

January 25 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Conversion of Paul, apostle

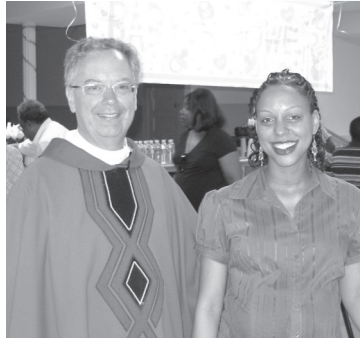
# Holy Family Parish

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

Wow! What a week. It has been quite a powerful week as we witnessed the inauguration of the 44th president. In light of our observance of Dr. King's birthday last weekend, I was even more moved. When the wings of democracy spread wider we are all blest. I was remembering the significance of John F. Kennedy's election and the impact that had on the Catholic community. Now there are a large number of Catholic's serving the congress, the Vice-President is Catholic and the majority of justices on the Supreme Court are Catholic.



As Barrack Obama begins his presidency, hopefully more and more Americans who have not had a place at the table will feel included. The agenda facing the new administration is enormous, but as the President said, we have faced challenges in the past and we will face the challenges of the present. One issue of great importance is the protection of human life. There are many challenges to the cause of protecting those most vulnerable. As a Church we stand in defense of the unborn, the elderly, those who suffer serious physical and emotional challenges to their well being. In these difficult economic times, many have lost their livelihoods and homes. We must work together to protect life where ever it is under siege, often for selfish reasons.

I am grateful to Kiki Johnson, Jay Borchert and Nora Jackson for their moving reflections last weekend at the 9:45. Many have shared with me how much they appreciated their thoughtful comments on the occasion of the national observance of Dr. King's birthday.

Things are busy here at the parish. This week we hosted the parish business managers of Vicariate Three, the Holy Family Scholarship Program and the RCIA program of Old St. Patrick's. We are busy preparing the budget for next year and we have begun repairing several of the pews.

Have a Blessed week!

### Rectory

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### Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland  
Deacon ..... Rudolf Kotleba  
Director of Gospel Choirs ..Sam Parker  
P.C. President..... Odell Gordon

### Masses

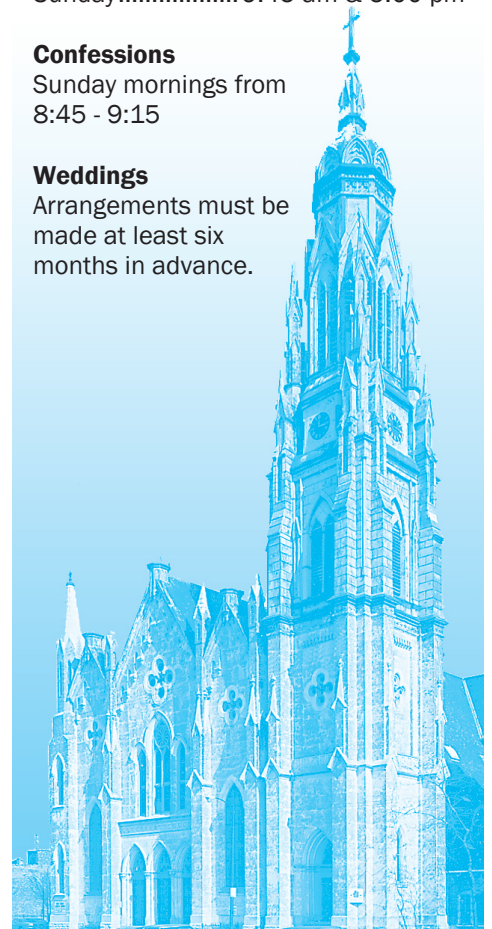
Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am  
(St. Ignatius Chapel)  
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### Confessions

Sunday mornings from  
8:45 - 9:15

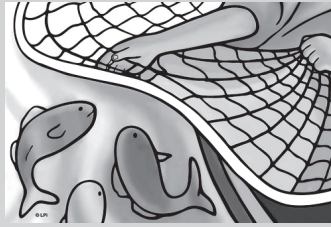
### Weddings

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 I

*Jon 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

### Reading II

*1 Cor 7:29-31*

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Mk 1:14-20*

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps you've heard the story about the small-town doctor who always bragged about the big fish he caught. It was hard to believe, but no one could catch heavier fish than him; he even had pictures of them hanging from his personal fish scale showing the weight. One day while fishing, he got an emergency call that a woman had gone into labor at home and he needed to get over there. After the baby was born, the family had nothing to weigh it with so the doctor pulled out his fish scale. The baby came in at twenty-six pounds, fourteen ounces. His prideful ways were revealed.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Has anyone ever made a better offer? As Jesus began his ministry, he made a very conscious decision to surround himself not with disciples who considered themselves religious leaders of the day, but rather with ordinary men, men who worked hard, led simple lives, and whose minds were open to a new way of life in Christ. They abandoned their nets in order to take up a life of evangelization. The "nets" of salvation they will offer will in fact give us freedom from sin.

We are all members of the family of God, and Christ stands at the center of this calling. We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). Throughout his life, he lived among the poor, the sick, and the sinners. He called his disciples from among them, and promised that the last shall be first. Today, you are invited to put down those things which have no real meaning, and take up the Gospel of Christ into your heart.

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Rita Daniela Orsi  
*Welcome!*

**Liturgy**

**January 25 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer .....Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers..... Julia Hayne  
& Vincent Giampa  
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott  
Lectors ..... Sarah Jones  
& Sabrina Cajandig  
Responsorial Psalm..... Sheila Luss  
& Arenea Luss  
Communion Ministers..... Mildred Jackson,  
Lillie Gandy, Theresa Gleeson, Stacey  
Mullins, Pearl Luss, Gloria Wolf, Gregory  
Wolf  
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Aaron Canino

**Next Sunday, February 1 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Kathy Walton  
& Jerry Walton  
Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini  
& Amare Wilson

**January Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

**January Collection Ministers**

Eastside .....Miguel Rios  
East Center ..... Tom McElligott  
Westside.....Selina Fabian  
West Center.....Maa Ohui Quarmyne

**February Collection Ministers**

Eastside ..... Joe Ramirez  
East Center ..... John Blyth  
Westside.....Odell Gordon  
West Center.....Rose Kelly

**February Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer ..... Tony Canino  
Candle Bearers..... Jane Justic  
& Jerilyn Young  
Banner Carrier..... Jesse West  
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie

There will be a second collection  
today for the hospitality room.

**Sunday Collection**

January 11 ..... \$2,633.50  
January 18 ..... \$2,513.02  
For the Church in  
Latin America.....\$188.61

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

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Prefecta Baffer, Eileen  
Boland, Robert Bolden, Mary P.  
Higens, Gertrude Hill, Mildred  
Jackson, Ivo Marchetti, Martha Ward  
Miller, Mary Murphy, Susie Rhodes,  
Luke Strotman, Keith Schuler and Noah  
Stuart

*Recently Deceased:*

Bona Baffer  
Clementine Pettifore

**Catholics at the Capitol**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
Springfield, Illinois

Join Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
and the Illinois Bishops on March 4th  
for Catholics at the Capitol, a unique  
opportunity to come to Springfield to  
discuss key issues that promote the  
common good by defending human  
life and working for social justice.  
Faithful Citizenship calls each one of us  
to live our faith every day, not just on  
Election Day.

**YOUR PRESENCE MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE!**

For further information, contact the  
Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-  
368-1066,

go to  
[www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org](http://www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org),  
or talk to your parish pastor for  
details on how to sign up for Catholics  
at the Capitol!



Anyone  
wishing to  
express  
condolences  
to the family  
of Clementine  
Pettifore, or  
Bona Baffer  
may do so  
through the  
parish office.

Cards, letters, etc., mailed to:

*Holy Family Parish*  
Attn: Family of Clementine Pettifore OR  
Attn: Family of Bona Baffer  
1080 W. Roosevelt Road  
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will be forwarded appropriately.

**2009 Archdiocesan annual Catholic  
Appeal Begins**

“...Do all for the glory of God.” (1  
Cor. 10:31)

Many of our parishioners either have  
or soon will receive a mailing from  
Cardinal George. He will ask that you  
make a pledge to the 2009 Annual  
Catholic Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the  
operations of the Archdiocese, it funds  
services that are of great help to the  
ministries here in our parish. For  
example, Appeal funds support  
training of volunteer religious  
educators to conduct parish religious  
education programs, recruitment,  
education and formation of lay  
ministers and deacons, continuing  
education and ongoing spiritual  
formation of priests, and capital  
grants.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is,  
“Do all for the glory of God”. Clearly,  
everything that we do to live out our  
faith gives glory to God. Our  
contributions to our parish and our  
Archdiocese multiply the glory that we  
give to our God by enabling ministries  
and services that touch thousands of  
lives.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal  
of \$9,570.00, 100% of the additional  
funds received will be returned to us  
for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge  
to the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Send a Valentine to a complete  
stranger? Why not!**

Catholic Charities needs your help to  
brighten the lives of thousands of  
seniors in its care this Valentine’s Day.  
We are organizing a valentine drive  
now through February 6. Individuals,  
as well as local grade schools and  
high schools, are asked to create  
homemade valentines with a cheerful  
note inside and deliver them to:

**Dept. of Comm. Valentine Drive  
Catholic Charities  
721 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, Il. 60654**

Catholic Charities will then distribute  
them to seniors it serves.