



St. Hugh Parish

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December 6, 2015

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
10:30am

Penance A priest-confessor is available
Saturday after the morning Mass or by
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick Contact Father
for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound Call the
Parish Office to request a Minister of
Care to visit.

Baptism Infants are baptized at the
parish where their parents are active
members - usually on Sunday after the
Mass. Contact the Pastor to schedule.

Marriage Celebrated for current
parishioners. Engaged couples should
begin preparations with the parish at
least six months in advance of a
proposed wedding.

Funerals The family of the deceased
should rely on the professional skill of a
funeral director who will assist in
making arrangements with the parish
and cemetery.

Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
fax: 708.447.9870

Saint Hugh of Grenoble 1052 – 1132
He was named a bishop at age 27. In
time of famine he sold his Episcopal
ring in order to aid the poor. Along
with Saint Bruno, he founded the
Carthusians. Feast: April 1.

Second Sunday of Advent

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Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
Saturday December 12 at 1:00pm



From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Advent! Today we light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath. In the tradition of Saint John the Baptist, I pray that we will rediscover our responsibility to invite and support people to prepare a way for the Lord and to welcome those who will come to Him during this holy season.

In addition to the Baptizer, the other major player of this season is Mary.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is under this title that the Mother of Jesus is the Patroness of the United States and of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Parish Masses will be celebrated at 10:30am and 7:00pm.

December 8 also begins the Jubilee Year of Mercy as announced by Pope Francis. See the letter from Archbishop Cupich in the next column and the commentary on the logo and motto to the right.

Celebrate God's Mercy sacramentally at our Advent Reconciliation Service on Saturday December 12 at 1:00pm. At this time we will also welcome those who have been preparing to receive this sacrament for the first time. This communal celebration will include individual confessions and absolution. You are strongly encouraged to make the Sacrament of Penance a part of your Advent preparations.

On December 12 we celebrate Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is under this title that the Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the Americas.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Father Reszel



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with much joy and anticipation that I invite all of you to join me to welcome the beginning of the Jubilee of Mercy.

The Jubilee of Mercy,

proclaimed by Pope Francis begins on December 8, 2015 and concludes with the feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. The Jubilee of Mercy is a graced opportunity for all of us to appreciate more deeply how the mercy of God has taken hold of our lives and, at the same time, how we can bring that mercy into the world through our own actions and the way we live our lives. The Jubilee of Mercy will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Chicago with a full schedule of events and array of resources. Among these are:

- The commencement of the Jubilee with the opening of the Holy Door on Sunday, December 13 at Holy Name Cathedral.
- The designation of 32 pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese, where the faithful can receive indulgences.
- A special weekly resource, One Word at a Time, developed for parishes and individuals to help put merciful actions into practice is now available in English, Spanish and Polish.
- Stories related to the Jubilee of Mercy will appear regularly in our Archdiocesan newspapers, the Catholic New World and Chicago Católico.
- A monthly video segment, "Mercy Moments," will highlight testimonials from individuals and how they experienced or encountered God's mercy.
- Fr. Louis Cameli's newest book, *Rejoicing in Mercy: A Prayer Commentary on the Gospel of Luke*.
- "Adopt a Work of Mercy" pamphlet, with a call to all Catholics to commit to one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy.

These, and many more resources, will be available on the Office for the New Evangelization website: www.jubileemercy.org. Please look for Jubilee of Mercy updates on the Archdiocesan website as well as your parish bulletin.

Let us call to mind the words of Pope Francis at this time: "In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strongly and clearly as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: 'Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.'"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



Jubilee Year of Mercy

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (Luke 6:36) serves as an invitation to

follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Saints or Observances, Readings, and Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9;
Ps 126;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Walter Ignash;
Sister Barbara Jean Ciszek

10:30 Katherine, Donald, & Russell
Gedeon

Monday December 7 St. Ambrose
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26
10:30 Michelle Miller

Tuesday December 8 The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38

10:30 Dorothy Stephansen

7:00 Frank Tobolaski

Wednesday December 9

St. Juan Diego
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
10:30 Bernice Morel; Jaime Sustaita

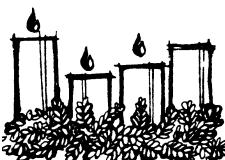
Thursday December 10
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

Friday December 11 St. Damasus I
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19
10:30 Salvatore Guccione, Sr

Saturday December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13; Lk 1:26-38
10:30 Joseph B. Davidowski

Third Sunday of Advent



Zep 3:14-18a;
Is 12;
Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

4:00 Doris Gallagher; Emil T. Sergio

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;
Wally Ciszek

10:30 Intentions of the Parish



Holy Hour

Each Sunday at 4:00pm
Enter church through the
ramp (south) door.
Watch this space for any
changes to the schedule.

New Life in Christ

Asiris Hernandez, daughter of
Angelina (Antunez) and Carlos
Hernandez, was baptized on Saturday
November 21. Congratulations.

Pray for the sick

August Bose, Virginia Bryson, Kathy
Buckland, Vincent Caccamo, Mike
Cahill, Richard Callahan, Bob Ferrill,
Dawn Gilbert, Glen Gilbert, Roseanne
Gilbert, Dawn Hainsworth, Chuck
Herrig, Annette Jaworski, Peg Kocar,
Sue Lee, Lorraine Polcyn, Marianne
Salvino, Vicki Stephansen, Pat Stone,
Tillie Vujtech

Oplatki

This Christmas wafer is a central
European holiday tradition celebrated
in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia
during *Wigilia*, or the Christmas Eve
Vigil. An envelope with two white
rectangular wafers is available for
purchase in the sacristy or the parish
office for \$1.



The Giving Tree for the children of
Lyons is near the baptismal font. Each
ornament indicates if the gift is for a
boy or girl, age, and clothes size.
Please take an ornament, attach the
ornament to the wrapped package,
and place under the tree on or before
Sunday December 13.

Weekend of December 12 - 13

Mass	Priest	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel	Angelica Galan	Sue Stafford Cathy Bergman Cindy McCarthy		Amanda S Alexis S
8:00am	Father Reszel	Allison K	Rosemary Kufta Nina Konopasek Edgardo Ramos	Giselle M	Gianna M Alexys A
10:30am	MCCJ Father	Farrah K	Liz Shermack Maggie Schemenaur Patti Krueger	Carole Hallberg	Jackie A Ashley B

MCCJ = Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; *Missionarii Comboniani Cordis Iesu*



Girl Scouts Coat Drive & Pancake Breakfast

Please bring laundered coats on Sunday December 6 to the Faith Formation Office between 8:00 and 10:15am or to Keating Hall between 1:00 and 7:00pm. Coats will also be accepted on Sunday December 13 at the Girl Scouts' Pancake Breakfast with Santa in Keating Hall between 8:00am and Noon. Tickets for the all you can eat pancake breakfast are available after Mass this weekend. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (12 and under), children 3 and under eat for free. 708.442.5664 or 708.447.3108 +6

Question of the Week

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy begins, what twists and turns do I need to let God untangle in my life? What rough edges smooth out? What mountainous of pride bring low? What valleys of indifference and neglect fill with mercy for others?

Question for December 8

With what physical, visible symbol might I adorn the door to my house or apartment, as a sign that my home and my heart will be a "Door of Mercy" during this jubilee year?

Question for December 12

Inspired by Our Lady of Guadalupe, what situation, cause, or person can I "visit" to offer my help and demonstrate my solidarity?

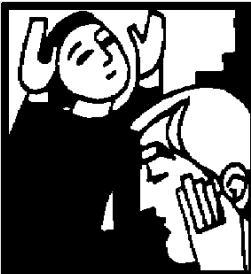
December 7

Join us for our annual Mass for the intention of Misericordia and for our deceased members on Monday at 6:30pm. The Mass will be the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will fulfill one's holy day obligation.



Donations will be collected for Misericordia, a local community of care that maximizes the potential for persons with developmental disabilities many of whom are also physically challenged.

Following the Mass, the SCW will hold its monthly gathering in Keating Hall. All women and young ladies (ages 12-17) of the parish are welcome.



Communal Reconciliation by Paul Turner

The communal reconciliation service provides a unique opportunity for Catholics to confess sins and find forgiveness. In the past, people often stood in a long line while waiting their turn for private confession. Today they have another option: the communal service.

The communal celebration has certain advantages. The parish may celebrate one service with individual confessions instead of a sequence of private services. People confess their sins; they support and pray for other penitents; they are nourished by the proclamation of the word and spiritual song; and they receive the support and prayer of others. Communal reconciliation reminds us that our sin affects others and that others will forgive the wrong we've done.

When you take part in a communal celebration of reconciliation, your confession takes a slightly different form. You perform some parts of the service as a community, not as individuals. Therefore, when you go individually to the priest in communal services:

- You need not make the sign of the cross.
- You need not say, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned."
- You need not say how long it has been since your last confession unless this information would be helpful.
- You may say hello.
- You may say something about yourself that will help the priest extend God's mercy to you.
- You should confess your sins.
- You need not say the act of contrition.
- You should expect very little conversation and advice from the priest because others are waiting.
- You should arrive on time and stay for the end.

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At St. Hugh Parish

Our Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession and absolution is Saturday December 12 at 1:00pm

Treasures from our tradition

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

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