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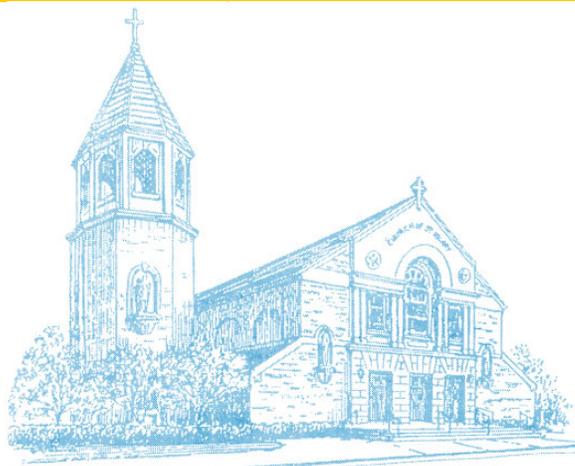
MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

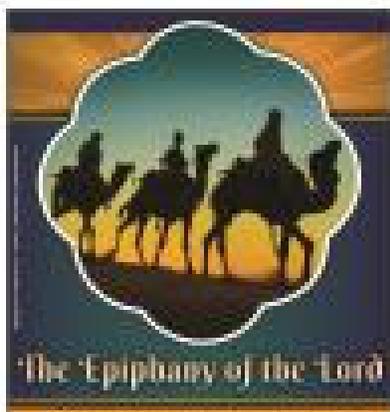


BAPTISMS are usually celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Instructions for parents are required. These are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Rectory. Arrangements must be made in advance. Please call the Parish Office, 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday.

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.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2016



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Happy New Year!

You have celebrated the great blessings of the past year and of Christmas. I know how the Lord has given you with no reservations, gifts beyond your imagination. You probably have not counted them yet. This is why I am here like your cheerleader at the beginning of this new year, asking you to begin it with all your heart, to say, "Lord Thank You."

Yes, every time we begin a year, we need to start it right. We need to begin it with the Lord. We face him; we make our new year's resolutions with him and say, "I will make sure that if I make changes within myself, that I will do it so that it will be with the Lord."

May I suggest one concern in your list of resolutions. I would like you to add to your list our parish financial needs. Last year, we heard information about our parish; now is the time to make a commitment. Please make some addition to your weekly offerings. The needs of our parish are growing while the weekly offering remains the same. The latest report in the Hilarion says that the deficit this fiscal year is \$16,442.00. We need to look at these figures every week and do something about them.

I come to you to celebrate what our parish has and continue to discover what God has given to us. The Spirit of God directs us when we work together and when we develop our vision for our community. May we begin this year with hope, knowing that deep in our hearts, we are inspired to follow the Christ, who blesses us every single day of our life. Thank you all for your generosity and for all your gifts.

God bless you and your family at the beginning of this new year and always.

Fr. Aloy



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My greeting comes at a time marked by sad and troubling news for our city, our nation and our world. The joyful news of Christmas competes in these days with stories of street violence in our city, of wars, conflicts and acts of terrorism throughout the world including our own nation.

As people of faith, we must read these “signs of the times.” As we do so, Christmas gives us a proper perspective: the sadness of violence and war does not have the last word. God has come to save us, for we cannot save ourselves. The savior born to us raises us up from darkness and brings us into his own wonderful light.

One of the Christmas readings taken from Paul’s letter to Titus says this:

*When the kindness and generous love
of God Our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
he saved us ... Titus 3:4-5*

We hear those words “because of his mercy,” especially as we celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy this year. The challenge for us is not just to believe that God is merciful, but also to believe that God is merciful to us and that God is blessing us with his mercy precisely at this very moment, and in the limited circumstances of our lives and relationships. When we accept that mercy, we will be transformed and become the merciful light of God in a dark and cold world. Then, our own works of mercy will, in turn, bring hope, healing and renewal, just as God’s mercy has done for us.

May God bless you and your families with his mercy and enable you to be the hands of his mercy in our world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blase J. Cupich".

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



The Family School Association (FSA) brought many smiles to children and adults alike at their Christmas Party. Santa's visit, always a big hit, started off the holiday festivities for St. Hilary families on December 4th this year.