

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

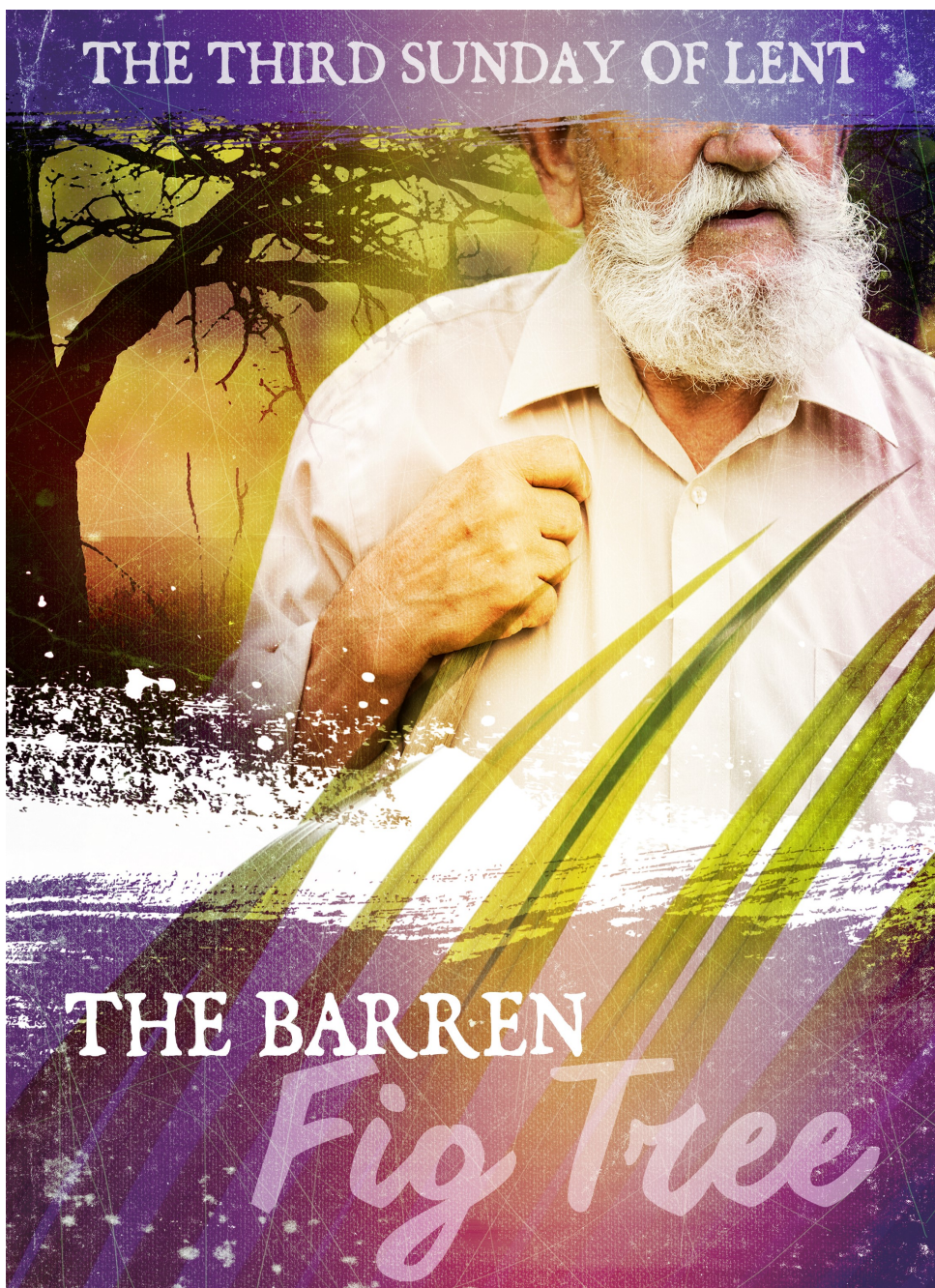
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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



THE BARREN

*Fig Tree*

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Tirso Villaverde  
**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett  
**Residents**, Rev. Harold Murphy  
Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.  
**Deacon**, Michael Neba  
**Accountant**, Jim Masini  
**Religious Ed**, Cynthia Splatt  
**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

*Mutuality is a vision of justice by which the power of God calls us to reconcile ourselves, one to another, in an effort to usher forth our most liberating, creative possibilities and futures. Mutuality signals relational growth and change, and it constitutes an invitation into shaping the future together."*

One of our parishioners shared this quote with me the other day. I thought it appropriate as I offer a brief update on the process of Renew My Church.

As I wrote several weeks ago, our parish has been grouped together with the parishes of St. Henry, St. Timothy, and Blessed Andrew Stepanic Croatian Catholic Mission in the process of Renew My Church. Again, RMC is the endeavor of the Archdiocese to come up with new and creative ways to shape the future of parish communities wherein they will remain active, vibrant, and capable of spreading the Word of God. On several occasions, I have mentioned to people that the forthcoming changes in our future are all meant to help us to learn to be a parish in a whole new way. This is how I personally am looking at the process of Renew My Church.

Of course, the process of envisioning the future must not and will not be the task of just one person here in our parish community or in the parishes with which we have been grouped. It will necessarily require a conversation between several people and opportunities for input from the greater whole of our respective communities. On our local level, Art Blumberg has volunteered to assist me in the process of Renew My Church. But, again, it will not just be the two of us who will be involved. We will soon begin forming a discernment team in which members of the parish will join in the process of the Renew My Church conversations and envisioning the possible future of all our parish communities. This team will then work in close collaboration with other people and committees from the Archdiocesan level in the very same process. Recommendations will then be presented to the Cardinal who will ultimately make the final decision.

The five or so parishioners that will make up our local team must not only be representative of the parish community but also people who will be able to have their finger on the pulse of the parish. We want to make sure that all parishioner voices are heard. In essence, it will be that sense of mutuality—or collaboration, if you prefer—that will the process.

As we look to the future, the one thing that is most certain is that change will be in the air. We may not like change but changes are inevitable and unavoidable. Yet, change does not necessarily have to mean things will be bad nor should we approach change in a negative sort of way. While they are happening, changes can be unpleasant. But, if we remain open to the grace of God, we will eventually see that with change come new and endless possibilities that we may never have been able to imagine if we stayed in one place. In order for this to happen, we need to envision things together which we will do to the best of our ability.

With that in mind, I share with you a little bit of a timeline of events in regards to Renew My Church:

Date	Event	Details
Easter 2019	RMC 101 Informational meeting—all parishioners will be invited	TBD
May 2019	SMM Team Members will be selected	
June 1, 2019	Teams gather for prayer and initial conversation with the Cardinal	TBD
June 22, 2019	Teams gather for a retreat to begin the process with prayer	TBD
July 17 or 23, 2019	Teams gather for a scenario co-creation meeting	TBD
September–November 2019	Renew My Church conversations begin in earnest	
December 2019–January 2020	Recommendations presented to the Cardinal for review and a final decision	
February–June 2020	Parishes are prepared for whatever new configuration that will be forthcoming	
July 2020	New configuration of parishes is implemented	

In the meantime, let us all pray that God's grace will keep our eyes fixed on the truth that, in the end, we will be a stronger and more vibrant Catholic Church here in West Rogers Park.

Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.



## HELP GET READY FOR HOLY WEEK

Plastic Easter Eggs are available for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. Parishioners are invited to take home as many packages as you would like, fill the eggs with coins, religious mementos, or candy. The filled eggs need to be returned to the parish by Palm Sunday, April 14th.

For any parishioner living within a 1/2 mile radius from the church (preferably within the area of Howard to the north, Greenleaf to the south, Damen to the east and Campbell to the west), we can use volunteers to have your homes designated as one of the "stations" for our Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19th at 3 pm. You need not be home during the outdoor stations. If you volunteer your home, you will be given an image of your assigned station and be asked to display the image in your front window, out on your lawn, or anywhere else on your property where it will be easily visible for us to pray that particular station. If you are interested, please call Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or email at [tvillaverde@archchicago.org](mailto:tvillaverde@archchicago.org).



### CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR RENT:** sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or [Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com](mailto:Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com); 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534;  
**ROOMMATE NEEDED:** Ridge/Touhy, \$410/mo, Marietta, 773-892-8311;  
**NEEDED:** handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### COLLECTION REPORT

**March 17, 2019**

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,125.04
Loose Money .....	\$ 825.69
Total Collection .....	\$3,950.73
Variance.....	(\$4,991.27)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	104

### SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Troop 923 Boy Scout All You Can Eat  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Palm Sunday,  
 April 14, 2019  
 8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 Pick up your  
 Spring flower bulbs  
 or order more!



### SMM LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

SMM parishioners and friends are invited to make the traditional Lenten custom of visiting seven churches on  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

Mass at SMM at 8:00 am  
 Leave SMM at 8:30 am/ Return by 4:00 pm  
 36 Pilgrims Maximum  
 Cost will be \$40/pilgrim

Cost covers the coach bus and a bag lunch. Reservations will be on a first come/first serve basis, so sign up soon! For information, contact Fr. Tirso, 773-764-0615 or via email at [tvillaverde@archchicago.org](mailto:tvillaverde@archchicago.org).

More information about each church can be found in the Gathering Space.



There will be a second collection for **EASTER FLOWERS** on the weekend of March 30th & 31st.

# 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 7:15 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at [HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org](mailto:HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org) or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

## THE LIVING SUPPER

Wednesday evening, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm in the Activity Center

The Religious Education Program and Natalie Blaser and Daniel Zeckhauser

invite you to an

## INTERFAITH SEDER

On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated a Passover meal with his disciples, his family and his friends. When He broke the bread and blessed the cup, He said "do this in memory of me." As we prepare once again for the Easter season, we are blessed to have a young, interfaith couple who will share with us the traditions of the Jewish Passover meal, the origin of our Christian Eucharist.

If you would like to prepare a traditional Passover dish to share, we can give you the recipe. Contact Cynthia Splatt at [cynthiasplatt@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiasplatt@gmail.com).

A free will offering is asked for the benefit of the Holy Hands Ministry.

Yes, we want to participate,


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## LENTEN WORD SEARCH



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ABSTAIN  
ALMS  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
CROSS  
CRUCIFIXION  
FASTING  
FORTY DAYS  
GOOD FRIDAY  
HOLY THURSDAY  
LENT  
PALM SUNDAY  
PRAYER  
REPENTANCE  
SACRIFICE  
TRIDUUM

## CYCLES OF FAITH

3rd Sunday of Lent

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

### Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## BAPTISMS

**+Thomas Joseph Lala,** son of Joseph & Tracee (Castanos), received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May his parents and godparents be a light to his life.



## +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.

## 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, March 24 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Dolores Chozianin  
Don Tres
- 10:30 am Irinea Tiongson  
Julita Trovela  
Peg & Bill Hanlon (living)  
Nicholas Wallis  
Singson Wong Ng  
Antonio Ng, Sr.  
Ng Pee  
John Ortiz

### Monday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Tuesday, March 26

- 8:00 am Antonia L. & Eugenio R. Dias

### Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Thursday, March 28

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Friday, March 29

- 8:00 am Noreen Conway (living)

### Saturday, March 30

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM  
4:00 pm Ann Donohue

### Sunday, March 31 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Lawrence Littel  
George Meyers
- 10:30 am Julita Trovela

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, March 25

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Wednesday, March 27

Terry Luciano

#### Saturday, March 30

A Volunteer Is Needed

### Lectors

#### Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm Judy Moylan & Mary Fallon

#### Sunday, March 24

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh  
10:30 am Alex Luciano & Bill Bingham

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm D. Cole, G. Lindor, M. Varallo & J. Ashbach

#### Sunday, March 24

8:30 am M. Neba, L. Igboanugo, R. Hardy, L. Honda, P. & R. Mackin & C. Chima  
10:30 am G. Potucek, T. Luciano, B. David, B. Skiles, M.K. McGuire, Y. Malicay & B. Alban

### Lectors

#### Saturday, March 30

4:00 PM Julie Ashbach & Maureen Varallo

#### Sunday, March 31

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin  
10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Bill Bingham

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, March 30

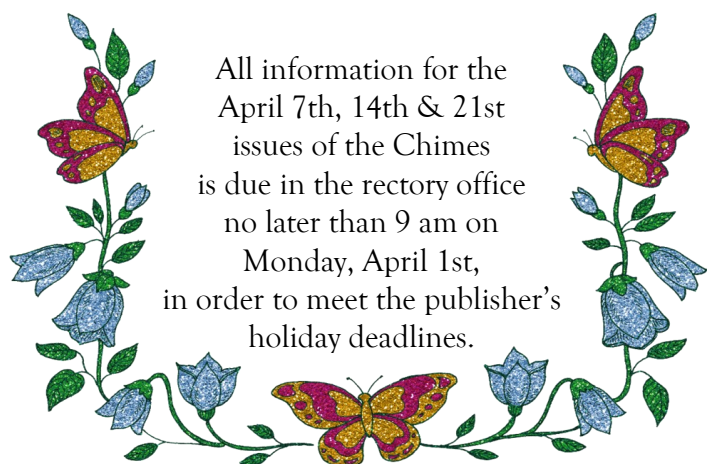
4:00 pm M. Fallon, J. Moylan, G. Lindor & D. Cole

#### Sunday, March 31

8:30 am P. Mackin, C. Chima, L. Honda, R. Hardy, J. & T. Murtaugh & L. Igboanugo  
10:30 am M. Neba, A. Baldonado, M. Grigsby, P. Ohiri, J. Seruelo, L. Ibekwem & V. Onyeaghala

"During this Lent,  
let us all ask the Lord:  
*Make our hearts like yours.*"

-Pope Francis



All information for the  
April 7th, 14th & 21st  
issues of the Chimes  
is due in the rectory office  
no later than 9 am on  
Monday, April 1st,  
in order to meet the publisher's  
holiday deadlines.