



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14**  
**2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**  
**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**

Paul knew what it meant to be a sinner. He described himself as one of the worst sinners because he persecuted the Church. After of his encounter with Christ on the road Damascus, Paul was turned from persecutor to apostle. For Paul, it was clear that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." So bringing Christ's forgiveness to others was central to Paul's mission.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses three parables to describe God's forgiveness. There is the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep to go in search of the one that was lost. There is the woman who lights her lamp and sweeps her house in search of the coin that was lost. Finally, Jesus tells the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son. Essential to each story is the joy experienced in recovering what was lost.

Jesus tells us that all of heaven rejoices over one repentant sinner. There is genuine comfort in God's forgiveness, but do we realize that the only limit on that forgiveness is what we impose on ourselves? How often we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Are we like the Pharisees and scribes who murmur when they see that Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners? Are we quick to recognize faults in others that we readily dismiss in ourselves? Do we seek out the lost in our families? Have we tried to heal relationships among our relatives and friends? When we see someone who is alienated from the Church, do we invite them back?

Jesus' forgiveness has brought us home to the Father's house. Now the Lord wants us to seek out the brothers and sisters who are lost and bring them home as well.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Today, we wish to recognize those who have made a gift or pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This year, St. Hilary Parish is part of the Appeal's Debt Reduction Program. Every dollar raised here will be matched by the archdiocese and will be used to retire our parish debt. If we raise more, it will be available for much needed repairs on our church and school. Thanks to all who have already completed their pledge payments, as well as to those who are still making payments.

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, but still desire to be a part of the 2010 campaign, envelopes are available in church or you may contact Karen Whitehead at (312) 534-7461 or at [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org).

Whether your gift is large or small, every gift makes a very real difference for our parish this year. Thank you again for your support.

*Fr. Eddy*

*Delicious*  
**Pancake**  
**Breakfast**

**TODAY**  
**(SUNDAY)**

**Sponsored by ST. HILARY MOTHERS' CLUB**  
**8 am - 1 pm in the Cafeteria**

**“Gospel of Matthew” Bible Study Restarts**

An evening of Review and Reflection will mark our return to the examination of the Gospel of Matthew in the St. Hilary Bible Study, with Fr. Olsen.

Beginning last winter and spring, we moved through the first 17 chapters of Matthew. After taking a summer break, we are now picking up where we left off, and will begin Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7:15 pm, in the school cafeteria.

In our first session, we will have a brief review of the gospel up to the Transfiguration, the subject of our last session last spring. We will have a prayerful reflection on our learning of the Gospel of Matthew so far.

All are welcome, including those who did not attend previously. We will be starting at a good place to begin reading. Those taking part so far have found the series to be a real help in unlocking the meanings of scripture, understanding our Catholic faith, and coming closer to God.

The sessions will continue every Tuesday evening through November 9, with Fr. Olsen facilitating. On Sept. 21, we will resume with Session 17 in the Matthew study set (reading Matt. 18).

**Little Flower Circle  
Day of Reflection  
Tuesday, September 28th  
LaVilla Restaurant  
3632 N. Pulaski, Chicago**

**Coffee at 10 am  
Presentation by  
Rev. Robert G. Darow  
Communion Service  
Lunch**

**Donation: \$25.00  
For information  
or to make a reservation,  
call Shirley Muench  
(773) 267-0197.**

**Dear Sharing Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica Parish,**

**Happy September! May it bring beautiful fall weather and encouragement from the Lord!**

**Thank you once again for your donations to Our Lady of Sorrows. During this month of our feast day, you will be in our prayers with gratitude for all that you share with us. We are working to install a wheel chair lift in our parish hall for many who are handicapped and want to come down to enjoy our hospitality and fellowship.**

**We look forward to meeting you in person and welcoming you to our Feast Day Weekend. Won't you join us? On Friday evening, Sept. 17th at 7 PM , we are presenting a gospel concert; Saturday morning, Sept. 18th at 10:30 AM, there will be an extended celebration of the Healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine; and on Sunday, Sept. 19th at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the Solemn Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows. Afterwards, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. You are very welcome to take part in all or any of these.**

**Thank you once again for your generous kindness and helpfulness!**

**Fr. Chris Krymski, osm  
Pastor**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH** - The Women's Center is sponsoring a 3.25 mile walk / 5K Fun Run. It will begin and end at Our Lady of Victory Church, 5212 W. Agatite in Chicago. Registration opens at 8:30 am at the rear entrance of the convent. The map of the route will be handed out at registration. There will be free water & snacks for all participants. A complimentary lunch and T-shirt will be available at the end of the route for those with a minimum pledge of \$35.00 (\$15.00 for children under 13). Brochures are available in the California vestibule of the church.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO CONSISTENTLY AND GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PARISH. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Weekend 9/4 & 9/5

NEEDED PER WEEK		\$ 13,000
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6,624	
Assumption	\$ 20	
Weekly Direct Deposit	\$ 752	
TOTAL this week	\$ 7,396	\$ 7,396
<b>Weekend 9/4 &amp; 9/5 Deficit</b>		<b>( \$ 5,604 )</b>
Fiscal Year ( 7/1/10 - 6/30/11 ) to date:		
REQUIRED		\$ 130,000
Contributions to date		\$ 88,311
<b>Fiscal Year deficit</b>		<b>( \$ 41,689 )</b>

*Happy Grandparents' Day*



Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dimmer and my wits are sometimes slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey Home in loving ways.

*Esther Mary Walker*

*The following donations were collected at each Mass on the weekend of 9/4 & 9/5:*

Saturday 5:00	\$ 2,017
Sunday 8:00	\$ 2,024
10:00	\$ 579
12:00	\$ 1,501
North Park	\$ 503



**FIRST MEN'S CLUB MEETING OF THE YEAR**

**Wednesday,  
September 15th  
7 PM in the Cafeteria**



**Come meet old friends  
& make new ones.  
Hope to see you there.**

# The Week Ahead

- Monday, September 13 NO GYM (Book Fair)**  
 Market Day (Cafeteria) ..... 4:30-5:30 PM  
 Women's Club Board (Rectory) ..... 7-9 PM
- Tuesday, September 14 NO GYM (Book Fair)**  
 Girl Scouts (Cafeteria) ..... 4-7 PM  
 Men's Club Board (Cafeteria) ..... 8-10 PM
- Wednesday, September 15 NO GYM (Book Fair)**  
 Schola (Church) ..... 2-2:45 PM  
 Men's Club (Cafeteria) ..... 7:30 PM-12 MID
- Thursday, September 16 NO GYM (Book Fair)**  
 Bell Choir (Church) ..... 3:15-4 PM  
 Cub Scouts (Cafeteria) ..... 6-8 PM  
 Adult Choir (Church) ..... 7-9 PM  
 Alpha & Omega (Rectory) ..... 7:15-9 PM
- Friday, September 17 NO GYM (Book Fair)**
- Saturday, September 18 NO GYM**  
 Class of '57 Reunion Mass (Church) ..... 5:00 PM
- Sunday, September 19**  
 Book Fair (Gym) ..... 8 AM - 3 PM  
 Volleyball (Gym) ..... 3-5 PM



## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

### Monday 9/13 through Saturday 9/18

8:30 AM As Assigned

### Saturday 9/18

1:00 PM **Wedding** W. Cabrerros  
 T. Kalensky  
 J. Lemond

5:00 PM M. Close  
 S. Martin  
 J. Sirgiovanni

### Sunday 9/19

8:00 AM J. Gaguencela  
 R. Medina  
 N. Viloría

10:00 AM N. Portokalis  
 J. O'Grady  
 C. Buenaventura

12:00 NOON J. Carey  
 P. Aco  
 M. Capapas

## Please Pray For All The Sick

... those in the hospital or recovering at home, our shut-ins and those in nursing homes, our relatives and friends, especially: **Larry Summers, Adrienne Falk, Tom Dix, Bernie Lowy, Sophie Richter, Richard Callahan, Hilda Corpus, Regina Trasga, Jean Makowski, Margie Leard, Pat Swabowski, Elvira Kawalkowski, Jennifer Louchran, Mary Nicolini, Oscar Schnetzer, Annette Wavering, Enver Avdich, John Saccone, Helen Bransfield, Felicitas Flores, Tony Gallagher, Thelma Esmael, Myrta Aviles, James Tobin, Rosie Kuhlmann, Joan Stearns, Phil Bickford, Joan Meyer, John Cleland, Peter Hayashida, Karissa Delatre, Lois Kraman, Catherine Kim, Patrick Catalano, Leoniza Magsino, Caleb Heidkamp, Sr. Elaine Lederer, Ed Matayka, Mary LoBianco, Larry Gartner, Mary Wehling, James C. Martin**

**Also, Please Remember Our Troops  
 In Your Prayers.**

## Rest in Peace

*All powerful God,  
 Whose mercy is never withheld  
 from those who call upon You in hope,  
 look kindly on Your servants*

**Barbara Ann Klebba, Dr. Gregory Shaskan**  
*who departed this life  
 confessing Your name,  
 and number them among Your saints  
 forevermore.*

# Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 13**

**St. John Chrysostom, bishop &  
doctor of the Church**

8:30 AM † Gus Bernardo by the Bernardo Family  
† Adriano Aziyu by Wife, Sylvia  
\* Special Intention for Mary Wehling  
by Mary & Dina Nicolini

**Tuesday, September 14**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:30 AM † Cindy Romano & Richard Davis  
by Michael B. Murphy  
† Gino Nicolini & Son, John Nicolini  
by Mary & Dina  
† Eduardo Besagar (Death Anniv)  
by Mylene & Edrienna Besagar

**Wednesday, September 15**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 AM † Joseph Pedretti by Andrew &  
Mary Lou Lee & Family  
† Martha Okboon Kim by Family  
† James & Loretta Tobin  
by James, Frank & Donna Tobin

**Thursday, September 16**

**St. Cornelius, pope & martyr**

**St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr**

8:30 AM \* Special Intention for Eric Mikkelsen  
(BR) by Parents

**Friday, September 17**

**St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop  
& doctor of the Church**

8:30 AM \* Special Intention for Camille  
Edminster by the Miller Family

**Saturday, September 18**

**Weekday**

8:30 AM † James & Loretta Tobin  
by James, Frank & Donna Tobin  
† Catherine Lam Luk by Husband

1:00 PM **Wedding: Anna Magsino  
& Ronald DeJesus**

**Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Natalie Witaske by Mary Wolfe  
† The Deceased Members of the Bacht  
Family by Lillian Bacht

**Sunday, September 19**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

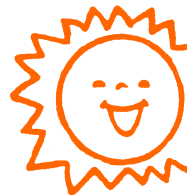
8:00 AM † Terri-Ann Fester by the Dietz Family  
\* Special Intention for Bernie & Julie  
by Mary & Dina Nicolini

10:00 AM † Lorenz Gartner by Wife & Family  
† John Hunniford, Sr.  
by Carol, John & Eileen Hunniford  
† Isaura McNelly  
by Daughter, Judy Hernandez  
† Frank Omischl (BR)  
by Rita & John Omischl  
\* Special Intention for Larry Gartner  
by Mary & Dina Nicolini

12:00 PM † Francisco & Salud Constantino  
by Daughter, Alicia  
† Bradley LeGrand by Alicia Constantino

**North Park Village Chapel**

9:30 AM † Terri-Ann Fester  
by Mary & Don Wehling



## TAKE TIME TO SMILE

A little boy was saying his bedtime prayers with his mother: "Dear God, bless my Mommy & Daddy, and God, PLEASE GIVE ME A NEW BICYCLE!!!" Mom: "God's not deaf, son." Boy: "I know, Mom, but Grandma's in the next room, and she's hard of hearing!"

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the collection baskets. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."

One Sunday, a priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the priest asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The priest smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my talk on the sin of lying."

**WEDDING BANNERS**



**III - Anna Magsino & Ronald DeJesus**

**GUERIN PREP  
CRAFT SHOW  
SEEKING CRAFTERS**

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School is seeking crafters for its 30th annual Holiday Craft & Gift Show which is scheduled at an earlier date this year - Saturday, October 30th from 10 AM - 3 PM. Hopefully, this earlier date will enable crafters to sell both fall and Christmas items.

The show will be held throughout the first floor of the school at 8001 W. Belmont in River Grove. Admission is \$2.00. Children under 12 will be admitted free with parent. (Strollers are not permitted.) Refreshments will also be available.

For more information or to receive an application form, call (708) 453-6233. Deadline for participation is October 15th. The entry fee is \$60.

**CHICAGO  
HISTORY MUSEUM  
COSTUME EXHIBITION**

***I DO! CHICAGO  
TIES THE KNOT***

Weddings are one of the oldest and most commonly practiced traditions in history. Nearly every part of the celebration is steeped in history and tradition with religion, culture and family custom having shaped these events since the first couple said "I DO." The exhibition will explore an array of various wedding traditions, from the wedding veil, wedding gown, best man, numerous bridesmaids, and the wedding ring by featuring approximately 52 ensembles and accessories worn by various members of wedding parties in Chicago, dating back to the city's founding.

This exhibit will run through January 3, 2011. The museum offers guided or self-guided tours 7 days a week during the museum's regular hours. Don't miss this spectacular show.

For information or reservations, call (312) 642-4600.

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY  
Online Study Group**

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month  
(September - June)  
10:30 am - 12 Noon

All are welcome. FREE  
For more information, call  
(312) 346-4228.  
Will be studying the 1960 book,  
***Love and Responsibility.***

Simply go to the website  
[www.ustream.tv/channel/theology-of-the-body](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/theology-of-the-body) and watch.  
(Past classes are archived.)

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**OPEN YOUR HEART & HOME  
to a Catholic exchange student  
from Germany  
for the coming  
2010/2011 school year.**

Caring host families or single adults (with or without children) are urgently needed to provide food, a bed, and a loving home for one of the seven Catholic students (6 girls & 1 boy) who still need to be placed. The students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses, and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened, and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by the educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit educational exchange program. If you are interested, please contact Marie-Claude Dijoud, program director, immediately at (800) 467-8363. Help make these students' dreams a reality!

**QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet on Sunday, September 19th, 1:45 to 4:00 PM  
on the 2nd floor of the Benedict Center,  
6075 N. Ionia, Chicago. (Please use back entrance.)

This is an introductory meeting and includes a film entitled "Working Through Your Grief" followed by a sharing of experiences and insight. Materials will also be available as well as opportunities for continued support.

Follow-up sessions will be held on 5 consecutive Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 PM at 4757 W. Howard in Skokie, September 23rd thru October 28th. For further information or to register, please call Pat Steiner at (773) 282-3746.

## THE OLD PHONE ON THE WALL

When I was a young boy, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but I used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. "Information Please" could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear.

"Information, please" I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear, "Information."

"I hurt my finger," I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called "Information Please", and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?" She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please."

"Information," said in the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall.

As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please."

Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well. "Information." I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now..."

I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to hearing your voice."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do", she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "Information." I asked for Sally.

"Are you a friend?" she said. "Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," she said. "Sally had been working part time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

Before I could hang up, she said, "Wait a minute, is your name Wayne by any chance?"

"Yes," I answered.

"Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you..."

The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean."

I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant

**Never underestimate the impression you may make on others.**

**Whose life have you touched today?**