

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

What happened to January! The month brings us a little closer to Spring! There are a number of developments I want to bring you up to date on. Spring is always the promise of new life. Winter is the time of year that the world of nature prepares for new life. The same can be said of our spiritual life. This time of year invites us to more introspection as the weather limits our outdoor activity.



Believe it or not Lent is not that far off. The liturgy committee is already planning our efforts for this holy season. Antwan and La Shonya Wilson have begun preparing for a day of praise on Palm Sunday for our young people. During Lent we will have a special screening of the documentary that Jay Borchert did on the food pantry.

I met with our parish council president; Odell Gordon to discuss plans for the parish. We would like to invite everyone to a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 7th after the 9:45 mass. I will be updating where we are at regarding the pastor process, where we are at in terms of the Fire House, to hear from you about your hopes and concerns about the parish and to discuss a plan of action to re-energize our parish council. These are all very important topics regarding the future. Your presence and interest in participating in the future will be critical. The meeting will take about one hour and a half and will begin in Damen Hall after everyone has had a chance to get a cup of coffee. There will not be hospitality that day.

The annual Catholic Appeal begins shortly. You will be receiving information in the mail and the formal presentation will be made on Sunday, Feb. 7th. Our support of the Appeal benefits many who are suffering as a result of the economy.

Thank-you to the Junior Knights and Daughters for today's chili fest! I am sure it is going to be great. Mark your calendars; Feb. 12th will be the Stepper Set at Holy Family. It will be a great evening of music and refreshments. In the coming months there will be a choir concert and a golf outing. I will let you know more about these events in the future.

I finalized the schedule for the 5:00 liturgy regarding presiders and

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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 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.

Reading II

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

musicians for the next several months. I am always grateful to Fr. Paulson S.J. who has been so faithful. Fr. Brian will be concluding his term as President of St. Ignatius this Spring. Fr. Pat Fairbanks S. J. who heads the vocational efforts of the Province will be an occasional president. I always enjoy celebrating with this ever-growing community that is so important to the life of our parish. I also appreciate the ministry of the musicians; Gerry Dignan, Dave Adamonis, Zvonimir Nagy and Leah Kearny. The liturgy also benefits from Garrett Reidy and Charlie and Lynn Williams who help with the ministry of lecturing and ushering.

Have a Blessed Week,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Gerry".

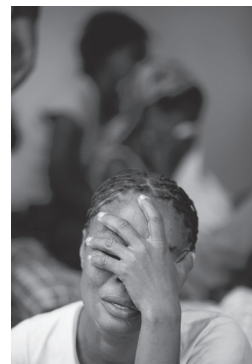


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Catholic Relief Services Continues to Accept Donations for Haiti

Individuals or parishes wishing to make donations in

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