

July 31, 2016 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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## Parish

July 31<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We send our prayers and thoughts to the Jesuit Community. I was sent the following reflection promoting Ignatius spirituality, and I feel that it is certainly worth reflecting on ourselves.

“There’s something about the experience of receiving Holy Communion that entralls me. I love walking up to the altar slowly, with the community, each person holding on to his or her own struggles and then at the final moment opening our hands. I find it to be so childlike and vulnerable. Opening my hands can actually be somewhat scary. I’m leaving it all out there, surrendering all of my control. I get nervous when I’m in line, but I find myself experiencing God’s healing touch in my own two hands when I receive the host. After this, the only prayer that’s left for me to utter is, “Thank you.” “It’s with these open hands—through my sense of touch—that I am able to encounter God’s unmerited love in a very real and tangible way. It has always been a space for God to touch not only my hands but more importantly my heart. The sacrament challenges me to let go of my unrealistic expectations, to break out of the shell of my own selfishness, and most of all, to be patient with myself. Although I can sometimes trick myself into working all day, when I go to Mass with my hands open, I receive a tangible reminder that God has much bigger and better plans for me.”

This reflection is so in keeping with Ignatius teaching to “find God in all things,” including human touch. That very possibility is heightened by the fact of the Incarnation, as the only begotten Son of God was made Flesh, and God became in time one who could touch and be touched. Time and again, Jesus used touch as part of his healing ministry, laying hands upon those who were ill and blind and lame and troubled. Yet at the same time we must recognize that not all human touch is healing. The open hand can so quickly become the closed fist, and the gentle caress can be transformed into a slap across the face. Perhaps precisely because not all touch is of God does the image of “open hands” offer to us a special moment of grace. When coming up for Communion, as the writer above points out, the hands that are open are poised to receive. These same open hands are also empty, symbolizing the heart’s craving and hunger for the God of life and love. There is also a certain vulnerability in these open hands — with hands open and extended before us, it is possible to grab and hold, to accept and receive. Let our open hands be a sign of our open hearts, especially as we receive the Lord.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Parish Picnic: Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of “set up and take down” after the picnic. Please give us a hand if you are able...

*Fr Mike*



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**Masses**

Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

**Confessions**

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

**Weddings**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Sessions beginning in late September

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where you can experience the Catholic faith community. It is an opportunity for questions to be answered and for learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Are you:

\*A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming Catholic?

\*A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?

\*A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers a comfortable and welcoming environment of support and guidance as you seek to discover how God is working in your life. If you or an adult you know is interested in the RCIA process or have questions, please speak to Fr. Mike or Jim Bruton or feel free to contact Jim at the Parish Office (312-492-8442) or at [jjim@holyfamilychicago.org](mailto:jjim@holyfamilychicago.org). Sessions will be scheduled at the convenience of those wishing to participate, so if interested, please contact us and let us know your scheduling needs.

**Thank you to those who asked for further clarification regarding the new guidelines for the use of Damen Hall for funeral luncheons. Funeral services and luncheons will be available to all practicing members of Holy Family Church, including those who are not Catholic. If you have chosen Holy Family as your spiritual home, you will not be excluded from being laid to rest here.**



Victoria Salud  
Welcome!

Back in May, Jay Borchert, who many of you know from his time at Holy Family, came to share briefly with us his journey and his gratitude to Holy Family for opening its Doors Wide, when the support was most needed in his life. To show his gratitude he will be giving \$1,000 per year (for the next 10 years), \$500 a semester to help with the cost of books for a parishioner in college.

If you wish to apply for a chance to receive this book scholarship, please submit the following to the parish office:

1. Your name and contact information
2. Where you are enrolled in school
3. Your High School GPA
4. What your major is, if decided
5. An essay explaining how Holy Family has helped to prepare you for college and how your Catholic identity will help you to be successful at school. (maximum of two pages)
6. Documentation that you have financial need.

Please submit the application to the parish office no later than August 21st so we can award the scholarship by September 1st.

Many of you have asked about **Julia Haynes**. You missed seeing her at the 9:45 mass every Sunday. Her son told us that she is now living at Brentwood Nursing Home, and would love to receive your cards and well wishes. BRENTWOOD SUB-ACUTE HEALTHCARE CENTER 5400 W. 87TH STREET BURBANK, ILL 60459 ROOM 204 BED 1 708.423.1200



Congratulations!

Teresa Smit & Franklin Gaglione

Kathleen Mixan & Eric Vari

## Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Observances for the Week of July 31, 2016

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: John Vianney, Priest

Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Saturday: Transfiguration of the Lord

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## JUBILEE OF MERCY

### LAVISH

Jesus reveals the generosity of God's mercy when he lavishes forgiveness on those who ask for it. In Luke's Gospel, a sinful woman recognizes this lavish generosity, and it inspires her to a similar generosity toward Jesus. *A woman... brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears.* (Luke 7:37-38)



ONE WORD  
AT A TIME

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**Liturgy - July 31 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Cross Bearer.....Tony Karp  
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson  
& Donna Raclaw  
Banner Carrier.....Josephine Aguilar  
Lectors.....Alexandria Wilson  
& LaShonya Wilson  
Responsorial Psalm....Dawn O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.....Dianne Allen,  
Sr. Pat Cummings, Jacque Hale, Easter  
Booker, Jim Bruton, Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Servers.....Javadia Rylon  
& Alaric Rylon  
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore  
& Theresa Walsh

**July 31 at 5pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Jim Bruton

**Aug 7 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Lectors.....Regina Baiocchi  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios  
& Daveion Hightie  
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore  
& Theresa Walsh

**Aug 7 at 5pm**

Presider.....Rev.Ted Lawson, C.Ss.R.  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Alison Conlon

**July Ushers**

Eastside.....Eric Niamba  
East Center.....Josephine Aguilar  
Westside.....Bob Johnson  
West Center.....Amare Wilson

**August Ushers**

Eastside.....Ivory Hill  
East Center.....  
Westside.....Duane Crockett  
West Center.....Antwan Wilson

**August Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega  
& Kellee Athens  
Banner Carrier.....Deborah Gausselein

**Like last year, there will be only one mass on August 28, the day of our picnic. Our mass will be at 11am. There will NOT be a 5pm mass that day.**

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Sandra Smith Bell, Mary Cleveland,  
Eileen Crowley, Alicia Kramer, Lettece  
Lee, Octavia Miller, Phillip Miller, Sam  
Parker, Carol Penz, Lorraine Schuler,  
Jim Sweeney, and Theresa Walsh

*Recently Deceased:*

Victor Hugo Rosales

*Mass Intentions*

Olympia (Lena) CeCe

Marlene Fortaw Schuler

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago  
Please Support Our Thrift Stores!**

Our thrift stores are a blessing to the community providing employment opportunities, volunteer and community service hours, and affordable clothing, furniture, electronics, appliances, and much more for those with a limited budget.

Thrift store donations and proceeds support many of our programs and services including our Emergency Voucher Program—a source of hope for those who are unable to purchase basic necessities such as back to school clothing or pots and pans to prepare meals.

Financial donations to offset thrift store operations and building maintenance costs are always needed and appreciated! Visit [svdpchicago.org](http://svdpchicago.org) to make a secure online donation today.

Last year, we served more than 215,000 hours and traveled nearly 235,000 miles to help the needy. Please consider traveling with us. Call (773) 779-6700 or visit [www.svdpchicago.org](http://www.svdpchicago.org) to learn how you can help your neighbors in need through membership, volunteerism or donations.

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,500.00

July 17 - 9:45.....\$989.06  
- 5:00.....\$297.00  
Give Central.....\$855.00  
Difference -\$1,358.94

July 17 - 9:45.....\$1,014.33  
- 5:00.....\$536.00  
Give Central.....\$390.00  
Difference -\$1,559.94

Contributions can also be made at [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can click on the 'Donate' link on our web page at [www.holyfamilychicago.org](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org) Thank you for your support.



**PARISHIONER WELL WISHES**

We respect your privacy and do not like to publish home addresses. However, we know that many

of you would like to share 'thinking of you', 'well wishes', 'congratulations', ....etc. with your fellow parishioners. If anyone would like to send a card, it can be mailed to the parishioner in care of the parish office and we will see that it gets to that person.

**Calendar**

- Aug 28 - Parish Picnic**
- Sept 18 - Religious Ed** parent orientation meeting after 9:45 mass
- Sept 25 - First day of Religious Ed Class** 11 am
- Nov 13 - First Reconciliation** after 9:45 mass
- May 7 - First Holy Communion** 9:45 mass

**July 16, 2017 - Save the date**  
160th Anniversary celebration of Holy Family and the Jesuits in Chicago - more information to follow