

Practice of Charity

In this Sunday's readings we are reminded that freedom and service are linked. Saint Paul tells us that Christ set us free so that we might "serve one another through love." In doing so, the One who has nowhere to lay his head will find a home. Taking that to heart is West Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) in Oak Park, IL. This volunteer-driven organization offers services for the homeless and advocates on their behalf. The religious congregations that offer shelter on a rotating basis are vital to the agency. The group welcomes donations of money, goods, and services. For more information, call (708) 488-1745 or go to www.westsuburbanpads.org. As we mark our nation's independence, consider the ways that you can help someone who is seeking "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Scripture Insights

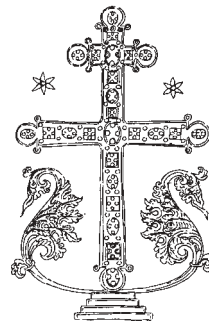
"When the days of Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem..." (Luke 9:51). At first glance, the opening line of today's Gospel seems but an introduction to two incidents about the reception of Jesus and the nature of discipleship. Indeed, the verse is an introduction to these incidents, and the rest of the Gospel. As a result, it deserves our attention.

This is a turning point in the Gospel. Prior to this, Jesus has been ministering in Galilee. Here, he begins his journey to Jerusalem, where he will suffer, die, and rise from the dead.

The Greek text reads literally, "he set his face to go to Jerusalem." While the English translation conveys that sense well, one is likely to miss the allusion to Isaiah 50:7, where the Suffering Servant of God "set his face like flint" in the face of the suffering and opposition he endured in fulfillment of his mission. Such was the way of Jesus, who proceeded on his way, knowing what awaited him.

Suffering and death would not be the end. Rather, his destiny was to be "taken up" to the Father. Significantly, the related verb *analambán* is used with reference to Jesus' ascension in Acts. It is also used in 2 Kings with reference to Elijah's translation into heaven via the fiery chariot. As with Elijah, Jesus' destiny is heaven. For Jesus, this was accomplished through his death, resurrection, and ascension. And so it will be for us. May we set out on his way with confidence, knowing that he shows the path to life.

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Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30-4:50 p.m., and by appt.

Christian Initiation

Infant Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00

Sunday Masses and should be scheduled one month in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. Classes run from September to May. Contact the rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2007



Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider
Tom Nicolini, lector
Richard Barry, eucharistic minister

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Daniel Barron, OMV, presider
Katherine Roz, lector

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider
Kelly Graham & Mary Jane Kinne, lectors

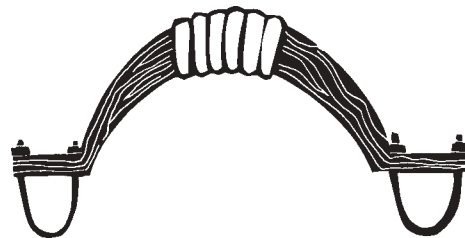
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Mahoney, presider
Alicia Borgman & Bob Mann, lectors

As with Elisha in the first reading and those in the gospel, Jesus' call requires a life-long response and commitment. Jesus asks no less of us. Such single-minded following of Jesus would seem like an ideal; yet that is exactly what Jesus asks. We must put Jesus and his mission ahead of everything – even more than the Law, even to the point of putting into a different perspective our relationship to family. We must put our hand to the plow and not look back.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2007



**Brothers and sisters:
For freedom Christ set us free;
so stand firm and do not
submit again to the
yoke of slavery.
...do not use this freedom
as an opportunity for the flesh;
rather, serve one another through
love. For the whole law is fulfilled
in one statement, namely,
You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.**

- Galatians 5

Special Intention

Sunday, July 1, 11:00 a.m.

Ronny Hamilton, Memorial

Wide Horizons Program

A group of young adults from Ireland are coming to Boston in August for an 8-week internship in youth & community services throughout Greater Boston. The Irish Immigration Center is looking for host families (married or single adults, with or without children) to provide meals and a safe home for these 18-28-year-olds. Host families will be financially compensated and fully supported by the staff of the Center. For more details, please contact Ann-Marie Byrne at amariebyrne@iicenter.org or 617-542-1900 ext. 16.

Praying the Rosary

On Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m., parishioners are gathering in the church to pray the rosary together before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

2007 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all supporters of the 2007 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$15,331 from 30 households, reaching 52% percent of our parish goal of \$29,500. If you have not yet given, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. So each gift has the potential to increase parish revenue while still supporting the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

Black & Native American Collection

Next weekend is designated for the annual Black & Native American Collection. Since 1885, this collection has helped the evangelizing mission of the Church in many parts of the U.S. where God's word would otherwise not be proclaimed.

Give Blood!

The American Red Cross is currently facing a critical blood shortage. Across the Northeast, supplies are down by almost 2700 units, and summer is always a challenging time for recruiting donors. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to give of yourself in the most concrete of ways. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.newenglandblood.org today. Thank you!

New Choir Members

We are always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you have a musical talent to share with the community, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Richard Clark at 617-536-4548 or StCeciliaMusic@aol.com. For more info about the music program visit our website and click on "Saint Cecilia Music."

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, or if you are a regular communicant who has never formally registered as a parishioner, there are registration forms at the rear of the church for this purpose. You can also register online by visiting our website: www.stceciliaboston.org. This parish is only as strong and vital as its members. Take that first step and let us know who you are!

Eucharistic Visitation

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound for any reason who would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Mark at the rectory.

Coffee Hour

Join us after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses for coffee in the parish hall.