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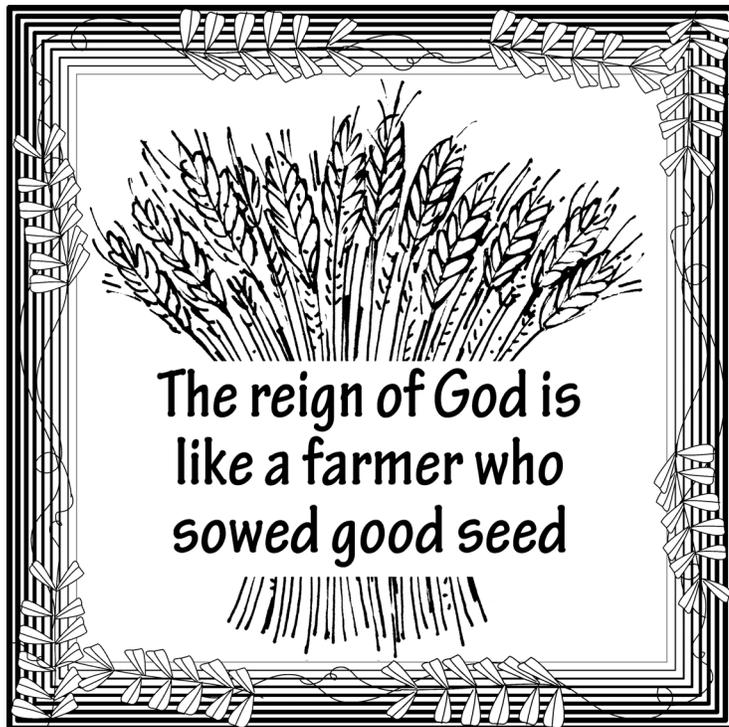
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Liturgy Schedule

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 Sixteenth Sunday of the Church Year
July 20, 2014**



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Sixteenth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Donald Thompson

For the Intention of Elizabeth Howe

For the Intention of George and Helen Brongel

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Mary Sue Wielgus

For the Intention of Ottilia Glatzhofer

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday: St. Bridget of Sweden

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Friday: St. James

Saturday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

The Seventeenth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Dolores Bogacz

For the Intention of Michael G. Mongello

For the Intention of John Dedowicz

For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert

For the Intention of Maryanne Gladney

On her 78th Birthday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52



SUNDAY – August 27th

Next Sunday the celebrant of our 10 AM Mass will be our friend, Fr. John Cunningham, SJ.

Father Cunningham is the Head of the Physics Department at Loyola University, Chicago. Be sure to welcome him before or after Mass.



Feast Day is July 25th

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Meet



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So many good men and women have gone before us. These brave and good people of history continue to inspire us by their example. We tell their stories to keep their memory alive and to allow them to continue to influence our lives. With Jesus, however, it is very different.

For believers, Jesus is not just an inspiring figure of past history. He is the living Lord who is really and truly present to us today in his word, in his Church, and in his sacraments. So, for example, when we celebrate the sacrament of Penance, Jesus does not merely inspire us with a sense of forgiveness. In fact, we meet the living Lord who forgives us through the ministry of the Church and her priests.

The sacraments offer us an unparalleled way to **meet** Jesus in and through the signs, the words, and the rituals of the Church. He comes so close to meet us, and that leaves us amazed and grateful.

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Mass Intentions Available

If you have a special anniversary 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.

Help the St. Bride Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues its work even while we take a summer break! We will welcome your donations of **NON-PERISHABLE** food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program. We serve over 150 families a month. We have more than 400 families now registered for the program. We need more assistance than ever in these troubled times. We also accept clothing for our clothes pantry and gently used small household goods; dishes, silverware, glasses, etc.



DO!

Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are.

– Theodore Roosevelt

Pray for Peace!

PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A Mighty God

The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But the reading also talks about God's lenience and clemency. So maybe God's power is so great that punishment is not necessary. Sinners can be forgiven. After all, we usually punish those we fear will hurt us again. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. "But my sins are so minor." Even the smallest sin says that we know better than God what is right. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent.

On the other hand, we hear people who say they don't deserve to be forgiven. True, but no one could ever deserve forgiveness. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned. As we experience that forgiveness, we learn the depth of God's love for us. Hopefully, we also learn to share that love with others.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. If God waits till "the end of the age" before burning the weeds, shouldn't we be willing to forgive those who hurt us? The Church encourages us to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation often. Many people today wait till they have a lot of sins, or at least one whopper, to confess. But the more often we go, the more we are reminded of God's love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive.



WORDS AND WEEDS - A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.
— Anonymous nursery rhyme