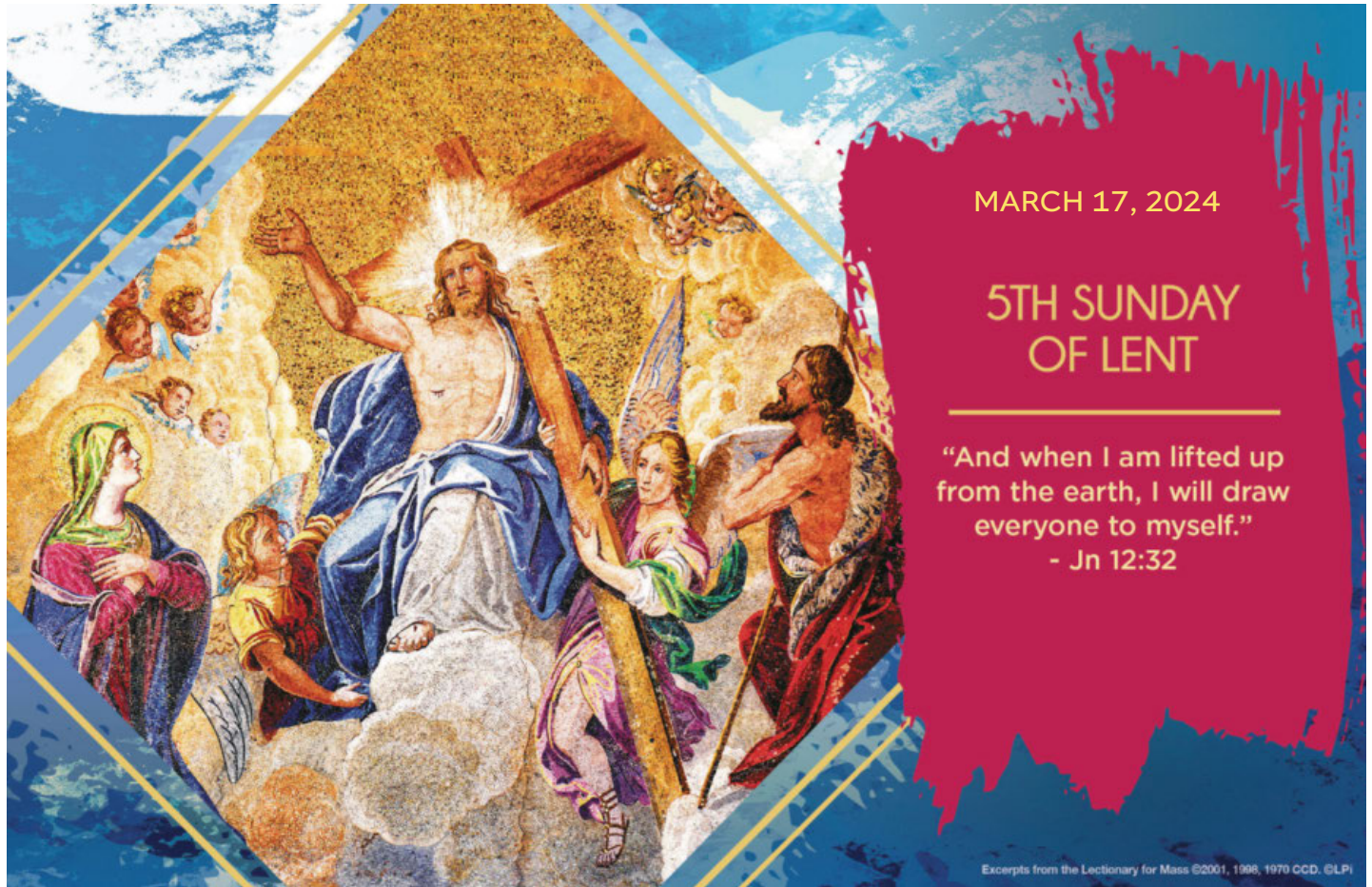




ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN PARISH

St. Celestine and St. Cyprian
stguerinparish.org



MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up
from the earth, I will draw
everyone to myself."
- Jn 12:32

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ST. CELESTINE CHURCH and Parish Office

3020 North 76th Court
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
Phone: 708-453-2555

MASSES
Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM
11 AM
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 4—4:45 PM



ST. CYPRIAN CHURCH

2601 North Clinton Street
River Grove, Illinois 60171

MASSES
Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 8 AM

Reconciliation Saturday 3:30—3:50 PM

ST. CELESTINE SCHOOL

3017 North 77th Avenue
Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
stcelestineschool.org 708-453-8234

OFFICE HOURS Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM to noon and 12:30 to 8 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM to 5 PM, Saturday: 8:30 AM—12:30 PM; Closed Sunday.

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."

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 16

4 PM St. Cyprian

- +Genevieve Makowski
- +Engracia Lagud, 1st Anniversary
- +Emeterio Lagud

5 PM St. Celestine

- +Louis and +Juliana DaPrato and the Deceased Members of the DaPrato Family
- +Olga Humowiecki, 15th Anniversary
- +Josephine Gutkowski, Birthday
- +Peter Dalo, Birthday
- +Bob Gutkowski
- +Mary Petella
- +Giovanni Licciardi

SUNDAY, March 17

7:30 AM St. Celestine

- +James and +Dolores Heneghan
- +Mary Daly

9 AM St. Cyprian

- +Joseph Sweeney, 1st Anniversary
- +Giovanna Scafidi

11 AM St. Celestine

- +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
- +Frank Pudlo
- +Patrick Riley
- +Peter Eck, 1st Anniversary
- Mary Guidi O'Malley
- +Concetta and +Sabatino DiCianno, Birthday
- +Nick DiCianni
- +Roman Urytskyy
- +Neil and +Mary Pat O'Mohony

MONDAY, March 18

8 AM St. Celestine

- Faithful Departed

TUESDAY, March 19

8 AM St. Cyprian

- People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8 AM St. Celestine

- +Luis Negron
- +Lillian Swiatkowski, Birthday

THURSDAY, March 21

8 AM St. Cyprian

- Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, March 22

8 AM St. Celestine

- +Rick Sciacotta, Birthday

SATURDAY, March 23

4 PM St. Cyprian

- People of the Parish

5 PM St. Celestine

- +Emelia Moreno, Birthday
- +Edel Guerrero, Anniversary
- +Gertrude and +Josephine Gutkowski, Birthday
- +Dean Anthony Katsaros
- +Henry Nowak
- Halina Nowak and Family, for Good Health
- Ava Rodriguez and Family, for Good Health

SUNDAY, March 24

7:30 AM St. Celestine

- People of the Parish

9 AM St. Cyprian

- +Giuseppi Pellegrini
- +Giovanna Scafidi

11 AM St. Celestine

- +Roman and +Anna Romanyuk
- +Frank Pudlo
- +Helena Gazda
- +Louise Cerkleski
- +Jan Kamptner
- +Roman Urytskyy



St. Mother Theodore Guerin

Welcome! If you are new to our churches or just visiting, please introduce yourself. We are happy to share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home.

We invite you to become a part of our parish. Register by calling the parish office at 708-453-2555.

Bible Study on Mary led by Fr. Moises

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Weeks 1—4

April: Mondays 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room

Bulletin Deadlines

Please send in Word or as an editable PDF to Kim at khagerty@stguerinparish.org.

March 31 is due on Monday, March 18 at 9 AM

April 7 is due on Monday, March 27 at 9 AM

April 14 is due on Wednesday, April 3 at 9 AM

From the Pastor's Desk: Father Paul Cao

Parish Annual Raffle

This weekend we will continue to sell the Annual Raffles tickets at all the masses. I would like to thank those who have already bought your tickets and I really appreciate your help to make this fundraising more successful. If you haven't bought your raffle tickets yet, please do so. I encourage every family to buy tickets or sell them to your friends and coworkers. We give away \$10,000 with the first prize \$5,000, second prize \$2,000 and three third prizes of \$1,000 each. You can return your tickets to the Pastoral Center or drop them off in the collection baskets. We will have a drawing on Easter Sunday after the 11 AM mass at St. Celestine Church. Thank you for your financial support to our parish community and thank you for all you do to make our parish to grow spiritually strong and vibrant.

Last Lenten dinner Please invite your friends, co workers, and family to come to our last Lenten Dinner this Friday March 22, from 5—7 PM in the St. Celestine Gym. The Lenten Dinner includes two pastas, one by a featured restaurant and one house pasta, a salad bar, and dessert with coffee. Enjoy dinner with family and friends and it's a good way to support our parish. I would like to thank the many parishioners, school parents, and students for coming to the last two Lenten Dinners. I hope the gym will be packed for our last one. I want to thank the staff and many volunteers who've helped us



at these dinners. May God bless you for your good work. Thank you!

Palm Sunday Next weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus is greeted by hundreds of people who wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord will mark the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the liturgical year. At the 9 and 11 AM Masses next Sunday, we will process outside around both churches (if weather permits). Palms will be blessed at each Mass and distributed. We will process together with our blessed palm branches to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and to remind us that Jesus is our King and Savior. Please invite your friends and encourage your family members to come next weekend to celebrate Palm Sunday together as a community of faith as we enter into Holy Week. Take time to come to the sacrament of reconciliation every Saturday before the evening mass at both churches. Polish confessions are available at St. Celestine church next Saturday, March 23 at 3:30 PM and we will also have a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM.

May the Lenten season help us to discipline ourselves in order to be closer to Christ!

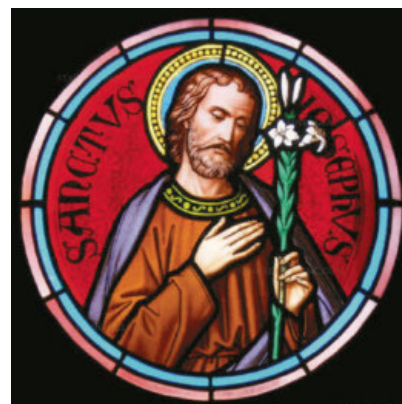
*God bless!
Fr. Paul*

SS. Patrick and Joseph



Tradition holds that Pope Celestine I sent St. Patrick back to Ireland, where he had labored as a shepherd after being enslaved and brought to Ireland at 16 where he later escaped. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and explaining the Holy Trinity by showing the three leaves of a shamrock. Irish themes are incorporated into the stained glass in St. Celestine church. His feast day is March 17 and he is the patron saint of Ireland and those who are afraid of snakes.

The feast day of St. Joseph, Jesus's father on earth and husband of Mary, is March 19. He is the patron saint of the Church, workers, the dying, carpenters, expectant mothers, attorneys, travelers, and house hunters. We honor him each year in our parish with a Father's Day novena.



On Swimming in the Lake, and Knowing, and Lent

Going into the Steelhead 70.3 (Half-Ironman) Triathlon years ago up in Benton Harbor, Michigan, I felt well-prepared for the final leg, a 13.1-mile run. I felt confident about the second leg home, a 56-mile bike ride. But like most athletes who come to the sport via biking or running, I felt uneasy about the first leg, a 1.2-mile swim in Lake Michigan. When we're talking 70.3 miles in total, 1.2 miles in the water may not seem like a big deal. It's a big deal.

I was well-trained for the 1.2-mile distance. I routinely put in 1-mile swims in the LA Fitness lap pool, and I logged multiple Lake Michigan/Montrose Beach training swims in my wetsuit because I know that the difference between going 1.2 in a pool vs. going 1.2 in open water is the difference between canned asparagus and fresh asparagus (as in, there is no comparison). But

Lake Michigan was calm on my training days. On race day a hundred miles to the north, Lake Michigan was acting up. I came to learn before going into the water that Steelhead's swim portion had been cancelled a few times in the past due to choppy water. No such luck for me, so when the horn sounded, we all ran from the beach into the water toward the first buoy, where we made a right turn and swam north. The triathletes around me were diving into the water when it got waist high. I stayed vertical until the water reached my chin because I didn't want to totally immerse myself. At last, I went horizontal, and swam.

Since I can breathe only to my left in the water, I saw nothing but choppy water coming at me each time I turned my head to gulp air. There were buoys positioned evenly all along the way, and I swam from marker to marker just to hang on for a few seconds and to catch my breath. It was the only time in any of my long-distance events that I wondered about my ability to actually make it to the end. I did. Slowly. And once I made it out of the water, I managed the bike and the run just fine. Some time later, I was at

Montrose Beach early on a Saturday to put down miles with my running friends. A few of them talked about the unusual wave pattern in the lake that morning. It was kind of a rolling wave, powerful and inviting at the same time. And this is when I smiled and spoke directly to the lake in my head. I acknowledged its intriguing waves, and then I said, "I know you!" And I could say this only because LM had tossed me about like a cork up there at Steelhead.

Knowing comes to mind as I consider today's readings. First, God—speaking through Jeremiah—tells of a covenant with Israel that goes deeper than words on a stone tablet: "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts... No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me..." We know God because we know his Son. And we know his Son because he is one of us. "In the flesh..." as the author of Hebrews puts it. And as Jesus himself explains, "...when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." I now know Lake Michigan better because I immersed myself in it. We have two more weeks to immerse ourselves in Lent. And via the immersion, to know better the God-Man, lifted up.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin
no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what
he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who
obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

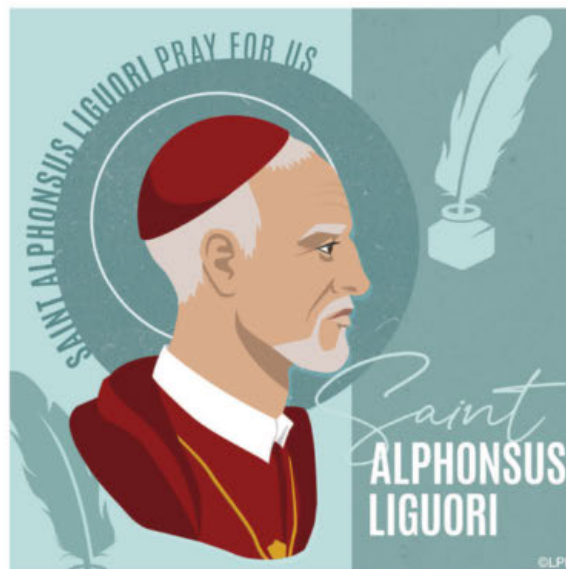
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
Holy Week begins



Saint of the week

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,
Hear me as I call to you! Pour
new life into me! Renew my
heart in Your word! Help me to
know You! Help me to glorify
You, worship You, and trust
You. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

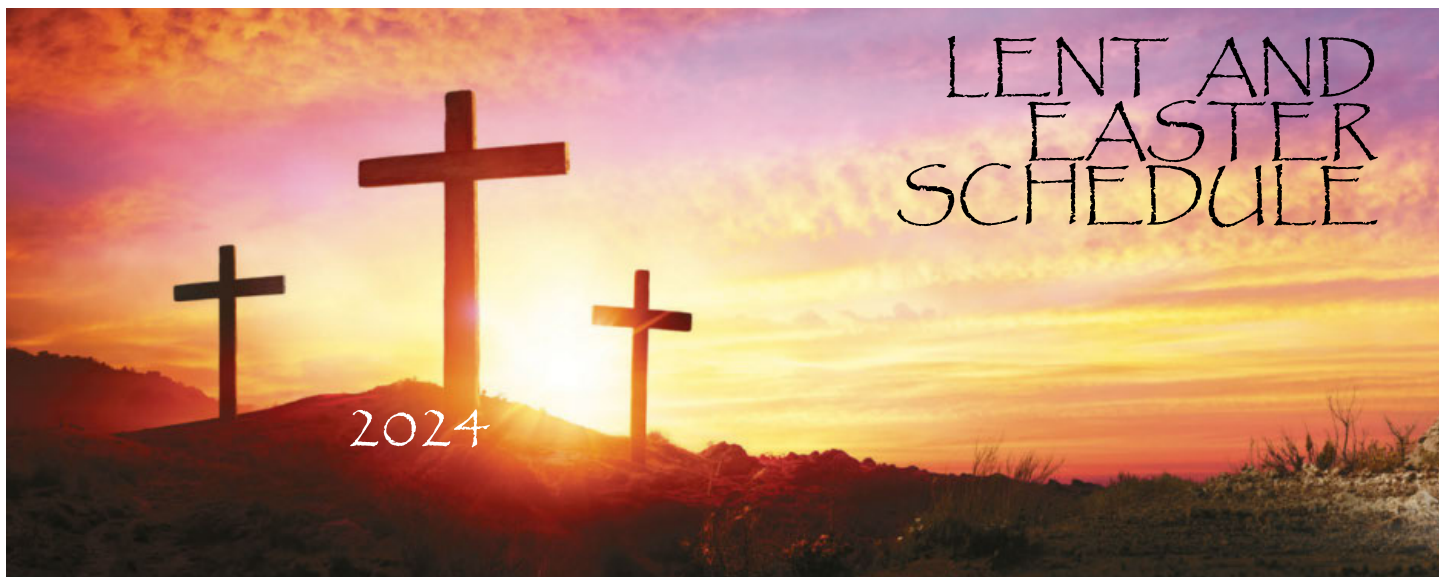
Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7 PM
March 22 at St. Celestine

Confession for those who speak Polish (Polish-speaking priest will be there) Saturday,
March 23 3:30—5 PM at St. Celestine

HOLY WEEK

LABYRINTH in the Gym and Annex; Palm Sunday:
Noon—5 PM, March 25—28: 5—9 PM, Good
Friday, 9 AM—9 PM

Monday, March 25 7 PM Parish Reconciliation
Service at St. Celestine

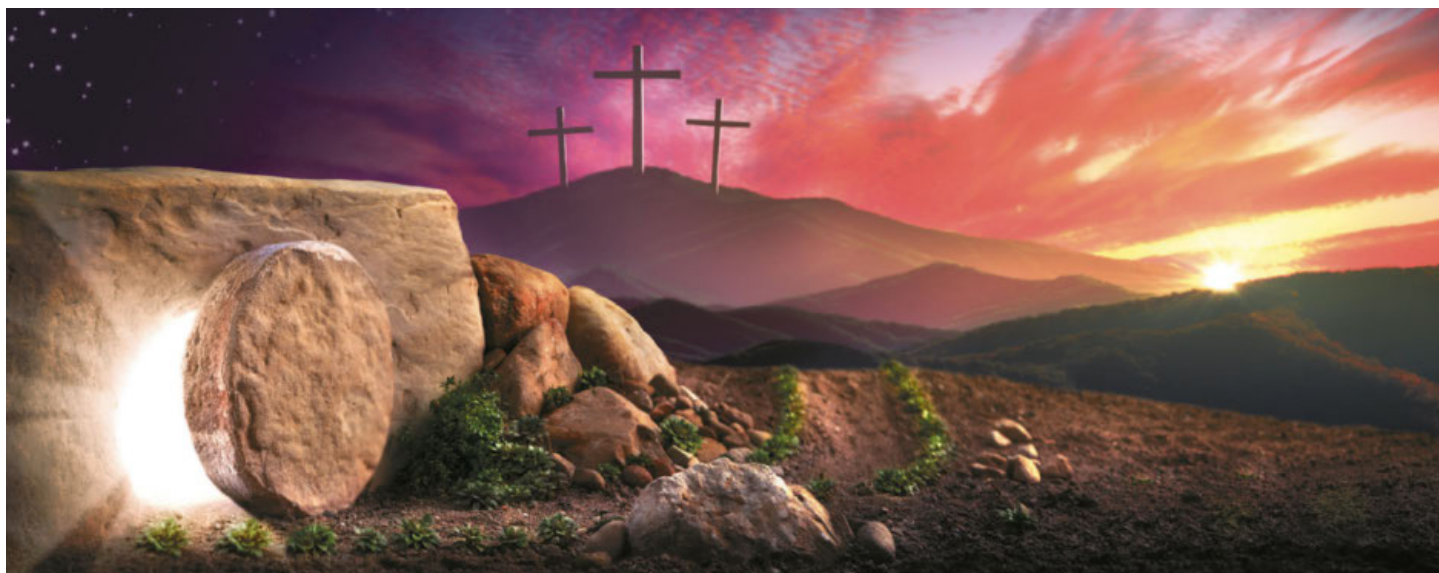
Wednesday, March 27 7 PM Taizé Prayer at
St. Cyprian

Holy Thursday, March 28 8 AM Morning Prayer
at St. Cyprian
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper at
St. Celestine followed by Church Visits

Good Friday, March 29
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
3 PM Service at St. Cyprian
7 PM Shadow Stations at St. Celestine

Holy Saturday, March 30
8 AM Morning Prayer at St. Celestine
11 AM Easter Basket Blessing at St. Cyprian
Noon Easter Basket Blessing at St. Celestine
7:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Celestine

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31 Masses
7:30 and 11 AM at St. Celestine
9 AM and 11:30 AM at St. Cyprian



***This is My Body* Book Discussion**

During Advent we were invited to read Bishop Barron's book *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*. For Lent we would like to invite you to a weekly book discussion led by Lois DeFelice in which we will look more deeply at the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood through this book.

This group will meet on Thursdays either after 8 AM Mass at St. Cyprian or at 6:30 PM at St. Celestine in the Fireside Room. For our final Week 5 on March 21, please read pages 89—110 and think about these questions:

- God will be “all in all: 1 Cor. 15:28. In your own words how does that happen from the Eucharist?
- How does a proper understanding of reality help us to understand the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Novena prayers will begin on Good Friday, March 29 after the Liturgical Celebration of Good Friday at approximately 4:30 PM at St. Cyprian Church.

On the first day of the novena we will say novena prayers and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

The second day, Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024, will be private at your own time.

From Easter Sunday, March 31—April 6 the third through ninth days will take place at 3 PM at St. Cyprian. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, we will say the novena prayers, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and have Benediction.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at 3 PM there will be a Holy Hour at St. Celestine Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena prayers, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction.

—Deacon Roland Merced

Women's Club Meeting

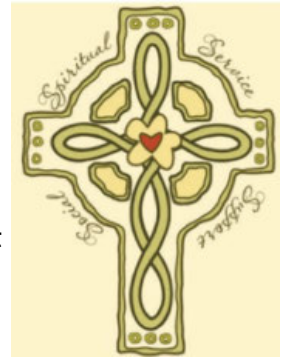
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Women's Club Meeting

Thursday, March 21

Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7PM in the annex at St. Celestine.

Learn how to make items from palms! See you there!



Widowed Retreat

Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men and Women will take place on April 13 and 14 (2 day program—overnight encouraged) at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439 (Commute or stay overnight.) For further information, call: 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. See joyfulagain.org.

Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouse and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

Tax Letters

If you need a year-end contribution letter for your taxes with your donations to St. Mother Guerin parish for 2023, please call the Pastoral Center at 708-453-2555 to request one. It will be mailed to you in a few days or you can come in and pick it up.

Secular Franciscan Order

“The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Well, how do we do that? Since 1959, members of the St. Juliana Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have sought to follow the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by “going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel.”

If following the Rule of St. Francis might interest you, the SFO fraternity at St. Juliana meets once each month. For more information or just to visit, please contact minister Bob Mitchell at 773-430-6576 or email him at robertpmitchell1@gmail.com.

Join Us
for the

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, April 28
8:30 AM TO 2PM



Get the jump on Mother's Day Gifts!

A variety of Crafters will be in the gym.

Enter the Raffle for Crafters' Donations

Entry - **ANNEX DOOR** located on the north side of the parking lot
LOCATION – 3020 North 76th Court – Elmwood Park, Illinois

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Stations of the Cross

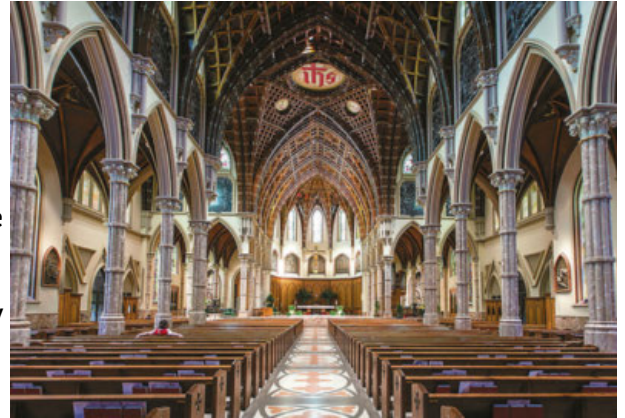
The Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday, March 22 at 7 PM at St. Celestine. Each Friday in Lent we will be praying the Stations; it will alternate at each church.

There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on Jesus's journey to Calvary. The object of the Stations is to help us to make in spirit, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and meditation on the various incidents.

Holy Thursday Church Pilgrimage March 28



Join us on March 28 from 8:30 PM to midnight. We will leave St. Celestine Church and travel by coach bus to visit 5 churches. We will visit St. John Cantius, Holy Name Cathedral, Our Lady of the Holy Family, St. Mary of the



Angels, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, all churches that are well over 100 years old). We will end with night prayer in the chapel at St. Celestine. **Please reserve your seat now by calling 708-453-2555. The cost is \$25 and space is limited.**

The Visitation to Churches is a devotion that involves traveling to local churches after Mass on the evening of Holy Thursday. These visits recall the final places Jesus went from his arrest on Holy Thursday to his death on Good Friday. In each church, the pilgrim kneels before the Altar of Repose, meditates on the appropriate Scripture, and offers prayers and adoration. In this way, pilgrims seek to spiritually accompany Christ as he enters his Passion.



Last Lenten Pasta Dinner March 22

Join us for the final Lenten Pasta Dinner serving from 5 to 7 PM in the Annex and Gym at St. Celestine on Friday, March 22.

Dinner includes two pastas, a specialty pasta from a featured restaurant and the house pasta, bread and butter, salad bar, coffee, and dessert. Assorted cold drinks will be available for purchase. To go containers will also be available.

Adults: \$10 Students: \$5 Children Preschool and under: Free bowl of in-house pasta

DONATIONS APPRECIATED: Please drop off baked goods at the Pastoral Center the day before the dinner! We also need: 12 oz. cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite and 16-20 oz. bottled waters. Thank you so much!

Respect Life News

The Church's Opposition to Assisted Suicide Legislation in Our State

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish strongly feels we need to inform and gain support from fellow parishioners about the "End of Life Option Act", also known as assisted suicide. This act (SB3499) has been introduced to Illinois in 2024 and seeks to gain strength by voters in the future.

Over the next several weeks you can find information about Church teaching regarding suicide in this bulletin. The Church has always been opposed to suicide. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for God's honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of." 2280

"Suicide is contrary to love for the living God. If suicide is committed with the intention of setting an example, especially to the young, it also takes on the gravity of scandal. Voluntary cooperation in suicide is contrary to the moral law." 2281–2282.

"The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." 2283.

Pope Francis has condemned laws which promote assisted suicide. While it is important that we treat those who suffer with chronic pain with dignity and attempt to ameliorate their suffering, "We have to be careful to not confuse this help with unacceptable deviations that lead to killing," he said. "We must accompany death, not provoke death or help any kind of suicide."

The law introduced in the legislature in Springfield contradicts the dignity of human life and the Church's mission to help all people live life to its fullest. As Catholics we must choose and support life, and therefore must oppose any law which promotes and enables suicide.

Walk the labyrinth!

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24
Noon - 5 PM

Monday through Thursday
March 25 - 28 5 - 9 PM

Good Friday,
March 29 9 AM - 9 PM

The labyrinth is a simple walking path used to meditate or quiet the mind. It is a path of reflection, contemplation and clarity.

Labyrinths come in many sizes and patterns, but a labyrinth has only one path, there are no tricks to it or dead ends: it is not a maze.

The path winds throughout and becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives.

The labyrinth is a wonderful tool for re-connecting the mind, body and spirit. For some, it allows self-realizations that provide peace, healing and comfort.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Parish
Annex and Gym, Elmwood Park, IL

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.

- Angelina Alongi

Therese Anello

Grace Baldessara

Alexandra Bradish

Ray Brownlee

Iris Cardona

Genaro Colin

Maria Cordero

Mary Davister

Elene Dimperio

Eleanor

Ricardo Encarnado

Patsy Galecki

Tammy Garcia

Maciej Gondek

Baby Brendan Haro

Grace Hensley

Kathy Johl

Adele Johnson

Greg Komendanchik

Justine Kucera

Larry Lemanski

Karen Lins

Carol Sheahan Marrero

Emily Matos

Angela McClain

Amelia Miglio

James Nasti
- Larry Nestor

Ron Nichols

Sister Louise Noesen

Mary Guidi O'Malley

Brendan O'Brien

Carolyn Paprocki

Robert Paprocki

Manny Perez

Adrienne Pudlo

Sister Rita Mae Rabitoy

Marylyn Robertson

Richard Robertson

Austin Rose

Rock Sarbacker

Warren Sarbacker

Kathy Sassolino

Kelly Schlanger

Morgan Schlanger

Joseph Serwa

Heidi Stringham

Judy Virgilio

Lillian Wardzala

Jim Wazorick

Sue Weber

Joshua Wilmes
- *recently added

Faithful Departed

- Paula Biegalski

Amelia Miglio
- Mary Daly

Jim Eller

Military

- Col. Stephen Acosta

Staff Sgt. Lawrence G. Campbell

Senior Airman Cory McCambridge

Lt. Col. Peter Anderson

Sgt. Kenneth G. DiCristifano

Spec Michael Migliorisi

Pvt. John Cerrone

PFC Paul J. Lagoda

PFC Sophia M. Garcia

Lt. Robert Reynolds

Staff Sgt. Alberto Boy

Staff Sgt. Natalie Borrini

Cpl. Brian Macaluso

Lnc. Cpl. Meghan Jennings

Lnc. Cpl. Michael Casanave

Pvt. Nicolas Casanave

ABEAN Melanie Hodges

PFC Vincent Negron

Pvt. Matthew Meyer
- Marines

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Navy

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Army

- Master Sgt. Scott A. Cross

Dario Rodriguez

Ensign Devon Zych

Lnc. Cpl. Andrew D. Nordlie

Luis N. Burciaga

PFC Rudy De La O

Jose Flores, Jr.

Carmelo Flores

AB Ethen N. Ortiz

Lnc. Cpl. Michael Joshua Barajas

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Gospel for March 17, 2024

John 12:20-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B: Jesus prepares for his Passion. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

- GREEKS

GALILEE

GROUND

SERVE ME

FATHER

THUNDER

WORLD
- WORSHIP

SON OF MAN

AND DIES

HONOR

A VOICE

ANGEL

DRIVEN
- PHILIP

FALLS

PRODUCES

TROUBLED

CROWD

JUDGMENT

DEATH

VOICE OF THUNDER

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H K O H C H O C B N V N
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Parish Weekly Events

Monday, March 18

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
6 PM ST CEL Men's Club in the Staff Room
7 PM ST CEL Respect Life in the Fireside Room

Tuesday, March 19

4 PM ST CEL Athletics in the Gym
7 PM ST CYP Teen OCIA in the Rectory

Wednesday, March 20

8 AM ST CEL Fun Fair in the Gym
3:05 PM ST CEL Children's Choir in the Church
6:30 PM ST CEL Good Grief Bereavement Group in the Fireside Room
Adult Choir in the Music Room

7 PM ST CEL

Thursday, March 21

8 AM ST CEL Fun Fair in the Gym
8:30 AM ST CYP Book Study in the Church
3:05 PM ST CEL Troop 45488 in the Lower Meeting Room
Food Pantry
4 PM ST CEL Troop 45703 in the Annex
4:30 PM ST CEL Book Study in the Fireside Room
6:30 PM ST CEL
7 PM ST CYP OCIA in the Rectory
7 PM ST CEL Women's Club in the Annex

Friday, March 22

5 PM ST CEL Lenten Dinner in the Gym and Annex
7 PM ST CEL Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday, March 23

9:30 AM ST CEL Religious Education in the School
10 AM ST CEL Special Religious Education in the Gym and Annex

Sunday, March 24

Noon ST CEL Troop 41395 in the Lower Meeting Room
Troop 42724 in the Annex
Troop 40202 in the Lunchroom

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 23

4 PM St. Cyprian

Presider
Lector

Eucharistic Minister

5 PM St. Celestine

Presider
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Moises Navarro
Bev Parylak and Karen Moretti
Anna Petras

Fr. Paul Cao
Joanne Bieschke
Mike Miller
Lynn Loftus
Pat Strabley
Bob Broz
Carol Gutkowski
Barba Miller
Mary Kay Macchione

Sunday, March 24

7:30 AM St. Celestine

Presider
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Fil Ngwila
Andy Johnson
Minnie Reillo
Ken Doyle
Florence Smith
Larry Skelly
Maria Mojek
Michelle Doyle

9 AM St. Cyprian

Presider
Lector

Eucharistic Minister

11 AM St. Celestine

Presider
Lector
Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Moises Navarro
Sister Carol Meyers
and Val McCluskey
John Madden

Fr. Paul Cao
Jackie Schweitzer
Charlie Roy
Lena Roy
Debra DeSalvo
Marlene Rossi
Alice Carella

Save these Dates!

- **Bible Study on Mary** Mondays in April, 8, 15, 22, and 29 in the Fireside Room
- **Teen Meeting** Saturday, April 20 6:15 PM
- **Craft Fair:** Sunday, April 28 from 8:30 to 2 PM at St. Celestine
- **Anointing Mass:** Saturday, April 20 at 5 PM at St. Celestine
- **Totus Tuus:** for children: Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 during the day. For teens: Sunday, July 7 through Thursday, July 11 in the evening.
- **Garage Sale:** Saturday, July 13 in the St. Celestine parking lot
- **Parish Picnic:** Sunday, July 28 at Evans Field in River Grove
- **Parish Taste:** Saturday, August 24



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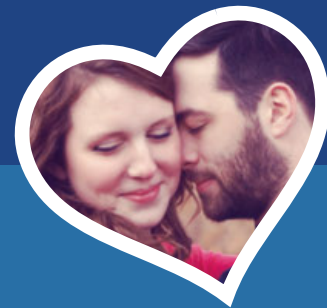
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Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—noon and 12:30 PM—8 PM
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Saturday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM Closed Sunday



Holy Hour: First Friday of each month at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church.

Baptisms: To schedule at St. Celestine contact Ruthanne Swiatkowski at rswiatkowski@stguerinparish.org or call 708-453-2555 x5017; contact Mary Krewer to schedule at St. Cyprian; mkrewer@stguerinparish.org or 708-453-2555 x5018. Baptisms take place at 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Sundays monthly at St. Celestine and the third Sunday of the month at St. Cyprian. Baptismal Prep classes take place on most first Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM at St. Cyprian; please call the office to sign up for the class.

Masses: See cover.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 PM at St. Cyprian and 4:15 PM at St. Celestine.

Weddings: Engaged couples are encouraged to call a year in advance of a preferred date. The couple must talk to Deacon Mike DeLarco before a wedding date can be reserved. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

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