

January 20, 2008 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family Church

1080 W. Roosevelt Road
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A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back to Ordinary Time! Following Christmas we have a brief interlude before we plunge into the Lenten Season. Lent begins quite early this year.



Today we join congregations around the Country in observing the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The legacy of Dr. King looms large and the impact of his vision continues to influence the Nation. His prophetic challenge to the Nation to take seriously the vision of the founding of our Country and the ethical values of Sacred Scripture led to a massive rethinking of the quality of American life, still recovering from slavery and the lasting impact of racism and bigotry.

Dr. King's teachings are finding their way into the campaign trail. His name and speeches are regularly referred to and there is much reflection on the status of civil rights progress. We pause this weekend to give the Lord thanks for his place in history and the power his words continue to have on our nation.

Our Parish Council is continuing to reflect on the input we received from our Autumn meetings regarding the future of the parish. The Council with the assistance of Sr. Pat Bombard B.V.M. heard loud and clear some values we must affirm and encourage as we face the "new future" of Holy Family.

Our parish must be a place of inclusion and invitation.

Our Liturgies must be spirit filled, alive and prayerful

Our parish life must be marked by extending our love into the community, especially to newcomers.

Our parish must find the resources to support ministry, especially to our youth.

Our parish must deepen our commitment to the larger needs of the community we live in.

At our next meeting we will further clarify the vision that must be explored to meet these hopes.

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are receiving materials today on the objectives of the Appeal and information of how money raised in the Appeal will benefit the Archdiocese of Chicago. The success of the Appeal is critical if the needs of so many can receive the attention they

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)

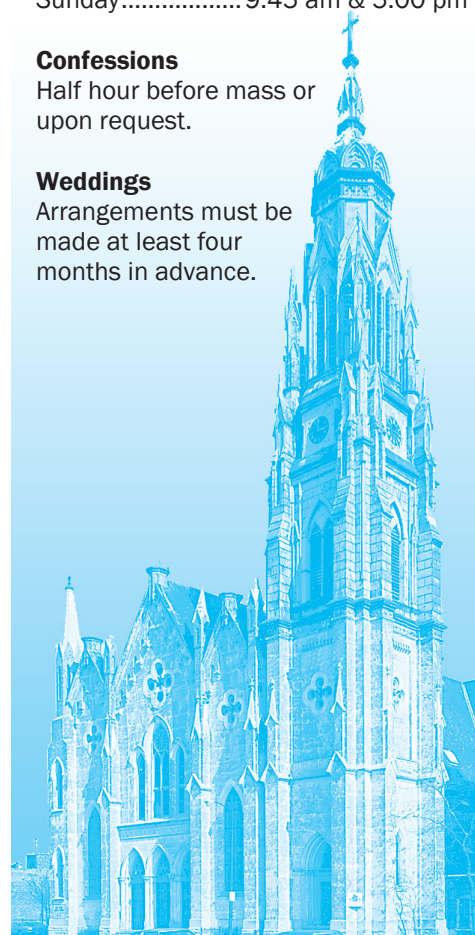
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Half hour before mass or
upon request.

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least four
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.



A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

The Lord said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.

Now the Lord has spoken

who formed me as his servant from the womb,
that Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;

and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord,
and my God is now my strength!

It is too little, the Lord says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according John:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'on whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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deserve. Please keep the Appeal in your thoughts and prayers this week and be prepared next week to make a commitment.

Last year we met our goal! We even went over a bit and that money was applied to the upgrade of our sound system. This year we have a new goal and with your help we hope to meet the goal and exceed it. Any additional money will help offset some of the new expenses the parish must meet to keep our new air conditioning, heating, security and elevator systems in working condition. Please pray for the success of the Appeal.

I am sorry that some parishioners were ticketed last week. I am trying to work out a solution but it has been hard to get through the system to determine why we were ticketed after many years of respecting the space we need for Sunday worship. If you were ticketed, please call the Parish office with the ticket number so I can forward this information to the Alderman.

Have a Blessed week!
Fr. Jerry

P.S. How do you like the new bulletin?
Please thank our advertisers!

Today we commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. by carrying his picture in the Entrance Procession to a place of honor in the sanctuary and using the African-American Flag for our banner. King's non-violent leadership in a protest against so many racist practices moved our nation forward. Let us move beyond remembering him simply by a portrait and a flag to daily non-violent efforts to recognize and change any racist attitudes and actions of which we may be unaware within ourselves and to be leaders in a non-violent life that respects peoples of all races, religions, and nationalities.

Readings for the Week

January 20, 2008

- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-
22/Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8* or Ti 1:1-5*/
Mk 3:20-21

Liturgy

January 20 at 9:45 am

- Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
- Cross Bearer Caretha Carroll
- Candle Bearers Joyce Pugh &
Julia Haynes
- Banner Carrier Tom McElligott
- Lectors..... Lettece Lee & Matthew May
- Responsorial Psalm..... Dan O'Holleran
- Communion Ministers.....Lille Gandy,
Pearl Luss, Denise Summers,
Dawn O'Holleran, Rita Gardner,
Stacey Mullins, Dana Hayes
- Altar Servers.....Aaron Mullins &
Gianni Mancini

Next Sunday, January 27 at 9:45am

- LectorsSandi Tenfelde &
Stacey Mullins
- Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson &
Amare Wilson

January Greeters

- Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay,
Viola Singleton, and Sol Giampa

January Collection Ministers

- Eastside Garrett Reidy
- East Center..... Tom McElligott
- Westside Selina Fabian
- West Center Maa Ohui Quarmyne

**ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH, THERE
WILL BE A BRIEF, BUT IMPORTANT ,
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF
COMMUNION RIGHT AFTER 9:45 MASS
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH.**

Sunday Collection

- January 6, 2008 \$4,067.31
- January 13, 2008 \$2,602.61

Thank You!

Don't Miss This – Mark Your Calendar

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Office for Racial Justice and Catholics United for Racial Justice are proud to sponsor a Vicariate III presentation of Storyteller Susan O'Halloran's "Stories of RACE, Stories of PLACE, Stories of GRACE" which celebrates Cardinal George's pastoral letter on racism, "DWELL IN MY LOVE" and highlights the four types of racism outlined in the pastoral. The program begins at 7 PM here at Holy Family Parish. There is no charge for this event; however, a free will donation will be appreciated. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. For information please visit www.dwellinmylove.org.

The prayer group which meets at the Parish Center on each Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 will welcome anyone who wishes to join us on the Thursdays of Lent. Call Sister Francilla (312-243-6125) for additional information.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2008 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the *Annual Catholic Appeal* brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "The Lord is my light..." Psalm 27:1.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

A significant gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides a significant portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Archdiocese of Chicago is no exception.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over five months.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Coming Events

- Jan. 26th - Finance Council Mtg. 11:00 a.m.—Parish Center
- Jan. 29th - Evening Presentation on:
"Confronting the Sin of Racism"
- March 15th - The Chicago Chorale Performance:
Bach's Passion of St. Matthew
7:00 p.m.
- March 17th - Hamilton College Choir Concert of Sacred
Music 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 7th - Archdiocesan Celebration of the Feast of
St. Peter Claver 12:00 noon
- Nov. 1st - Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Mother –
BVM's 2:00 p.m.