

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

Nala Alla, Golan Heights. I am writing this week's bulletin from a rather exotic location. This village is about 30 miles west of Damascus, Syria, in the northern most point of the Golan Heights. This village is in the occupied territories and the people who live here are Syrian but have been trapped here since the Six Days War of 1967. They are Syrian but have no passports so they cannot leave. The people of this village belong to the Druze community which is an ancient sect that broke from Islam. I have just finished my falafel and Arabic coffee and we will be meeting to hear their experiences.



Yesterday, we visited the ancient city of Magdala where the most fascinating archeological dig is happening. The Franciscans have discovered what is being described as the foundation of a first century synagogue. If this holds up, most probably Jesus would have worshipped here.

In Israel everyone observes the Sabbath. The whole country closes down for a full day of rest, prayer and family time. There is a great move in our own country to re-claim Sunday as a day of Sabbath for Christians. For many of us, Sunday can be more hectic than the days of the work week. Many cannot come to Church because they must work or have so many things to get done that they just can't fit rest and worship into the day. Seeing such total observance of a day of rest makes so much sense. It will be interesting to see what creative ways could be undertaken to create more space on Sundays for rest, worship and family time.

We had Mass last Sunday in the city of Capernaum, where Jesus lived after he left Nazareth. The city is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where so many of Jesus' teachings and miracles happened. I am so blessed and am remembering all of you as my journey continues.

This week, I will be visiting Masada, the region of Samaria and the Judean desert as we make our way to Jerusalem.

News from Home--As you know there is much concern about the "swine flu". The Archdiocese is working with the Centers for Disease Control and will implement any recommendations that are appropriate. For the most part, many suggestions are common sense. If you feel like you might have the flu, it would be better to stay home and get better. If you would rather not take from the communion cup or avoid the sign of peace until the flu season subsides, please feel free to do so. In terms of the parish, the presider and the Eucharistic ministers are using hand sanitizers before ministering the Eucharist.

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Director of Gospel Choirs.. Sam Parker  
P.C. President ..... Odell Gordon

### Masses

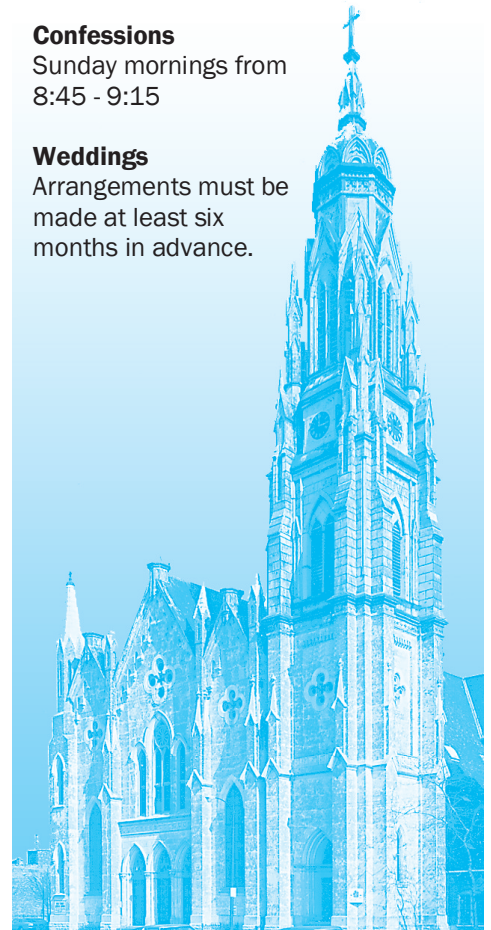
Monday-Friday ..... 7:30 am  
(St. Ignatius Chapel)  
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### 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 1

*Jer 31:7-9*

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### Reading II

*Heb 5:1-6*

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Mk 10:46-52*

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord

We are using disposable purificators for the chalice to limit germs spreading with used purificators. Until the flu season subsides, it would be better to receive the host in your hand rather than on the tongue to avoid any danger of spreading the virus through saliva. These are stressful times but be assured that we will implement what ever is necessary to make our worship wonderful and safe! In a few weeks, I will have more information on a number of great events scheduled for November and December.

Sabbath Shalom (May you have a Blessed and Peaceful Sabbath)

### *Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Rose Belmares, Bob Bolden, Daphne Connolly, Hervene Glass, Gertrude Hill, Ivo Marchetti, Cozetta Morris, Carol Roman, Keith Schuler, Christine Watson, and Endy Williams

### *Recently Deceased:*

John "Jack" Dignan  
Susan McCoy

### **RELIGIOUS ED**

To date, no parent has returned a Religious Ed form for their children, especially those of elementary school age. We have three purposes in mind for asking you to give us this information - to determine if there are any children who need to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation this year \*If we provide a program for the religious education of your grade school children who are not being prepared for the sacraments, would you enroll them in the program? \* Our list of all the children in the parish (still living at home with you) is incomplete. You'd be helping us to update our files by completing a form and dropping it in the collection basket or the Office in the parish center.

**Liturgy**

**Oct. 25 at 9:45 am**

Presider .....Reverend George Lane  
Cross Bearer .....Tony Canino  
Candle Bearers.....Jane Justic  
& Jerilyn Young  
Banner Carrier..... Jesse West  
Lectors.....Francine Godwin  
& Eleanor Kotleba  
Responsorial Psalm.....Dan & Dawn  
O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.....Donna Raclaw,  
Virginia McElligott, Sister Theresa, Debra  
Higgins, Pearl Luss, Josephine Saraceno,  
Sister Mary Therese  
Altar Servers..... Amare Wilson  
& Marlayna Gandy

**Next Sunday, Nov. 1 at 9:45am**

Lectors..... Dan O'Holleran  
& Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson  
& Jazá Gandy

**October Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sal Giampa

**October Collection Ministers**

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

**November Collection Ministers**

Eastside.....Jesse West  
East Center.....Sol Giampa  
Westside.....Willie Ramsey  
West Center.....George Canino

**November Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer.....Tony Karp  
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson  
& Kathleen Rubin  
Banner Carrier..... Josephine Ramirez  
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy

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**Sunday Collection**

Oct. 11.....\$1,261.00  
Oct. 18.....\$1,621.18  
Mission Sunday.....\$155.93

This week's second collection will be  
for hospitality.

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?

**The 2009 Sock Drive is here !!**

Please join Holy Family Honors in our  
3rd Annual Sock Drive for the Homeless!  
Starting Sunday, October 11th and  
continuing until Sunday, December 13th,  
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.  
Please see Jay Borchert if you have any  
questions or have a large donation!

**Christmas Sale**

Our annual fund raiser is Dec. 6th after  
the 9:45 Mass. The funds raised support  
the growing monetary needs of Holy  
Family Parish  
You can support this fund raising event  
in 2 ways. 1st, please donate new/like  
new items including household items,  
toys, books, decorations, jewelry, etc.  
from now until Sunday Nov. 29th. 2nd,  
bring a shopping bag with you on Dec.  
6th and do some shopping at our fund  
raising sale.  
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".

**We have begun the RCIA process**, but  
that doesn't mean you can't join us. We  
welcome any parishioner or their friends  
or relatives who were Baptized but  
didn't receive their 1st Communion and  
Confirmation. These sessions are also  
open to members brought up in other  
religions who might want to become  
Catholic. If you know of someone, why  
not extend an invitation? It may be all  
that he/she needs to take this important  
step in their Journey of Faith.

If you are replacing your used but not  
abused furniture and are wondering  
who could use it, give Sr. Mary a call at  
Casa Catalina Food Pantry of Holy  
Cross Parish (Back of the Yards). They  
get many requests from people in the  
area and have a parish truck which they  
can send to pick up your donations on a  
mutually convenient day and time. Sr.  
Mary 773-376-9425.

We have begun the **Bible Study**  
Sessions, *Parables of the Kingdom*, at  
10 am in the Conference Room of the  
Parish Center. With a few exceptions,  
most of the sessions will meet on  
*Tuesdays*. Sr. Eileen tried calling all those  
who expressed an interest in Bible Study  
on the recent questionnaire, but there  
were a few people she was unable to  
reach. If you would like to learn more  
about the Parables of Jesse and how  
they relate to our lives today, it's not too  
late to join us.

**Honoring our Veterans**

On Sunday, Nov. 8, we will honor the  
veterans of all wars at 9:45 Mass. The  
veteran parishioners, along with others  
will participate in the Entrance  
Procession. They will recess out after  
the final blessing. We hope these  
veterans will wear their military attire,  
awards, & symbols of bravery.  
Participants need to arrive by 9:30.  
Please see Pervis Balthazar for more  
information.

**NOVEMBER** is the month in which we  
especially remember our deceased  
parishioners, family members, friends,  
and all those who have died in the  
war. On Nov. 1, please bring pictures  
of your deceased loved ones to create  
a shrine on the altar in the WEST  
TRANSEPT. (At the end of the month,  
please claim your pictures.) Additional  
entries are also needed for our  
PARISH MEMORY BOOK. Several of  
our faithful parishioners passed to  
their eternal reward during this past  
year. If you would be willing to  
prepare a MEMORY PAGE for one of  
our past members, please see Nora  
Jackson or Minnie Moore for  
directions. THANK YOU!

**Thank You** to everyone who  
contributed to the wonderful baby  
shower given to me last Sunday.  
I am very grateful for everything  
you've done for me. Amber Clayton.

**Calendar**

Nov. 7th - Casino Trip, Leave at 10:30am  
Nov. 8th - Apollo Chorus Concert 3pm  
Dec. 6th - Holy Family Christmas Sale  
Dec. 13th - Chicago Chorale Christmas  
Concert 3 pm. Pre-concert  
Talk at 1:30  
Dec. 20th - Cardinal George's Christmas  
Concert for Chicago 3pm  
Feb. 12th - Valentine Stepper Dance