

Nov 29 • First Sunday of Advent

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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## Parish

Come Home!  
Our Doors  
Are  
Open Wide  
Holy Family  
Advent 2009

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### Parish Staff

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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



Dear Parishioners,

Today begins the Advent Season. Our theme for this year's Advent Journey is, *Come Home! Our Doors are Open Wide*. The month of December is full of moments when we "come home" as we gather with family, friends and co-workers to celebrate the holidays.

Another place to "come home" is spiritually. The Advent readings invite us over and over to allow the Lord to be born again in our hearts.

This coming home is profound. For many of us, it is an invitation to deepen our spiritual relationship with the Lord and the faith community. For others, this Christmas can be an opportunity to reconnect with the Church if for whatever reason they have been disconnected. In the coming weeks, the Archdiocese is going to be taking to the airwaves to invite those who feel disconnected to come home to the Church. We need to welcome anyone who is feeling like they would want to reconsider their relationship to the Church and to the parish community. Don't be reluctant to invite a family member or neighbor to join us for Christmas and to come home!

We have many ways to celebrate the season. Please make sure you get a copy of the Advent prayer book. These are a gift of Jim Decorrovont. They are an excellent way to daily reflect on the Advent readings. On December 13th, the Chicago Chorale will perform sacred choral works in honor of the Blessed Mother. Our Advent reconciliation service will be Dec. 20th.

I want to extend a special welcome to members the Our Lady of the Angels community that are joining us today at the 5:00 p.m. liturgy to mark the 51st anniversary of that tragic fire. Holy Family has been home

to this annual mass for several years. We are blessed to have the Shrine of Our Lady of the Angels here. Next Sunday's second collection will be taken up for the retirement fund for religious. We have been blessed here at Holy Family by so many religious who have served us. This collection assists in meeting the retirement needs of religious throughout the nation.

Next Saturday, Dec. 5th is Holy Family Night at the Chicago Stadium. Thanks to Joe O'Neil we have fantastic seats. Families can request up to 4 tickets. Please plan on coming. The tickets are on a first come, first serve basis and are available after Mass.

Thanks to our Food Pantry crew for all their hard work. Hundreds of turkeys were distributed.

Thanks to the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters for the continental breakfast this morning. We are so blessed by these wonderful young people and their families.

Dec. 6th is Sr.Otilie's Christmas Sale and the beginning of our annual Christmas Wreath Sale.

Have a Blessed Advent and please "come home"!



## 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 33:14-16*

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### Reading II

*1 Thes 3:12-4:2*

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Liturgy**

**Nov. 29 at 9:45 am**

Presider..... ..Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer ..... Tony Karp  
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson  
& Kathleen Rubin  
Banner Carrier..... Josephine Ramirez  
Lectors .....Jay Borchert  
& LaShonya Wilson  
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy  
Communion Ministers..... Sister Pat,  
Mildred Jackson, Renee Mason, Jerry  
Hossli, John King, Lillie Gandy, Willie  
Ramsey  
Altar Servers.....Amare Wilson  
& Marlayna Gandy

**Next Sunday, Dec. 6 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Sarah Jones  
& Eleanor Kotleba  
Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson  
& Jazá Gandy

**November Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sal Giampa

**November Collection Ministers**

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

**December Collection Ministers**

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

**December Entrance Procession**

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

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

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

**Sunday Collection**

Nov. 15.....\$2,432.35  
Nov. 22.....\$5,357.36  
CCHD.....\$468.28

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

*Mass Intentions*

Dick Martinelli

**OUR OWN HOLIDAY TRADITION -**

Our tradition here at Holy Family is to help those members of our church family who are having a difficult time during the Christmas season. The Holy Family Giving Tree, located at the back of the church this week, is laden with star ornaments. Each represents the wishes of someone in the parish who needs our help. The "wish" for a Christmas present is written on the back of the star. If you are able to help out this Christmas, please take a star (adults only, please), purchase the gift requested, wrap the gift, attach the star to the gift, and place the present under the tree (which will be moved to the right hand side of the altar) by Dec. 13th. This has been a difficult year financially for so many. Won't you help us make this Christmas a little merrier for those who need help this Christmas?

**Help hand out door hangers and invite 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 preparing to join the Catholic Church and receive the three sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Next Sunday 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 Journey of Faith is well underway. This rite that we will celebrate next week is a reminder that we are all called to walk with our catechumen,

to welcome, support and encourage her.

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

**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".

**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. 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!



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

**Calendar**

- Nov. 29th -Continental Breakfast in Damen Hall after 9:45 mass
- Dec. 3, 10, & 17 -Advent Prayer group 7 pm in the parish center
- Dec. 6th -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