



ST. BRIDE



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Thank you for being with us, Holy Father!

Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

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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-sixth Sunday of the Church Year

September 27, 2015



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Good Health of Jim Johnson

For the Intention of Joe Golab

For the Intention of Mary Kerke

For the Intention of John Hauptman

For the Intention of

Mr. and Mrs. Phalante Vincent

For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik

Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;

St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Wednesday: St. Jerome

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

Saturday: Weekday

The Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Church Year:

The Marriage of

Diane Wilk and Cornelius (Connie) Rodgers

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone

For the Intention of Lupie Cannon

For the Intention of Viro Pizzica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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.

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God. – *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$6800.00 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 is open again. 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!

Upcoming Dates and Events

2015/2016

October 4th – The Marriage of Diane Wilk and Cornelius (Connie) Rodgers

October 11th – Fr. John Cunningham, SJ, will be our presider this Sunday

October 18th – Oktoberfest after Mass

October 25th – First Holy Communion

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

OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us—rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other—the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent—today's church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God's great free-wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At first glance, the situation of the penitents in the early church is shocking: isolated and labeled, their journey back to fellowship at the Lord's table seems arduous and even cruel. However, at no time in the process were the penitents lacking the support of the community. Penance was performed for all to see, and we can tell from the homilies of the day that people earnestly desired to see the sinner benefit from the remedy. Tertullian reminded the penitents that they were living among their brothers and sisters, fellow servants of the same Lord, still in the embrace of the Spirit. He tells them that when they extend their hands in blessing to the faithful, it is Christ they touch. He tells them that when they see tears in the eyes of believers, it is Christ who is interceding for them with the Father.

There is a treasure of our tradition woven into this history: these people knew profoundly that the prayer of Christ's body, the church, was the prayer of Christ himself. Prayer was not merely support for a person down on his or her luck; it was effective and necessary. The treasure we can see even through the tangles of history is this: the Spirit of God is poured out on the church, and brings grace, forgives sin, makes us holy, and always calls us to fullness of life.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Exclusive Membership

The first reading might be what Jesus was talking about when he scolded the disciples. They wanted to stop an exorcist whom they didn't know. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. Why? Because the persons doing those things were not members of the group. In the gospel, the disciples objected simply because they didn't know the ones who were casting out demons. Back in Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and the disciples of Jesus thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't.

It reminds me of the pastor sprinkling people with holy water during Easter season. If I didn't feel the water, I was disappointed because I was "left out." But Father was intending to bless everyone; he just couldn't control where the holy water went. I wanted to control the pastor, to make him throw the water more carefully.

The temptation to control things is pretty common, but we can't be truly at peace till we allow God to be the one in control. God loves all people, even those who don't know him. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about His love. It might not be prophesying or driving out demons. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith.

The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent his gifts of the Spirit to them all?

