

Holy Family

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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

“Create in me a clean heart”, this is one of the ancient antiphons of the Lenten season. Lent calls us to “rend our hearts”, to heal our brokenness. These are lofty aspirations that become not much more than a nice idea unless we do something about it. True reconciliation is never easy, but is critical to the life of the disciple.

I hope you will be able to avail yourself of the Sacrament during this Lenten season. We are celebrating the Sacrament this morning before the Eucharist. I am available to celebrate the sacrament every Sunday, from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 4:15p.m. to 4:45 p.m. If those times are not possible, please feel free to call me at the parish and I will be happy to set up a time you can make.

The Lenten Season is truly a spiritual retreat. Three weeks into it, how is it going? Are you praying each day, are you doing anything to make this season special. There was wisdom in the tradition of “giving something up” because it reminds each day of our personal sacrifices that create the space to grow spiritually. If you haven’t got started, start today! It is not too late. While I am not a fan of winter, the starkness of nature and the cold make for a great context to see the things that mean the most.

This past week we celebrated the life of Dr. Raymond Murphy, Pat, as his family knew him. He was the brother of Sr. Marion Murphy. He served as a Doctor at Little Company of Mary Hospital for many years and was renowned for his care of his patients. He was devoted to his family and his funeral was truly a celebration of a remarkable person. Please pray for Sr. Marion and her brother’s family who have cherished Pat and will truly miss him.

This past week’s revival at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica was a great success. I am grateful to Virginia Clayton for hard work in helping the revival be a spiritual blessing to all who attended.

It is hard to believe that this coming Palm Sunday marks my 6th anniversary here at Holy Family. Much has happened! After consultation with the Finance Council and the Parish Council I asked that an audit be conducted. It is important that an objective and independent person review procedures and internal processes. We have gone through many changes and as we grow as a parish, it is important that every effort is undertaken to make sure our resources are used in a way faithful to your trust. I know you make great sacrifices to support Holy Family. This week, Mr. Jessie Estrada reviewed many of our procedures and was pleased with the



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Masses

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

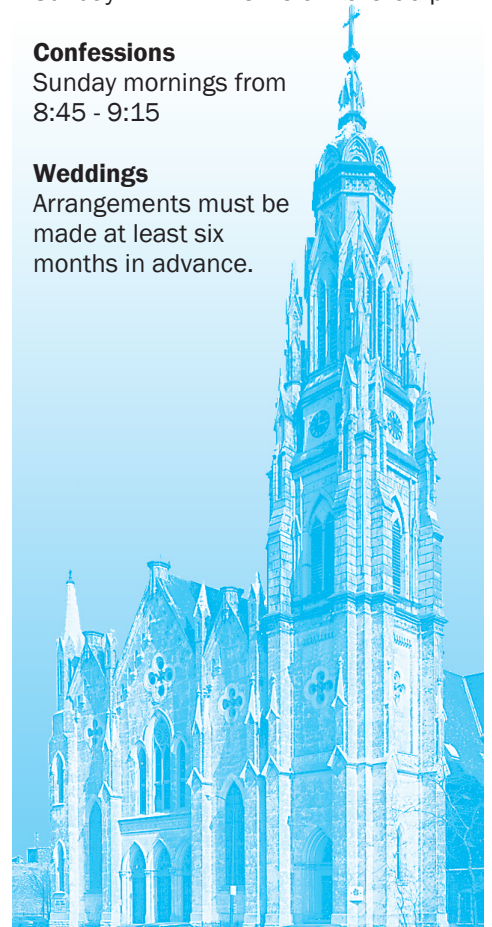
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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.



A reading from the Book of Exodus:
In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

A reading from Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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way Holy Family conforms to the best practices for financial oversight established by the Archdiocese. Sharon Van Den Hende is doing a great job bringing our data system in line with Quick Books. Our financial reporting and internal documentation is in order. I am grateful to Dawn O'Holleran, chair of the Finance Council, for her leadership. She has worked hard on the organization of the money counters. I am grateful to Chris Pugh who has helped us on internal management issues and she has help us obtain a safe for the Church where contributions can be kept secure until properly recorded and deposited the next banking day. We will be receiving a more detailed list of recommendations for improvement. Some of the best practices are written with much larger parishes in mind. These suggestions will help translate the underlying goals to a smaller parish operation.

Work continues on the return of the angels to the organ façade. A major repair of the east side of the façade was completed this week. An internal, metal bracing system will insure the stability of the façade for generations to come. The Bradford Organ Company are experts and are deeply committed to preserving the historic character of the façade.

I welcome a group of young adults from Mary, Seat of Wisdom parish who are joining us today at the 5:00 p.m. mass.

Don't forget to sign up for the St. Patrick's Day parade!

Please be careful about not parking in the tow zones. The city is ticketing very aggressively and at this point I am having a hard time making a case with them for leniency during our Sunday masses.

Have a Blessed week,

Fr. Jerry

Liturgy

February 24 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer Tony Cannino
Candle Bearers..... Steve Archer & Jane Justic
Banner Carrier..... Jesse West
Lectors..... Sr. Marion Murphy & Sandra Broussard
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie
Communion Ministers.....Jerry Hossli, Sr. Mary Angela, Renee Mason, Debra Higen, John King, Virginia McElligott, Willie Ramsey
Altar Servers.....Aaron Mullins & Gianni Mancini

Next Sunday, March 2 at 9:45am

Lectors LaShonya Wilson & Jay Borchert
Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson & Amare Wilson

February Greeters

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

February Collection Ministers

Eastside Joe Ramirez
East Center John Blyth
Westside.....Odell Gordon
West Center.....Rose Kelly

March Collection Ministers

Eastside Tony Canino
East CenterRoy Summers
Westside.....Steve Broussard
West Center.....Shuming Gu

March Entrance Procession

Cross BearerAnthony Karp
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson & Kathleen Rubin
Banner Carrier.....Marilyn Reidy/ Charlene Galloway

Mass Intentions

Feb.24 Angeline Accetto
Pat Murphy

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Helen Beverwyck, Elizabeth Bray, Mary Everett, and Susan Hawel

Sunday Collection

February 10, 2008 \$2,423.24
February 17, 2008 \$3,259.02

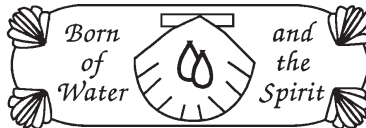
Thank You!

Sr. Thea Bowman Humanitarian Award Winners

The Holy Family St. Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary would like to announce the winner of the Sr. Thea Bowman Award. We are proud to announce that Sarah Jones and Joyce McKenzie were the winners. They will be receiving their awards on March 29, 2008. We would like to sing praise to Betty Ferguson, Nora Jackson and Virginia Clayton who were also nominated. Thank you to all of the people that took the time to nominate the ladies at Holy Family that do so much to serve in different capacity in the name of Our Lord.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 16, Our Lord's Triumphal entrance into Jerusalem
9:45 am - Liturgy and Solemn Procession with palms
5:00 pm - Palm Sunday Liturgy
Holy Thursday - March 20
7:00 pm liturgy - Church open until midnight.
Good Friday - March 21
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion of Christ
Holy Saturday - March 22
2:00 pm Blessing of Food Baskets
7:00 pm Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday - March 23
9:45 am and 5:00 pm - Liturgy of Our Lord's Resurrection



Christian Luc Derosena
Baptized 2/17/2008
Welcome!

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.

Volunteers Needed to Distribute Holy Week Schedules

Please join us on Saturday March 15th at 9am at the Church Offices. We will spend about an hour distributing door hangers in the neighborhoods surrounding our parish. Sign up after Mass on Sunday in back of church or call Jerry Hossli at 312-492-7142.



Please let Bob Bolden know if you would like to march in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15.

Coming Events

- Feb. 24th - Sacrament of Reconciliation
- March 15th - The Chicago Chorale Performance: Bach's Passion of St. Matthew 7:00 p.m.
- March 15th - St. Patrick's Day parade
- March 16th - Easter Egg Hunt 11:30-2:00 Damen Hall
- 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.