

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

LITTLE GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, ARISE!

St. Mark, the evangelist, could take a few historical facts about the public ministry of Jesus and weave them into an interesting story about the Lord's humanity and compassion. In this Gospel St. Mark weaves a story within a story. "One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing Him (Jesus) he fell at His feet and pleaded earnestly with Him, saying: My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay Your hands on her that she might get well and live. He went off with him, and a large crowd followed Him and pressed upon Him." So Jesus the Christ interrupts His own preaching to follow Jairus along with a growing number of excited curiosity seekers. Then there is the story within the story.

"There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak. She said: If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured." By now the crowd was really getting frenzied. Jesus was having a hard time keeping track of what was going on around Him. Our Lord insisted on knowing who had touched Him and why. Finally He saw the lady with all the sores and immediately had compassion for her just the same as He had compassion for the daughter of Jairus. "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

The excitement of the onlookers was beginning to get out of control, yelling and pushing like a mob. Even though His pace had slowed to a crawl, the Christ continued His weary journey to the home of Jairus only to be told that the child had already died! Undaunted He fought His way through the crowd and entered the room where the girl was lying, accompanied by the apostles Peter, James, and John who by then were really serving as His bodyguards so that He wouldn't get trampled. Because of all the

weeping and wailing and shouting inside, outside and on the roof Jesus had to raise His voice to be heard. "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." This surprising announcement was greeted by the hysterical voices of ridicule, kind of like fans at a baseball game booing an error by the home team. What Jesus said and did next shut them all up. "Little girl, I say to you, arise! The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded."

St. Mark tells us that the Son of God had time for people, important people like Jairus and poor people like the afflicted woman who touched Him. He felt the anguish of the helpless father; but He also recognized that the woman certainly had her own share of misery. St. Mark shows us that the Christ loved with a human heart. This emphasis on the humanity of Our Lord should make us realize another important truth, that as the Son acted through His humanity during His public ministry, so He acts now through the ministry of the Church, and in particular by means of the sacraments. The Father's way had been to take the human way. The human way for us now is through the



seven sacraments of the Catholic Church, especially through the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. In Baptism the Son of God took us by the hand, called us by name, and raised us from the death of sin and restored us to God the Father as His children. Then the Son told His Church to give us something to eat. That something is the saving sacrament of His own Body and Blood.

Through the ministry of His Church Jesus has time to spare for all of us, whether we happen to have some important position in society, as Jarius did in the synagogue, or whether hardly anyone knows our name, as was the case with the women with the hemorrhages. All of us are important to the Lord. All of our needs are of His concern. We have a Savior who calls time out to help us.

God Bless Our Parish,
FATHER ED GLEESON, PASTOR

FLOWERS

The two large bouquets adorning the main altar were made available through the kindness of **JERRY NEADLY FAMILY.**



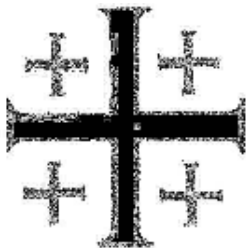
The collection for St. James on the weekend of **June 25th was \$3,068.30**
Peter's Pence was \$1,151.01

The number of June 25 Offertory Envelopes handed in the weekend of June 24 and 25 was 149. The amount of money coming out of those envelopes was \$2,483.00 which averages out to \$16.66 per envelope. Our many thanks to the 149 contributing families.

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT.

VOCATIONS

The world today needs Jesus' healing touch. Will you reach out in Jesus' name? Consider becoming a priest, sister, deacon, or brother. For information on priesthood and/or religious life, contact St. Peter Mary at the Archdiocesan Vocation office 312-751-5240 or voac@archchicago.org.



What is the Jerusalem cross and where did it come from? What do the four smaller crosses mean?

The Jerusalem Cross is also called the Crusaders' Cross. This emblem was sent by Patriarch Thomas of Jerusalem to Charlemagne in the ninth century.

There are five crosses all with equal horizontal and vertical arms: one large and four small, one in each quadrant. Together, they represent Christ's five wounds and the four corners of the earth.

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
 A STORY OF FAITH**

Available Exclusively in Parishes soon at special price.

This book contains two main sections: approximately one third is dedicated to the rich history of the Archdiocese of Chicago from the early years as a mission church to its current status as one of the premier Catholic Diocese' in the world. It tells a story of how a people of faith have faced, and continue to face, the challenges of living the gospel message in this portion of the Lord's Vineyard. The second section introduces every parish, starting with City Parishes in alphabetical order and ending with the Suburbs Parishes, in alphabetical order per township. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago will preface the book.

Hundreds of color photographs, archival documents, paintings and maps illustrate the rich history of the Catholic Church in Chicago. Each parish biography is highlighted with three photographs representing the exterior and interior of the church and a distinguishing feature that the parish regards as a treasure.

The aim of the book is to provide Catholic families and many other readers with a better knowledge of the Chicago's Catholic origins and heritage, its life and ministry, its evolution and challenges, growth and changes since its foundation in Chicago.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK

SIZE: 11" x 11"

352 pages approximately

Over 1,400 color photographs, maps, illustrations, paintings, archival documents and pictures.

Printed in Ireland, on gloss paper, 130gsm, color throughout .

Sewn and bound with a printed hardback cover, title gold blocked.

DISTRIBUTION:

The book will be available exclusively in Parishes at \$35, well below its market value of \$60.

A portion of the proceeds of the sales will be dedicated to the Preservation of Sacramental Registers and films in the Archdiocesan Archives.

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER—ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



Q. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

A. 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

Q. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

A. 21 seconds for the same reason as above.

Q. Why are his gloves wet?

A. His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Q. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

A. He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

Q. How often are the guards changed?

A. Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

Q. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

A. For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds, or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis (the boxer), Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy (the most decorated soldier of WWII) of Hollywood fame.

July 2006

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Purgatorial
Society
Mass
7:00pm

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Mission
Co-Op

Prayerful
Wishes
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7:00pm

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WEDDING
11:00am

OUR LADY OF THE MILLENNIUM STATUE WILL BE AT ST. JAMES

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HOLY LAND LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic New World cordially invites you to join MRev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on March 19-28, 2007. This Holy Land trip will take place during Lent 2007—a perfect time for reflection and prayer. It will give the travelers a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and closer contact with the life of Jesus Christ and His mission of salvation. Visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Tiberias and the upper Galilee. Some of the highlights are Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Wailing Wall, Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross), the Rock of Calvary, Church of the Nativity, Masada, Jericho, the Jordan River, the Mount of Beatitudes, Cana, Church of the Annunciation, plus much more. Special price for the first 65 registrants \$2,499 from Chicago (\$2,399) if before paid before December 9, 2006). There are a few brochures in back of church if you are interested, or call 800-713-9800 and ask about Tour #70303.



Serving Young Adults

The Finest in Speakers, Conversation & Theology!

The Weeks of July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Evenings

Hosted by Parishes in:

The Archdiocese of Chicago, The Diocese of Joliet, The Diocese of Rockford, The Diocese of Gary and The Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Mass & Picnic with Francis Cardinal George

Sunday, August 6

3:00pm Mass at Holy Name Cathedral

4:30 to 7:30pm Lawn Party—

Cardinal's Residence

Sponsored by Young Adult Ministry of the

Archdiocese of Chicago, 312-466-9473, or

www.yamchicago.org

THEY FOUGHT TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM JOIN CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN THE FIGHT TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS

It has been estimated that 18,000 veterans in the Chicago metropolitan area are spending the latter portion of their lives in homelessness or near-homelessness. Sleeping in overnight shelters, on the streets, under bridges, in forest preserves, or anywhere they can find a bit of protected space, they suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, service-related health problems or substance abuse problems. These are our vulnerable heroes, 47% of whom served in Vietnam.

Catholic Charities' St. Leo Campus is Catholic Charities' first program created solely for serving veterans. The first of five national pilot programs to address veterans' homelessness, the St. Leo Campus will include a home, medical care and a resource center for job placement and benefits screening. Through the St. Leo Campus programs veterans are able to move out of being homeless and into self-sufficiency.

Over the past 10 years there is an increasing number of veterans coming to Catholic Charities for services through their emergency assistance centers; clothing rooms; food pantries; evening suppers; transitional shelters; and suppers in Chicago, Des Plaines and Summit.

The St. Leo Campus will be another monumental step in Catholic Charities' dream to keep veterans safe, off the streets, and treated with dignity.

SPONSOR A VETERAN

Your \$5 donation can feed a veteran at St. Leo campus for one day.

Your \$100 donation will keep a veteran housed for one week.

Your \$2,000 donation will feed a veteran for one year.

Your \$5,000 donation will house a veteran for one year.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP VETERANS

After building completion, volunteers will be needed to help operate the residence, be a mentor to a veteran on his way to self-sufficiency and be a job coach to a veteran who is seeking employment. If you would like to make a donation or lend a hand to a veteran in need, please call 312-655-7289 or email dkuhn@catholiccharities.net.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive offering for the week of July 2nd

In memory of Darren Chud In Honor of St. Joseph:
Denise Aragon



Each Fourth of July celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence invites us to remember its words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with

certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Let us remind others that unborn human beings are equally endowed with these rights by their Creator.

PRAYER: That America's laws may once again protect the life of all human beings, no matter how small or helpless, we pray.

GOLF INVITATIONAL

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host its 9th Annual Golf Invitational at Cog Hill Country Club. Participants will play on all four courses, including Dubsdread, home of the Western Open, and the beautiful Ravines Course.

Since its inception, the Golf Invitational has grown into one of the largest charity golf events in the Chicago-area. More than 570 business and community leaders, a Who's Who of Chicago, are expected to attend. For more information, please contact Shannon McClowry at 312-948-6797 or smcclowr@catholiccharities.net.



- Monday** July 3 *St. Thomas*
8:15 AM †Walter Nakon
- Tuesday** July 4 *St. Elizabeth of Portugal*
10:00 AM †Deceased members &
members of the families of the Florence
Guards who have passed away.
- Wednesday** July 5 *St. Anthony Zaccaria*
7:00PM †Jerry Mogy
- Thursday** July 6 *St. Maria Goretti*
8:15AM †Joseph Fargan
- Friday** July 7 *Weekday*
8:15AM †Sebastian & Maria
Farganus
- Saturday** July 8
Vigil: 14th Ordinary Sunday
4:30 to 5:15PM **Confessions**
5:30PM †Louise Guzior
- Sunday** July 9
FOURTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY
8:30AM **Living & Deceased Parishioners**
10:00AM †Joseph & Frank, Jr.
Obrochta
11:30AM †Thomas & Alice Doyle

| July 8 & 9 | 5:30 PM | 8:30AM | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
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| Celebrant | Father Gleeson | Father Schmidt | Father Gleeson | Father Gleeson |
| Altar Servers | K. Nicholson T.J. Nicholson M. Wall | S. Dillenburg J. Dillenburg J.H. Dillenburg | B. A'hearn J. Zubek M. Zubek | C. Arra S. May M. May |
| Lector | C. Zarzycki | M. Dillenburg | M. Zubek | T. Kulawiak |
| LEM | L. Backofen | M. Dillenburg | D. Lasica | D. Lasica |
| Ushers | J. Starha C. Hughes E. Liczwek N. Nowaczyk | M. Hally T. Lang F. Pearman H. Grutza | D. Butalla M. Wall M. Lavery J. Pajkos | B. Czaja R. Poynter N. Konieczny M. Fleckenstein |