

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is amazing how in today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the Kingdom of heaven. He compares it to many things, but He never actually defines it.

I suppose Our Blessed Lord wanted us to know that the Kingdom of God is vastly more mysterious than a regular kingdom. And I know that when we try to define the Kingdom of God we end up with something very earthly.

For example, the Protestants—the—ones who call themselves “Christian”—they believe that the Kingdom of God will arrive at the Second Coming. They actually think that Jesus—when He returns—will rule the world for a thousand years.

This is wrong. Jesus is not going to come back and rule for any period of time—as if He were some sort of earthly King. It is almost blasphemous to think of God as a politician who rules our world in the most minute of details.

Now there are others who see the Kingdom of God as the world being ruled by God *indirectly*—a world in which the religious leaders are in total control. This is what we have in many Muslim countries—where the Imams and scholars make all the laws and do all the Interpretations.

This is wrong too. The Church understands that the priests have the Church to take care of and the laity will run the governments. And that is the way it should be.

But it does not mean that Jesus (by means of His Church), does not have a role to play in teaching the nations, the parliaments and congresses. Indeed nations must observe the laws of God. They must provide a way of life for the people to achieve their ultimate goal—getting to heaven—being saved. Nations should observe the teachings of the Catholic Church—wherever those teachings are necessary to save our souls.

This means that when the Kingdom of God is being lived—governments and nations promote family and morality. This is doing the will of God and living in His Kingdom.

We do the will of God even in our country's laws and civic structures. Anything that help families and people to live and to live virtuously must be encouraged and developed by law.

Things like marriage and jobs and big families and children must be protected by law. And anything that hurts people and families—like gay marriage and abortion must be outlawed.

It is clear—if we have been paying attention—that we are not near at all to the Kingdom of God. You wonder if anyone is trying to do the will of God. Certainly there are whole nations who suffer because they are not following God’s will. There are other nations who make others suffer—for the same reason.

What do we do? Well, if the Kingdom of God is doing the will of God in our own lives, then we must live as God wants us to live. And that means we must live our lives according to the teachings of Jesus taught to us by His Church. This is not just for Catholics—It is for everyone—including atheists and Muslims and Secularists.

The Kingdom of God—the reign of Jesus—begins in me—first here in my heart. That means I must worship God above all things. I must pray every day and go to Mass every Sunday. I must live a moral life—a modest life—a clean life. I must be kind and peaceful with everyone—at work or at home. I must follow the ten commandments.

But then eventually—after me—the Kingdom of Heaven takes hold in our families and then in our cities—and then in our countries. And eventually—though not perfectly—we will all be doing what God wants us to do.

Actually this is what we pray for in the Our Father when we say “Thy Kingdom come” we pray that His will be done—“on earth as it is in heaven.” First in me—and then out to the world. That is the Kingdom of God.

Fortnight for Freedom Mass & Picnic

Archdiocese of Chicago

Jackson Park

6401 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, IL
Saturday, June 27, 2015

Mass Starts at 4:00 p.m., Picnic immediately following until 7:00 p.m.

All are Welcome
Picnic Provided by the Knights of Columbus — No Charge
Bring a Chair and Picnic Blanket
See Back of Flyer for Directions to Picnic Area

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Dear Father Brankin,

This letter comes with my thanks and hearty congratulations to you, your parish staff and the entire St. Odilo community for exceeding your 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal parish goal of \$35,645.82. You have my deep appreciation and respect.

The people of St. Odilo under your dedicated leadership have responded generously to the Annual Appeal, clearly demonstrating that they have a firm grasp of what it means to live as those who are *Entrusted with Responsibility*. Please convey to your community my admiration for their willingness to sacrifice in a way that benefits others and transforms the world through Christ's loving presence. I am inspired by their sense of responsibility for others, a sentiment that is shared by all the many beneficiaries of their generosity.

Please let the people of St. Odilo know of my pledge to remember them in prayer and at the Lord's Table as I thank God for many gifts. Their prayers for me are much appreciated, and I am heartened by their remembrance of me.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Illinois Kids Campaign

Access to education is critical and we know first-hand the impact a high quality education can have on children. The Illinois Kids Campaign is a broad, state-wide coalition of public and faith-based organizations, urging lawmakers to Invest in Kids.

The Campaign supports investments such as teacher and parental tax credits, scholarships for private school students, and funding for arts and capital programs. It benefits both public and private schools and can open the doors for families to choose the school that's right for them. Please lend your support, contact your lawmaker and learn more at www.illinoiskidscampaign.org.

Looking for Marcelo!

A Bible was found in church with the name Marcelo written in it. If you know who lost this please call the rectory. 708-484-2161

Missing Key?

Did anyone lose a key that is marked Play House? It was found on the street outside the rectory.

Vacation Bible School

Games



Breakfast, Lunch
& Snacks

Experiments



Praise & Worship

July 13 - 17

8:00am to 2:00pm

At Saint Odilo Parish

Ages 3 - 11 years old

Totally Catholic VBS

Biblical Acts

EVEREST

Works of Mercy

Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power

Mass

Crafts

Visit www.saintodilo.org for online registration or
pick up a registration package at Saint Odilo Rectory.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Michael Termini, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Marge Shatas, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Ramon Marentes, Frank Stepnowski, Jody Stepnowski, Diane Reilly, Richard Wenc, Carolyn Johnson, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Paul Rosko, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Patricia Mars, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, George Fuoco, Eddie Shishkoff, Mark Hruska, Baby Carmody, Frances Rapacz, Maurice Ford, Lucille Chlapecka, Milly Kosinar, Patricia Stalzer, Marty Oborski, Jerry Kolman, Shirley Klein, Paul Lucas.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family, especially Laurence Mulcrone.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

June 14, 2015	\$10,789.96
Last Year	\$ 9,035.46
	Thank you!
	Fr. Brankin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

10:30AM-Exercise Club (CB)
6:30-Legion of Mary (PrR)
7PM-Special Events Committee (PrR)

WEDNESDAY...

10:30-Exercise Club (CB)
7PM-VBS (PR)

THURSDAY...

6PM-ESL (PH)
7PM-Bible Study (PR)
7PM-Armory of Christ (CB)
7PM-Spanish Lectors (PrR)

FRIDAY...

10:30AM-Exercise Group (CB)
6:30PM-Pequeno Rebanos (CB)

SATURDAY...

2PM-Arts & Crafts (PR)

WEDDING BANNS

III-Joseph Villanueva & Rosa Caraballa
I-Conor Knapp & Carla Celio

Here are the St. Odilo School raffle winners for June:

\$500.00 Bill Kubeczko
\$200.00 Raquel Ungureanu
\$ 50.00 Veronica Bermudez
\$ 50.00 Elizabeth Martinez

Group Contact Information
Armory of Christ-708-681-6879
Guadalupanos-708-484-2161 **Legion of Mary** -708-623-9280
Knights of Columbus-708-204-3761
Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima -708-484-1204
Little Flowers-469-487-9806 or limpauline6@gmail.com
Market Day-708-484-0755 **ESL**-708-287-7347
Spred-708-287-7347 **Ushers**-708-788-8136

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 22-SAINT PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP; SAINTS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP, AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

6:30AM-Father's Day Novena
8:00AM-Ignatius & Catherine Kutz (Mary Helen)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Tom Wisz (Nephew)
8:00AM-Father's Day Novena
-Donna Klingelschmitt (Sister, Milly)
-Pietro & Marie Martino (Paolo & Guisefina De Stano)
-Giovani & Maria Di Stefano (Paolo & Guisefina De Stano)
-Michelina & Oriento Suillo (Paolo & Guisefina De Stano)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24-THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:30AM-Eduardo Vergara (Family)
8:00AM-Father's Day Novena
3PM-Divine Mercy (CH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Father's Day Novena
8:00AM-Bultas & Tufo Families (Len Tufo)
-Paul Klingelschmitt (Sister, Milly)
-Virginia Florek (Barbara Mance)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26-SAINT ROMUALD, ABBOT

6:30AM-Sister Leopold (Nephew)
8:00AM-Father's Day Novena
4PM-Wedding of Joseph Villanueva & Rosa Caraballo

SATURDAY, JUNE 27-SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHRCH

8:00AM-Father's Day Novena
12PM-Quinceanera-Melanie Martinez
2PM-Quinceanera-Ruby Bernal
4PM-Karen Lindsey (Dr. Ken Miller)

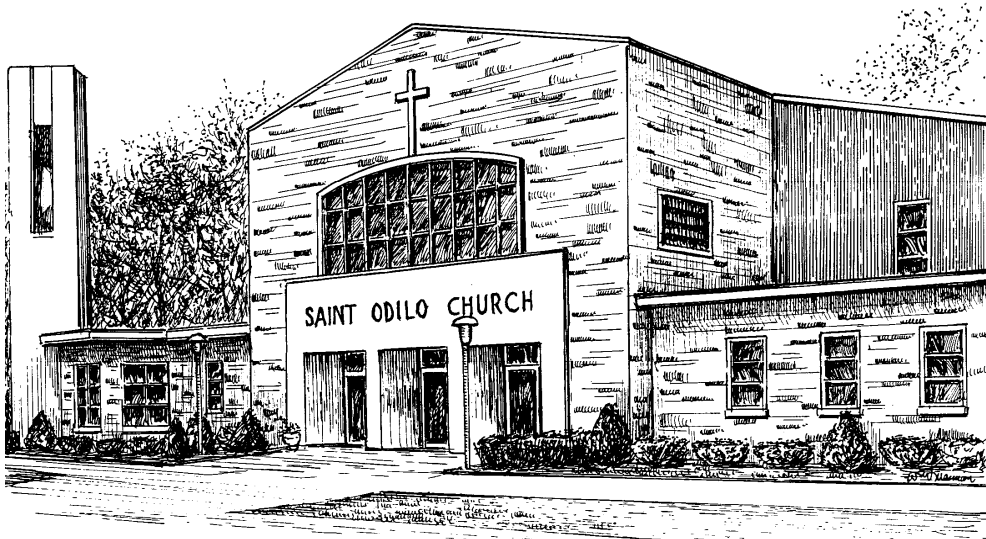
SUNDAY, JUNE 28-THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Bernardo Garcia (Lenor Garcia)
8AM-Francesco & Josephina Gaudio (Gaudio Family)
9:30-Robert C. Sterling (Daughter, Sr. Maria Paulina)
11AM-Father's Day Novena
12:30-Rosa Susana Rodriguez (Mariann Rodriguez)

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

June 27 & 28	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	J. Garcia A. Kowalski J. Stockhausen	K. Banet	C. Gleeson P. Gleeson L. Banet
7AM (Esp.)	M. Marin O. Pereda R. Cruz	R. Cruz	C. Ramirez A. Cruz R. Navarette
8AM	D. Kaminski N. Kmet B. Ouska	L. Thill	A. Rivera A. Gamboa E. Lopez S. Rollins
9:30AM			S. Suter A. Cisneros P. Cisneros
11AM	E. Hron R. Lorenz D. Wodarczyk	V. Cannella	B. Banda Jose Garcia
12:30PM (Esp.)	C. Cano E. Coronado M. Garcia E. Marquez	A. Lopez E. Lopez	J. Diaz John Garcia

Servers for week of June 22-27: S. Ruiz & L. Pliego



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2015

" *The Shrine* "

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

Rectory: 2244 East Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 484-2161
School: 2301 S. Clarence, Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 484-0755
Convent: 2319 S. Clarence, Berwyn, IL 60402 (708) 680-0909
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Web Address: www.saintodilo.org Fax: (708) 788-0565

Pastor:
Rev. Anthony Brankin

Priests:
Rev. Msgr. Richard Saudis

Deacon:
Mr. Alfonso Salgado

School Principal:
Mr. William Donegan

School Secretary:
Mrs. Virginia Uphues

CCD Coordinator:
Mrs. Idalia Gonzalez

Music Director:
Mr. Paul Rau
Parish Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler
Secretary:
Mrs. Gail Kunce

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8:10AM (Sat. 8AM)

Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM

Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)

Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

Church is open: Weekdays from 6AM - 4PM

Confessions: Saturday 11:15AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM
Saturday 9AM-9PM Sunday 9AM-9PM

All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

Visits to the Sick: Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

Quinceaneras: Cotillion Masses are available for our girls who have been confirmed-please call.