

# ST. BRIDE



## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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### Our Parish Staff

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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.



*Remembering 9/11/01*

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Church Year**  
**September 11, 2016**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Elizabeth Serafin*

*For the Intention of Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner*

*For the Intention of Kathleen Scaman*

*For the Intention of Carole Palmore*

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

*Elizabeth Amarosa Birthday Blessings*

Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine

### The Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Carmen Grande*

*For the Intention of Marge Machay*

*For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich*

*For the Intention of Ralph Maiorano*

*For the Intention of Robert and Norine Fridlund*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;  
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;  
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,  
28; Jn 19:25-27

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b,  
15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-  
14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8;  
1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

### 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 the far left column of our web page at [www.st-bride.org](http://www.st-bride.org).

Pray for Peace in the World  
And in Our City!

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

### ENDURE

We live in an often unstable world. Things do not last. God's mercy is different; it endures forever. God's mercy offers us the kind of reliability that we long for but rarely find. We can rest in this stable and enduring merciful love. *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, /for his steadfast love endures for ever.* (Psalm 136:1)



ONE WORD  
AT A TIME

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## Upcoming Dates and Events 2016 - 2017

- September 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance of 9/11/01**  
Blessing and Dedication of the Rain Garden and  
our Annual Parish Picnic after Mass  
In the Parish Yard
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Oktoberfest with a Twist!!!**  
After Mass in the Church Hall
- November 19<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Outreach**  
Luncheon to the Community
- November 27<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**
- December 4<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with Santa**  
immediately following Mass
- December 8<sup>th</sup> - The Immaculate Conception**  
Mass at 8 AM in the Church
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Family Mass at 4 PM**
- December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Morning Mass**

### 2017

- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Mardi Gras Party**
- February 28<sup>th</sup> - Annual Revival Night**
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Ash Wednesday**
- March 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph and St. Patrick Dinner**
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday - The start of Holy Week**
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual Spring Luncheon**

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## RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

## 9/11 REMEMBERED



Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening

sense of God's absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

*You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.  
We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).*

*O LORD of hosts, restore us;  
Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).*

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation's agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one's friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

### Just Look at the Cross

The common theme of today's readings is forgiveness. The Gospel is one familiar to us all, and Paul in the second reading highlights his story of receiving God's mercy. But the first reading might cause us to wonder if God was always so forgiving. God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. One, the Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. The other, Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The important point is that God relented and forgave the people.

In each case, great sins are forgiven—not because the people deserved it, but because they were loved.

My favorite line in the second reading is "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15)—not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners. The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. And yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all.

Remember the story in Genesis 18, of Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder.

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