

June 24, 2018—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
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Parish

Today is the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. I read a meditation by Paula Huston, a Benedictine. I'd like to share a bit.



"As modern individualists, we admire those who make things happen for themselves. We are impressed by the billionaire who claims to be "self-made" but also by the starving artist who manages to do it "his way". At our core, we believe that nobody else can tell us who we are or how to find happiness; this quest is up to us alone. The prophet Isaiah, is shaken by his vision of God and convinced of his own unworthiness, ultimately gives himself over to a difficult mission he never would have chosen on his own. John the Baptist, if ever he were tempted by personal spiritual ambitions, clearly comes to see that these are irrelevant. "What then, will this child be?" people asked at his birth. He would be servant to one far greater than himself."

Recently, I had the opportunity to watch a fairly new Dad gaze upon his newborn, birthed prematurely, still in the incubator, and obscured by tubes and wires that were unfortunately necessary. Yet even in this difficult situation, one thing was clear: the look of awe and wonder on that dad's face. As he spoke about his child, his words were fairly dripping with the joy and hope that had come into his life with this birth of this child, still so fragile and vulnerable and in need of very special care. I have seen new moms for the first time receive their newborns into arms that had been waiting for months, so gently and carefully cradling such a precious gift. If love were wet, we would have all been drenched. These parents to ask the question they asked about John the Baptist: "What, then, will this child be?" And as with John, only time can tell. But if each of those children, raised by loving parents, remains open to the guidance and direction of a loving God, then the specific answer matters not. The answer will be the right one. The child's life will be rooted not in the pride, but in the humility of a people God made for himself, a humility open to discovering

what it means to be created in the image and likeness of God. That is our birthright. That is our heritage. And therefore, that is our destiny. Created in his image, we too can strive to be servants to one far greater than ourselves.



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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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

June 24 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Maria Vega
and Kellee Athens
Lector.....Dawn O'Holleran
Communion Ministers...
Sister Sheila O'Brien,
Pervis Balthazar, Eric Niamba,
Jacque Hale, Jim Bruton,
Bob Johnson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

June 24 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

July 1 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....
Betty Ferguson, Donna Raclaw
Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
Communion Ministers.....
Megan Schulenburg, Sister Pat
Cummings, Easter Booker,
Amare Wilson, Josephine
Aguilar, Jacque Hale
July 1 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....

July Ushers:

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for
new parishioners, weddings,
and baptisms.

News and information about
Holy Family Parish
Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
announcements**, including
names of people for the
prayer list, to
marina@holyfamilychicago.org
Announcements are due by
Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your
Prayers:
Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Michael Rosario Costa, Spencer
Hooper, Madelynn Jacobs,
Ella Johnson, Leteece Lee,
Sr. Mary Ellen Mackey, BVM,
Raymond Milton,
Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Edward Orion Wood
celebrating his 90th birthday

Michael Crosse
Joseph Reidy
Jane Reidy
Dennis Reidy

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
SUNDAY, JULY 1**

"A little mercy makes the world less
cold and more just."
Pope Francis, Angelus,
March 17, 2013

Next week, we will take the
Peter's Pence Collection, which
provides Pope Francis with the
funds he needs to carry out his
charitable works around the
world. The proceeds benefit
our brothers and sisters on the
margins of society, including
victims of war, oppression, and
disasters. Please be generous.
For more information, visit
www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

**Observances for the Week of
June 24, 2018**

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John
the Baptist
Wednesday: St. Cyril of
Alexandria,
Thursday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop
& Martyr
Friday: Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Saturday: The First Martyrs of
the Holy Roman Church



Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

June 10 9:45.....\$1040.17
5:00.....\$464.00

Give Central.....\$1100.00
(Difference-\$895.83)

June 17 9:45.....\$919.12
5:00.....\$274.00

Give Central.....\$910.00
(Difference - \$1396.88)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$143,172.75
Budget..... \$178,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$35,327.25)

*(\$3,500 a week for 51 weeks.)

If you use an envelope that is
not pre printed with your name or
#, please be sure to write the
information on it so you can
receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be
made at givecentral.org Call the
parish office with any questions or
for help with online donations.

You can also click on the
'Donate' link on our web page.

Calendar

**Sunday,
June 24**
Women of the Spirit

**July 15th
2018 -**
Closing of
our 160th
Anniversary

**Sunday,
July 22**
Women of the Spirit

Sunday, August 26
Women of the Spirit

Saturday, Sept. 8
Hunger Walk



SO...WHAT CAN WE DO?

Rev. James Martin, SJ

You know that feeling of anger when you read about children being taken away from their parents at the border in your government's name?

You know that awareness of deep injustice when you realize the immoral path our country is taking? What is that?

It's your conscience speaking to you. That's how it works. Sometimes we say, "Why isn't God doing something?" "Why isn't God intervening?" But the main what that God intervenes in human history is by rousing people's consciences. This is the Holy Spirit speaking to us, inspiring us, telling us to do something.

In other words, the main way that God intervenes is through us. So what can we do?

First, don't ignore that anger. Don't ignore the awareness of injustice. Let it move you to action.

Second, call your legislators and representatives: people in Congress, Senators and the White House. Don't just think about doing it, do it. It's the Holy Spirit asking you to do something. So pay attention. Write, email, or call Senator Dick Durbin and your Representative in Congress.

You can also sign this Ignatian Solidarity Network effort in raising your voice: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/.../action-protect-immigrant-.../>

Third, the next time you vote, remember this feeling. The Holy Spirit should encourage you to remember these poor people—all poor and struggling people—in the voting booth.

Fourth, try to help these migrant families through places like Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and the Kino Border Initiative.



GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

From Catholic Charities

Dear Father Michael,
My deepest thanks to you and your parishioners for contributing to the special collection for Catholic Charities on Mother's Day. Your parish gift brings grace and dignity to children, mothers, families, and elders who are struggling to cope with traumatic life experiences. Because of your kindness, they will have a more secure, self-sufficient future. As we look forward to our second century of service, I am reminded that we would not be where we are without your commitment. Thank you for investing in our charitable mission to help those who are most vulnerable and marginalized.

I thank you for your thoughtful support.
Sincerely,
Rev. Monsignor Michael Boland

And...

Holy Family Parish wishes to express thanks and gratitude for the generous donation received from the estate of Mary Alice Molloy.

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<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>
<http://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/Home.aspx><https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/>

Fifth, stand up for refugees and migrants. Advocate for them. Let the Spirit teach you what to say. There's a reason you feel outraged. Listen to your conscience.

Finally, pray for change. Pray that the Holy Spirit opens the hearts of everyone.

"BEGINNING TODAY"

OUR 161ST YEAR

On Sunday, July 15, the 9:45 Mass will mark the conclusion of our 160th year celebration and the launch of our 161st year as a community of faith.

At this time last year we honored our rich history by remembering the priests, religious orders, and families who laid the foundation of Holy Family Church.

In this celebration we will look toward the future and the continuing unfolding of our story.

Throughout the past year, our doors have opened wide to new friends who have become part of Holy Family parish. It will be our privilege to acknowledge our newest members in a special way at the 9:45 Mass.



Following the Mass, all are invited to gather on May Street for a celebration which will include coffee and treats from the Misericordia Bakery Truck.

