

ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

WWW.ST-BRIDE.ORG

Founded 1893

7811 SOUTH COLES AVENUE – CHICAGO, IL 60649

Parish Office: 773-731-8822

Church Hall: 773-734-9125

Fax: 773-721-0673

Email: stbride@archchicago.org



*The Holy Trinity. Woodcut engraving after a painting (1616/17)
by Peter Paul Rubens (Flemish painter, 1475 - 1564) in
Staatsgalerie Neuburg, Bavaria, published in 1881.*

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor
Ms. Laura L. Zbella,
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.

**Trinity Sunday
May 22, 2016**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM
In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

Trinity Sunday:

For the Intention of Al Piemonte

For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert

For the Intention of Joe Golab

In Thanksgiving – John and Mary Dedowicz

Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time;

Tuesday: Weekday

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable;

St. Gregory VII;

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Thursday: St. Philip Neri

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

Saturday: Weekday

Corpus Christi:

For the Intention of Jesse West

For the Intention of Joseph Seliga

For the Intention of King Joel Pye

For the Intention of Margaret Shatas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5;
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6;
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17

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!

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$8900.00 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

JUBILEE OF MERCY

WITNESS

Jesus tells his disciples to proclaim God's mercy to the nations. In a more personal direction, he tells those who have experienced the mercy of God in their lives to witness that grace to others. We are never to hold on to our experiences of mercy as if they belonged only to us. We witness what God has done. "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39)



© iStock.com/TingerPhoto

ONE WORD
AT A TIME

The ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO in partnership with LOYOLA PRESS.
More on Pope Francis's vision at: www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis

WWW.ARCHCHICAGO.ORG

© 2015 Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Louis J. Cameli

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.

GLORY TO
GOD WHO
IS WHO
WAS AND
WHO IS TO
COME

© S.S. Publications, Inc.

WISDOM'S ROOT - Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

OPEN AND SHUT - There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry. -Anonymous

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today's readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God's plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate--the Spirit of Truth--take us onward.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, "[W]e even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity--a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, "While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian." He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God's kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek episkopos, would become simply "overseer;" priest, from the Greek presbyter, would become "elder;" and deacon, from the Greek diakonos, would be "servant." Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God's kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

Trinity Sunday - Getting to Know the Trinity

As difficult as it is to understand the Holy Trinity, I am amazed that Jesus even bothered to tell us about the Father, the Spirit, and himself. As if his own life, his teachings about God's love, his miracles, his death and resurrection were not enough, he told us something about God that we never would have imagined: There are three Persons in one God. It is also something we cannot completely comprehend. So instead of trying to explain it, let's look at what it means for us believers.

One thing it shows is that God wants to be known by us. Since theologians and spiritual writers have been helping us do that for almost two thousand years, it may not seem like a big deal. But in ancient times, people expected their gods to be mysterious and hidden. Many cultures thought that you could control a spirit or god if you knew its name. So knowing anything about the inner life of a god would be huge. But our God is the only God, whom no one can control. God sees us not as a threat but as beloved children. Just as a couple falling in love wants to know everything about each other, so God wants to be known by those whom God loves. That leads to my second point.

The Trinity also shows us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) because the three Persons are united in one God. The Persons of the Trinity already love each other perfectly, so God shares that love with us. God calls us to be united in love with God and with each other. Remember that God knows us perfectly and still loves us. How many of us would want another person to know everything about us? Yet knowing our weaknesses and our sins does not hurt God's love for us. On the contrary, our weaknesses allow God to help us by answering our prayers or inspiring someone to come to our assistance. God permits us to sin, knowing that we can experience divine love in forgiveness. We may not be able to grasp the full meaning of the Holy Trinity, but knowing that God shares this with faithful people helps us to love God even more.