

St. Jude the Apostle Church

South Holland, IL Established 1957

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM

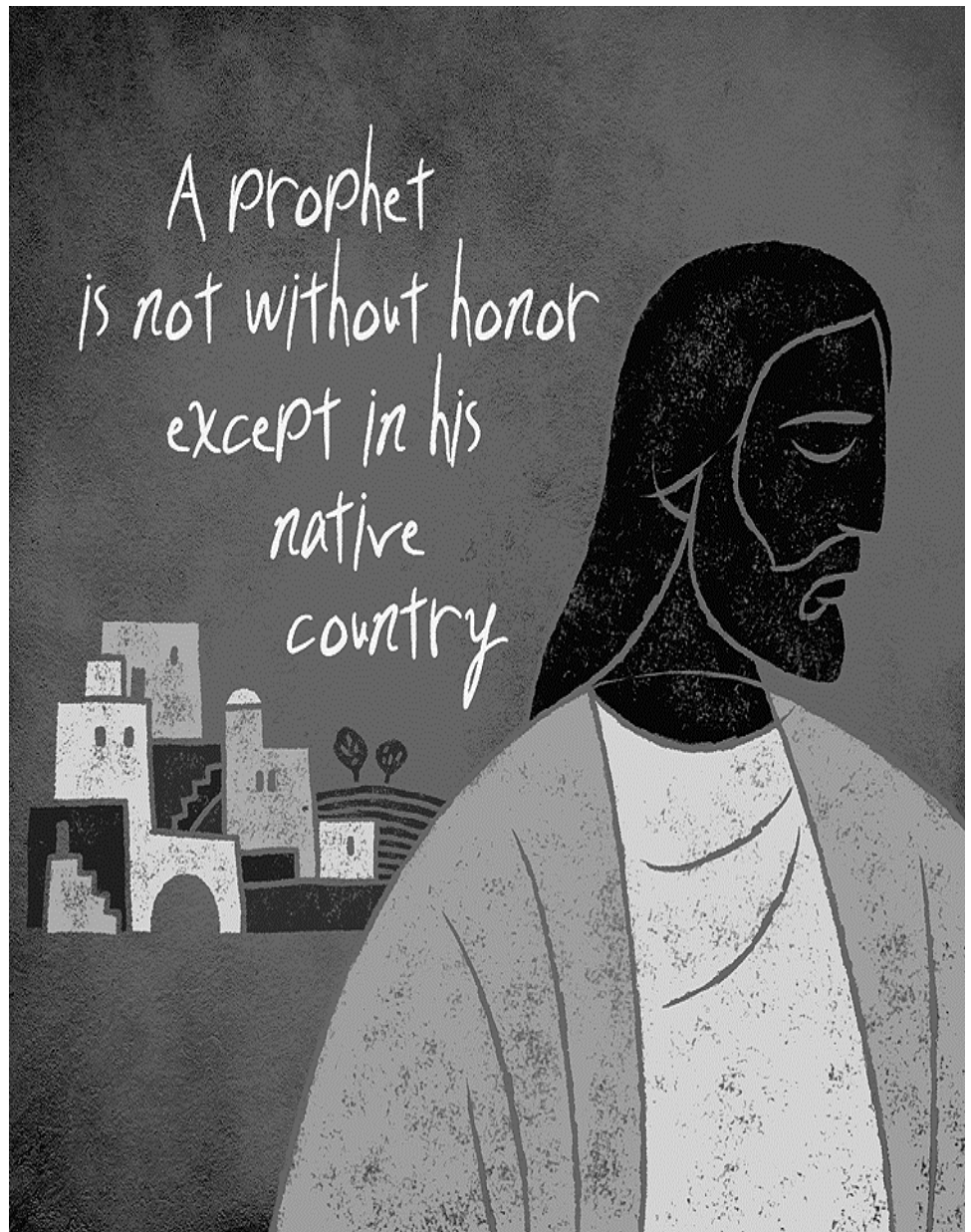
Holy Day Masses:

Vigil 7:00 PM Holy Day 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 PM

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made in advance for catechesis and reception of the sacrament. All families must be registered parishioners. Contact the Rectory office at 708 333-3550.



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July 5, 2015
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of faith of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in South Holland, nourished by the Word of God and Sacraments commit ourselves to know, love, live, and celebrate Jesus the Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

**St. Jude
Parish
Calendar**

Sat., July 4	5:00 PM	James T. Batzek Requested by The Batzek Family
Sun., July 5	8:00 AM	Fred Boland Requested by Mary Simms
	10:00 AM	Robert Zakroczymski Requested by Family Chiazam John Aranonu Requested by Family
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish
Mon., July 6	8:30 AM	Katherine Slusarski (Birthday Remembrance) Requested by Ron & Pat Slusarski John & Mary Turton Requested by Family
Tues., July 7	8:30 AM	Darrin Sulkowski (Birthday Remembrance) Requested by Family
Wed., July 8	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thur., July 9	8:30 AM	Rigober Turton Requested by Family
Fri., July 10	8:30 AM	Edward Walenga Requested by Family
Sat., July 11	5:00 PM	M/M A. Kosmala & Family Requested by Family Ed Case Requested by Joann & Carol
Sun., July 12	8:00 AM	Benedicta Anaele Requested by Noel & Linda Morgridge
	10:00 AM	Robert Broberg Jr. Requested by Mary Simms Theresa Obidike Requested by Family
	11:30 AM	People of the Parish

WEEKDAYS MON—FRI

8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday - July 6, 2015

Church Cleaning after Mass

Tuesday - July 7, 2015

Holy Hour following Mass
Choir Practice 7 PM

Wednesday - July 8, 2015

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Saturday - July 11, 2015

Prayer Shawl Ministry 11 AM
Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 PM
Mass at 5:00 PM
Media Center Open

Sunday - July 12, 2015

Masses at 8:00, 10:00, 11:30
Hospitality after all Masses
Media Center Open

Monday - July 13, 2015

Church Cleaning after Mass

Tuesday - July 14, 2015

Holy Hour following Mass
Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Wednesday - July 15, 2015

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Saturday - July 18, 2015

Reconciliation 4:15-4:45 PM
Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday - July 19, 2015

Masses at 8:00, 10:00, 11:30

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you for your support of our parish.

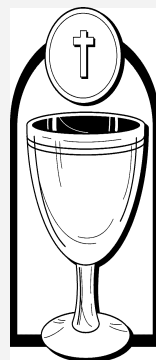
Figures will be published next week.



*From Death
to New Life*

*In your prayers
please remember
Lillian L. Cabala.
May she rest in
peace.*

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The wine being
used at the
Eucharist
for the
month of July
is for the Family
of Joesph Foresta.

We thank him for his
generosity.

SAVE THE DATE

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AUGUST 16TH

DATE/MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
July 11 - 5:00 PM	Mark Ziemkowski	Carmen & Jesse Bermudez Zenovia Evans, Irene Sikorski	Melissa Bermudez
July 12 - 8:00 AM	Michele Brown	Nancy Burrage, Karen Fleszewski Orié Matyasik, Mary Simms	Andrew & John Paul Ntamere
July 12 - 10:00 AM	Pat Anderson	Inez Bertrand, Margaret Chavers Alex & Susan Morris	Jude & Onyekachi Azuibuike
July 12 - 11:30 AM	Rose Okoro	Agnes Chew, Eloise Grochowski Michael Jackson, Shirley Krenkel	Etienne Atangana Bobby Ezenwelu

ON SAD WORDS, AND FAITH

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"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" John Greenleaf Whittier. The passage comes near the end of his poem "Maud Muller" about a peasant girl who meets a judge from the local town one day when she is out working in the fields and he is passing by on horseback. The actual encounter occurs when he asks her for a drink of water and she fills her cup for him from a nearby stream. Secretly, she falls for him in the moment ("Maud Muller looked and sighed: 'Ah me! / That I the Judge's bride might be'"). Secretly, he falls for her at the same time ("Would she were mine, and I to-day / Like her, a harvester of hay"). The thoughts go unspoken, though. He marries in time a rich woman enamored of fashion. Maud Muller marries in time a poor farmer, but through the years Maud Muller and the Judge both recall that day in the fields, and wonder how things may have played out differently, setting up Whittier's sad, ponderous conclusion.

We find such a conclusion in today's Gospel as well. Here, Jesus has just returned to Nazareth after performing a series of miracles--cleansing lepers, curing Simon's mother-in-law, restoring a paralytic and a man with a withered hand to full health, calming the storms at sea, bringing Jairus's deceased twelve year old daughter back to life--throughout the surrounding area. But the locals do not receive him well. When he preaches in the synagogue, they respond, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands? Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary..." They actually take offence at him, and in response to their skepticism, Jesus replies, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin..." Accordingly per the Gospel, "he was not able to perform any mighty deed there," setting up another sad, ponderous conclusion: "He was amazed at their lack of faith."

It's a funny thing, faith. We all say we have it, but do we? Really? Jesus himself tells us, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." I haven't moved any mountains lately; how about you? Joel Osteen tells the story of a church pastor who, when he brings the flock together to pray for desperately needed rain, asks people of the congregation to bring articles of faith to the rally in demonstration of their belief. Most people bring crosses and prayer books and bibles, and when the rain finally comes, these people raise their bibles and such. One little girl's article of faith far outshines the rest, though. She brings an umbrella. Cute. And deeply ponderous in its own way. But from a joyful/hopeful perspective. Perhaps Maud Muller and the Judge let fear and unbelief doom them to lives of what-might-have-been. We all know fear and unbelief. I'm dealing with some right now, in fact. But Osteen says it's all pretty simple: if you're going to pray for rain, bring your umbrella. Got faith? C'mon. Let's go move some mountains.



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LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm - - Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading -- I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel -- "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a; Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105:16-21; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33

GOD'S WORD TODAY

Today's second reading gives us a remarkable example of what the life of faith is all about. Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that he was given a "thorn in the flesh." Scripture scholars have debated just what this "thorn" really was. Perhaps it is best that we do not know exactly, for each of us has our own "thorn in the flesh." It may be chronic illness, a fractured relationship, deep disappointment, unemployment, or any number of things. It is Paul's attitude that we are called to emulate. When we are tempted to groan or complain about our own "thorns in the flesh," let us remember that it is in weakness that we are made strong. This is a central paradox of the Christian life, one that is difficult to live. May Saint Paul intercede on our behalf so that we will be strengthened in faith, even in our weakness. From Saint Margaret Sunday Missal, copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Company

FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Mark's Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in him because they know his origins, not because of any fault with his teaching or ministry. As with many of Mark's passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus' two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus' return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel's writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus' followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is he, once again, amazed by its absence? Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP BLASE J. CUPICH
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO
June 28, 2015**

This week the Supreme Court of the United States issued two rulings with particular meaning for the Catholic Church.

In the first, the Court preserved subsidies for the 6.4 million low-income Americans who depend on them to purchase health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. We have issues with provisions of that legislation and will continue to advocate to preserve our religious freedom. However, we understand that for millions of individuals and families, most of them the working poor, this decision preserves access to health care and the promise it offers of a healthier, longer life.

In the second decision, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that two persons of the same sex have a constitutional right to marry each other. In doing so, the Court has re-defined civil marriage. The proposed reason for the ruling is the protection of equal rights for all citizens, including those who identify themselves as gay. The rapid social changes signaled by the Court ruling call us to mature and serene reflections as we move forward together. In that process, the Catholic Church will stand ready to offer a wisdom rooted in faith and a wide range of human experience.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church has an abiding concern for the dignity of gay persons. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." (n. 2358). This respect must be real, not rhetorical, and ever reflective of the Church's commitment to accompanying all people. For this reason, the Church must extend support to all families, no matter their circumstances, recognizing that we are all relatives, journeying through life under the careful watch of a loving God.

It is also important to stress that the Supreme Court's redefinition of civil marriage has no bearing on the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony, in which the marriage of man and woman is a sign of the union of Christ and the Church. In upholding our traditional concept of marriage, we are called to support those who have entered into this sacred and loving bond with God and each other.

This will be especially important for the members of our own Church as we walk together, respectful not only of the political demands of equality, but above all else, guided by the higher claims of divine revelation. Our aim in all of this will be to hold fast to an authentic understanding of marriage which has been written in the human heart, consolidated in history, and confirmed by the Word of God.



This weekend is the monthly collection for the Food Pantry. Your donations of non-perishable food items help those in need in our area.

- Suggestions:
Peanut butter
Jelly
Instant mashed potatoes
Hot & cold cereal
Tuna
Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce
Pasta

We thank you so much for your generosity.

The St. Jude Media Center will be open next weekend, **July 11th & 12th** in the lobby of the church. Please plan to stop by and browse for your religious items. There are many items donated that are being sold at reduced prices. If you are looking for a particular item special orders are available.

The Summer Food Service program is available to all eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability.
Meals will be available at Valley Kingdom Ministries Int'l
1102 E. 154th St. South Holland
Monday — Friday June 15, 2015 thru August 14, 2015
7 AM - 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
For more info contact Sherree Lee 708 331-3511 ext.120

Just a reminder that we're continuously collecting Campbell's product labels and Box Tops for Education to benefit our school. Please drop off your labels from Campbell's (the whole label) Swanson, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm and Box Tops for Education products in the containers by the exit doors. The more labels we collect, the more **FREE** items we can obtain for the children in our school.



Be sure to join the members of your parish family for coffee and rolls next **Sunday July 12th** in McMahon Hall after all Masses. Spend a little time with those you worship with every week.

Split the Pot tickets will be sold before and after all Masses on **Saturday and Sunday**. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Remember the more tickets that are sold the larger the pot.

