

ST. BRIDE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Jesus preaches to the crowd!
Mt 4:12-23

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

Ms. Laura L. Zbella,

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Mr. Tommy Slay, Facilities Manager

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any

illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us! Please be sure to sign our guest book.

The Third Sunday of the Church Year
January 22, 2017



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Third Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of the Dedowicz Family

For the Intention of Helen Trytek

For the Intention of Joe Golab

For the Intention of John Suh

For the Intention of

Mike and Joan (O'Keefe) King

Monday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children*

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas;

Chinese New Year 4715

The Fourth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Blanche Vedral

For the Intention of Larry Franzen

For the Intention of Chester and Jean Zurek

For the Intention of Stanley and Thecla Sroka

For the Intention of the Dedowicz Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6;
Mk 3:22-30,

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a,
10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-
3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-
24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary or family member or celebration that you want to remember at Mass, now is the time to arrange to reserve that date. Please be sure to include your intention as well as your phone number when submitting the request. The traditional stipend per Mass is ten dollars.

Upcoming Dates and Events 2017

February 26th - Mardi Gras Party

February 28th - Annual Revival Night

March 1st - Ash Wednesday

March 19th - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Dinner

April 9th - Palm Sunday

The start of Holy Week

April 16th - Easter Sunday

May 21st - Annual Spring Luncheon

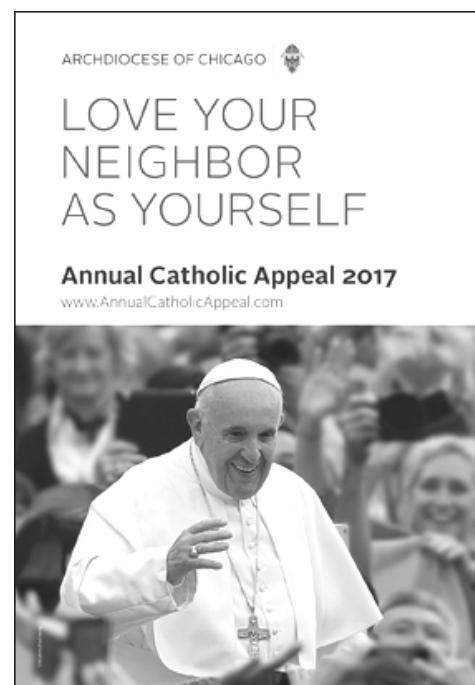
Dynasty Banquets in Hammond

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$10,000.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site at www.st-bride.org.

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry is open. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week, September to June! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church! Gift cards for groceries are also welcome!



**Pray for Peace in the World,
Our City and Our Neighborhood!**

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

