

November 28 • First Sunday of Advent

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

“Crossing the borders that lead to Bethlehem”

We begin this Advent Season on another journey. In a world divided by all types of borders, Jesus calls us to tear down the walls and borders that keep us from leading a more authentic Christian life. We face all kinds of borders every day. Some are meant to keep us in, others are meant to keep us out. We can face borders that limit us because of gender, race, education or wealth. In the Kingdom none of that matters.

It all began in Bethlehem, the city of Jesus’ birth. Bethlehem means the “house of bread”. How fitting that Jesus, who is the Bread of Life, should be born there. As we prepare to remember his birth, we must get our “house” in order. What borders must I cross, what borders need to be torn down, what boundaries confronted? Please take advantage of all that this holy season can offer to make strait the path that will lead us to Bethlehem.

There are many ways to keep holy this season. Please take a copy of the Advent prayer book to guide your daily reflections. (Special thanks to Jim Decorravont for donating them!) We have several events that help you:

On Dec. 12th the Chicago Chorale will have a special concert of sacred music of the season entitled, “Icons and Angels” Dr. John Buchanan, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian, will present a lecture on Icons and angels at 1:30 followed by the concert at 2:30.

On Dec. 19th we will have the opportunity for reconciliation at the 9:45 Mass. After Mass, Gerry Dignan will present an afternoon of music and reflection on Advent and Christmas.

Next Sunday is the annual collection for the retired religious.

Our new Christmas cards are for sale in the back of Church. They feature a beautiful photograph of the painting of the Holy Family from the main altar.



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Masses

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

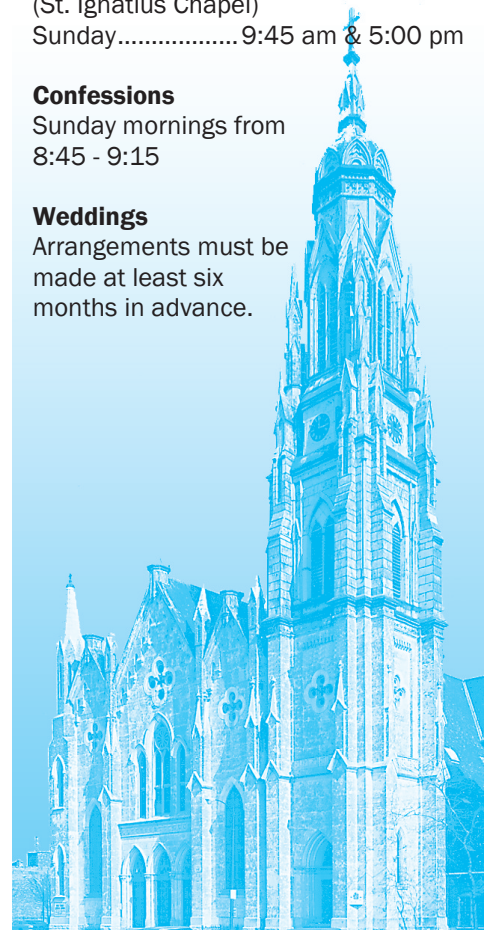
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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 1

Is 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading 2

Rom 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters:

You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks to Lashonya Wilson for her excellent presentation last week for the Virtus training. I am also grateful to Sr. Otilie and her committee for the great sale last week. There are still items left in Damen Hall for purchase.

Together, let's cross the borders that lead to Bethlehem!

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready

Liturgy

Nov. 28, at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Tony Karp
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson
& Kathleen Rubin
Banner Carrier.....Josephine Ramirez
Lectors..... Jim Sweeney
& Francine Goodwin
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie
Communion Ministers.....Louise Jones,
Mildred Jackson, Lillie Gandy, Sr. Pat,
John King, Sr. Theresa Gleeson, Willie
Ramsey
Altar Servers..... Angel Gandy
& Amare Wilson

Next Sunday, Dec. 5 at 9:45am

Lectors.....LaShonya Wilson
& Sr. Eileen Tierney
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Amare Wilson

November Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

November Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Jesse West
East Center.....John Blyth
Westside.....Willie Ramsey
West Center.....George Canino

December Collection Ministers

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

December Entrance Procession

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

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

November 14.....\$2,870.64
Difference: -\$129.36
November 21.....\$3,075.17
Difference: +\$75.17
CHD.....\$624.60

This Sunday there will be a second collection for Hospitality.
Next Sunday there will be a second collection for religious retirement.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kerry Crowe, Denny Flerlage, Fr. Jim Hasse, Jesse Hernandez, James Patrick Higin, Lucas & Keira Hilker, Mildred Jackson, Lettece Lee, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Valerie Parks, Bob Rice, Carol Roman, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Jerry Walton, Christine Watson, Sr. Caritas Wehrman, SSND, and Thomas Williams

**Internet Safety for Kids
Office for the Protection of Children
and Youth**

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking girls or boys to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy and safe access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private information, personal information, and especially their specific physical location.
For particular help, you may call:
Mayra Flores, Coordinator
Safe Environment Office
312.534.5238
mflores@archchicago.org

Are you a Single Young Adult Catholic wondering how your life can respond to God's call to be transformative love in our world? You are invited to an evening of **Prayer for Discernment, Monday, December 6th , 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 513 West Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.** Please register online at www.VocationsCAVA.org or e-mail cava@archchicago.org. Contact Sr. Elyse at 312-534-5240 for more details and future dates.

Father Jim Hasse has been staying at the Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346. I'm sure that any cards and well wishes will be greatly appreciated.



We are grateful to volunteers who spent many hours preparing for and working at the Christmas sale. We are happy that so many found useful and affordable items. Thank you. We have received additional items which are available in Damen Hall after Mass today.

Altar Server Training will be held Sunday, December 12th following the 9:45 am Mass. Please see John King today if you plan to participate in this training session.

A special **THANK YOU** from Minnie Lee Moore and her family for all the support shown during the wake and funeral of her brother, Willie Burton

Calendar

- TODAY - **Christmas Sale** in Damen Hall
- Dec 12 - Chicago Chorale Concert and Lecture
- Dec 18 - Holy Family Children's Christmas Party. 11 am - 2 pm
- Dec. 19 - Reconciliation at the 9:45 am Mass
Musical reflection on Advent and Christmas with Gerry Dignan
- Dec. 24 - Mass for the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord at 5 pm with historic pipe organ and brass.
9:30 pm Christmas Carols - Holy Family Gospel choir
10 pm Solemn Liturgy for the Nativity of the Lord
- Dec. 25 - Mass for the Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord at 9:45 am
- Dec. 26 - The Feast of the Holy Family 9:45 am mass and celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the saving of the Church
5 pm Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family.
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve 5 pm Mass
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day 9:45 am Mass
- Jan. 2 - The Feast of the Epiphany 9:45 am and 5pm Mass