

March 29 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

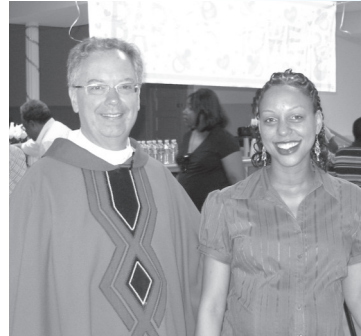
Holy Family Parish

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A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the final days of Lent we are reminded of the power of God's love for us. In the course of our day to day challenges, the Lord is seeking to encourage us with his mercy and peace. As we prepare for the sacred events of Holy Week and Easter, we can't help but feel the presence of the Lord.



We here at the parish are about many things preparing for next week and the following Easter season. I really hope you will be able to participate in the celebrations of Holy Week. This year, my homilies during Holy Week will be meditations on my recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. From Manger Square in Bethlehem to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the Holy Land reveals so much of the power of Jesus' message of redemption. One can't help but feel the fragility of hope when one sees the continued conflicts and divisions that exist in a place venerated by the Christian, Jewish and Islamic communities.

Today is the bake sale by the Jr. Daughters of Court 381. All proceeds will go to support summer activities for the girls. Please support them! We are so blessed by our young people. These girls are great credit to their parents and I hope we can provide whatever we can for them.

Thanks to those who spread the word of our Holy Week services in the neighborhood yesterday. Organized by Jerry Hossli, many will hopefully come to our parish to celebrate.

Next Saturday we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. is the highly anticipated performance of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Vespers by the Chicago Chorale.

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the Stepper's Set on Saturday, April 25th.

I ask you to give special attention to the letter of Cardinal George in the bulletin regarding his concerns about legislation in Springfield. The health care industry is going through profound changes and it is critical that the moral values of our tradition are not lost.

Have a Blessed Week!

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Masses

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

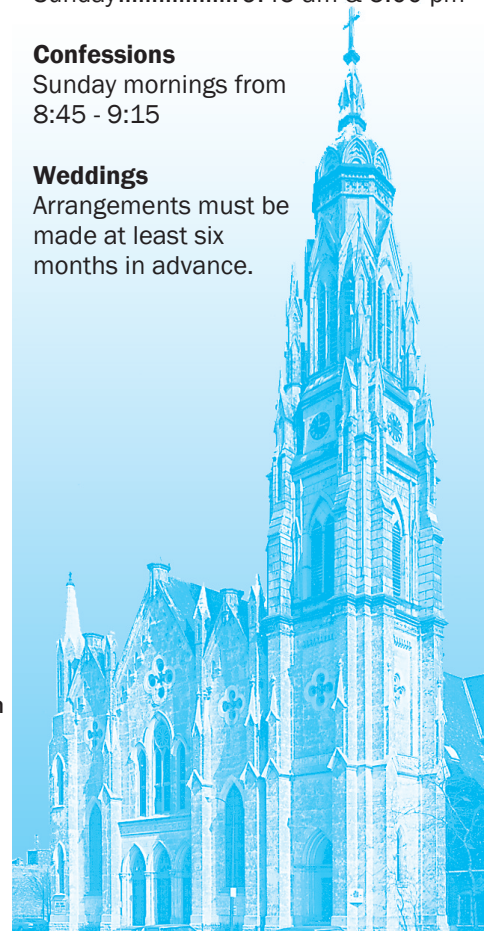
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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 Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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Reading II Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

HOLY WEEK READERS

Please see Sharon Carroll or Sister Mary Angela for your HOLY WEEK READING ASSIGNMENT & DIRECTIONS. They will be in the WEST TRANCEPT after Mass.

Attention all Holy Family Parishioners and Friends...

Mark your calendars. The Greater Chicago Food Depository HUNGER WALK will take place on Saturday June 20, 2009. Please join Team Holy Family in our 3rd Annual Walk along the lakefront to raise funds for our food pantry. See Sister Marion Murphy or Jay Borchert for more information.



Please Join Us: A few parishioners are interested in studying the Gospel of Luke during the Lenten season. We will meet on Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. March 6th- April 10th in the Parish Center. Please bring your Bible.

On Holy Thursday, the offertory collection will be donated to Taller de José (Joseph's Workshop). Taller de José is a resource center located in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood. The current plight of persons who are immigrants and their families is the presenting crisis for the creation and necessity of Taller de José. What is unique about this ministry is the fact that it is a resource center which connects and accompanies men, women and children who are in need with agencies who can help them live whole lives. Often those who need services are unable to connect with the agencies because of lack of knowledge, language barriers, or fear. Taller de José does not duplicate already existing services in the ecclesial and civic communities of Chicago but partners with them to help to alleviate human sufferings caused by, but not limited to, hunger, domestic abuse, addictions, homelessness, sickness, and violence.

Sr. Kathy Brazda, CSJ is the director of this new ministry. She ministered as a teacher at Children of Peace and as Pastoral Associate at Notre Dame de Chicago.

Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgy

March 29 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer Tony Karp
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson
& Kathleen Rubin
Banner Carrier..... Josephine Ramirez
Lectors Sandra Broussard
& Sister Marion Murphy
Responsorial Psalm..... Felicia Luss
Communion Ministers..... Louise Jones,
Josephine Ramirez, Betty Ferguson, Linda
Gaspero, Rita Gardner, Dawn
O'Holleran, Antonio Canino
Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson
& Aaron Canino

Next Sunday, April 5 at 9:45am

Lectors Dan O'Holleran
& Dawn O'Holleran
Altar ServerAmare Wilson

March Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and
Sol Giampa

March Collection Ministers

Eastside Tony Canino
East Center Cheryl Bowie
Westside..... Ron Miller
West Center..... Willie Wilson

April Collection Ministers

Eastside Tom Justic
East Center Josephina Ramirez
Westside..... Anissa Conley
West Center..... Betty Parker

April Entrance Procession

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

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Prefecta Baffer, Doris
Balthazar, Eileen Boland, Robert
Bolden, Mary P. Higen, Gertrude Hill,
Mildred Jackson, Ivo Marchetti, Luke
Strotman, Keith Schuler, Noah Stuart,
and Indy Williams

Sunday Collection

March 15..... \$2,373.97
March 22..... \$3,367.46

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

 *Mass Intentions*

Otha & Inez Haney
Daniel L. & Jovonne Haney
Judy Miller

**PARISH LENTEN THEME
"OUR SAVING POWER"**

OUR REFLECTION OUR RESPONSE"

We, members of the Liturgy
Committee, continue our Lenten
RESPONSE of expressing our gratitude
and remembering in prayer various
people who help enrich our liturgies at
Holy Family.

This week we thank and promise our
special prayerful support to Debra
Higen and members of the SAFER
ORGANIZATION.

Thank you, Debra, for scheduling men
to assist with church decorating
whenever we request help. Special
thanks to all the SAFER MEN who have,
or will, assist in decorating for
Christmas, Holy Thursday, and Easter.
We are deeply grateful to each of
you and will hold you in our prayers
especially during this fifth week of
Lent!

We invite all parishioners to express
their gratitude by remembering these
volunteers especially in prayer during
the coming week. May this message
be a reminder to continue your own
personal reflection and responses to
CHIST'S SUFFERING and DEATH.

The Liturgy Committee

Introducing the Cardinal's Network

Exciting and dramatic changes to
digital and electronic communications
are happening almost daily in the
Archdiocese of Chicago. The most
recent initiative, the Cardinal's
Network, has been introduced on the
Archdiocesan web site.
Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 5,
Cardinal George will occasionally
share his thoughts, reflections and
prayers electronically with all who
subscribe by providing an email
address.

To join Cardinal George's new
communications initiative, visit
www.archchicago.org and click on
Cardinal's Network in the box on the
Home Page.

Bake Sale Today

The Jr. Daughters, Knight of Peter
Claver, are having a bake sale today
immediately after the 9:45 mass in
back of the church. This fundraiser
will assist us in our Summer activities
with the girls. Please come out and
support our Jr. Daughters of Holy
Family Court 381.

Congratulations!.....

Virginia Clayton and Debra Higen
on receiving the 2009 Sr. Thea
Bowman Humanitarian Legacy Award
for all of their hard work and
dedication to Holy Family and their
Community .

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies
Auxiliary**

Will be sponsoring a fund raising
Stepper's Set on April 25th from 6:00
PM -11:00 PM. Price of tickets are
\$10.00 (adults only)

For tickets see Jackie Parker or any
of the Ladies Auxiliary Group

Easter Bulletin Deadline

Articles for the April 12 bulletin must
be in the parish office by Monday
morning, April 6, instead of the usual
Wednesday morning deadline.

Calendar

- Every Fri. -Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
In Lent
- April 4th - Easter Egg hunt 11 am - 2 pm
- April 4th - The Vigil of Palm Sunday
7:30 pm Concert of Sacred
Music Rachmaninoff's "Vespers"
by the Chicago Chorale
- April 5th - Palm Sunday - Our Lord's
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
9:45 Solemn Procession with
Palms and Mass.
5 pm distribution of Blessed
Palms and Mass.
- April 9th - Holy Thursday
7 pm - The celebration of the
Last Supper, the church will
remain open until midnight
- April 10th-Good Friday
3 pm The Stations of the Cross
7 pm Celebration of Our Lord's
Passion
- April 11th-Holy Saturday
2 pm Blessing of Food and
Easter Baskets
7 pm Vigil of Our Lord's
Resurrection
- April 12th-Easter Sunday, 9:45 am and
5 pm Celebration of Our Lord's
Resurrection