

July 1, 2018—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

Does History Repeat Itself?

I read this and felt I had to share it with you.

"My brothers and sisters were bid off first, and one by one, while my mother, paralyzed by grief, held me by the hand. Her turn came, and she was bought by Isaac Riley. Then I was offered to the assembled purchasers. My mother, half distracted with the thought of parting forever from all her children, pushed through the crowd while the bidding for me was going on, to the spot where Riley was standing. "She fell at his feet and clung to his knees, entreating him in tones that a mother only could command to buy her baby as well as herself. ... I must have been then between 5 and 6 years old. I seem to see and hear my poor weeping mother now."

These words from Josiah Henson's 1858 account of his life as a slave reminds us that separating children from their parents has a long history in our nation. Owners split apart spouses, parents and entire families in commercial transactions that legally dealt with persons as if they were property.

And again...After the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre, government authorities legally forced Native American families to send their children to official boarding schools. The objective, as Carlisle Indian Industrial School founder Capt. Richard H. Pratt put it, was to "kill the Indian in him and tame the man". In Indian schools around the country, Native American children were forced to cut their hair and forbidden to speak their Native American language. To our shame, some children were forced to adopt Christianity as they were "Americanized". Both these examples make clear that just because something is legal does not make it right. (Abortion, anyone?) To hear government officials, attempt to twist Sacred Scripture to justify the tearing apart of families at our southern borders is particularly reprehensible. The good news is that if they do have a Bible, they might discover those passages of Scripture that speak of God's love for the stranger and the outcast, and that tell us to care for the alien in our midst as if he were one of our own. They seem to have missed those passages. In the midst of all this ugliness, with children crying out for their parents in the background, one comment I heard from those in power was the warning that immigrants were going to "infest" our nation. Bugs infest. Roaches infest. Rats and mice infest. Human beings do not infest. To characterize human beings as insects or rodents is dehumanizing, and a complete failure to honor the dignity of each human person, which is the foundation of Catholic social teaching. In this day of the rise of neo-Nazis, it is not inappropriate to remember that the Nazis used similar language in speaking of the Jews. None of this is the stuff which makes a country great.

Today we are taking the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

Please be generous.

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Masses

Sunday 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

July 1 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....
Betty Ferguson, Donna Raclaw
Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
Communion Ministers.....
Megan Schulenburg, Sister Pat
Cummings, Easter Booker,
Amare Wilson, Josephine
Aguilar, Jacque Hale

July 1 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....

July 8 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Maria Vega
and Kellee Athens
Lector.....LaShonya Wilson,
Alexandria Wilson
Communion Ministers.....
Megan Schulenburg, Sister Pat
Cummings, Easter Booker,
Amare Wilson, Josephine
Aguilar, Jacque Hale
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

July 8 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....

July Ushers:

West Side.....Bob Johnson
Center West...Amare Wilson
Center East....Josephine Aguilar
East Side.....Eric Niamba

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for
new parishioners, weddings,
and baptisms.

News and information about
Holy Family Parish

Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
announcements**, including
names of people for the
prayer list, to
marina@holyfamilychicago.org
Announcements are due by
Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Michael Rosario Costa,
The Gibson Family,
Spencer Hooper,
Madelynn Jacobs, Ella Johnson,
Letece Lee,
Sr. Mary Ellen Mackey, BVM,
Raymond Milton,
Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Jose Mancilla

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

Loving Father, in your infinite
compassion, we seek your di-
vine protection for refugee
children who are often alone
and afraid. Provide solace to
those who have been
witnesses to violence and de-
struction, who have lost
parents, family, friends, home,
and all they cherish due to war
or persecution. Comfort them
in their sorrow, and bring help
in their time of need.
Show mercy to
unaccompanied migrant
children, too, Lord. Reunite
them with their families and
loved ones. Guide those
children who are strangers in
a foreign land to a place of
peace and safety. Comfort
them in their sorrow, and
bring help in their time of
need.

Show us how we might reach
out to these precious and
vulnerable children. Open our
hearts to migrant and
refugee children in need, so
that we might see in them
your own migrant Son. Give us
courage to stand up in their
defense against those who
would do them harm.

*For this we pray through our
Lord Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you in the uni-
ty of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

June 17	9:45.....\$919.12
	5:00.....\$274.00
Give Central.....	\$910.00
	(Difference - \$1396.88)
June 24	9:45.....\$1278.00
	5:00.....\$838.49
Give Central.....	\$375.00
	(Difference-\$1008.51)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....	\$145,664.24
Budget.....	\$182,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-\$36,335.76)

*((\$3,500 a week for 52 weeks.)

If you use an envelope that is
not pre printed with your name or
#, please be sure to write the
information on it so you can
receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be
made at givecentral.org Call the
parish office with any questions or
for help with online donations.

You can also click on the
'Donate' link on our web page.
www.holyfamilychicago.org

Thank you for your support.

Calendar

July 15th
2018 -
Closing of
our 160th
Anniversary

Sunday,
July 22
Women of
the Spirit

Sunday,
August 26
Women of the Spirit

Saturday, Sept. 8
Hunger Walk



