

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our journey through the Advent season. We are all invited to "make room" for the Lord as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Today we hear the call of Isaiah and John the Baptist to prepare the way for Christ. Please allow the power of God's Word to open up the possibility to grow closer to him.



For many years I use to cover a parish in Seattle for a few weeks each summer. It was sort of a working vacation but I developed a great love for the Pacific Northwest. I was invited to give an Advent Mission this week at Christ the King Parish in Seattle. I am grateful to Fr. Lane who is filling in for me.

Last week, thousands of people made their way to Holy Family attending several events. We had Thanksgiving, four weddings, a baptism, 2 Masses, the Our Lady of the Angels 50th Anniversary Mass, our annual Gospel Choir concert and a concert Monday to honor the swearing in of Anne Burke to the Illinois Supreme Court.

I want to thank so many of you that helped all this happen, the liturgy committee, the choir, our wedding co-coordinator, Cathy Hooper, Katie Mackey who helped get the 5:00 mass going in the midst of the crowds for the OLA mass, the Sisters and Sharon Van Den Hende. Thank-you!

Holy Family received great news coverage last week; all of the major media outlets covered the relationship of Holy Family to Our Lady of the Angels.

Andy Barrie has blessed us again with wreaths and garland! Proceeds from this sale help to cover our expenses for the religious ed program.

Next weekend promises to be another busy few days. On Saturday we will have our Christmas Jazz Party in Damen Hall. Get tickets today! Also the Kandy Kane Ball at Joe's on Weeds will benefit our children's Christmas Party on Dec. 20th.

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### Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland

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### Masses

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

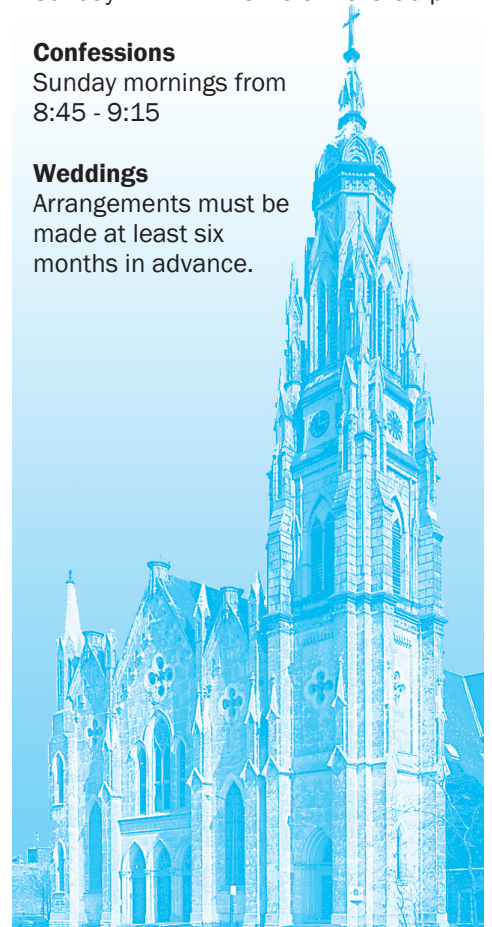
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### 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 I

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

### Reading II

2 Pt 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

Mk 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord

On Sunday, Dec. 14th we will have two performances of the Messiah by the Chicago Chorale. It is an extraordinary opportunity to hear a great piece of music. Performances will be at 2:00 and 7:30. They are family friendly- each performance is only 90 minutes.

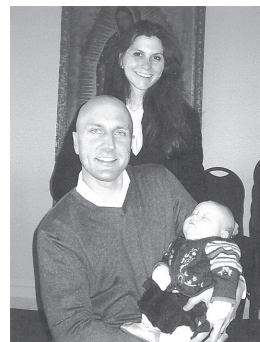
Have a blessed week,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jerry".



### ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, help me to make my shopping, decorating, and other preparations - acts of LOVE for YOU - and for all people around me. - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, - help me to remember your journey to Bethlehem. Amen



Guinevere Frettilio Loftus  
*Welcome!*

# Mass Intentions

Emilio Vitiello

## Liturgy

### December 7 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend George Lane  
Cross Bearer ..... Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers..... Tom O'Malley  
& Katie Terone  
Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey  
Lectors ..... Sabrina Cajandig  
& Virginia Clayton  
Responsorial Psalm..... Dan O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.. Josephine Ramirez,  
Louise Jones, Linda Gaspero, Betty  
Ferguson, Rita Gardner, Antonio Canino,  
Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Server ..... Angel Avila

### Next Sunday, December 14 at 9:45am

Lectors ..... Francine Godwin  
& Jim Sweeney  
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Aaron Canino

### December Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

### December Collection Ministers

Eastside ..... Felix Rubin  
East Center ..... Julia Haynes  
Westside..... Antonio Fabian  
West Center..... Damien Grant

**TODAY** - Sunday envelopes will be distributed before and after the masses. These will be available near the Roosevelt Road entrance. We urge you to use envelopes. Thank you.

### PICTURES FROM THE SHRINE

Thank you for bringing pictures for our NOVEMBER SHRINE. Today please take home these pictures of your loved ones.

If you have not yet returned your red and white, "Thanks be to God" card, please do so at your earliest convenience.

There will be a second collection on Sunday, December 14, for the Retirement Fund for religious.

## Sunday Collection

November 23 ..... \$2,705.41  
November 30 ..... \$2,463.70  
Thanksgiving..... \$380.40  
Bereavement Collection... \$172.06

Please remember to print your name and address on your envelopes.

### *Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Robert Bolden, Mary P. Higen, Gertrude Hill, Mildred Jackson, Mary Murphy, Susie Rhodes, Luke Strotman, and Noah Stuart

**REMEMBER** - next Sunday, Dec. 14th is the final day to return Christmas Giving Tree presents to the church. Our thanks to all who shared in this project. Please help us complete the project on time by bringing the wrapped gift with the Christmas Giving Tree "ornament" attached to church by Dec. 14th. And for those who would like to participate but did not take an ornament, please remember that monetary donations can be placed in the box under the Christmas Tree till Dec. 14th as well.

### HOLY FAMILY HONOR HOURS

would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd Annual Sock Drive. Jay Borchert will be collecting the socks and delivering them to The Night Ministry this week and they will distribute them to the homeless. Please stay tuned for upcoming HONOR HOURS events in the new year! Contact Jay Borchert for more information at 773 402 9469 or call the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** - If enough people, adults and supervised children, are interested we will go caroling in the neighborhood around Holy Family one evening before Christmas. Please let Sister Marion know before or after mass.

### Holy Family Holiday Jazz Party

Dec. 13 - Damen Hall, 7 - 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include: Pompeii Pizza, soft drinks, beer and wine. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of dancing and music, provided by Sway Chicago. Contact Jane Justic, 312-880-0288 or Jerry Hossli, 312- 492-7142 with any questions. Tickets will be on sale in the back of church after 9:45 mass on Sun. 11/23, 11/30 and 12/6. No one under 21 will be admitted.

## Confirmation for Adults

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The Archdiocese of Chicago sponsors adult Confirmation preparation for adults 18 years of age or older who are active Catholics and have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

The program will meet 7 pm - 8pm on all the Mondays and Tuesdays of January at Meyer Center, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, 60653-1402.

For information and registration please e-mail Patrick Redington at [predington@archchicago.org](mailto:predington@archchicago.org) or call (312)243-3700.

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### COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 12 noon
- Dec. 13th - Holiday Jazz Pizza Party 7 - 11 p.m.
- Dec. 14th - "The Messiah" by the Chicago Chorale 2:00p.m. & 7:30p.m.
- Dec. 20th - Children's Christmas Party Damen Hall 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 21st - Reconciliation & Advent afternoon of reflection.
- Dec. 24th - Mass for the Vigil of Christmas 5:00p.m. Christmas Carols with the Gospel Choir 9:30p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Vigil of Christmas 10:00p.m.
- Dec. 25th - Celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord 9:45a.m.
- Dec. 28th - The Feast of the Holy Family 9:45a.m. Mass & Reception Special Exhibition "The Hidden Treasures of Holy Family"