

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

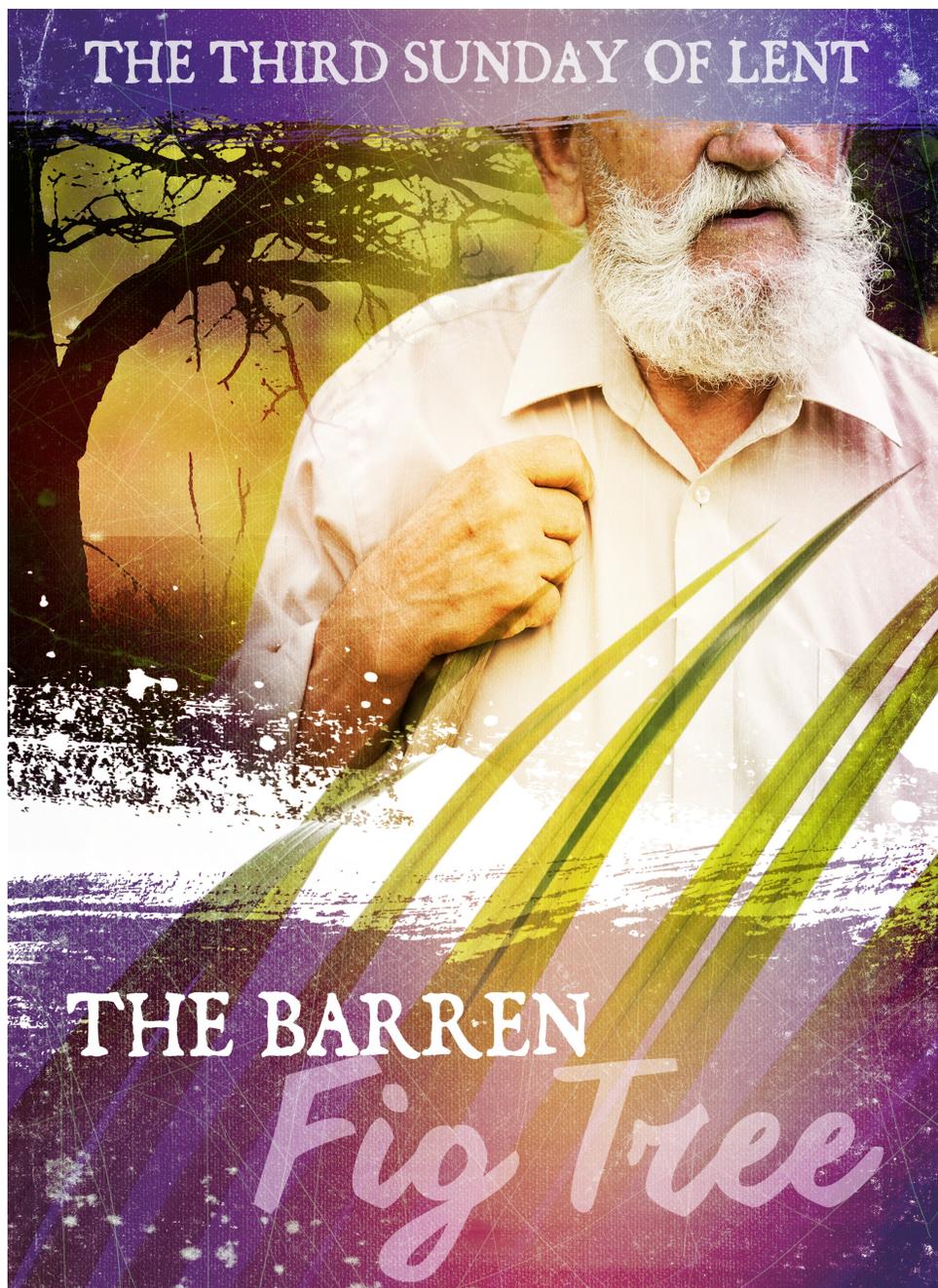
2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



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
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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

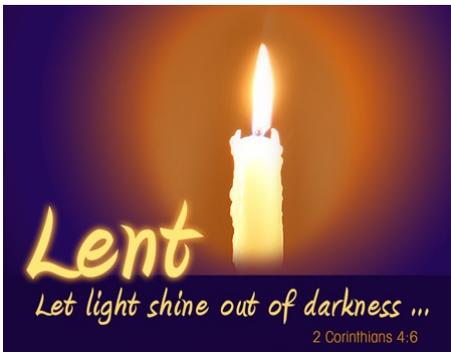
March 17, 2019

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

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.



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.

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

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; 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.

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 or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

THE LIVING SUPPER

Wednesday evening, April 10th, 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.

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.