

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

February 3, 2019  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Tirso Villaverde  
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**School Principal**, Christine Huzenis  
**Music Ministry**, Steve Burke  
Howard Schneider

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

### Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.  
An appointment can also be made  
by calling one of the priests.

## OFFICES

**Rectory** (773) 764-0615  
2324 W. Chase  
Hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm  
**Parish Website:**  
[www.smmchicago.org/parish](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)  
**Parish School** (773) 271-2008  
Northside Catholic Academy

## Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont  
**Holy Hands**  
(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

This weekend, I share the news that later this year we will be entering into the process known as Renew My Church. It is an effort by the Archdiocese to bring vitality and life back into our faith communities. As a part of this process, our parish has been grouped together with the parishes of St. Henry, St. Timothy, and Blessed Andrew Stepinac Croatian Catholic Mission.

The process of Renew My Church for us is scheduled to start in the summer of this year. But, as early as the spring of this year, our parishes are supposed "to get to know" one another. In some ways, we have already been doing this. For example, for many years there has been a group of lay leaders from the various parishes of the area who meet regularly in what are called Deanery Meetings to share information and address the needs of the area. I am grateful that we have at least two parishioners who have been serving faithfully in these Deanery Meetings.

Another example will take place this coming May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 when the parishes of St. Henry and St. Timothy will send their candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation to join us in one multi-parish and multi-lingual Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Alberto Rojas. This year, our parish had enough candidates to qualify us for a bishop to come and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young candidates. Unfortunately, neither the parishes of St. Henry or St. Timothy had enough of their own candidates to qualify. So they have asked to join. We were glad to accommodate them and all are looking forward for the opportunity.

To return, though, to the Renew My Church process, it will involve conversations between the pastoral leadership of all four communities to assess the needs of the Catholic faithful in our part of Rogers Park. We will be talking honestly and seriously about our current and future challenges, the assets and resources that each parish community currently has, and finally to evaluate how the four parishes in our grouping might together better proclaim the gospel and the Catholic faith in this local area.

At this point, I will be frank and honest. I am sure that many of you have already heard about the Renew My Church process taking place in other parts of the Archdiocese. I am sure that some of you may have been distressed by the news of parishes having to merge or even close. As you now hear that SMM will be entering into the same process, I know the first question in your minds is simply, will the same thing happen to us?

I can respond with "I do not know" which is the honest truth. But, I would rather like to respond by saying, "That is not necessarily the healthiest approach to the process." As we hear the news all over the Archdiocese of parishes being merged and/or closed, I know that everyone in the four parishes of our grouping have the same fear. Yes, that is a possibility but again, Renew My Church is not simply a matter of deciding which parishes will close/merge. The goal is to figure out the best way our four communities might collaboratively spread and proclaim the gospel message as well as teach and celebrate the Catholic.

The days are gone when every parish can sustain its own youth ministry, its own Minister of Care ministry, its own this group or that group, etc. The resources of every parish have become limited and the time has come to figure out what resources we can share and better fulfill the gospel mission that has been entrusted to our communities. So, in essence, this is the goal of the Renew My Church process and this is what I would like all of us to keep in our minds as we enter into the process.

The process again is scheduled to begin by this summer. The conversations are supposed to last for the remainder of the year and hopefully in early 2020 we will have come to a consensus of what needs to happen in our particular area of Rogers Park. At this point, though, I do not know what that might be and the future will always bring challenges. But it will also invite us to enter into a renewed sense of who we are called to be as disciples of Jesus. Until we get to that bridge, let us pray that our faith will be strong when life seems easy so that when life becomes a little challenging, we will not lose faith.



Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## COLLECTION REPORT

January 27, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,388.17
Loose Money .....	\$ 651.35
Total Collection .....	\$3,039.52
Variance.....	(\$5,902.48)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	89

### ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

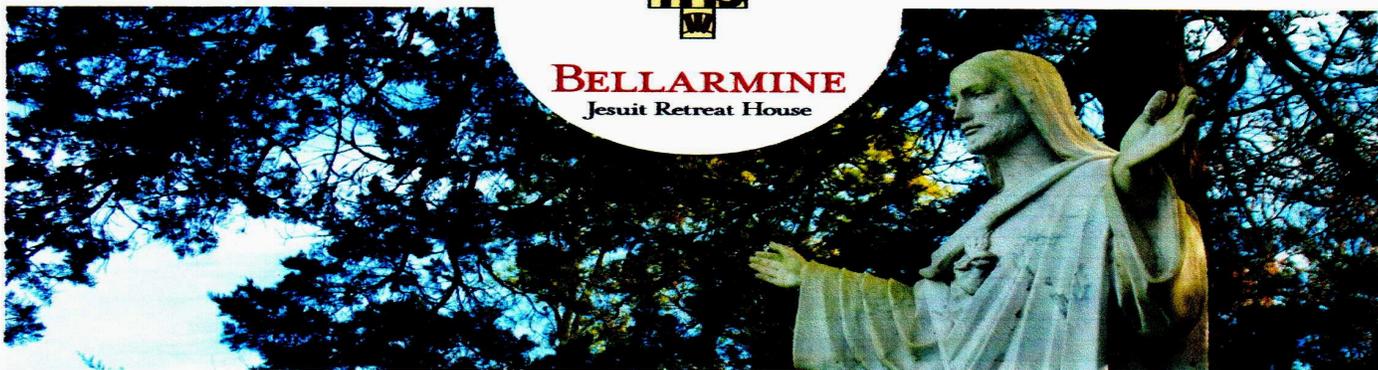
after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses on  
February 10  
February 24  
March 10

Any child between 3rd grade and 8th grade is welcome to become an altar server. Training will be for new altar servers, but current altar servers are welcome to help with the training.

For more information, please contact Fr. Tirso.



**BELLARMINÉ**  
Jesuit Retreat House



### "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

**March 22-24, 2019**

Retreat Master Mary McKeon  
An Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men

Knowing *about* Jesus is part of our faith development; coming to intimately *know* Jesus leads to spiritual depth and transformation. Scripture, silence, and prayer are key to meeting Jesus heart to heart. This retreat is about your personal response to the question Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"



#### Meet Mary McKeon

Mary McKeon is a member of Bellarmine's ministry staff, a spiritual director, and coordinator of women's ministry. Mary is a graduate of Marquette University. She taught school in Milwaukee's inner city before moving to Washington, DC to work for the United States Senate. She and her late husband have a daughter, son-in-law and three grandsons who are the joy of her life. Mary received her training as a spiritual/retreat director at the Jesuits' Manresa Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she served on the ministry team and became their first Director of Women's Ministry. In 2014, Mary was honored with Manresa's Lifetime Achievement Award.

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To register, visit us online at [www.jesuitretreat.org](http://www.jesuitretreat.org), call the office, or complete this form and mail it to the address above accompanied with your **\$85 deposit**. If you are interested in *Flexible Funding*, please call the office at 847-381-1261.

I am registering for the following retreat (list date): **March 22-24, 2019 Men's Weekend Retreat**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to:  
**Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House, Inc.** (Checks are preferred)

Please charge my credit card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type, if applicable: **Visa Amex MC Discover**  
Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggested retreat contribution:** Weekend Retreat is \$285 per person (\$85 deposit); 4-Day Retreat is \$360 per person

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# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**EXERCISE CLASS** meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at [HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org](mailto:HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org) or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

St. Margaret Mary Parish  
 Celebration of St. Patrick & St. Joseph  
 Saturday evening, March 9, 2019  
 In the Activity Center, immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass

Dinner \$40.00

Corned Beef, sliced                      Poached Salmon fillets  
 Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots  
*Catered by Max & Benny's*

Dessert

donations requested for the dessert table  
 Italian Sweets & Pastries such as ...  
 Tiramisu - Biscotti - Cannoli - Pizzelle - Pignolo

Cash Bar Beer or Wine \$5.00

Coffee & Tea  
 Water & Soft Drinks included  
 Tables for 6 to 8 guests.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks may be made payable to St. Margaret Mary Parish  
 and placed in the Rectory mail slot or the Sunday Collection  
 in an envelope marked "Party".*

## CYCLES OF FAITH

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

## +PARISH DEVOTIONS+

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**  
Every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Every Friday following 8:45 am Mass until 7:00 pm.  
Please enter the middle door, school side.  
(Become a regular, call  
Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or  
Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)  
Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;  
Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm  
on all other Fridays.

**HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING**  
Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
Every 1st Friday of the month  
beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.  
Fellowship follows after Mass.  
Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

**FATIMA ROSARY**  
First Saturday of the month  
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

### Readings for the week of February 3, 2019

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17  
[cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/  
Lk 4:21-30

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/  
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32  
[cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a  
[cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,  
10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/  
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
[1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/  
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made  
at least three months in advance.

**Baptisms:** On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month  
immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make  
arrangements at least one month in advance.  
Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday  
of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

## R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic  
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and  
invite them to register at the rectory.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 3 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh  
10:30 am Julita Trovela

### Monday, February 4

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace

### Tuesday, February 5 St. Agatha

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace  
Carlos Gabo, Sr.  
Carlos Gabo, Jr.

### Wednesday, February 6 St. Paul Miki

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace

### Thursday, February 7

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace

### Friday, February 8

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace

### Saturday, February 9

8:00 am Special Intention  
World Peace  
4:00 pm Ann Donohue  
Kate Kanney

### Sunday, February 10 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Deceased members of SMM  
10:30 am Mary Marren  
Julita Trovela  
Irinea Tiongson

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, February 4

Pauline Ohiri

#### Wednesday, February 6

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Saturday, February 9

A Volunteer Is Needed

### Lectors

#### Saturday, February 2

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Maureen Varallo

#### Sunday, February 3

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh  
10:30 am Jan Stoner & Lucy Ibekwem

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, February 2

4:00 pm M. Neba, D. Cole, G. Lindor,  
M. Fallon, J. Moylan & J. Ashbach

#### Sunday, February 3

8:30 am P. & R, Mackin, L. Igboanugo,  
R. Hardy, L. Honda & C. Chima  
10:30 am A. Baldonado, P. Ohiri, M. Grigsby,  
J. Seruelo, Y. Malicay, B. Alban &  
K. Conoquie

### Lectors

#### Saturday, February 9

4:00 PM Julie Ashbach & Judy Moylan

#### Sunday, February 10

8:30 am Reid Mackin  
10:30 am Alex Luciano & Betty David

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, February 9

4:00 pm A. Blumberg, G. Lindor, D. Cole &  
M. Varallo

#### Sunday, February 10

8:30 am M. Neba, C. Chima, L. Honda,  
R. Hardy, L. Igboanugo &  
J. & T. Murtaugh  
10:30 am T. Luciano, B. Skiles, K. Conoquie,  
Y. Malicay, L. Ibekwem,  
M. Grigsby & J. Seruelo

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



to everyone who generously donated socks and underwear for children for our Epiphany project.

Your gifts were gratefully received by The New Life Shelter for mothers and children.

