

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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November 27, 2011

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### Worship Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

#### Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

#### Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

#### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

#### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

### Parish Office Hours

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## Note from the Pastor



### First Sunday of Advent

Happy New Year! Today is the first Sunday of Advent and everything old is new again. Now we begin again. There is something very good about new beginnings, a fresh start. And the Church always gives us a chance to do just that. Wash the slate clean (go to Confession this Advent) and start again with your spiritual resolutions. So what's on your agenda this year for the best possible version of you? May I make a few suggestions?

First, pray. The theme for this Advent is, "Prepare the Way... Pray." Pray always. Pray all ways. Most of us think that praying is simply the recitation of Hail Marys and Our Fathers. Well, yes it is, in a way, but saying prayers is not necessarily praying. Praying is simply taking notice of and being aware of the God that dwells in you and more importantly, the God in whom you dwell. I am convinced that most of our problems come from some long held erroneous idea that God is "out there" somewhere and we have to jump through various hoops to get to Him. He has the 'goodies' and if we work hard enough He may, might share them... or not. This is not an easy God to love and in many ways rather toxic. This is the stingy father god who is no god at all. Yet for many of us this is our picture of God. It is not the Abba (father) of Jesus.

Jesus tells us how to pray, "When you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray in secret." There is no more intimate activity than praying. Here there are no secrets. Here we can pour our hearts out to the Lord. But first you have to go to your room, your inner room. It is the place where we don't even like to go ourselves because so often it's such a mess. Worry not, God can handle our mess. Now, close the door. Shut off all the outside noise that distracts us from hearing the Master when He speaks. And God does speak! We're just not too good at listening; we are way too distracted by the noise in our lives. Truth be told, we look for distractions so we don't have to hear the voice of the Lord gently (and if necessary, not so gently) speaking to us. And God does speak.

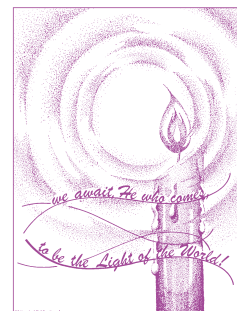
But we can't hear, it is almost impossible to be still, quiet down, be silent. Of all the pollutants that invade our lives, one of the most insidious is noise pollution. We are so addicted to the noise of life that we are made uncomfortable by the sound of silence. Try this experiment. The next time you're driving down the highway with your teen and their music is blaring through the speakers, reach over and turn it off. Now watch their reaction. For most, the silence is too much. From the TV to the iPod to the ever present cell phone with its endless texts, our kids have almost no chance at silence. And it is in silence that God speaks most clearly.

They asked the Spiritual Master what the secret of life was and he responded, "silence." And when asked how one achieves silence he responded, "silence." In a colloquy (actually it was a monologue) I once had with the Father about how difficult my life was, as I continued to drone on I swear I heard the voice of God say to me, "Oh shut up!" "How long?" I queried. "About three years." You can't hear if you continually speak and you will never hear the voice of God through all that noise.

So, here we are. Another Advent, a new beginning. Christmas is coming. Advent is all about preparation. So what are you seriously going to do? Prepare the way... pray. Pray always. Pray all ways. And one of the best ways is in silence.

In Jesus, the Word Who Speaks in Silence,

*Fr. Tony*



## Parish News

### A Message to Our Mary Queen Children

Dear Beloved Children,

Goodness is contagious. Contagious means catching something by simply being around it. If someone sneezes on you, you could catch a cold. It's contagious. But so is goodness and generosity. It's contagious too.

Last September I gave you all your own stewardship envelopes and told you that to give, especially to the poor, will make you a very happy child. I want to report that we have a lot of happy children at Mary Queen. So many of you have faithfully given when you go to Mass on Sunday.

Once in a while, the money counters will show me an envelope from one of you with a special prayer or something special you did for someone. From time to time (when I have the time) I will try to answer or send a note. A couple of weeks ago I wrote a note to one of our 11 year old girls. I was telling my own 7 year old granddaughter about the goodness and generosity of our Mary Queen girl and she immediately went to her own piggy bank, pulled out a big bill and put it in her own children's envelope. On the outside of the envelope she wrote: "This is for a poor child." And she was all smiles, as happy as I've ever seen her.

You see? Goodness and generosity is contagious. Hang around good people and watch how good you act. Hang around generous people and watch how generous you become.

### ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES



Advent Wreaths and replacement candles will be available in the narthex of the church after all Masses. The Advent Wreath Kit donation is \$12.00 and the replacement candles are \$3.50 per set.

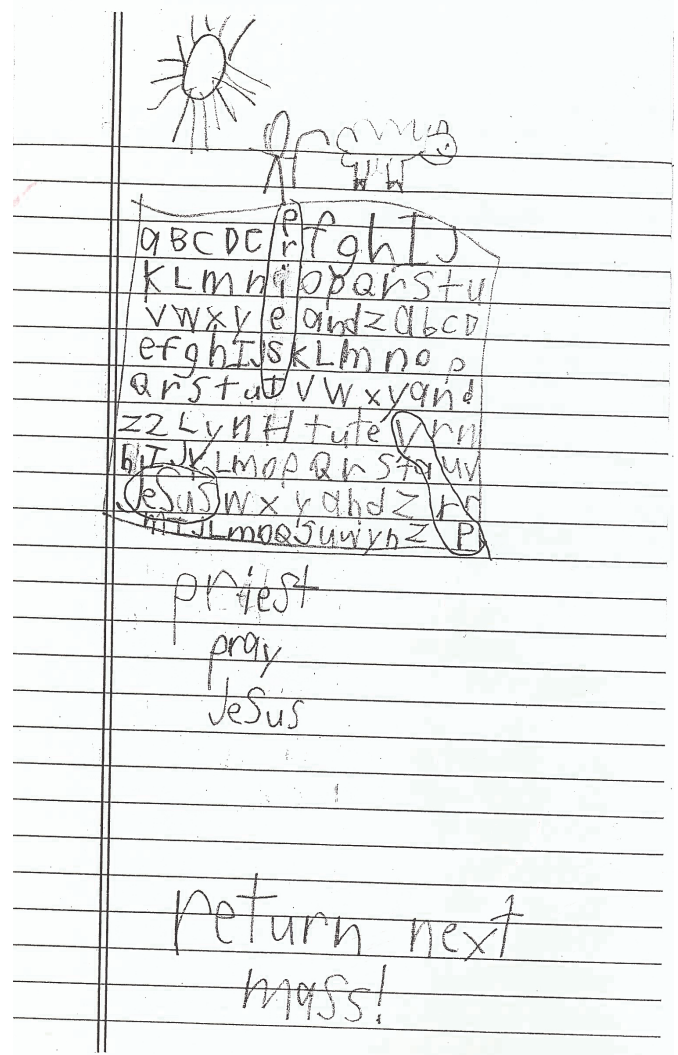
### AN OPEN NOTE TO THOMAS

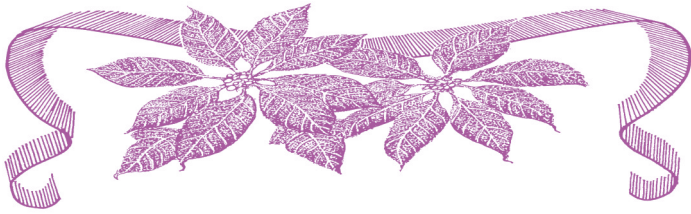
Dear Thomas,

What an exciting year. Last week you made your First Reconciliation and in May, you will receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Every Saturday or Sunday when you come out of Mass you have something for me. When you were little, it was art. This last Sunday you gave me a hidden word puzzle with the instructions, "Return next Mass." Just to let you know, I followed your instructions. Now you are to do the same with your mother and father's instructions.

Blessings in Jesus,

Fr. Tony





## Advent / Christmas Schedule

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8  
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12  
7:00 p.m.

### Parish Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 13  
7:00 p.m.

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10:30 p.m. Choir Music
- 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

### Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH COMING SOON!

Do you wish you could experience a deeper relationship with God? Do you want to give your spiritual life a boost and be renewed? If the answer is yes, please think about registering for a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) spiritual renewal weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven. The cost is minimal (\$35 suggested donation) but the rewards will last a lifetime.

CRHP is a 30 hour overnight spiritual renewal weekend given by parishioners of Mary Queen. You will laugh, cry, eat ... eat.... and eat some more and you will be spiritually renewed.

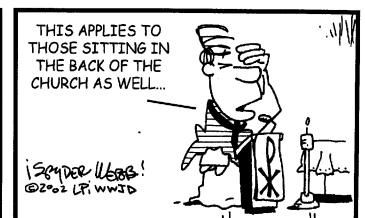
**The Men's weekend is February 11-12, 2012 and the Women's weekend will be February 25-26, 2012.** The registration form can be obtained from any team member and will be posted on the Mary Queen of Heaven website soon. Official sign up will be the weekend of January 14-15 but we already have a lot of interest so don't delay. Contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240 or [ksutkus1@comcast.net](mailto:ksutkus1@comcast.net) for information or Tom Nolan at [thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net).



### GOSPEL OF MARK GROUP READING

You are invited to join a group reading of the entire Gospel of Mark, Sundays, November 27, December 4 and 11 between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will begin at 9:40 a.m. in Classroom 9-10 of the school building and conclude at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your Bible. For more information, call Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Parish News



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 4

#### Sunday, November 27, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Gospel - Mark in School Room 9-10  
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA  
 10:30 AM MQH Mass  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice in Church  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

#### Monday, November 28, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Business Networking Group in Social Hall  
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

#### Tuesday, November 29, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Group Destiny in Barrett Hall

#### Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes

#### Thursday, December 1, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall  
 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM Yoga for Kids in Barrett Hall  
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's Group in Barrett Hall

#### Friday, December 2, 2011

#### DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES DECEMBER 11

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Saturday, December 3, 2011

3:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM MQH Mass  
 5:30 PM Senior Christmas Dinner

#### Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Gospel - Mark in School Room 9-10  
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA  
 10:30 AM MQH Mass  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Group Practice in Church/Barrett Hall  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice in Church  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room



## SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by  
The Council of Catholic Women

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011**  
**IN**  
**BARRETT HALL**  
**Immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas party in their honor. A buffet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. Mark your calendar now and plan on having an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

So that we can prepare food for everyone, if you are planning to attend please complete the form below and return it in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of the church or return it to the Rectory. If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Dayna Pierzchala at (630) 834-3233 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will need transportation or assistance.

## Parish News



Articles for bulletins for the month of December will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon
Sunday, December 11	Friday, December 2
Sunday, December 18	Wednesday, December 7
Sunday, December 25	Wednesday, December 14

Thank you for your cooperation.



### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Over the past three years we have been celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are in need of volunteers to keep up with it! If you would like to be apart of the procession, play or singers, or bring a treat for the gathering afterwards, we would be happy to have you join us! The celebration will occur on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a procession a short play, and a bilingual Mass. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021 or email at [wdew@att.net](mailto:wdew@att.net).



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Any time spent before the Eucharist, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives. (St. Catherine of Genoa) You are invited to spend time with Him during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, December 5**, starting after 8:30 a.m. morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. We are still in need of people to step up and "adopt" an hour. Please call **Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238** with questions.

### STEWARDSHIP

*Sharing of your time,  
talent and treasure*



The focus this week in on the Education Commission. Ministries within the scope of Education are Adult Education and Spirituality, Bible Study, Pre-school, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and CRHP for Men and Women.

There are opportunities to organize and lead groups as well as to participate in the programs that are presented to the parish.

If you are interested in being a active member of one of the ministries please contact the parish office and they can forward your contact information to the appropriate ministry head.

To participate in the Bible Study or other programs watch the bulletin for sign-up and meetings time. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take advantage of the informative and educational opportunities offered to the parish and the Elmhurst community.

If you have an idea for a new ministry in the Education area please email [gdolesy@aol.com](mailto:gdolesy@aol.com) and it will be presented it to the Parish Council for consideration.

## Prayer List



Please call (630) 279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

- Brian Costello
- Dorothy Neven
- Sheila Reiter
- Brenda Scanlon
- Zena Thompson

## Parish News



### CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Collection will take place the weekend of December 10 and 11. We are in need of canned fruit, soup, vegetables, cranberries, stuffing, cereal, baking items, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, prepared meals, goodies, paper goods such as paper towels, Kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish soap, etc.

The Giving Tree will be up in the rear of Church this weekend Nov. 26 & 27. Your generosity in the past has been unbelievable and we want to thank you for all the years you have helped out with the less fortunate. Please take an ornament or two off the tree, purchase the gift requested, wrap it, place the ornament on the top of the package (name up) and return it under the tree the weekend of December 10 and 11. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila at 630-833-6657.

## Youth News



### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

**Destiny**  
November 29 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
in Barrett Hall



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :  
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director  
Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500  
Website: [www.maryqueenpreschool.org](http://www.maryqueenpreschool.org)  
E-mail: [mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org](mailto:mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org)

## Religious Education News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Second Grade Parents:** The request form indicating your preference of the date of your child's First Communion should have been submitted by now. Dates are filling up quickly. April 28 is closed. You will hear from us only if the date you have chosen is filled.

**RE tuition is due.** If you have not as yet paid your RE tuition and fees for this school year, please do so. If you are having financial problems, please let us know and we will work something out.

**Confirmation prep candidates** will be meeting with Father Tony on Wednesday, December 7 for a "Show and Tell" (Instructional) Mass. The session begins at 6:45 PM in church. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

**Advent Service Projects:** This year we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on Wednesday, **November 30 and December 7** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome...no violent toys please. Our children will also have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They will go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Our "polls" will be open on December 7 and December 14 during class time. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.

**Please mark your calendars:** There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 21 and 28, and January 4. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

For more information, please contact  
Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962  
or email: [mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net).



## 2011 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve has been a beautiful celebration to welcome baby Jesus to Mary Queen of Heaven and to the world. It takes many to make this Mass so beautiful! You can help us proclaim the Savior's birth by getting your children and yourselves involved. We are looking for: shepherds, angels, those to bear gifts, singers, dancers, readers, teen and adult helpers. No age limits - The door is always wide open!

An informational meeting is scheduled on SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 (2-4pm) for all parents and children who wish to participate in this liturgy. Please come and share your time and talent.

**Each rehearsal is from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Dancers: Sundays Dec. 4,11&18th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Tableaux Players: Sundays Dec. 4,11&18 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Dec. 18 will be a full dress rehearsal**

Please call CJ Fuchsen with any questions you may have (630) 941-8168  
\*\*cell (312) 301-7299\*\*

I can participate in the 2011 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy as a:

Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ Angel \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgical Dancer \_\_\_\_\_ Banner Bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Proclaimer/Reader (6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, please) \_\_\_\_\_

Child or Student Gift Bearers \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Gift bearer \_\_\_\_\_ Family Gift Bearers \_\_\_\_\_

Young Adult helper \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name and ages:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

Carpooling with: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Lector</b>	K. Pasarrelli	K. Sutkus	E. Cutri
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B. Lawlor (S) B. Eadon (C) G. Los G. Los H. Todd J. Duprey M. Zelinski	K. Vicary (S) T. Sabel (C) D. Bernstein G. Regan J. Unger A. Grozik	R. Styka (S) D. Justus (C) D. Styka M. Murray J. Spears J. Lindberg K. Mueller M. McCall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. Alonso J. Nosek E. Zielinski	C. Gornick J. Reginelli D. Bolivar	A. Frank R. Hendron C. Letorneau



**Church Support**

<b>Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 20, 2011</b>	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$7,315.34</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$3,091.66</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$75.07</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$10,482.07</b>

190 parishioner envelopes were used.  
99 parishioners contributed via Parish Pay.  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

8:30 AM † Noeleen Loesch  
10:30 AM † Kathleen Nolan

**Monday, November 28, 2011**

8:30 AM † Gloria Kabat  
† Dagberto Fiori

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011**

8:30 AM † John Terranova

**Wednesday, November 30, 2011**

8:30 AM † Dolores and Paul Jandick

**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

9:00 AM † Bernice and Stephen Ruff

**Friday, December 2, 2011**

8:30 AM † Faithful Departed

**Saturday, December 3, 2011**

4:30 PM † Blythe O' Sullivan

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

8:30 AM † Max Schneider  
† Arlene Grabacki  
10:30 AM † Janice Pivoney

† indicates person is deceased

**Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1,  
5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD REBOOTING!**

At Father Tony's request, we are going to reinstate "Children's Liturgy" at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will limit the age group to 4-8 year olds. The children should be able to leave their parents independently. Once a child has received First Eucharist, they will participate in the entire Mass with their families. Maria Balice Kresnicka (RMBALICE@comcast.net, (312) 543-6630) has volunteered to coordinate this ministry. We are now in need of volunteers to help with the weekly sessions. There will be an informational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Dec. 11.