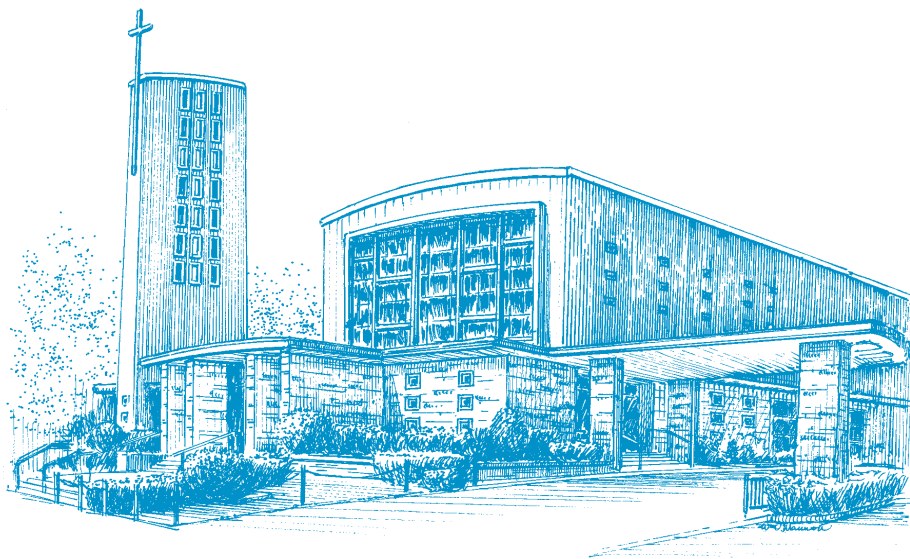


# st. priscilla church



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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.  
Weekday Confession held at 7:00 to 7:15 AM.

## PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.  
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

## WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

## BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

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**Religious Education Office 773-685-3785**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM**

**Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM**

**Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM**

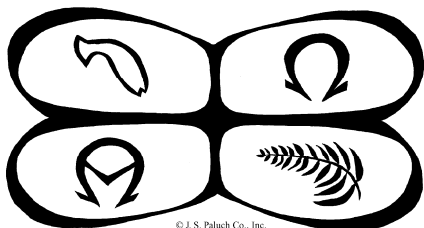
**Saturday: 8:00 AM**

**Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM**

### HOLY DAY MASSES:

**7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)**

**9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)**



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

**November 22, 2009**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead  
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5

**Spiritual Reflection**

This weekend is the Solemnity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our King! We can consider the picture of Jesus with a crown on His head, but also the image of the Sacred Heart. Many of us have enthroned the Sacred Heart in our homes as well.

When we gaze at the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we might wonder about this image of Jesus with His heart exposed. That image sometimes concerns our children as well. Although Jesus didn't walk this earth with His heart exposed like that, he "did" walk the earth with His heart burning with love for us. The crown of thorns around His Sacred Heart is a reminder that it wasn't easy for Him.

In today's Gospel, Pilate, the one who will order Jesus crucified, asks Jesus if it is true that He is the King of the Jews. During His discourse, Jesus speaks about how we would live if we believed He were our king. Jesus says He came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears Jesus' voice.

We need to listen to Jesus' voice. As we hear in our second reading, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." We need to live with Jesus as our King!

When we consecrate our homes and our lives to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we simply acknowledge that Jesus is our King. Many who have enthroned an image of Jesus' Sacred Heart in their homes have come to see the changes in family life when they live with Christ as King of their house. We can't be reminded too often that Christ is our King!

Sometimes our faith is a very personal one. A husband prays to God in private, his wife does the same, and their children pray by themselves as well. If we come together to enshrine an image of the Sacred Heart in our homes, those barriers begin to break down. We can come to have a new respect for God and for one another. When we live with Christ as the King of our household, we find it easy to find the source of our strength. We begin to allow Christ to take over our lives.

We are called to gather as God's family on Sundays and Holy Days, and to receive the Eucharist. When we hear the charge, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," we're sent back to our homes to live with Christ as our King all week long.

**Pastor's Notes****KRÓL ŻYCIA**

Gdy myślimy o dawnych królach, kojarzymy ich z koroną na głowie i berłem w rękę, ze wspaniałym strojem i przepychem pałaców. Majestat tej władzy, podkreślany z reguły namaszczeniem kościelnym, wiąże się w naszej myśli często z napuszałością stylu życia, a co gorsze: z bezlitosną walką o władzę, z podstępem w jej sprawowaniu, z intrygami i niemoralnością dworu królewskiego.

Dziś niewiele już z tego pozostało. Są jeszcze wprawdzie królowie i królowe, ale nie posiadają już tych dawnych atrybutów władzy. Dziś zmienia się już znaczenie tego słowa: „król”. Król raczej panuje ale nie rządzi. To raczej wysoki w państwie autorytet moralny niż władza w ścisłym tego słowa znaczeniu.

Piłat powiedział: „A więc jesteś królem?” Jezus odpowiedział: „Tak, jestem królem. Ja się na to narodziłem i na to przyszedłem na świat, aby dać świadectwo prawdzie” (J. 18, 37).

„Jestem Królem” - jest to uroczyste potwierdzenie wielkiej prawdy. ON jest KRÓLEM, i nie ma sobie podobnego ani równego. Byli królowie, których ludzie nazywali wielkimi, ale czymże oni byli wobec Chrystusa? Gdzie jest dzisiaj ta ich wielkość? Być może pozostała po nich tylko garść prochu. Dzisiaj nikt już ich nie kocha ani się nie boi a wielu spośród ludzi nic o nich nie słyszało. Chrystus zaś jest Królem, który żyje wiecznie. Codziennie miliony ludzi padają przed NIM na kolana, miliony ze czcią wypowiadają Jego imię. Od chwili, gdy umarł na krzyżu, żyły na ziemi niezliczone miliony ludzi. Oni przeminęli—a ON jest zawsze i wszędzie. Nikt nie zdołał Go zwyciężyć i nikt nie potrafił o Nim zapomnieć. On jest Królem nieba i ziemi.

Jesteśmy wszyscy obywatelami tego Chrystusowego Królestwa. Staliśmy się nimi z chwilą, gdy na nasze głowy spłynęła woda chrzcielna a na dusze nasze zstąpił Duch Święty. Jakże powinniśmy być wdzięczni Chrystusowi, że takie nam założył królestwo i do uczestnictwa w takim królestwie nas zaprasza.

Chrystus zwraca się także dzisiaj do każdego z nas: „Każdy, kto jest z prawdy słucha mojego głosu” (J. 18, 37). Jezus założył Królestwo Prawdy. Trwają w nim tylko ci, którzy są przyjaciółmi Prawdy. Przez chrzest człowiek staje się obywatelem Chrystusowego Królestwa. Ale jak to dobrze wiemy, nie jest łatwo być przyjacielem prawdy, szczególnie wtedy, gdy prawda domaga się ofiary. Nawet wielu bohaterów wówczas tchórzyl!

Chryste—Twoje Słowo jest PRAWDĄ. Prosimy Cię więc: Uświęć nas w Prawdzie!

-ks. Idzi-

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (22)**

- 7:30 — +Lottie Dziurkiewicz (Jeanette Lewandowski)  
 9:00 — Health & God's Blessings with prayers for a quick recovery from cancer for Natividad Nicasio  
 +Rev. Thomas Hosty Birthday Remembrance (Daniel G. Manczak & Family)  
 +James Sloan Birthday Remembrance (Wife & Fam.)  
 +Al Cademartrie Death Anniversary (Evelyn)  
 10:00 — Wypominki  
 10:30 — O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Marii Raźniak z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)
- O radość w wieczności dla:**  
 +Kazimiera Karbarz (Córki z rodzinami)  
 +Zygmunt Kozakiewicz  
 +Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)  
 +Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)  
 +Kazimierz Pluta (Syn z rodziną)  
 +Marian Rejkiewicz (Kolega z pracy)  
 +Czesław Kita 3-cia rocz. śmierci  
 +Marianna Płachta 6-ta rocz. śmierci (Córka)
- 12:15 — Angelica, Elizabeth and Philip Hussar  
 +Deceased Members of Jablonski Family (J. Miketta)  
 +Mary Koziara 20th Death Anniversary (Family)  
 +Fr. Willis Darling  
 +Henry, Karol & Wiktoria Koziara (Family)  
 6:00 — +Za Wszystkich Zmarłych i Polecanych w Wypominkach: #6

**MONDAY (23) Weekday**

- 6:30 — +Barbara Hartman (Friend)  
 8:00 — +Frank Perez (Georgia Garcia)

**TUESDAY (24) Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr, & his companions, martyrs**

- 6:30 — All Souls in Purgatory: #7  
 8:00 — +Wilma Oaks (Charlene Poran)

**WEDNESDAY (25) Weekday**

- 6:30 — +Barbara Hartman (Friend)  
 8:00 — In Thanksgiving on the Anniversary of his Ordination for Fr. Joseph Vadakumcherry  
 8:30 — O łaskę zdrowia dla Zofii Danielewicz (Rodzina)

**THURSDAY (26) THANKSGIVING DAY**

- 6:30 — +Jack Ferrier (Wife)  
 8:00 — +Shirley Virella (Fuentes Family)  
 9:00 — Thanksgiving Day Mass in English

**FRIDAY (27) Weekday**

- 6:30 — +Barbara Hartman (Friend)  
 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory: #8

**SATURDAY (28) Weekday**

- 8:00 — +Deacon Bob Odegard (Virginia Zyburt)  
 8:30 — Za Wszystkich Zmarłych i Polecanych w Wypominkach: #9  
 4:00 — +Steve & Delphine Martarano (Sal & Sophie)  
 +Jacqueline Martino-Yung Death Anniversary (Martino Family)  
 +Ed and Helen Kotkowski (Barbara Corollo)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (29)**

- 7:30 — All Souls in Purgatory: #10  
 9:00 — Gwen & James Moncada, Sr., 51st Wedding Anniv.  
 +James Haughey Birthday Remembrance (Family)  
 10:00 — Wypominki  
 10:30 — +Kazimiera Karbarz (Córki z rodzinami)  
 +Grażyna Grot (A.W. Adamowski)  
 +Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)  
 +Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)  
 +Marian Bączek 5-ta rocz. śmierci  
 12:15 — +95th Birthday Rem. for Sophie Plaza (Children)  
 +Daniel Lynch 4th Death Anniversary (Mom & Dad)  
 +Jan, Józef, Antonina & Emilia Koziara (Family)  
 +Edmund & Zofia Koziara (Family)  
 +Jan & Anna Los (Family)  
 6:00 — Za Parafian św. Pryscylli: #1

*Rest in Peace* 

Helen Golembiewski  
John Killenberg

Our  
Weekly Offering 

**November 8, 2009**

Currency	\$ 4,358.00
Checks	\$ 1,940.00
Loose Coin	\$ 8.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,306.60</b>
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date	\$190,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$132,881.62
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>\$ &lt;57,118.38 &gt;</b>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

 **BAPTISMS**

Alexandra Galimski





A big **THANK YOU** to all the parish families who supported the 2009 Holiday Care Package Drive for the Troops. Coming together as a parish family, we collected more than 400 pounds of personal items, food and snacks for our service men and women. In addition, we collected \$420 in cash, which was used to purchase iTunes gift cards and AT&T International Calling Cards. Another \$150 was received as donations directly to Operation Support Our Troops Illinois. Your generosity is a gift that will truly make a difference to so many service men and women stationed around the world.

“Love and kindness are never wasted.  
They always make a difference.  
They bless the one who receives them,  
and they bless you, the giver.”

*Barbara De Angelis*

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

St. William Church will be hosting a three-day in-church Novena to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe Wednesday, 12/9, through Friday, 12/11. A Mass Celebration will follow on Saturday at 6:00 PM on December 12. A fiesta/party will follow in the school hall. The Novena begins each night at 7:00 PM—the schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, December 9th**

Explanation of Las Apariciones de Guadalupe and rosary with presentation of live roses, Litany of the Blessed Virgin

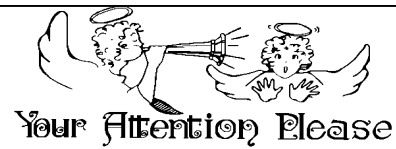
**Thursday, December 10th**

In offering for police officers, firefighters, and the military, the names of fallen soldiers from Illinois will be read aloud. The priest will extend a special blessing to all police officers, firefighters and military personnel that are present.

**Friday, December 11th**

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. William Church is located at 2559 N. Sayre. Contact St. William Church at (773) 637-6565 with any questions.



**Catholics Come Home:  
Chicago-Style Evangelization**

Many parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago have tried to find effective ways to reach out to “inactive” Catholics. This year, there is an evangelization effort that will support those efforts through a media campaign called **Catholics Come Home**. The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Dioceses of Joliet and Rockford have joined together in this evangelization effort and have funded the commercials, which will be shown on all major networks within this large viewing area including ABC, NBC, CBS, WGN, FOX, cable stations, Univision, Telemundo, Polsat and Polvision.

The centerpiece of this evangelization effort is a commercial titled Epic that has been translated into three languages: English, Polish, and Spanish. This commercial has won multiple awards, including a 2008 Telly Award for Top Honors and 2009 Communicator Awards. The commercial campaign will begin on December 16, 2009, and run for 5 ½ weeks; over that time, the average TV viewer will see a Catholics Come Home commercial 13 to 20 times.

The Office for Evangelization has created a webpage devoted to Catholics Come Home. This is the place to see a truly “Chicago” look of the media campaign and to find facts, photos, and resources specifically for parishes in the Archdiocese. For more information, go to [www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org).

## Catholic Funerals

### CATHOLIC CREMATION

During this month of All Souls, we are more acutely aware of our own mortality. With the growing popularity of cremation it is important that Catholics be informed on exactly what the Church teaches about cremation when making choices for themselves and for their loved ones.

The Church allows Catholics to be cremated and, since 1997, those cremated remains are allowed to be present in the church during the funeral Mass. Bringing the body to church in the casket before cremation has been allowed since the 1960's.

Unfortunately, there has been little education given to Catholics on this subject and exactly what moral expectations the Church places in the hands of survivors. Since parish staffs are not generally included to give counsel when funeral arrangements are made, we are left to rely solely on informed Catholics (like you) to make truly Catholic decisions.

If the option of cremation is chosen, a funeral Mass at St. Priscilla may be celebrated with the casket present if the cremation will take place later. A funeral Mass may also be celebrated with the urn containing the cremated remains. The gravest source of confusion lies in the final disposition of the cremated remains.

The final disposition of the cremated remains is a moral obligation placed on family members or friends. The guidelines approved by the Vatican very clearly state that, *"The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium [a cemetery vault designed for urns containing ashes of the dead]. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are NOT the reverent disposition that the Church requires."* The instructions also state that, if at all possible, the place of entombment should be marked with a plaque or stone memorializing the deceased.

When the family decides on a time and place for the entombment or burial, we ask that our parish office be contacted that we may schedule a priest to be present to preside over the committal service. This is not only a privilege for our priests, but a responsibility.

In our current culture, it has not only become popular, but romanticized to spread ashes on a favorite lake or park or storing them in the family home or dividing the ashes among family members. NONE of these is a moral option for Catholics. Despite the fact that the cremated remains are in a different form, they are still human remains and must be treated with dignity. Nobody would ever consider throwing the body of a loved one in a lake, leaving it in a park or keeping it at home. Nobody would ever dismember a body and divide the parts among family members. Doing such things with ashes is paramount to doing the same disrespectful actions to a body which was, in life, a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

We sincerely hope that the information in this article will assist you in making truly Catholic decisions for yourself and your loved ones when such occasions present themselves. It might also be helpful in informing friends or family on exactly what the Church teaches regarding funerals and cremation.