

ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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The Parable of the Fig Tree

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
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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 Lent
February 28, 2016**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Third Sunday of Lent:

For the Intention of Adam and Frances Plaza

For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert

For the Intention of Hector Del Rio

For the Intention of Joe Golab

For the Intention of Len Jopek

For the Intention of Prisca Gonzalez

For the Intention of Sister Eugenia Morkowska

For the Intention of the

Members of the Lamana Family

Living and Deceased

Monday: Lenten Weekday

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Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Abstinence

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent:

For the Intention of Matthew Williams

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Marge Machay

For the Intention of Thomas Wilczak Family

For the Intention of Vito Marzullo

For the Intention of William J. Waldron

For the Intention of William Martin

For the Good Health of Fr. Bernard Kennedy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6,
7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-
20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7;
2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

— *Anonymous*

Pray for Peace in the world and in our city!

JUBILEE OF MERCY

TEACH THOSE WHO LACK KNOWLEDGE

No matter what our intellectual gifts are—great or perhaps not so great—we are all learners. We are all disciples, and the word itself means “learners.” In mercy and with generosity, we help others learn when we teach and advise them. “Whoever does [these commandments] and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)



ONE WORD AT A TIME

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!

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. You can schedule Masses by email or on Give Central; see left column of our web page at www.st-bride.org.

Upcoming Dates and Events 2016

March 13th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph
Luncheon following Mass

March 20th – Palm Sunday:
Mass and Procession at 10 AM

March 24th – Holy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5PM

March 25th – Good Friday:
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM

March 26th – Holy Saturday:
The Easter Vigil at 7 PM

March 27th – Easter Sunday:
Mass at 10 AM

May 15th – Annual Spring Luncheon

“I AM”

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say to us!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, “Great Lent” has a bit of a prelude. On “Meatfare Sunday” the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, “Cheesefare Sunday” has dairy on the menu for the last time until *Pascha* (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called “Sunday of Forgiveness,” the church gathers for “Forgiveness Vespers.” The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God’s forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one’s neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season.

How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the Feast of the Annunciation falls during Great Lent, then fish may be served.

St. Katharine Drexel

Saint Katharine Drexel, (Feast Day-March 3) was born in 1858, into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and Native Americans. She began by donating money but soon concluded that more was needed - the lacking ingredient was people. Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Indians, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country. Katharine was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988. Because of her lifelong dedication to her faith and her selfless service to the oppressed, Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000 to become only the second recognized American-born saint.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of “mortification.”

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. – *Psalm 103:8*

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