

# ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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**SERVE  
ONE ANOTHER  
THROUGH LOVE**

#### **Our Parish Staff**

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor  
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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 Thirteenth Sunday of the Church Year  
June 26, 2016**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The Thirteenth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert*

*For the Intention of Fred Bilstein*

*For the Intention of Joe Golab*

*For the Intention of Joseph Seliga*

*For the Intention of*

*Mike and Joan (O'Keefe) King*

*For the Intention of Joe Golab*

Monday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Tuesday: St. Irenaeus

Wednesday: Ss. Peter and Paul

Thursday: The First Holy Martyrs

Of the Holy Roman Church

Friday: Blessed Junípero Serra

Saturday: Weekday

### The Fourteenth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone*

*In Memory of Nicholas Pencek*

*For the Intention of Mr. and Mrs. Phalante Vincent*

*For the Intention of Marge Machay*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;  
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8;  
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20,  
30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

### Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$9500.00 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](http://WWW.ST-BRIDE.ORG)

### Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry 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!

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

### EXTEND

The mercy of God is not thwarted by the lack of human response. God will continue to extend his mercy until it reaches and touches those who will receive it. Our mercy, too, ought not to be thwarted by the lack of response. We need to continue to extend ourselves until our mercy can come to rest on those in need. *"Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."* (Luke 14:21)



### ONE WORD AT A TIME

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### 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](http://www.st-bride.org).

### *Prayer to St. Peter and St. Paul*

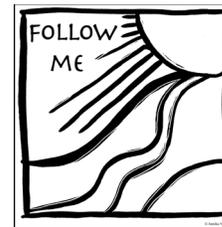
O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this day and forever to be my special patrons and advocates; thee, Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon which Almighty God hath built His Church; thee, Saint Paul, because thou wast fore-chosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth in the whole world. Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope, and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever. Amen.



## FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.



Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old and still vital treasure in our tradition is a document called the “Apostolic Traditions,” giving us a snapshot of church life in third-century Rome. Its author, Hippolytus, describes the liturgical life of the church and records the actual texts of the prayers. The way he explained the various “orders” of the church was the basis for a major reform of the rites of ordination by Pope Pius XII in 1947, and later for the Second Vatican Council. Hippolytus tells us that a bishop had to be elected by the entire people, and that ordination had to take place on a Sunday in the presence of the people, the presbyters, and neighboring bishops. The bishop-candidate is ordained by the other bishops, who impose their hands on his head while everyone else keeps a profound silence, awaiting the outpouring of the Spirit. There is a prayer of blessing said by one of them, on behalf of all, asking for the Spirit and describing his ministry.

Later centuries layered new features on top of this liturgy, including the requirement for three bishop consecrators. Today, whenever a new bishop is announced (election by the people is no more), a kind of genealogy is provided, tracing his pedigree through the consecrating bishops down through the centuries to Peter and the first body of believers. Every bishop today can trace his office through his consecrators back to the beginning in a tradition called “apostolic succession”.

### Laws of Love

St. Paul has a unique vision of freedom. We often think that freedom means I can do what I want without interference from an outside source, such as a bureaucracy or a dictator. For most Americans, it means being able to take care of myself and my family, hopefully without having to pay too much in taxes. We usually associate that with the “pursuit of happiness” without thinking too much about what happiness is. What makes Paul’s idea unique is that his vision of happiness means serving one another in love. For Paul, freedom is not so much being free from oppression as being free to love and serve those around us.

What would stop us from loving others? It could be fear: “I’m not sure I would be able to do any good. I’m afraid of going into a bad neighborhood to help the homeless. I fear that if I were more generous to the poor (church, Red Cross, life issues, etc.), I would not have enough for my family.” Or it could be attachment to possessions or even to our family—the man in the Gospel wasn’t free to follow Jesus because he thought it meant leaving his family behind.

Paul talks about another kind of freedom when he says that following the Spirit means freedom from the Law (Galatians 5:18). He was not talking about ignoring the speed limit or pirating DVDs. He meant people who were obsessed with keeping all the laws and customs that were part of the Jewish tradition. It would be like someone who goes to Mass on Sunday only because he doesn’t want to break a Church law, or someone who drives the speed limit only because he doesn’t want to pay a fine. Taken to an extreme, you would have to memorize every law on the books to be sure you did not break one. The freedom of the Spirit is a life lived out of love. A person would go to Mass out of love for God; a driver would obey the speed limit to protect other drivers. As long as we love one another, we wouldn’t have to worry about breaking the law, for God’s laws are all examples of how to love one another.

**Pray for Peace in our World and our City!**

*St. Bride Church – The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago – June 26, 2016*