

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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia.

Reading 2

Col 3: 1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

This Spring will be filled with many great events. Check out our website for the latest schedule; www.holyfamilychurchchicago.org. On April 25th we will mark the 150th Anniversary of the dedication our beautiful Church. We will be acknowledging the many artists that contributed and preserved this masterpiece of Victorian Gothic architecture. The wood carvings in the Church are renowned and we are fortunate that the descendants of Anton and Sebastian Buscher will be joining us that weekend. They are coming in from all the country for a reunion. Sebastian and Anton did almost all of the wood carvings. We will also have a stellar list of the host of artisans, architects and craftsmen that lovingly restored the treasures of a Church since the restoration began in 1991. After Mass, we will celebrate with an old fashioned pancake breakfast by the St. Florian Council of the Knights of Columbus. Their Council is made up of fire fighters and paramedics who meet at Holy Family. Please Come!

Easter inspires us with the blessed promise of hope and new life. In everyone of our lives, there is a place where the redeeming love of the Risen Christ can bring healing. Let this Easter be a time of profound renewal for all of us.

Alleluia!

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Without the Resurrection,
St. Paul tells us, our faith
is in vain.

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Liturgy

April 4 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley
& Katie Terone
Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey
Lectors.....Sr. Marion Murphy
& Sandra Broussard
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy
Communion Ministers....Virginia McElligott,
Donna Raclaw, Debra Higin, Sr. Theresa
Gleeson, Diane Allen, Pearl Luss,
Sr. Mary Therese Freyman
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy

Next Sunday, April 11 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Terry Conway
& Judy Neafsey
Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini
& Angel Gandy

April Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

April Collection Ministers

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

Mass Intentions

Dennis J. Ford, Sr.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Daphne Connolly,
Terrence Connolly, Sal Giampa,
Hervene Glass, Gertrude Hill, Lettece
Lee, Carol Roman, Keith Schuler,
Christine Watson, Endy Williams, and
Thomas Williams

Sunday Collection

March 21.....\$2,039.98
March 28.....\$2,996.92

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to print your name & address on your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your donations. This will help immensely, since many of you have received new envelope numbers and we have upgraded to a new software to track donations.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Archdiocese of Chicago would like to understand the views of Catholics on a range of topics related to our faith. We would greatly appreciate your involvement in an online survey. Please note that we are interested in hearing from all Catholics, regardless of how often you participate in the life of the Church.

All surveys will be anonymous unless participants themselves choose to provide contact information. To participate in the survey, please go to the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at www.archchicago.org and follow the link to the Catholic Faith and Practice Survey.

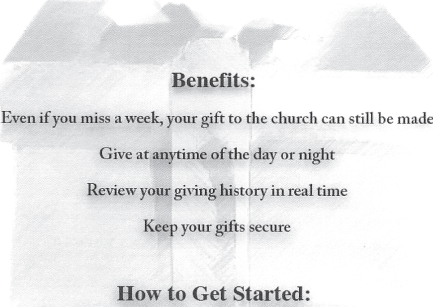
If you have Catholic friends or family members who you think may not see this announcement, we would greatly appreciate your help in asking them to fill out the survey as well. Part of our effort is to understand teens' views, and we encourage their participation.

The deadline for completing a survey is Friday, April 16.



Participate in Electronic Giving...

- GiveCentral.org was created with input from Parishes in Chicago as a customized online giving program.
- GiveCentral.org is a secure online system where Parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.



1. Go to www.givecentral.org and create your own giving profile. Select when and how you will make your contribution.
OR
2. Contact your Parish Office to be enrolled.

Virtus Training

The date has been set. Our parish will be hosting a Virtus Training Session on Sunday, May 2, in the parish center at 12 noon. As mentioned before, in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines, all adults over eighteen years of age who seek to participate in any parish activity which involves contact with young children must be Virtus trained. In order to participate, you need to register. This can be done online in the following way. Go to www.archdiocese.org and click on "Protecting Children" in the left hand column. Then click on "Virtus Training". This is where you can register. If you have problems, or do not have internet access, please call Sharon in the parish center. If you are not currently volunteering with children this would still be an excellent opportunity to take advantage of this training.

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".



Calendar

- April 11 - Pastoral Council Steering Meeting
- April 17 - Finance Mtg 10 am
Pastoral Council Steering Meeting 2 - 5 pm
- April 25 - 150th Anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church 9:45 Mass
Pancake breakfast, following 9:45 Mass
- May 2 - Virtus training 12 noon
3pm Organ Concert (details to follow)
- May 9 - First Communion