmas Party for children is one of several charities that benefits from the toys collected. Steve and Emily Angelo join a dedicated group of young adults who have made a great difference in the experience of Christmas for thousands of children in the Chicago land area. Holy Family is blessed to have benefitted from this generous event.

Thanks to Marilyn Reidy for organizing this year's Giving Tree. Many families in need will be blessed.

Holy Family in the News...This week's edition of The New World has a wonderful story on the Healing Garden and the restoration of our front doors. The door's project is almost finished. I am grateful to everyone who is helping us pay for this much needed effort to protect the oldest doors in the city and to make them as safe as possible for the thousands of people who worship in Holy Family Church each year.

Make plans to attend Cardinal George's 2nd, "Christmas Concert for Chicago", on Dec. 18th at 2:00. The City Lights Orchestra, under the direction of Rich Daniels will get you in the mood for Christmas. The cardinal will be delivering a beautiful rendition of the gospel account of Jesus' birth. There is not a better place than Holy Family for this popular concert.

Have a Blessed week,

Liturgy

November 27 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Tony Karp
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson
& Rosemary Rios
Banner Carrier.....Josephine Ramirez
Lectors.....Sandra Broussard
& Sr. Marion Murphy
Responsorial Psalm.....Felicia Luss
Communion Ministers.....Louise Jones,
Mildred Jackson, Lillie Gandy, Sr. Pat,
John King, Sr. Theresa Gleeson, Willie
Ramsey
Altar Servers.....Alexandria Wilson
& Amanda Wilson
Greeters.....Wilma Gibson

December 4 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Odell Gordon
& LaShonya Wilson
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Jazá Gandy
Greeters.....Cheryl Bowie

November Collection Ministers

Eastside.....George Canino
East Center.....John Blythe
Westside.....Eric Tenfelde
West Center.....Jessie West

December Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Felix Rubin
East Center.....Julia Haynes
Westside.....Greg Baiocchi
West Center.....Sol Giampa

December Entrance Procession

Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley
& Katie Terone
Banner Carrier.....Tom McElligott
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

Nov. 13.....\$2,252.84
GiveCentral.....\$185.00
Difference: -\$562.16
Nov. 20.....\$2,373.76
GiveCentral.....\$250.00
Difference: -\$376.24
CCHD.....\$362.61

If you wish to contribute to the Door Restoration Project you can do so on GiveCentral.com by choosing the event "Church Door Restoration"

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kay Ansani, Priscilla Archer, Tracy Beyers, MaryAnn Burke, Michael DeBlasis, Wilfred Cashman, Rachel Cordero, Betty Ferguson, Jesse Hernandez, Dale Gurney, Eleanor Kotleba, Jim McNally, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Dan O'Holleran, Christopher Olkiewicz, Eric Shepherd, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Christine Watson, and Jesse West

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers is being revised. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and want to remain on the list - thank you. If you no longer wish to be on the list please contact Sister Theresa Gleeson. If you would like to be a new Eucharistic Minister, please come to the meeting for **ALL** Eucharistic Ministers to be held after the 9:45 mass on Dec. 4th. We will gather in the front pews of church on the BVM side (left) for about 10 minutes to fill out schedule information. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Sharon in the parish office. Hope to see you on Dec. 4th!
- Sister Theresa Gleeson & Sister Pat Cummings

The Elizabeth Ministry is well underway, and we have been able to provide families of the newborn with gifts from the parish.

Thanks to Laverne, a friend of Sr. Eileen, we have received ten hand-made baby afghans. Laverne is a member of the Illinois Bell's Pioneer Club and has been telling the members of the group about our project and how she has been helping us. We are delighted to tell you that last week the group decided they would also like to provide blankets for the babies.

Sr. Eileen has received a number of donations of yarn so if any parishioners, who know how to either knit or crochet baby sets or blankets, would be willing to get involved in doing so for this ministry, Sister would be happy to provide you with the yarn. In fact, if convenient, you could see her after Mass today (as soon as she finishes the RCIA class) and select the colors and amount of yarn you'd need. If knitting/crocheting isn't your

thing, the Elizabeth Ministry could always use help in another facet of the ministry.

Welcoming the New Translation of the Roman Missal

Eternal God, whose Spirit wove the many voices of humankind into one tongue of proclamation at Pentecost, bless our community of faith as we begin the use of this new translation of the Roman Missal.

Help us faithfully to praise your majesty and give thanks for your goodness to your people. May the words we use, as inadequate as they are to express your greatness and your love, help us to draw closer to you, the source of life. May this new translation foster true devotion among your people, and bind us together in one community of faith, always ready to seek your will and prepared to serve our brothers and sisters in charity and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Calendar

- Nov. 27 - Our Lady of the Angels Memorial Mass 5 p.m.
- Dec. 17 - Children's Christmas party
- Dec. 18 - The Cardinal's Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- Dec. 24 - Mass for the Vigil of the Nativity 5 p.m.
Christmas Carols 9:30 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy for the Nativity of the Lord 10 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
9:45 Mass - Gospel Choir
5:00 Mass
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve 5 p.m. Mass
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day 9:45 Mass
5 p.m. Mass
- Jan. 8 - Feast of the Epiphany
Blessing of Holy Family's restored front doors 9:30 a.m.
Bishop Alberto Rojas presiding Solemn Liturgy of the Epiphany at 9:45 a.m.
5 p.m. Epiphany Mass