

ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 3, 2016

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
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Administrative Manager
Mr. Terry Rose, Youth Minister
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.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

Sunday of Divine Mercy:

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Marge Machay

For the Intention of Catherine Pencek

For the Intention of Frank Mrozek

For the Intention of Joseph and Ann Ziomek

For the Good Health of Joseph Cotton

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Saturday: Easter Weekday

The Third Sunday of Easter:

For the Intention of Al Piemonte

For the Intention of

Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner

For the Intention of John Berkowicz

For the Intention of Sister Mary Kinga

For the Intention of Therese Maiorano

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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!



Upcoming Dates and Events 2016

May 15th – Annual Spring Luncheon

Reception at 12 pm

Luncheon promptly at 1 pm

At Dynasty Banquets

4125 Calumet Avenue in Hammond, Indiana

Donation: Adult \$45.00 / Child \$20.00

All tickets and ads must be completed and paid for by May 9, 2016. Add \$10 per ticket, if available, after May 9, 2016

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.



Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$8000.00 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

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TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the "banns" are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the "banns" in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, "If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . ." This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

Simple Explanation of the Mass by Fr. Tommy Lane (continued...)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass. It is linked with the First Reading and Psalm so hopefully you can find a link each Sunday between the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel. The readings follow three-year cycle so it will be three years before you hear these readings proclaimed in Church again. Before proclaiming the Gospel the priest or deacon bows towards the Book of the Gospels and prays silently, "Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel." The priest and people sign themselves on the forehead, lips and chest before the Gospel is proclaimed as a sign that we belong to Jesus in thought, word and deed. Since the Book of the Gospels is a symbol of Jesus the priest or deacon concludes by kissing the book. The Creed summarizes our faith. Up to now the Liturgy of the Word has deepened our faith. The Creed is our opportunity to respond in faith to God's Word to us. God has communicated with us and now we communicate with God.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions. In these simple prayers we pray to God for all our needs. We call them the Prayer of the Faithful because all our prayers are united and offered to the Father as one prayer.

In the Liturgy of the Word God spoke to us in the readings and we spoke to God in the Psalm and Creed.

