

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 Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

for St. Ignatius College Prep will be visiting Holy Family. It is always great to have so many visitors.

We have been having problems with our sound system. We found out the reason, the Department of Homeland Security took over our frequency and was blocking us out. It will cost about \$2500 to upgrade our equipment so that we can move to another frequency. We can qualify for a rebate that will cover some of the costs but it still will be expensive. I hope the Christmas sale is successful!

Next Sunday at 2:00 p.m., the Chicago Chorale will be offering a choral concert on sacred music devoted to the Blessed Mother. It should be fantastic. Next Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be at noon in the Church.

Have a Blessed Advent

Sing Praise

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with Joyful Song."

Please join us in singing the following songs at the 5:00 Mass. The songs can be found in the Gather hymnal.

OPENING HYMN: Comfort, Comfort, O My People #331
PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
OFFERTORY HYMN: Christ, Be Our Light #512
COMMUNION HYMN: Wait for the Lord #340
CLOSING HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #323

Liturgy

Dec. 6 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley
& Katie Terone
Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey
Lectors..... Sarah Jones
& Lettece Lee
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie
Communion Ministers.....Louise Jones,
Josephine Ramirez, Linda Gaspero,
Rita Gardner, Betty Ferguson, Antonio
Canino, Dawn O'Holleran
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson
& Jazá Gandy

Next Sunday, Dec. 13 at 9:45am

Lectors Christine Aquino
& Matt Aquino
Altar Servers.....Aaron Canino
& Angel Gandy

December Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and
Sal Giampa

December Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Felix Rubin
East Center.....Julia Haynes
Westside.....Vincent Giampa
West Center.....Antonio Fabian

Mass Intentions

Dennis J. Ford, Sr.
Edward Mulcrone

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, George Canino, Daphne
Connolly, Hervene Glass, Gertrude
Hill, Cozetta Morris, Carol Roman,
Keith Schuler, Christine Watson, and
Endy Williams



BIBLE STUDY

This Tuesday, Dec.
8 at 10 am.

Sunday Collection

Nov.22.....\$5,357.36
Nov.29.....\$2,239.70
Thanksgiving.....\$401.00

Next Sunday there will be a second
collection taken up for the retirement
fund for religious.

Holy Family Giving Tree: If you se-
lected a star from the Giving Tree,
please remember to bring your
wrapped present with the star at-
tached to it to church by next Sunday,
and place it under the Christmas Tree
on the right side of the altar.

**Help hand out door hangers and in-
vite others to experience Holy Family
at Christmas.** We will be distributing
our annual Christmas Door Hangers in
local neighborhoods around the parish
and we need help. It takes about an
hour of your time. We will meet at the
parish office at 10 am on Saturday,
December 12. To volunteer, sign up
with Jerry Hossli, or call him at 312-
492-7142.

Welcome Fumiko

Fumiko Gardner and her husband
Richard were married at Holy Family
and live in the parish. Last October,
"Fume" joined RCIA and has been pre-
paring to join the Catholic Church and
receive the three sacraments of Initia-
tion—Baptism, Eucharist and Confir-
mation at the Easter Vigil.

Today, after the homily at the 9:45
Mass, Fr. Jerry will celebrate the Rite
of Acceptance which symbolizes
Fume's acceptance into the community
as a catechumen. We, as a family of
believers, recognize that Fume's Jour-
ney of Faith is well underway. This
rite that we celebrate today is a re-
minder that we are all called to walk
with our catechumen, to welcome, sup-
port and encourage her.

Fume's family is far away in her
native Japan so we as her parish fam-
ily, her brothers and sisters in Christ,
must keep her in prayer, sharing our
faith with her, journeying with her.



**CHRISTMAS
SALE TODAY!**

Our annual fund
raiser is today
after the 9:45
Mass. The funds
raised support the growing monetary
needs of Holy Family Parish. You can
support this fund raising event. You'll
find some great bargains. Thank you
for your generosity and God Bless!

Please take action to help fight

hunger Non-perishable donations for
our food pantry can be brought to
church and placed in the back
southwest corner. Or, you may wish to
place a monetary donation in the
collection basket in an envelope
clearly marked "Food Pantry
Donation".



You may remember that a
group of Sisters gather in
our parish center on
Thursday evenings at 7:00
to share prayer. You are
always welcome to join
them. It might be
especially helpful to come
during the Thursdays of Advent. Let
Sister Francilla know if you are
interested. 312-243-6125

Are pennies (or other coins) weighing
you down? Why not empty your
pockets or purse and feed the hungry
Penny Jar in the back of Church?

**There is still time to
bring in your socks!**

Please join Holy
Family Honors in our
3rd Annual Sock
Drive for the Homeless! Holy Family
will be collecting New - White -
Athletic Socks for men and women, for
donation to our homeless brothers and
sisters through our relationship with The
Night Ministry until December 13.
Please see Jay Borchert if you have
any questions or have a large
donation!



Calendar

- Dec. 10, -Advent Prayer group 7 pm in
& 17 the parish center
- Today -Holy Family Christmas Sale
- Dec. 8th -Feast of the Immaculate
Conception Mass at 12 noon
- Dec. 13th -Chicago Chorale Christmas
Concert 3 pm. Pre-concert
Talk at 1:30
- Dec. 19th- Holy Family Children's
Christmas party 11 am - 2 pm
- Dec. 20th -Cardinal George's Christmas
Concert for Chicago 2 pm
- Jan. 31st -Chile Feast in Damen Hall
after 9:45 mass
- Feb. 12th -Valentine Stepper Dance