

THE HILARION

ST. HILARY PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekdays: 8:30 AM Monday – Friday
Saturdays: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Holy Days: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
North Park Village Chapel: 9:30 AM Sundays & Holy Days

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
4:00 – 4:45 PM every Saturday

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF SAINT HILARY IS A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO. OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER AND EXPERIENCE AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL.

**Approved 6/22/11 by the Parish
Pastoral Council Steering Committee**



BAPTISMS are usually celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Instructions for parents are required. These are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Rectory. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday.

Arrangements for **MARRIAGES** must be made at least four months in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday, for more information.

4th Sunday in Advent - December 18, 2011



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16
2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the gospel is Luke's story of the Annunciation. We hear of Mary's willingness to open her life to God's plan for her and how, in doing so, she made our salvation possible. In less than a week, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord - Christmas. The Church has no problem telescoping the nine months of Mary's pregnancy into one week, just as it has no problem reducing the ages of anticipation for the first coming of Christ into the four weeks of the Advent season. The Church has a wonderful way of relating to time. For the Church, time is relative. Through her liturgical life she invites us to experience time the way God does - a thousand ages in his sight are like an evening spent in great conversation. For God, no time is lost. The past and the future are just as available to God as our right or left hand would be to us.

This time of Advent has called us to cast our gaze forward in expectation, looking for the one who is to come. Like all of the Advent characters - Isaiah, Mary, John the Baptizer, and Joseph - we have come to expect God's action soon.

Soon it will be Christmas, a time for us to celebrate what God is doing in our world right now, not only what he accomplished in Bethlehem so long ago. This experience of hunger for Christ's coming and his being with us, is a part of every Eucharist. With the priest, we pray the words which conclude the doxology of the Our Father - "Deliver us, Lord ..." - as we wait the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

God bless you and your family this Christmas season and throughout the coming year! Be counter-cultural - , keep your Christmas decorations up, sing Christmas carols, and celebrate God-with-us for at least the duration of the Christmas season, which ends at sundown Monday, January 9th. God's peace be with you!

Thank you for your generous support of St. Hilary Parish throughout the year. During the holidays, we often find the church crowded with faces that we have not seen before or for a very long time. This year may be particularly difficult for some because of the recent changes in the Roman Missal. What a great time for us to share the Christmas spirit by making these visitors welcome and a part of our Christmas celebrations. Who knows? Your cheerful smile and welcome embrace could bring them back to church after the holidays are over. God bless you and grant you a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Eddy

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
WEDS. 12/21 & Fri. 12/23, 7-8 pm Private Confessions
THURS. 12/22, 7 pm Parish Christmas Concert
SAT. 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (Children's Mass)
11:30 pm Christmas Music
12 am Midnight Mass
SUN. 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
8 am Mass at St. Hilary Church
9:30 am Mass at North Park Village Chapel
10 am Mass at St. Hilary Church
12 Noon Mass at St. Hilary Church
SAT. 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
5 pm Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God at St. Hilary Church
SUN. 1/1/12 NEW YEAR'S DAY
8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at St. Hilary Church
9:30 am Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at North Park Village Chapel

ST. HILARY PARISH
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join your parish family for a lovely evening of Christmas music in the beautiful acoustics of St. Hilary Church. Featured are the St. Hilary Parish Adult Choir and the Children's Schola & Handbell Choir, along with our Director of Music, Carl Chadek, and guest artists.

Where? St. Hilary Church
When? Thursday,
Dec. 22nd, 7 PM

Children's Chorus to Entertain at the Women's Club Christmas Party



The St. Hilary Children's Chorus will be the featured entertainment at the Women's Club Christmas Party beginning at **6 pm on Monday, December 19, in the cafeteria**. The performance will be under the direction of Sean Rholl, who heads the music program at St. Hilary School. Members will provide a pot luck dinner with appetizers being brought by ladies with last names starting with A through M and main course dishes by those whose last names begin with N through Z. Toiletries for a local women's shelter will also be accepted. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited.

In keeping with tradition, our Midnight Mass will be preceded by a musical presentation with the St. Hilary Adult Choir and guest instrumentalists.

**The Christmas Music Service
begins at 11:30 PM.**

Plan on coming to Mass early that night. Mr. Chadek and our choir have put many hours into rehearsing for this evening, and look forward to sharing their music with you.

Wishing all a peaceful Christmas.



There will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for **ALL ALTAR SERVERS** on **Monday, January 9th, from 3:05- 4:05 PM in the Church.** **All servers, grades 5-8, must attend.** **Anyone absent without prior permission will be removed automatically from the ministry of altar servers.**

Weekly Offering



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Weekend December 10th & 11th, 2011

NEEDED PER WEEK	\$16,000
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,059
Holy Day	\$ 1,597
Direct Deposit	\$ 730
TOTAL this week	\$ 9,386
Deficit this week	(\$ 6,614)
Fiscal Year (7/1/11-6/30/12) to date:	
REQUIRED	\$ 384,000
Contributions to date	\$ 215,900
Deficit this fiscal year	(\$ 168,100)



Each of us could tell the story of our journey toward God.

Some people don't ever reflect on the journey that God calls us to travel. They think that they just sort of landed here or "inherited" God. That's not true at all.

Some people, like the wise men, must journey through a desert. Most everyone loses the star along the way, often more than once. Like any journey, there are ups and downs, hills and valleys. Sometimes you get lost.

Tragically, there are some people who never even set out on a journey to God - those who never tune into the stirrings in their heart; or those who are afraid to take the first step, for whatever reason.

Maybe today you could take a few minutes to talk to the Lord and see how your journey is going. Advent is the right time to do that!

from *The Little Blue Book*
Advent & Christmas Seasons 2010-2011

CHRISTMAS VISITS TO THE SHUT-INS



Visits will be made to our regular shut-ins on Friday morning, December 23rd.

If you or another parishioner / member in your household is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion for Christmas, please call the Parish Office at (773) 561-3474 before Thursday, December 22nd, to have them added to our list for visitation. Leave your name, as well as the person's name, address & phone number. We will contact them regarding the time of the visit on the 23rd.

A reminder to our regular shut-ins — There will be no visits in January.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS, LIGHTS & CAROLS

featuring Advent & Christmas carols
sung by the Parish Choir

St. Gregory the Great Church
5545 N. Paulina, Chicago
Sunday, December 18th, 6:45 PM

Free admission & open to all
A free-will donation will be collected, however,
for the House of the Good Shepherd.
Street & lot parking is available.

For more information, please call (773) 561-3546
or visit www.stgregory.net

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Presented in the traditional manner,
it will offer scriptural readings
interspersed with sacred choral selections
from Gregorian, Renaissance & Contemporary periods.
Performed by the combined choirs of
St. Thomas of Canterbury & St. Mary of the Lake
Schools

St. Mary of the Lake Church
4200 N. Sheridan, Chicago
Sunday, December 18th, 3:00 PM

For more information, please call



IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 19

Basketball (Gym) 9 AM - 8:30 PM
 Women's Club (Cafeteria) 7 PM

Tuesday, December 20

Basketball (Gym) 9 AM - 8:30 PM
 Baptism Prep (Rectory) 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 21

Basketball (Gym) 9 AM - 8:30 PM
 Reconciliation (Church) 7-8 PM
 CYO (Gym) 8:30-10 PM

Thursday, December 22

Basketball (Gym) 9 AM - 8:30 PM
 Cub Scouts (Cafeteria) 6-8 PM
 Parish Christmas Concert (Church) 7 PM
 Alpha & Omega Prayer Group (Rectory) .. 7:15-9 PM

Friday, December 23

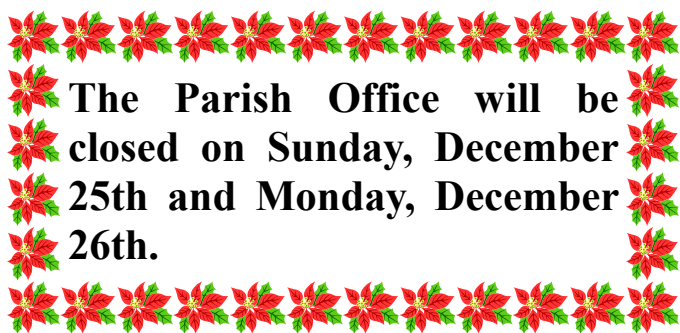
Basketball (Gym) 9 AM - 8:30 PM
 Reconciliation (Church) 7-8 PM
 Teen Club (Gym) 8:30-10 PM

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Masses (Church) 5 PM & Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Masses (Church) 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon
 at North Park Village Chapel 9:30 AM



The Parish Office will be closed on Sunday, December 25th and Monday, December 26th.



Rest in Peace



*All powerful God,
 Whose mercy is never withheld
 from those who call upon You in hope,
 look kindly on Your servant/s
Nicola Anselmo, Sandra Barone
 who departed this life
 confessing Your name,
 and number him/her/them among Your saints
 forevermore.*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Monday 12/19 through Saturday 12/24

8:30 AM As Assigned

Saturday 12/24

5:00 PM J. Trieu
 K. Dinh
 K. Dinh



12:00 Midnight Mass

A. Flatsoussis
 G. O'Connor
 K. Giannoni

Sunday 12/25 Christmas Day

8:00 AM K. Close
 S. Martin
 D. Bailey

10:00 AM C. Serion
 M. Brikha
 C. Portokalis

12:00 NOON N. Villoria
 E. Nelles
 T. Wilcoski



Please pray for those in the hospital or recovering at home, our shut-ins and those in nursing homes, our relatives and friends, especially:

Tony & Bridie Gallagher, Mary Nicolini, Zachary Vito, Joseph Boyle, Mary Habert, Minerva Hernandez, John Austin, John Cleland, Chuck Staff, Jr., Maureen Brown, Tony Wolf, Dick Byrne, Edward Matayka, Theresa Kim, Clayton Poe, Robert Mikkelsen, Norma Valerosa, Sophie Richter, Peter Hayashi, Karen Kane

Also, Please Remember Our Troops In Your Prayers.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19

Weekday

8:30 AM † The Deceased Members of the Mahoney & Whelan Families

Tuesday, December 20

Weekday

8:30 AM † John & Helen Seif by Family

Wednesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church

8:30 AM † Nestor V. Tanghal
by Francis & Cely Navarro
† Eleanor Suriano by Family

Thursday, December 22

Weekday

8:30 AM † Agnes Shannon (BR)
by the Miller Family
† Sam Anselmo by Sally Scarpelli †
† Jack Schwendau (2nd Death Anniv)
by Family

Friday, December 23

St. John of Kanty, priest

8:30 AM † Donald Gardiner
by Rosemarie Warnock & Family
† Monica Lydon
by Tom & Mary Sue Lydon
† The Poor Souls in Purgatory by a Friend

Saturday, December 24

Weekday

8:30 AM † Morton Lowy by Family
† Evelyn Cwiak & Janet Salerno
by Loving Sisters & Family



Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM For All Our Parishioners
12:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners
10:00 AM For All Our Parishioners
12:00 PM For All Our Parishioners



North Park Village Chapel

9:30 AM For All Our Parishioners



CATHOLICS COME HOME

A major evangelization initiative on national television networks will take place December 16th, 2011 - January 9th, 2012. It will reach 260 million viewers throughout every diocese in the United States with one-minute ads in English & Spanish inviting people to return to parish life. Help usher in the largest family reunion in Church history!

How can you help? When you see someone new or unfamiliar at Mass, introduce yourself & be welcoming to them. When someone talks about the ads or about faith in general, listen carefully to their interests; try to find answers to their questions. If you know someone who is Catholic and no longer attends Mass, invite him or her to "come home for the holidays."

While ads help initiate interest, nothing is more powerful than a personal invitation. Reach out to people wherever you are and share your faith!

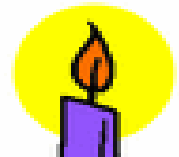


In the shadows of the Magnificent Mile, our brothers and sisters without homes are losing the struggle for their lives.

They will not go unremembered. Please join us at 6 PM on December 21st, the 1st Day of Winter, the Longest Night of the Year.

Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams, Chicago

For more information, call (312) 226-9184 or visit www.ispretreats.org



**ST. HILARY PARISH
FIRST RECONCILIATION 2011**

December 6, 2011

**Isabella Aco
Zachary Arreguin
Angelo Bibat**



**Nicholas Mora
Elmer Murphy
Christian Nava**

**Darragh Buckley
Gail Carreon
Charlotte Conway
Annabelle Etheridge**



**Camille Joyce Nono
Owen O'Connor
Emilio Palomares
Olivia Parenteau**

**Yssa Freino
Toni Gallegos
Kristoff Giannoni
Jon Andre Gurbal**



**Lina Pham
Aidan Pitchan
Adhrian Rodriguez
Brice Santana**

**Sidonie Habert
Molly Isaacson
Christopher Keta**



**Mykola Sison
Maura Sobczyk
Temidayo Sonuga**

**Avery Luciano
Maritza Machuca
Zachary Martinez
Natalie Mora**



**John Swanson
Janine Villamayor
Joseph Weiss
Jaden Wood**

DEALING WITH GRIEF AT THE HOLIDAYS

If you have recently lost a loved one, the holidays may be very painful for you. Here are some guidelines about dealing with your grief during a time when so many are joyful.

- + Expect some pain. Don't be afraid to cry. Worrying about crying is an extra emotional burden. Let your feelings flow.
- + Think about your holiday traditions and routines. You might keep your favorites, but also begin new ones.
- + Have your dinner at a different time, place or serving style (buffet instead of sit-down dinner, etc.)
- + Worship at a different service / time.
- + Buy gifts on-line or from catalogs. Ask a friend to do your shopping. Or skip gift-giving for this year. It's all okay.
- + Eliminate baking cookies, sending cards, or decorating if it seems like more than you can handle right now.
- + Focus on winter activities rather than holidays.
- + Accept invitations to spend time with people you enjoy, and prepare them for the possibility of your leaving early. Decline invitations that will make you feel sadder.
- + Don't act as if the deceased never lived. Talk about your loved one. Encourage others to share stories that will enhance your memories.
- + Do something for others. Donate your time, talents or resources for someone in need.
- + Get enough rest. Grief is exhausting. Rest heals.
- + Remember that the next year you can change your mind about this year's choices.

*Dear God, there are many who are missing from my holiday gatherings.
Even as I grieve their absence, help me take comfort
in my memories of them. Amen.*

HOW TO HELP A GRIEVING FRIEND

Many newly bereaved say that the holidays from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day are the hardest for them. That is when the void caused by the loss of the loved one is most acutely felt. If you are a friend to someone who is grieving during the holidays, you can help in small but meaningful ways.

- + Be there. Your loving presence means more than you can imagine. You need do nothing special.
- + Listen. Let your friend set the pace and direction of your conversation. Avoid offering advice. Avoid platitudes. Simply listen. Be comfortable with the silences.
- + Encourage your friend to express his / her feelings - sorrow, anger, disbelief, whatever needs airing. Respect those feelings, and don't try to talk him / her out of having them. Don't ask him / her not to cry.
- + Offer your help with extra work the holidays bring - shopping, baking, wrapping gifts. Do this work together if possible. Small blocks of time often work best.
- + Honor your friend's loved one by speaking his / her name. Share rich memories of the deceased person. Perhaps you will want to express your own sorrow at the absence of the person and your wish that he / she were with you both during these holidays.

Be patient with your friend. Grief is a journey that is different for everyone - and it knows no timetable.

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