

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 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading 2

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city

Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

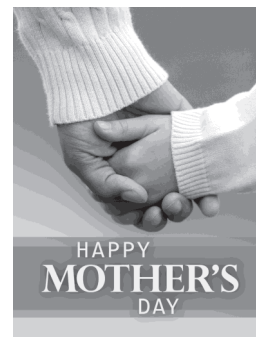
The Gospel of the Lord

Please be supportive of the Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities. They are in real need because of increasing poverty in Chicago and cutbacks in state funding.

Have a blessed week,

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".



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, you wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same

way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children. Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.

Liturgy

May 9 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer..... Caretha Carroll
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes
& Vincent Giampa
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott
Lectors..... Sandra Broussard
& Sr. Eileen Tierney
Responsorial Psalm..... Eleanor Kotleba
Communion Ministers..... Louise Jones,
Mildred Jackson, Lillie Gandy, Sr. Pat,
John King, Linda Gaspero, Willie Ramsey
Altar Servers..... Marlayna Gandy

Next Sunday, May 16 at 9:45am

Lectors..... Francine Godwin
& Jim Sweeney
Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini
& Angel Gandy

May Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

May Collection Ministers

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

Mass Intentions

Joseph Assenato, Sr.
Conchetta Senato Assenato
Michael Assenato
Joseph DeFrancesco
Judy Miller
Deasner Porche

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Daphne Connolly, Terrence Connolly,
Paul & Rachel Cordero, Hervene
Glass, James Patrick Higin, Gertrude
Hill, Carol Roman, Christine Watson,
Endy Williams, and Thomas Williams

You can now DONATE ONLINE :

Please go to GiveCentral.com and follow the instructions. Call Sharon at the parish if you need assistance.

Sunday Collection

April 18.....\$2,527.58
April 25.....\$2,872.25

The May 2 & 9 collection totals will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.

This week's second collection is for Catholic Charities.

HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Throughout the year, so many of you have been supportive of our Food Pantry by contributing funds; bringing food products for the pantry; and giving time serving at the pantry. We are most grateful for this, and on behalf of the 235 families/597 persons from our service area who benefited from the pantry this past month I extend a very sincere thank you.

Once again we will have an opportunity to raise funds for the Holy Family Food Pantry by participating in the Hunger Walk sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Each month we receive over 2000 pounds of USDA food products from the Depository. When we raise funds through the Hunger Walk we can purchase other items from the Depository at very low cost.

One way to participate in the Hunger Walk is by actually taking part in the walk, and obtaining pledges from others for your participation. Another way to participate is by making a donation directly to the Chicago Food Depository in the name of Holy Family Food Pantry. More details about "how to do" these things will be in future Sunday bulletins. If we have a sufficient number of walkers and pledges we also gain extra points towards participation in a general fund.

The walk will be held on Saturday, June 26, at Soldier Field. Tom Justic will coordinate our participation this year. Materials for those interested in participating will be available beginning on May 16th. Please consider taking part.

Thank you, Sister Marion, BVM

**Archdiocese of Chicago
Evangelization Expo**

**Tues, 5/18 or Wed, 5/19
9:30 - 12:30 pm**

Our parish is invited to send a representative to gather resources and be inspired! Each parish will receive a resource book with "tools and techniques" to continue evangelization next year and into the future. Evangelization is the Foundation of Parish Life.

•See what is working in parishes around the Archdiocese

- Hear how others have improved their evangelization programs
- Meet and share ideas with fellow parishes

Please talk to Sr. Eileen if you are interested .



On June 5, 2010, there will be a Retirement Celebration for Mr. Walton. We will gather around God's altar and express our gratitude for the life of

Mr. Walton and his thirty-two years of Teaching Excellence.

Where: Holy Family Church
1080 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, Illinois 60608

When: June 5, 2010

What: Celebration Mass 3:30 p.m.
Reception following in Damen Hall
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

RSVP: Odell Gordon Class of 80:
Odellcg@yahoo.com or Odell's #847
-656-6829

No gifts please. Your Presence is your gift to Mr. Walton.

Please spread the word to any friends or former students you think would be interested in attending. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

12 Volunteers are needed to help make the golf tournament a success: At White Pines Golf Course we will need:

Sign-in volunteers
Greeters

If interested please see Mary Breslin, Co-chair

Calendar

- May 30 - Chicago Style Hot Dog Day
- June 5 - Retirement celebration for Jerry Walton - Mass @3:30
Reception in Damen Hall - 4:30
- June 13 - Graduation Reception and going away party for Jay Borchert - Potluck after 9:45 mass
- June 27 - Gospel Choir Anniversary Concert @ 7 pm
- Sept 26 - First Annual Holy Family Church Golf tournament at White Pines. Tee time is at 1 pm