

# ST. BRIDE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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## 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.



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**The Thirty- third Sunday of the Church Year  
November 15, 2015**



## MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM

In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

### The Thirty-third Sunday of the Church Year:

*For the Intention of Margaret Cmarik*

*For the Intention of Anna Link*

*For the Intention of Gloria Tepavchevich*

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

*For a Special Intention*

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of

Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Thursday: Weekday

Friday: Weekday

Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

*For the Intention of Joanne Benson*

*For the Intention of Joe Golab*

*For the Intention of Mary Ann Kaspar*

*In Thanksgiving – D&L*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;  
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,  
8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-  
15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr  
29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;  
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;  
Jn 18:33b-37

## Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$6850.00 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! Gift cards for groceries are also welcome!

## 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).

## Upcoming Dates and Events

**2015/2016**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the Community

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Morning Mass at 9 AM in the Church

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** – First Sunday of Advent

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast with Santa

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 8 AM in the Church

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve:

Family Mass at 4 PM

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day:

Mass at 10 AM

**January 1, 2016** – New Years Day

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Mardi Gras Party:

After Mass in the Church Hall

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – St. Bride Revival Night:

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

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday:

Mass at 8 AM and Noon

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – St. Patrick and St. Joseph

Dinner following Mass

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday:

Mass and Procession at 10 AM

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 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*

## The Future



## THE FUTURE

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

– Pope John Paul II

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We need donations of food or funds or gift cards to purchase food for our *Annual Outreach Dinner*. We need cooked turkey breasts and large pans of side dishes . . . dressing, vegetables, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, and Mac and cheese.

Clothing donations should be clean and in good condition. Bring your clothing to church on Sundays or during the week to the church hall between 11 am - 4 pm.

Bring your prepared food to the Church Hall on Saturday, November 21st, between 8 am – 11 am. Please call if you need to make special arrangements for donations at 773-734-9125.

**St. Bride Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner on Saturday**

**November 21, 2015 from 11 am - 12:30 pm**

**GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES**

“It’s going to get worse before it gets better” is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend’s readings. They point toward the promises of God’s kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God’s action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God’s gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a “soul friend” as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Time Warp!**

This week is the last we will hear from the letter to the Hebrews. It makes the point that when Jesus allowed himself to be crucified he was actually being a priest, offering himself for the sins of the world. Jesus replaces the high priests of Israel, whose offerings had no power to forgive sins. After giving his life for us, he takes his place as God’s equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since the time of Jesus are visible signs of that priesthood.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus’ sacrifice is there: The bread that is his Body is broken; the wine that is his Blood is poured out. We are present at his death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. Instead of taking us back in time, he brings his saving death and resurrection to us now. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins. So if you have come back to church after being absent for years, you don’t have to hide behind the hymnal. If you have sins weighing on your conscience, God has already offered you forgiveness. He knows all our weaknesses and lets us learn from our mistakes.

The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing his priesthood with all the baptized. We too are called to forgive, starting with ourselves. We can show God’s mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins, as St. Paul said, “I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions.” (Col 1:24) Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God’s power in our weakness.