



ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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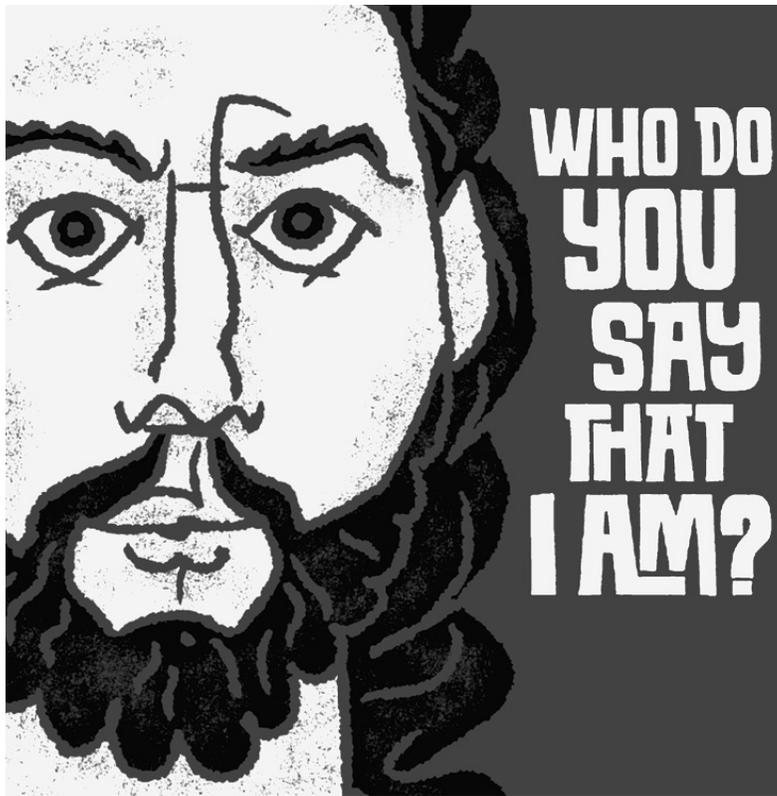
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Liturgy Schedule

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 Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Church Year
September 13, 2015**



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 Anthony Grande, Sr.
and Ralph Maiorano*

For the Good Health of Mark Dedowicz

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

For the Intention of Ralph Maiorano

Friday: Weekday

Saturday: St. Januarius

The Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Dr. Violet Eggert

For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich

For the Intention of Julie D'Agostino

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

For a Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10;
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8;
Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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 \$6700.00 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.

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry will be closed from now until after Labor Day. 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! **PLEASE: NO CLOTHING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!** Humidity and other factors make it difficult to store clothing for over 2 months in the basement! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church!



Upcoming Dates and Events 2015/2016

October 18th – Oktoberfest

November 21st – Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the Community

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

December 6th – Breakfast with Santa

December 8th – The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 24th – Christmas Eve:

Family Mass at 4 PM

December 25th – Christmas Day:

Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2016 – New Years Day

February 7th – Mardi Gras Party:

After Mass in the Church Hall

February 9th – St. Bride Revival Night:

Dinner at 5:30 PM; Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

February 10th – Ash Wednesday:

Mass at 8 AM and Noon

March 13th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph

Dinner following Mass

March 20th – Palm Sunday:

Mass and Procession at 10 AM

March 27th – Easter Sunday:

Mass at 10 AM

May 15th – Annual Spring Luncheon

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



SERVANT

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

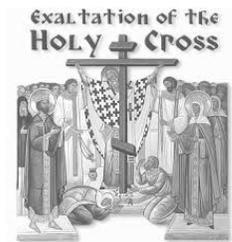
The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's Table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast is September 14th

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.



The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

PRAYER FOR THE SAFE TRAVELS OF POPE FRANCIS

Heavenly Father, be pleased to bless and protect our Holy Father, Pope Francis, whom you have chosen as the successor of St. Peter as the chief minister of unity and charity in the Church. Keep him safe as he travels, in the holiness of life and in wise fulfillment of his awesome responsibilities. Protect those who will travel to see him as well. Keep them safe and healthy during their pilgrim days! We promise our prayers to the Holy Father and these pilgrims!

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you. – *Thomas à Kempis*

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