

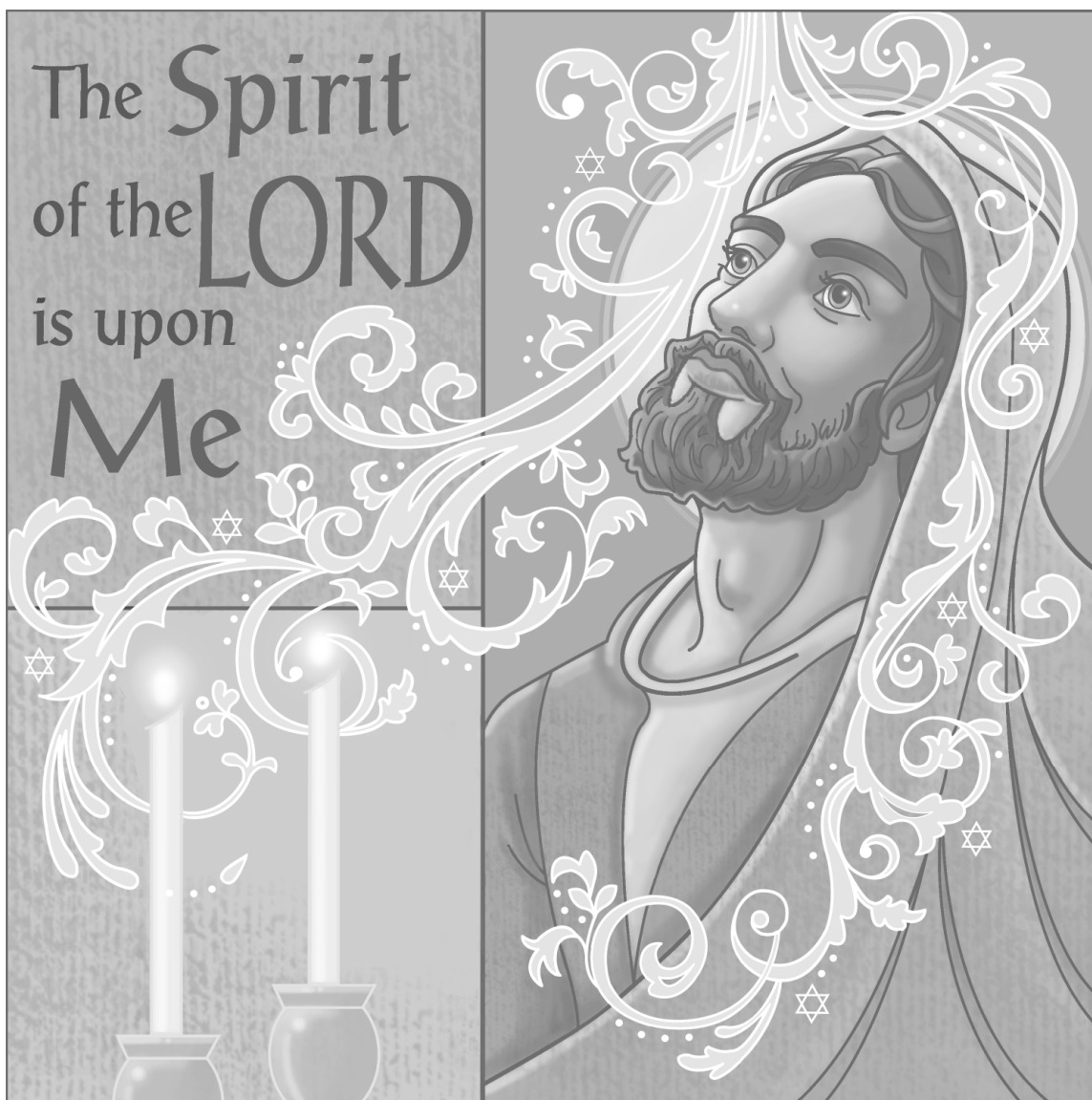
Saint Robert Bellarmine Church

4646 N. Austin Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60630

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2010



Mass Schedule

MONDAY, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30am Fr. Jerry Roach, Sr. Cornelia Harrison

TUESDAY, January 26, St. Timothy; St. Titus

8:30am Michael & Barbara Glynn

WEDNESDAY, January 27, St. Angela Merici

8:30am Denny Mathews, Laurence Clarke

THURSDAY, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30am Elmer & Mariam Mertes (Wedding Anniv.)
Dennis Mathews

FRIDAY, January 29, Weekday

8:30am John Galluzzi & Joseph Somogyi

SATURDAY, January 30, Weekday

8:30am Marcella Krzysko

5:00pm PaPa Joe Cortese (Birth)

Deceased Members of Molda Family

Deceased Members of Kuzniewicz Family

Bessie Kubacki

SUNDAY, January 31, Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30am The People of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

9:00am Glen Czech, Ralph Rio, Robert Klenck
Matthew Murphy

10:30am Leo Puralewski Jr. Daniel Loudon

12:00pm Judith Ann Torres-Holt, Francisco Rodriguez
Germano Macrito

2010 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now taking Mass Intentions for 2010. They may be offered for the deceased or for a special intention (e.g. healing, safety for military, etc.).

To accommodate as many requests as possible, we are limiting intentions to one person per weekend per month and one per weekday per week. We will continue to limit the weekday masses to two requests per mass and four requests for the weekend masses.

All intentions are listed in the bulletin unless otherwise specified. A two week minimum advance notice is necessary. Since the mass intention book fills up quickly, please make your intentions known as soon as possible.

Reminder - Mass intentions are not permitted on Holy Day or Holidays.



Joseph & Constance (Kacher) Gurgul



Please remember in your prayers those
who have died recently especially,
Paul A. Calandrino.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our first reading is from the Book of Nehemiah. The story takes place immediately after the exile in Babylon. The people have been restored to the Promised Land, but the land is desolate and the Temple, of course, has been destroyed. Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra, the chief priest, call an assembly of the people. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law, explaining the Covenant to the people. He tells them not to be sad, but to rejoice. The Lord is with them and will be their strength. The second reading is a continuation of St. Paul's discourse to the Corinthians on the gifts of the Spirit. Whether Jew or Greek all have been baptized into one body and all have been given to drink of the same Spirit. All the gifts of the Holy Spirit, though different, are to build up the body of the Church. The reading from Luke's gospel is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He returns to Nazareth in Galilee to his local synagogue on the Sabbath. Reading from Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus proclaims that, today this scripture passage has been fulfilled in your hearing *"the Lord has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord"*.

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

St. Robert Bellarmine School Open House

St. Robert Bellarmine School will host an open house on Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Visitors can tour classrooms; view student projects; learn about programs for 2-year olds preschool and K-8; and meet the principal, teachers, and other parents. A Family Mass will be held at 12:00 noon in the church beforehand.

The school is located at 6036 W. Eastwood in Chicago (at Austin). Other open house times can be found on the school website at srb-chicago.org or by calling the school office at 773-725-5133.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are again reminded of the presence and fidelity of God in our lives. Last week we heard John's version of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, with the spectacular miracle of turning the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Luke's version is much less dramatic but equally impressive. Jesus simply states that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy.

In the first reading from Nehemiah the people have returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity to a barren and empty land. Ezra, the high priest, reads from the newly rediscovered Torah (Book of the Laws of Moses). Ezra is the high priest because he is the *only* priest. With the destruction of the Temple in 587 B.C. and the exile of several generations, the Jewish people are without a priestly caste and without a king (they are still under Persian rule). They need to rebuild. Nehemiah, the local governor, has been given permission from the Persian king to rebuild the temple and re-establish the nation. But the people have forgotten the law and have lost hope. Ezra reads them the Law which is a sign of *liberation*, leading to life with God. Ezra tells the people to rejoice because God is with them and the Lord himself will be their strength.

This is a wonderful vision that contrasts sharply with our own view of the law of God as a burden that restricts our freedom. But Ezra is right. The Law of God does liberate us, bringing freedom from selfishness and self centeredness that leads us down the path of destruction. Original Sin was Adam and Eve's deliberate placing of their own desires of the moment ahead of God's wisdom. And sin binds us as well, restricting our ability to see and act on the wisdom of God. God's will is *always* for our highest good. Sin blinds us to this reality.

And so the gospel promise of Isaiah finds its deepest meaning in this spiritual truth. The Messiah (the Anointed One) will deliver God's people. The *Spirit* of the Lord is upon me, because he has *anointed* me to proclaim *liberty* to *captives*, to restore *sight* to the *blind*, to let the *oppressed go free*. What Ezra promised, what Isaiah foretold, Jesus now proclaims fulfilled. Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, who brings liberty and freedom to the people who have been captivated and oppressed by sin and to restore spiritual sight to those who have been blinded by their own self-will.

What a shock that must have been to his listeners. These were people who Jesus grew up with, his own hometown. And he is telling them that the prophecy is fulfilled today in their hearing. If we can only open our hearts to believe the good news and trust in God's wisdom, we too, can be set free and enter into the heavenly kingdom, here in this life as well as in the next.

Today there will be a special blessing at the 10:30 mass for our children who are participating on winter sports teams.

The First Communion Parent meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, January 25th at 7 p.m. in the Hall. First Communion is on Saturday, May 1st. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

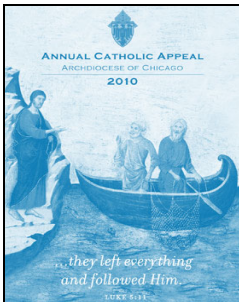
The Religious Education Program Family Night is this Saturday, January 29th at 7 p.m. This promises to be a fun-filled and relaxing evening. I am grateful to Alan Schmitt and the RE volunteers who put so much time and effort to making our program a success.

Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday, January 31st with a special family mass at noon followed by the Open House in the School. All are welcome to stop by, see some of the great work our kids are doing, and to meet the teachers. I am very proud of all the hard work and effort of our students, faculty and staff.

Next weekend the Archdiocese will kick off the Annual Catholic Appeal. We will hear a CD of the Cardinal's homily at all masses. There will *not* be a second collection for the Appeal.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,
Fr. Neil



2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

“...they left everything and followed Him.” (Luke 5:11)

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2010 *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the largest philanthropic source of financial support for ALL of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. In addition, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, “...they left everything and followed Him.” This familiar phrase from the story of the Apostles walking away from their livelihoods and their worldly possessions to follow Jesus is a familiar one. But, how often do we reflect on their example as it applies to our lives. At the core of discipleship is the practice of stewardship. Stewardship is the recognition that all that we have is a gift from God and we are obligated to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts are to be given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.



St. Robert Bellarmine Parents' Association

Presents

Casino Night



Friday, Feb. 5th & Saturday, Feb. 6th – 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

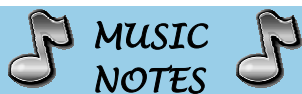
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Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold'em, Roulette, Money Wheel, and more! Gamers can win up to \$250. Charity rules apply. Food and drinks will be available.

Admission \$3. YOU MUST BE 21.



“In Christ There Is No East or West” was written by William Arthur Dunkerly under his pseudonym, John Oxenham. Dunkerly ran a wholesale grocery business and served as deacon in a Congregational church. He was also a writer, contributing articles to a number of magazines and newspapers. Dunkerly did some creative writing as well, publishing short stories, poems and hymns under several of his pen names. This hymn was first published in 1903. The text is very progressive for its time in its assertion of equality and unity of the Body of Christ. Dunkerly took his inspiration, in part, from Galatians 3:26-28; “For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (RSV) Compare the text of “In Christ There Is no East or West” (hymn # 738) to that of hymn # 830, “One Bread, One Body.”

Proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord

Do you know someone whose faith is so on fire that he/she is willing to tell anyone about all they believe? St. Luke the Evangelist must have been like that. In today's Gospel (Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21) we hear his introduction to the life story and teachings of Jesus. Luke writes it all down so that many generations later, we will know the truth.

Luke and his followers showed great faith and courage in taking on this task in a world that was not friendly to Christians. In our country we honor freedom of religion, we do not confront the same obstacles as those early Christians. Our greatest challenge is overcoming our silence. In American society we have absorbed the law separating church and state to the extent that faith has become a personal matter, something to keep to ourselves. Even Catholics who have a strong faith have a hard time talking about it to others.

The Catholics Come Home TV ads have helped many to become aware of the strengths of the Church. We have seen an increased sense of pride in the Catholic Church that encouraged people to talk about the proclamation and service that the Church is doing in the world. In one of the ads you may have heard the line, **"We are the largest charitable organization on the planet."**

Did you know that Catholic Charities USA is the 5th largest charitable organization? Add to this the local diocesan Catholic Charities, the Catholic Relief Services, Catholic communities like the Missionaries of Charities, plus each of the 20,000 parishes in the USA alone. We ARE the largest charitable organization on the planet.

Be proud of all that the Church does to welcome, serve and support people in need all over the planet. Even though the TV ads end today, we can continue inviting our Catholic brothers and sisters to come home.

Religious Education News

Family Night

The first ever Religious Education Family Night is Friday, January 29th 7:00 – 9:00pm in Kernaghan Hall. All parishioners are welcome to participate in a "split the pot" raffle this weekend in the vestibule after mass to provide the parish community an opportunity to support religious education and this event – just \$5 per ticket! Additional Raffle Prizes will be available on Family Night – just \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00! Discovery Center kid's camcorder, Fur Real snow leopard, Laser Quest Gift Cards, and the following Baskets: Spa with Le Nails manicure/pedicure; Family Game Night with, Clue game, Connect 4 Game, \$25 Giordano's Pizza gift certificate, pop; Bird Basket with wood birdhouse building kit, bird seed, Bird Lover's Bible; Movie Night with 2 Crown Theater tickets, movie sized candy and popcorn.

Join us for pizza and pop. Families are invited to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. We'll have a DJ and games for all ages, e.g. bean bag toss, Bozo buckets, musical chairs, putting green, and Twister. Beat the winter doldrums by taking part in Religious Education Family Night! Please let us know how many are coming from your family by calling 773-286-5879 or e-mail AJSRE@aol.com. Our next Religious Education classes are February 6th and 20th.

Family Mass Update

Congratulations to the forty plus children of our parish who received a special blessing and a First Communion candle at the January 10 Family Mass. The second graders are preparing to receive their First Eucharist May 1. Thank you to the young people who served as readers, musicians, gift-bearers, and ushers. St. Robert School is sponsoring a Family Mass next weekend, Sunday, January 31 at 12:00 noon in conjunction with Catholic Schools.



Remember to Pray...
for the protection & safety of all our family and friends serving in the Armed Forces.

Edward Bell (Army)
Raymond Weernink (Navy)
Captain Dan Allen (Army)
Mike Janson (Navy)
Bernard Brennan, (Marines)
Private James A. Gaudio (Army)
Sergeant Scott Pekar (Marines)
Micha Barcus (Coastguard)
EM3 Abraham Ubi (Navy)
Martin Durcan (Navy)

Staff Sergeant Timothy R. Hogan (Marines)
2nd Lieutenant Christopher Engelhardt (Air Force)
Brigadier General Tau'aika 'Uta 'atu (Tongan Defense)
Lance Corporal Kurt Williams (Marines)
Lance Corporal Michael Zuba (Marines)
CM Sergeant Bruce Heinzen (Air Force)
CM Sergeant Diane Foote (Air Force)
1st Lieutenant Albert Eiffes (Air Force)
1st Lieutenant Lauren Eiffes (Air Force)
Private 1 Michael Barry (Army)

Captain Patrick J. Collins (Army)
Captain Kevin P. O'Grady (Air Force)
Sergeant Joseph Konieczny (Army)
Specialist Sean Cheker (Army)
First Lieutenant Brian G. Lutz (Army)
CPL Jason R. Reyna (Marines)
Private Colleen McDonald (Army)
Private 2 Michael Rosenthal (Army)
Ewa Dabrowski (Navy)

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 25

Children's Choir, 3-4 p.m. (C)
 1st Communion Parent Mtg., 7-8:30 p.m. (KH)
 Baptism Preparation, 7 p.m. (C)

Tuesday, January 26

Bible Study, 7:30-9 p.m. (KH)
 Novena, 7 p.m. (C)

Wednesday, January 27

SPRED, 7-10 p.m. (KH)
 Contemporary Ensemble, 7 p.m. (C)

Friday, January 29

Open House Set-Up in School & Gym
 No Practices or Games
 Religious Education Family Night, 7-9 p.m. (KH)

Saturday, January 30

Open House Set-Up
 No Practices or Games

Sunday, January 31

Catholic School Week Family Mass, 12 Noon (C)
 2nd Collection-annual Catholic Appeal

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ST. ROBERT BELARMINI SCHOOL BY PURCHASING A V.I.P. TICKET

Tickets will be sold after masses starting Saturday, January 30 and will be sold through March 7. Tickets are now being sold and can be purchased at the rectory office.



The cost of the ticket's are \$20.00 each, and each month 21 winners will be drawn.

"YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T BUY A TICKET".



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1:8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4A, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:17-a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

MASS SCHEDULE – JANUARY 30/31

MASS	PRESIDER	SERVERS	LECTORS	AUXILIARY MINISTERS
5:00pm	Fr. Neil Fackler	Sarah Clinard, Jessica Barton Michael Silva	Jaclyn Wente	Mitchelle Kmiec, Karen Nelson, Lorraine Samansky
7:30am	Fr. Frank Burek	Tyler Greifelt, Patrick Hennelly Gerard-o'Ahu Sorian	Walter Felckowski	Mary Ann Furphy, Noreen Hester, Esther Clarke
9:00am	Fr. Frank Burek	Freddie Fitte, Ryan Fitte Frankie Annunzio	Bea Meyering	Paul Eifert, Trina Eifert, Kathy Ernst
10:30am	Fr. Scott Donahue	Zoe Katz, Jason Katz, Michael Kelly	Jane Hearrin	Donna Kehoe, Nancy Kriescher, Carol McManus Pat Gross, Jean Gross, Chuck Bell, Cathy Caminiti
12:00pm	Fr. Neil Fackler	Kevin Nugent, Olivia Nugent Colm Keane	Family Mass	Pat McGrath, Mary Ellen McGrath, Deborah Lester Daniel Gandor, Pastora Gandor, Joan Pandocchi, Donna Porretta

Saint Robert Bellarmine Church



Rev. Neil E. Fackler, Pastor
Rev. Frank Burek, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Donahue, Resident
Rev. Michael A. Goergen, Pastor Emeritus
James Schiltz, Deacon
Mrs. Carrie Mijal, School Principal
Alan Schmitt, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jean Tuohy, Music Director

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Virginia Underwood, Secretary

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

M-F - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sat. - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sun. - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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BULLETIN

Beverly O'Connor, Editor
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Saturday by 12 Noon in the rectory for the following Sunday (8 days in advance).

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Friday by 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays - Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Weekends - Saturday Evening at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon
Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made with a priest or deacon at least six months in advance. Please contact the rectory for date and time availability before making other arrangements.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. Parents need to contact the rectory to register for a baptism. Please note: there are no baptisms scheduled during the season of Lent.

Preparation Class is on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Saint Robert's! Please register at the parish rectory office.

NOVENA

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

