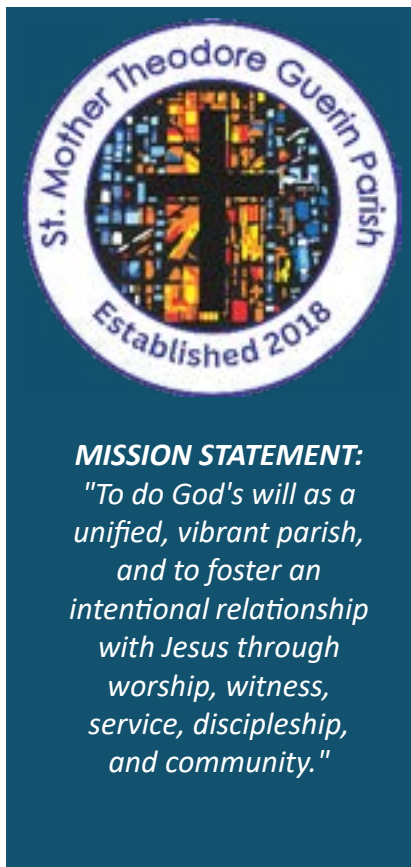


ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH



MISSION STATEMENT:

"To do God's will as a unified, vibrant parish, and to foster an intentional relationship with Jesus through worship, witness, service, discipleship, and community."

ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish Office

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (through August 23)

Monday—Friday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 5 PM;
Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Sunday: closed.

MASSES Monday through Friday 8 AM

Saturday Mass 4:30 PM (Reconciliation 3:30 PM)
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9, and 11 AM

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

3017 North 77th Avenue, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Harold Wiemerslage
 +Craig Bastek
 +Joseph Sweeney
 +Joseph and +Bette Wesol
 +Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and
 the deceased members of the
 DaPrato family
 +Renee Quartello Inman
 Rev. Paul Cao, Birthday

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM +Mary and +James Angelico
9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
 +Norbert and +Hazel Kosinski
11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +Marie McGuire, Anniversary
 +Richard and +Carol Ritter
 +Frank and +John Kucera
 +Anthony Ozuna
 +Chuck Roy, Sr. Birthday
 Pedro Guzman, Sr., Birthday

8 AM Monday, August 17
 Faithful Departed

8 AM Tuesday, August 18
 For the People of the Parish

8 AM Wednesday, August 19
 Jared Baltao, Birthday

8 AM Thursday, August 20
 +William Brennan, Anniversary
 +Vic and +Mary Jo Quilici,
 Birthday

8 AM Friday, August 21
 +Gerard Penczak
 Gerard Joseph Palattao,
 Birthday

Saturday, August 22

4:30 PM +Carl and +Rose Rossi
 +Mary Olsen
 +Harry Olsen
 +Ken Strabley, Birthday
 +Eleanore Rinella
 +Carlina Magaoay
 +Victoria Llamelo
 +Robert Paprocki

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM +Feliciano Reyes, Jr.
9 AM +Joseph Morgan, Sr.
 +Barbara Mueller, 15th
 Anniversary
 +Carl Mueller, 8th Anniversary
 +Eustaquia Esther Feir

11 AM +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
 +John Julian Rubalcaba
 +Francis Rubalcaba
 +Genevo Rubalcaba
 +Frank and +John Kucera

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 22

4:30 PM
 Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Servers Robert O., Christin C.
 Lector Sylvia Stacey
 Euch. Ministers Barbara Miller, Tom
 Lepore, Carol Gutkowski,
 Patricia Rinella, Anna
 Petras, Peggy O'Donnell

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM
 Presider Fr. Ton Nguyen
 Servers Evan V., Elijah V.,
 Peighton V., Joseph K.
 Lector Michelle Doyle
 Euch. Ministers Minnie Reillo, Bill Lesch,
 Ken Doyle, Florence
 Smith, Maria Mojek,
 Mary Kay Macchione

9 AM

Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Server Nickolas F.
 Lector Tim Orr
 Euch. Ministers Maryann Dibari, John
 Madden, Lynn Loftus,
 Grisel Lopez, Michael
 Wittrock, Daniel LaCour

11 AM

Presider Fr. Paul Eruva
 Servers Marshall M., Macaria T.,
 Lorenzo T.
 Lector Elsie Albelo
 Euch. Ministers Sandra Mazzeffi, Mary
 Princivalli, Leonora
 Palattao, Lena Roy,
 Sheila Klich, Charlie Roy

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send information to Kim at
 khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

August 30 is due on Wednesday, August
 19 at 9 AM

September 6 is due on Wednesday,
 August 26 at 9 AM

Parish Weekly Events

Sunday, August 16

All Masses School Blessing
 11 AM Backpack Blessing

Monday, August 17

6 PM Men's Club in the Staff
 Room

Tuesday, August 18

7 PM Mother of Perpetual
 Help Devotion in the
 Chapel

Thursday, August 20

4 PM Food Pantry

Sunday, August 23

9:45 AM Scout Leader Meeting
 in the Lunchroom

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 by **Catholic Charities**. Call **312-655-
 7700** or go to **catholiccharities.net**.

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 1-833-234-6343
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 1-800-422-4523
 National Domestic Violence
 1-800-603-4357
 Sexual Assault
 1-888-293-2080
 Problem Gambling Hotline
 1-800-522-4700
 Poison Control
 1-800-222-1222
 Suicide Prevention
 Call or text 988
 Elder Abuse
 1-855-800-1409
 www.AddictionResource.net
 1-844-597-0006

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July

Envelopes and Cash	\$ 26,587.38
Electronic Giving	\$ 7,082.59
	\$ 33,669.97

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Michelle Doyle, Food Pantry

mdoyle@stcelestineschool.org. Open 4—6 PM two Thursdays a month. Check Weekly Events or website for dates.

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Classes: Contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski, x5017. Baptisms are at 12:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Class held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

Masses and Reconciliation: see cover.

Weddings: Please call a year in advance of preferred date and talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Chapel.

Rosary: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the chapel and after the morning masses.

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From the Administrator's Desk: Fr Ton Nguyen**Let It Be Done!**

The other day, I was driving home from a meeting when I noticed a car parked in front of the rectory garage. My first thought was, “*I wonder who’s visiting Fr. Paul?*” As I parked on the street, I discovered it was Linda and Maria. “What are you two doing?” I asked. With big smiles they replied, “Well, since you’re running around doing a million things, we thought we’d trim the roses and bushes.” Oh boy... what a gift! Right?



Before coming to St. Mother Theodore Guerin, I read many of the parish surveys. One desire came through loud and clear: more opportunities for Bible study, faith sharing, and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. Honestly, I was praying that I could bi-locate like St. Padre Pio! Then the Lord answered my prayer. “Wait... what? Did I suddenly receive St. Padre Pio’s gift of bilocation?” Not quite. God had something even better in mind. Before Mass one day, Fr. Stan, with a smile on his face, told me he wanted to continue leading Bible study. “Thank You, Lord!” I thought. Soon afterward, Danny, who will soon be ordained a deacon, asked if he could offer a series on praying with Scripture using Lectio Divina. Again I smiled and thought, “*So this is how God grants the gift of bi-location!*”

Then came the parish picnic. Pat, the husband of our Director of Evangelization, approached me with another idea. He wondered if the Men’s Club and other volunteers could repaint the pastoral center basement to make it brighter and more welcoming. “Absolutely!” I replied. Once again, I found myself thinking, *What a gift!*

These encounters have again reminded me that a parish is not built by one priest or one staff member. A parish, like a family, is a community of people whom God has called together and entrusted to one another. Each person brings unique gifts, experiences, and talents. When we offer those gifts to the Lord, He harmonizes them into something far more beautiful than any one of us could accomplish alone.

This Sunday’s Gospel tells us about the Canaanite woman whose persistent faith moved the heart of Jesus. She trusted Him even when the answer did not come immediately. Her example reminds us to keep praying, trusting, and saying with our Blessed Mother, especially as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, “*Let it be done to me according to your word.*” Perhaps the Lord is inviting you to share one of your gifts with our parish family. Maybe it is teaching, hospitality, music, maintenance, mentoring young people, visiting the sick, or simply offering a listening ear. Whatever your gift may be, don’t be shy. I would love to hear from you, and together we can discern how God is calling you to help build up His Church.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was once asked how she could possibly respond to so many needs. She simply replied that she began each day before the Blessed Sacrament and then went out to love one person at a time. Perhaps that is how the Lord builds a parish too—one prayer, one gift, and one act of love at a time.

I love being a priest.

JMJ,
Fr. Ton Nguyen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

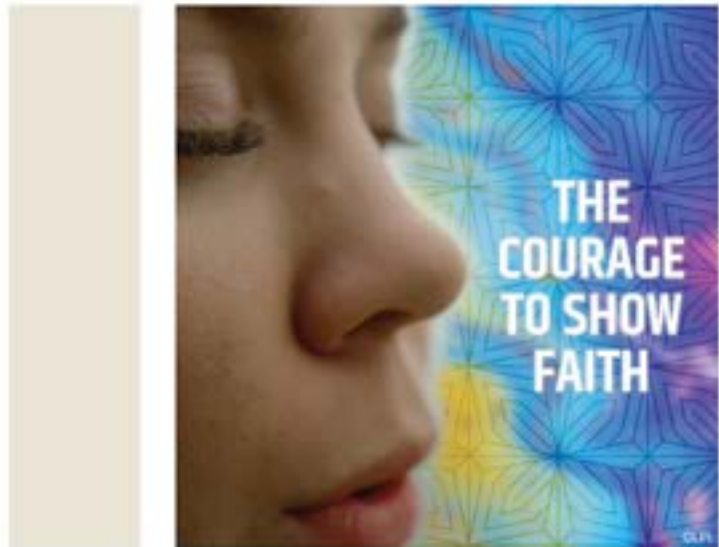
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

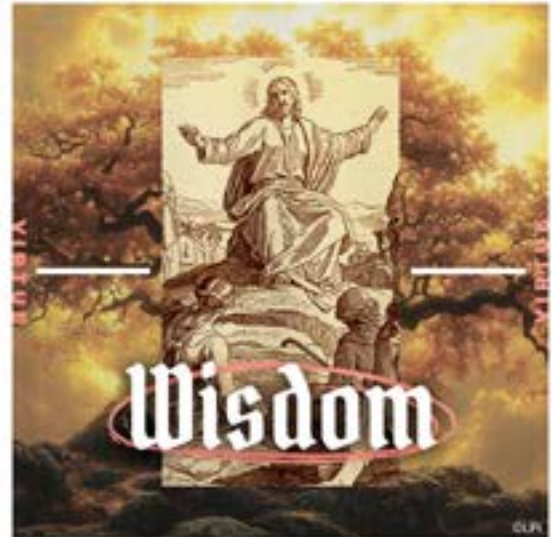
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

Religious Ed and Catechist Openings!

The St. Mother Guerin Religious Education Program helps our students build their connections to God through prayer, incorporate God into their everyday lives, and recognize opportunities to enhance their relationship with God.

We welcome children to learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Religious Education is offered to students in Grades 1—8 who during the week attend a public or home school setting. Students meet at St. Celestine School twice a month on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Classes start September 19. Registration for the 2026—2027 school year is available online. The link to register online is: <https://stguerinparish.org/religious-education/> and registration forms are also available in the St. Celestine Pastoral Center.

Also, if you would like to help as a catechist, please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which adults explore the Catholic faith and ordinarily become members of the Church. The program consists of several months of instruction in the teachings, beliefs, customs, and practices of the Catholic faith.

Those who complete the process receive the sacraments, usually Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, or a combination of those, at Easter.

WHO IS THE OCIA INTENDED FOR?

- Adults and teens who have never been baptized.
- Adults and teens who have been baptized in another Christian denomination.
- Adults and teens who were baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

Teen Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 22. Adult Classes meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 PM beginning on September 24. The Sacraments are celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Ruthanne Swiatkowski at 708-453-2555 x 5017 or email rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org for more information.

Mother Guerin High School 50th

Were you a member of the class of 1976, Mother Theodore Guerin, River Grove, Illinois? Do you know someone from that class? It's time for the 50th Reunion! Guerin alum from '76 will meet on a weekend in early October for mass on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. A great time to relive a bit of the past and make a new connection or two. For more information, including dates, email mtgclassof76reunion@gmail.com.

Study with Fr. Stan Ilo



Now that Fr. Stan has been called to the Vatican by Pope Leo to be the co-director of a new initiative of the Dicastery called The Church of the Sheaves: Equipping the Saints for Mission as Gift Exchange, his time at the parish is more limited. Despite that, he would like to lead a study of the Pope's apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te: (I Have Loved You)* on Wednesdays, September 2 and 9, October 7 and 14, and November 11 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Most of us have no idea what an apostolic exhortation is, and often magisterial documents are read only by theologians or clergy, while the laity remain untouched by their transformative potential. Father Stan says that *Dilexi te* belongs to the whole People of God, that it is not a document for the shelves of seminaries but for the hearts of believers.

He should know, because he wrote the official commentary for the Vatican. We will read Fr. Stan's book, *Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love* which contains the full text of the Exhortation and a biblical study and guide for a parish group.

We will order the book, so please call the parish to reserve your book and your spot in the study! The phone number is 708-453-2555 and the cost of the book is \$15.

Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ

Have you ever wished you could pray more deeply with Sacred Scripture or better recognize God's voice in your daily life?

Join us for Lectio Divina: Listening to the Voice of Christ, a weekly hour of prayer centered on the living Word of God. Through a simple and guided format, we will slowly read Scripture, spend time in silent prayer and reflect together on how the Lord is speaking to each of us through His Word.

No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Whether you are opening the Bible for the first time or have prayed with Scripture for years ... all are welcome to join.

This ministry will be facilitated by Danny Hesslau, parish deacon candidate, who is currently in formation for the diaconate. Together we will learn and grow in one of the Church's oldest and richest traditions of prayer.

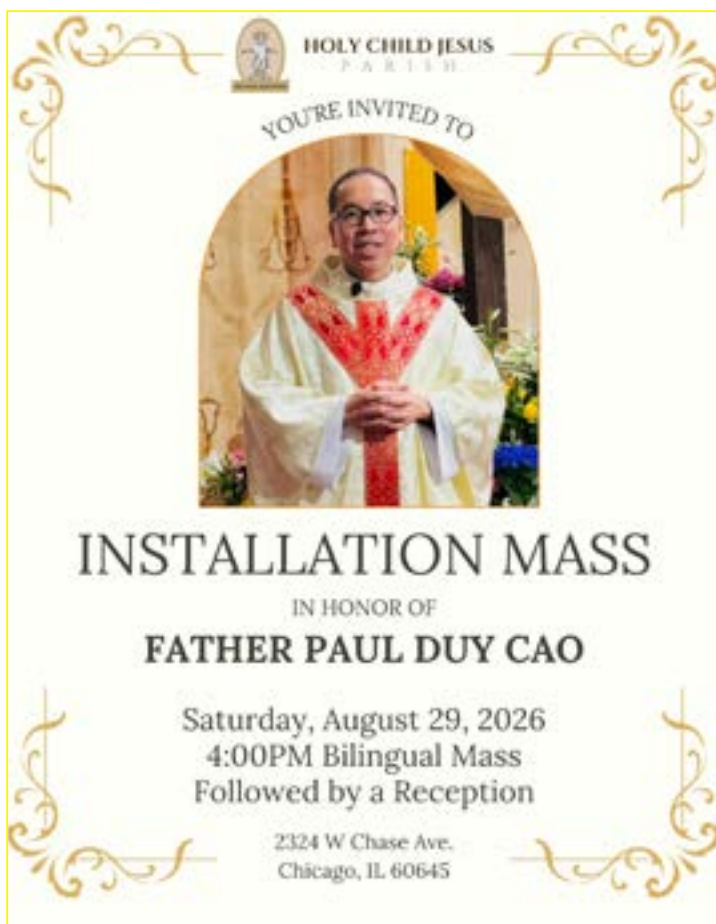
When: September 14, 21, 28, and October 5 at 6:30 PM

Where: Chapel

Bring: A Bible (*New American Bible* Revised Edition preferred), if you have one.

"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective." Hebrews 4:12

Fr. Paul Cao invites his former parishioners to attend his Installation Mass as he becomes pastor of Holy Child Jesus Parish in Rogers Park on August 29 at 4 PM.



Bus Drivers and Riders

Would you like to help people attend the 9 AM Mass? Several men have volunteered to drive the parish bus to pick up people who need a ride to the 9 AM Mass on Sunday. If you would like to help drive, please call the parish and let Lynn know about your availability. We would like to get enough drivers that we could expand our ministry to the 4:30 PM Mass too. School families, you can earn service hours this way, too.

Would you like a ride to the 9 AM Mass? Call Lynn at 708-453-2555 by Friday each week and we will pick you up at your house.

Save the Dates

- Thursday, August 20 **St. Celestine School** begins
- Wednesday, September 2 and 9 at 6:30 PM with Fr. Stan **Dilexi te: A Church Formed by Love** Book, Bible Study, and Discussion
- Sunday, September 6: **Grandparents Blessings** at all Masses
- Saturday, September 12 4—9 PM **Parish Taste**
- Monday, September 14 6:30 PM in the Chapel **Lectio Divina**
- Sunday, September 20: **Catechetical Sunday**
- Sunday, October 25 **Craft Fair** 8:30 AM in the Gym and Annex
- Tuesday, November 17: Watch **The Chosen Season 6** after 8 AM Mass on Tuesdays

Mother of Perpetual Help Society Devotional

The Mother of Perpetual Help Society invites you to join us for the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotional held every



Tuesday evening in the St. Celestine Chapel. We pray the rosary at 7 PM and then the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 7:30 PM. You may join us for either the rosary or the novena or both!

This beautiful and time-honored devotion is a peaceful opportunity to place our needs, our families, and our parish under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother.

All are welcome to come and pray and find comfort, hope and strength through Mary's intercession.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Panzarella Konrath at panzkon@gmail.com.

Pray for Them

Sick

Please remember the following people who are seriously ill. If you wish to add a name with the person's permission, please call the parish office. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Angelo L'Abbate, Michael Binder, Jacqueline Boshell, Edward Bray, Sue Brink, Mary Coronado, Brian Cunningham, Ellison Deehr, Elene Dimperio, Cathy Downing King, Tom Ferguson, Michael Garcia, Tammy Garcia, Maciej Gondek, Dorota Gondek, Thomas Gruber, Grace Hensley, Rachel Hindery, Kathryn Knipp, Kathy Johl, Adele Johnson, Juliette Jimenez, Lisa Kostrzeski, Justine Kucera, Robert Kucera, Larry Lemanski, Bart Masi, *Kathy Mizejewski, Kathy Mooney, George Moskaliuk, Sandra Moskaliuk, Efrem Munoz, Martha Munoz, James Nasti, Larry Nestor, Ron Nichols, Gregory Olsen, Carolyn Paprocki, Gerard Palattao, Aida Rivera, Sarah Rotolo, Kathy Sassolino, Morgan Schlanger, Joseph Serwa, John Sheahan, Mary Skelly, Michele Soronto, Sue, Brian Swatek, Colleen Schlanger Thomas, Jeffrey Tomek, Judy Virgilio, Clarence Wagner, Lillian Wardzala, Jim Waterloo, Jim Wazorick, Danyll Wolcotte, Nicholas Zych

*recently added

Faithful Departed

Nancy Iovinelli, Marijo Padilla

Military

Col. Stephen Acosta, Marines; Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell, Air Force; Senior Airman Cory McCambridge, Air Force; Lt. Col. Peter Anderson, Army; Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano, Army; Spec Michael Migliorisi, Army; Pvt. John Cerrone, Marines; PFC Paul J. Lagoda, Marines; PFC Sophia M. Garcia, Marines; Lt. Robert Reynolds, Army; Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy, Marines; Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini, Air Force; Cpl. Brian Macaluso, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings, Marines; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave, Marines; Pvt. Nicolas Casanave, Marines; ABEAN Melanie Hodges, Navy; PFC Vincent Negron, Marines; Pvt. Matthew Meyer, Army; Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross, Air Force; Dario Rodriguez, Air Force; Ensign Devon Zych, Coast Guard; Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie, Marines; Luis N. Burciaga, Army; PFC Rudy De La O, Marines; Jose Flores, Jr., Air Force; Carmelo Flores, Air Force; AB Ethen N. Ortiz, Air Force; Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas, Marines; Sgt. Cody Krawczyk, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Jake Kola, Marines; Airman Kaden Turocy, Air Force; A1C Rhian Frnzn Vengua, Air Force; Private Nicholas Drust, Jr., Army; Private Jesse J. Mendoza, Army; Lnc. Cpl. Edward Romano, Jr., Marines; A1C Jose Manuel Lagunas, Jr., Air Force; A1C Jordied Velez-Rosado, Air Force; Pvt. Noah Wardisiani, Army; Capt. Montgomery Smith, Air Force

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 16, 2026

Matthew 15:21-28

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: A daughter's demon. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SIDON	CANAANITE	WOMAN
LORD	SON OF DAVID	DAUGHTER
TORMENTED	A DEMON	ANSWER
DISCIPLES	SEND HER	AFTER US
SHEEP	ISRAEL	HELP ME
TO TAKE	THE FOOD	THROW IT
DOGS	FAITH	LET IT BE

SHEEP AND DOGS

N	A	N	A	R	E	T	H	G	U	A	D
A	O	L	E	T	I	T	B	E	D	I	I
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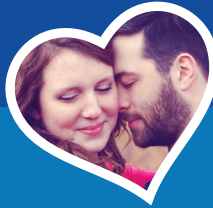
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American, Filipino, Italian, Mexican, Polish, and Vietnamese food

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CAN YOU HELP?

The parish is seeking donations for our upcoming fundraiser, the Parish Taste, on Saturday, September 12. This has always been a wonderful community-building event, and we hope you will be a part of it in some way.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you give a few hours of your time to helping at the Taste? We'll need people to help set up, to clean up and take down the tables and chairs, and to staff the food booths. Call the parish office to volunteer.

BEVERAGE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please drop beverage donations in the back of the church or at the Pastoral Center. Beverages needed: 12 ounce cans of Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite and 16–20 ounce bottles of water.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you want to donate to the Taste? We will recognize donors of \$100 with signs at the Taste, on the website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the bulletin. You can choose to help subsidize one of the food booths, entertainment, the drinks, the raffles, or provide other needed supplies or donate where it is needed. Contact our Business Manager, Laurie DePillo, for more information, at 708-453-2555 or email lauriedepillo@stguerinparish.org.

BAKERS NEEDED

We need cookies, bars, and cupcakes for the Sweets Table at the Taste. Please bring your donations to the Pastoral Center on Friday, September 11 by 5 PM or on the day of the Taste by noon. Thank you so much! Questions about desserts? Call Lynn Schmidt for more information at 708-453-2555 or email lschmidt@stguerinparish.org.

GIFT CARDS NEEDED

We are looking for gift cards to be donated for use in the raffle baskets for the Taste. You may drop them off in the collection basket at church or at the parish office.

Parish Staff Spotlight: Fr. Paul Eruva, Associate Pastor

Fr. Paul Eruva is our Associate Pastor, and he comes from the Diocese of Nellore, India. After losing his mother in 7th grade, his grandmother helped his father raise the family, and with the encouragement of his aunt who was a nun, he became a priest in 1996. This year was the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination.



He was assigned first to the Minor Seminary in Nellore and then to the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania for three years. He returned to India for ten years and then served in the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, for seven years.

Fr. Paul is known for his pastoral comforting sermons,

especially at funerals. His kind, friendly manner makes him very approachable. Fr. Paul will be leading a Bible Study starting in November, and you are welcome to send him ideas for what you would like to study (peruva@archchicago.org)!

From Fr. Paul: I am happy here in the St. Mother Guerin community. It's a great call to be a priest. It's a privilege serving Jesus by serving you. Thank you for your prayers, your faith, and letting me share Jesus with you.

