

st. priscilla church



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday—Friday at 7:45 AM until 8:00 AM
Saturday from 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM or by appointment.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration can be completed by coming into the Rectory.

PARISH RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling the Rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

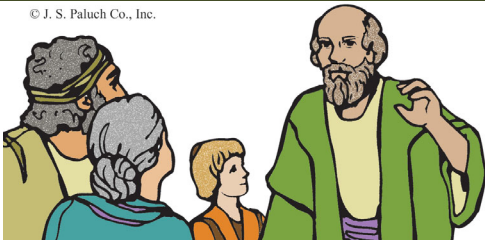
WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish
Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2015

My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Reflecting on God's Word

God describes the people to whom Ezekiel is being sent as “hard of face and obstinate of heart” (Ezekiel 2:4). They are a people who have rebelled and revolted against God, but still God persists in sending them a prophet: this time Ezekiel, last time Jeremiah, the time before that Isaiah, all the way back to Samuel and Nathan, Elijah and Elisha. Even today, God continues to send prophets to soften our faces and make yielding our own hearts.

Jesus found hardened faces and stubborn hearts when he went to his hometown. Impenetrable seems to be the best description. His words could not get through. He was proclaiming the kingdom of God, the presence of God among them, and they couldn't hear him. It all depended on what they saw and all they saw was the carpenter, questioning where he got such wisdom and how he did these mighty deeds. He was just the son of Mary! We know the family. Go figure.

And then we hear some of the saddest words in the Gospel: “So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them” (Mark 6:5). Why? Their lack of faith.

So Jesus started a new family. It began with the people whom we have been hearing about—the disciples, for all their struggles to believe in him right up to the very end, but also people like the woman with the hemorrhage, Jairus and his daughter, the man lowered through the roof, the fellow who had an evil spirit. The list goes on and on, down to our own day.

By baptism, we became part of the family, the new family whose bond is not based on blood, but on faith. The ever-recurring question is: Is he able to work any signs among us, or is he amazed at our lack of faith?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Living God's Word

We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.

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PROROK W SWOJEJ OJCZYŹNIE

Jezus większość swojego życia spędził w Nazarecie. Kochał bardzo to miasto, choć ono Go nie kochało. Często do niego wracał, nawet podczas swego publicznego nauczania. Tam bowiem spędził swoją młodość, tam miał swoich rówieśników, tam też żyli Jego rodzice i krewni.

Chciał swoim rodakom czynić dobrze, ale niestety one Go nie rozumieli, po prostu nie mieli z Nim wspólnego języka. Nie mogło pomieścić się im w głowie, że syn zwykłego cieśli, prosty rzemieślnik, mógłby być prorokiem i Mesjaszem. Nie rozumieli Jego nauki. Przysłuchując się Jego wywodom ze zdumieniem pytali się wzajemnie: „Skąd On to ma? I co za mądrość, która jest Mu dana? I takie cuda dzieją się przez Jego ręce” (Mk. 6,2). Po prostu zlekceważyli Chrystusa. A On boleśnie przeżywając to wszystko z żalem wypowiadał się pod ich adresem: „Tylko w swojej ojczyźnie i wśród swoich może być prorok tak zlekceważony” (Mk. 6,4). Jezus mimo wszystko nie zrażał się tym. Nieustannie ich przekonywał, że jest prawdziwym prorokiem i obiecany Mesjaszem.

Tego typu postawa była zamknięciem się na dalsze obcowanie z Chrystusem. Jego ziomkowie nie ujrzeli wielu cudów, bo po prostu nie chcieli ich ujrzeć. Ich oczy były otwarte na różne nieistotne szczegóły związane z Chrystusem: na Jego dom, rodzinę krewnych, co przecież było takie zwyczajne i nie interesujące. Otwarte były ich oczy - ale zamknięte serca, zamknięte na światło nadprzyrodzonej prawdy, którą im przynosił.

Jaką postawę my dziś przyjmujemy wobec Chrystusa? To nie jest tylko retoryczne pytanie, ale to jest nasz poważny problem. Jakże często my dziś krytykujemy Jezusa, jak bardzo czasem nie podoba się nam Jego nauka, ile to tematów chcielibyśmy z niej usunąć, a wszystko to w imię pozornego i jakże wątpliwego dobra swojego i dobra innych.

A przecież Jezus jest jednoznaczny, jakże mało On od nas wymaga. Wymaga On tylko wiary w siebie. Gdy spotkał się z tą wiarą - czynił cuda, gdy zauważył jej brak - zamykało się Jego Boskie serce. Nic więc dziwnego, że *nie mógł zdziałać w Nazarecie żadnego cudu, jedynie na kilku chorych położył ręce i uzdrowił ich.*

— Ks. Idzi Stacherczak, Proboszcz —

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (5)**

- 8:30 — Special Blessings for Olivia and Casey
 +Annunciato Greco (*Philomena*)
 ++Josephine and Nathan Benanti (*Family*)
 ++Mary and Frank Calvert
 +Linda Regan
 +Kristen Kocol
 +Albert Kosac
 +Eryk Piecha
 +Dolores Mohar
- 10:30 — O opiekę Bożą i Matki Najświętszej nad Papieżem,
 Biskupami, Kapłanami, zakonami i świeckimi
 powołanymi w służbie nowej ewangelizacji
 szczególnie wśród Polonii oraz za dusze w
 czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże Bł., i wszelkie łaski dla Joanny
 Więckowskiej z racji urodzin (Mama)
 O opiekę M. Bożej dla rodziny Radziszewski
 O powrót do zdrowia dla Zuzanny Karwowskiej oraz o
 opiekę M. Bożej i potrzebne łaski
O radość w wieczności dla:
 +Dominik Kalinowski (*Żona i dzieci*)
 +Janina Strusinski (*Halina Malinowski z synem*)
 +Stanisław Olszewski i za zmarłych z rodziny
 (*Wiesław*)

- 12:15 — +Zvonko "Bill" Cabo (*William*)
 ++Ferdinand and Genowefa Wójcik (*Family*)

6:00 — O Boże Bł. dla rodziny

MONDAY (6) Weekday (Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr)

- 8:00 — +Lorraine Ackermann (*Daughter*)

TUESDAY (7) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Carmella Costabile (*Theresa*)

WEDNESDAY (8) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Francis Cardinal George (*Kim*)
 8:30 — O Boże Bł. i wszelkie łaski dla Joanny Koziar z racji
 urodzin

THURSDAY (9) Weekday (Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs)

- 8:00 — +James Feeley (*Family*)

FRIDAY (10) Weekday

- 8:00 — ++Otto and Lorraine Ackermann (*Daughter*)

SATURDAY (11) Weekday (Saint Benedict, Abbot)

- 8:00 — ++Tekla and Augustyn Maduzia (*Family*)
 8:30 — O opiekę M. Bożej i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla
 Elżbiety Molek z racji urodzin
 ++Helena i Julian Lis (*Rodzina*)
 2:00 — **WEDDING MASS:** Pierre Delgado & Samantha Eddy
 4:00 — Health and Blessings for Laverne and Chester Kmiec
 +Ted Wolfe (*Lori Kraft - Daughter*)
 +Margaret Baum (*Lori Kraft*)
 +Helen Gonzalez (*Warlcenhtien Family*)
 +Bianca Pratola Death Anniversary (*Family*)
 +Michael Ryan (*Gleeson Family*)
 +Thomas R. Dunn (*Hujar Family*)



Pray for ...

Natalie Alleva - William
 Balog - Joe Bargi -
 Lorraine Belokon -
 Evelyn Cademartrie -

Maria Ceglarek - Jan Drożdż - Anna Grossmayer -
 Jean Hanisko - Jennifer Hebda - Dorothy Heck - Laura
 Heiser - Marian Henaghan - Andrew Jennings - Carrie
 Kacen - Marie Kane - Thaddeus Kapica - Janet Kaplan
 - Kazimiera Karwowska - Maureen Kearney - Chester
 Kmiec - Laverne Kmiec - Helen Kumiega - Maria Lech
 - Peter Leyden - Joseph LoPiccolo - Mary Lund - Mary
 Lynch - Michael Manczko - Barbara McDonald - Mike
 Muka - Benjamin Nicasio - Antoni Nierzejewski -
 Adam Niewiadomski - Carol Niewinski - Frank
 Niewinski - John Nowik - Stefan Nowik - Stevie V.
 Nowik - Anna Oracz - Henry Orry - Wayne Owen -
 Joseph Rath - Marge Reavis - Alice Reckmann -
 Augusto Sandoval - Norbert Schultz - Helen Sterling -
 Gina Swensen - Roger Vlasos - Jola Wolfe - Katie
 Young - Carla and Adam - Virginia Zyburt

If you would like to have a name added or removed from
 our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at
773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!

**WEDDING BANNs**

If anyone knows of cause or just impediment
 why these persons should not be joined
 together in Holy Matrimony, they must
 contact the Pastor.

**III. Pierre Delgado and Samantha Eddy**

Jeśli ktoś wie o przeszkodach uniemożliwiających zawarcie
 Sakramentu Małżeństwa przez te osoby, prosimy o
 powiadomienie księdza proboszcza.



Our
 Weekly Offering

**June 21, 2015**

Currency	\$ 3,845.00
Checks	\$ 1,870.00
Loose Coin	\$ 2.62
Total	\$ 5,717.62
Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$382,500.00
Collections Year to Date	\$314,837.35
Under Budget	\$ <67,662.65 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.



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June 19, 2015

Dear Friends,

As I prepare to meet with Pope Francis in Rome and receive the pallium, my thoughts are with you and your children, asking God to keep them safe over these summer months. I also will be following closely some important developments related to our Catholic schools. They are a place of hope and learning and a beacon of safety in our communities. Our schools are also a key ministry of our Catholic faith. Our teachers not only instruct our students about math, science, history, technology, and literature, but also about our Catholic values: dignity of the human person from conception to natural death, care for the poor and vulnerable, participation in the family and community, care for God's creation, the dignity of work, and solidarity as one human family. Their focus on academic excellence results in a graduation rate of 98 percent for our high school seniors. Of those graduating seniors, 95 percent go on to attend college.

With this letter, I want to share with you important information about the Illinois Kids Campaign and ask your help in supporting it. The Illinois Kids Campaign is an initiative that seeks to increase funding for both private and public schools. The Catholic Conference of Illinois is a leading partner in the Illinois Kids Campaign, a diverse coalition of organizations working to advance education policy forward. In particular, we are working to ensure two provisions of significant importance to Catholic school parents and supporters of Catholic education are included in the final state budget.

These provisions would:

- ◆ Increase the education expenses tax credit for school parents to \$1,000 from the current \$500.
- ◆ Create scholarships so more students can attend Catholic and other schools their parents believe are the best fit for their children.

The goal of the Illinois Kids Campaign is to ensure that the mission of our schools remains vibrant and that more students have the opportunity of a Catholic education. We also want Catholic and other school parents to be reimbursed for more of their education expenses. That's why the Illinois Kids Campaign is important. The Illinois Legislature is in its final weeks of session, and we need you to contact your state lawmakers now and urge them to support the Illinois Kids Campaign. Now is the time you can make a difference. More information about how to contact your state representatives can be found at www.ilcatholic.org, or you can call the Catholic Conference at 312-368-1066 for help.

Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.



Karol Henry Strzemecki



SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Family CELEBRATION



S A T U R D A Y
SEPTEMBER 5, 2015
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, DesPlaines, IL

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND POLISH



For more information visit familyministries.org or contact Amanda Thompson at athompson@archchicago.org or 312.534.8391



September 21-27, 2015

Is your Parish interested in sending a group to this incredible event? Or would you like to go as an individual with a group from the Archdiocese?

Marriage and Family Ministries and Faith Journeys Pilgrimage Company will be working together to go to Philadelphia for the full week participating in the Family Congress or just the weekend to experience the Papal Events. To find out more information about the pilgrimage and cost, please contact Amanda Thompson at athompson@archchicago.org or 312.534.8391.

We will be celebrating in Chicago as well so go to www.familyministries.org to find out more information!



Youth meetings are held every Friday at 6:30 pm. Meetings are now held below the church. Youths of all ages are welcome.

Bring a joyful heart and the Holy Bible!

Spotkania Młodzieży odbywają się w każdy piątek o godz. 6:30 wieczorem pod kościołem. Młodzieży w każdym wieku są mile widziane.

Przynieś radosne serce i Pismo Święte!



In his speech to the European Parliament in November 2014, Pope Francis asked, “In the end, what kind of dignity is there without the possibility of freely expressing one’s thought or professing one’s religious faith?”

Pope Francis has repeatedly emphasized that it is incomprehensible and alarming that people continue to suffer discrimination, restriction of their rights and even persecution for publicly professing their faith. Undeniably, “Serious violations inflicted on this basic right [religious freedom] are causes of serious concern,” and all people must work to defend “the intangible dignity of the human person against every attack.” Yet, religious liberty continues to be under threat, even in the United States:

- *HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs.* The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and/or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.
- *Catholic foster care and adoption services.* Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- *State immigration laws.* Several states have passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church

deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.

- *Discrimination against small church congregations.* New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses.
- *Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.* After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
- *Christian students on campus.* In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis clearly outlined the importance of a preserving a robust sense of religious freedom. He argued that a “healthy pluralism...does not entail privatizing religions in an attempt to reduce them to the quiet obscurity of the individual’s conscience or to relegate them to the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques.” Therefore, it is essential that a proper sense of religious pluralism be fostered and defended not just in the United States, but throughout the world.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2015. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!