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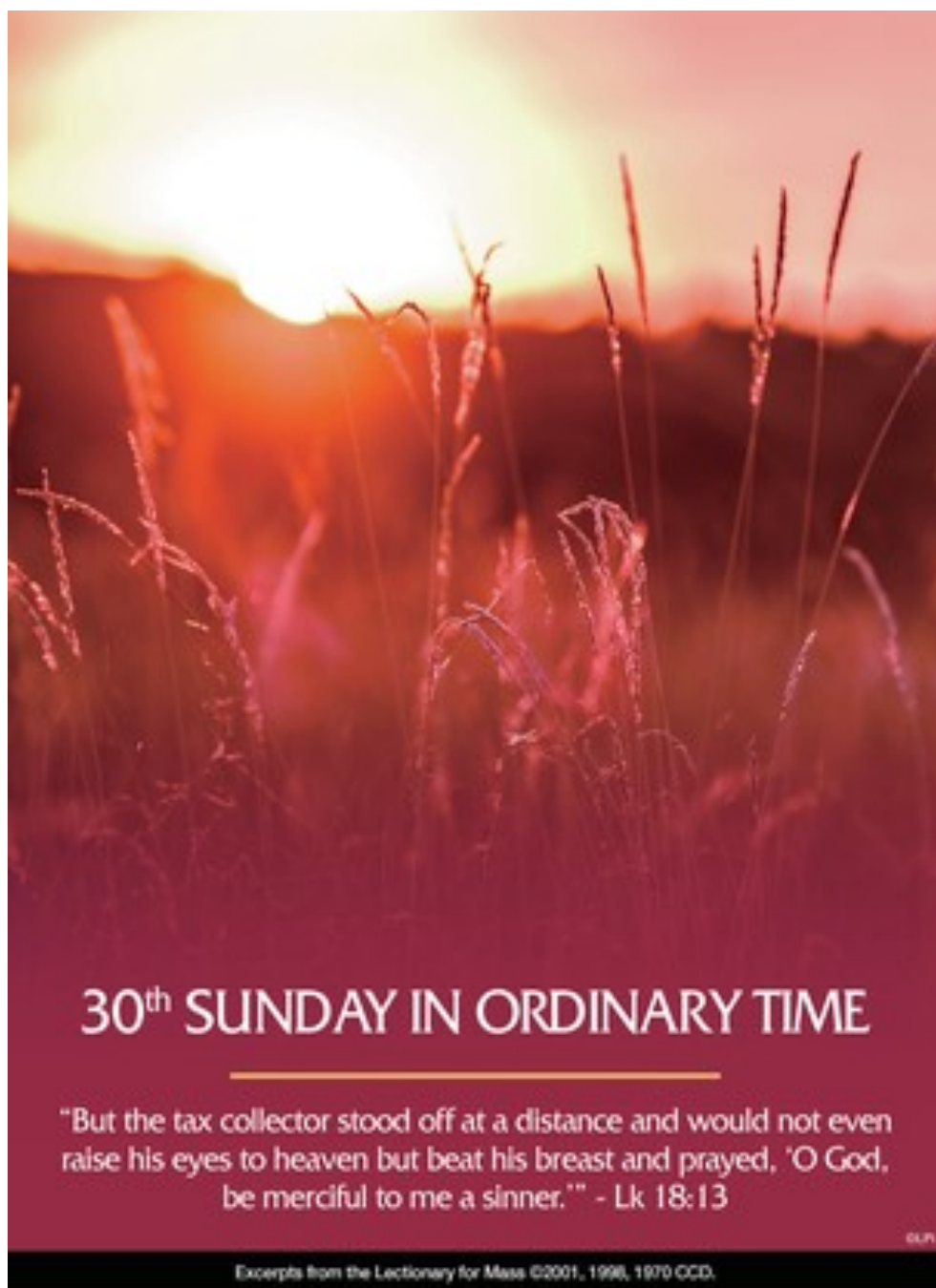
The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



October 27, 2019

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

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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-Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

Friday by appointment

Parish Website:

www.smmchicag.org/parish

Parish School (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

The Renew My Church process continues for our grouping. At this point, the Discernment Team and I are preparing for the next grouping meeting which is to take place this week. At this stage in the process, we have selected members from each team who will work together to put into writing a summary of the feedback that we have collected from all four parish communities. After the first draft has been written, the teams will all meet once more to finalize the draft before it is submitted for the next stage in the process.

Once the report is finalized, it will be submitted to the Renew My Church executive team in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The draft will be reviewed and the members of the executive team will be able to make their own recommendations/comments regarding the feedback in the report. Then it will then be passed on to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese.

The Presbyteral Council is an advisory board to the Cardinal and it is made up of priests and bishops from the various vicariates of the Archdiocese. Most of the members of this council are pastors themselves so they are able to see things from that pastoral point of view. Once the report has been reviewed by the Presbyteral Council, the members of that council will also add their own comments and recommendations regarding the feasibility of the scenarios as they were presented to the four parishes in our grouping. All of these will then be submitted to the Cardinal for the final review.

The Cardinal will ultimately have the pastoral duty to make the decision. He is the shepherd of this local Church in Chicago so he does have the right and the obligation to make the final decision. Once he has reviewed the report and read through everyone's recommendations, the announcement will be made at each of our parish communities. This should be either before the end of this calendar year or shortly after the start of the new year.

As we can all imagine, this is a difficult time full of anxiety and worry for everyone involved. On our end, we need to be prepared and open for whatever possibility there might be. As strong of a parish community as we may be, our greatest challenge on this local level still remains our inability to pay our ordinary bills. The concern moving forward will be how to avoid this weakness from dragging down the newly configured parish right from the very beginning. Even though everyone in the Archdiocese ultimately wants to make sure that whatever new parish is formed will be set up for success, we need to give attention and focus on our spirituality of stewardship.

This weekend as we review the parish's annual financial report, I ask that we all seriously reflect on the question of whether or not our sense of giving of our treasure is motivated by a deep gratitude for God's gifts to us. The stronger we are aware of how good God has been to us, the stronger will be our desire and commitment to care for the things that we have been given.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde

CANDLE LIGHT ROSARY

Saturday, November 2nd
5:00—6:00 pm

St. Margaret Mary Holy Hands, our community outreach ministry, is hosting a prayerful evening...Candle Light Rosary.

Holy Hands is giving a Thank You for all the faithful parishioners who made the outreach possible by giving.

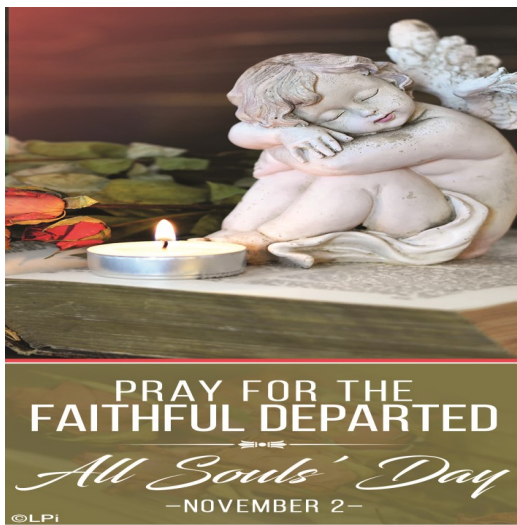
Memorial candles will be available to light for your loved ones who have passed on.

Especially invited are all those families who have lost someone during the past year. The names of those who have died since last November will be mentioned during the Rosary Service.

As the season turns and the year ends, we remember our ancestors in the Faith. The Celtic church celebrates All Hallows Eve, The Hispanic cultures celebrate the Day of the Dead, Christians around the world celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

For the month of November, all are invited to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to church and place them before the statue of the Virgin Mary in the sanctuary. We will keep them in our prayers during the month dedicated to the holy ones who have gone before us in faith.

Please bring your pictures next weekend, November 2nd and 3rd.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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COLLECTION REPORT

October 13, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,659.00
Loose Money	\$ 726.34
Total Collection	\$3,385.34
Variance.....	(\$5,556.66)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	96

COLLECTION REPORT

October 20, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$3,577.80
Loose Money	\$ 694.87
Total Collection.....	\$4,272.67
Variance	(\$4,669.33)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used.....	98

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

This weekend we conclude our participation in the Baby Bottle Project of The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland.

BABY BOTTLES ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND!

Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return (filled or empty) upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers. Also, if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you.

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.gznm@statefarm.com;
NEEDED: handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

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.

FATHER HAL'S SCRIPTURE PROGRAM

Autumn leaves are already falling, but there's still time to do something serious. How about spending a few weeks reflecting on a brief work of the New Testament, the Epistle of St. James. Our text will be JAMES: PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK.

This letter is one of the "Catholic Epistles" because the author, James, did not write this work to a particular city but rather addressed it to the universal Church. (By the way, Martin Luther called James a "straw apostle" and did not think this work was an authentic part of the Bible. We'll examine Luther's opinion.) This work was written before any of the gospels were composed and we'll examine its unique point of view. James has much to teach us about our own lives of Faith.

Because it is so late in the season, our program will be four sessions rather than seven. Each week we will examine two chapters in our text. The program will begin on Tuesday, November 19th and conclude on December 10th. Each session will meet from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm, and we will meet in McCarthy Hall. (The text book is provided by the parish, and there is no charge for the program.)

If you wish to spend some time reflecting on scripture, please consider this program. You can register by calling Father Hal or Julie Kent at 773-764-0615. Remember, studying the Bible is an opportunity to experience the Lord's promise, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



BOY SCOUT TROOP 923 IS SELLING CHRISTMAS WREATHS THIS YEAR!

They will be taking orders after Masses this weekend, October 26th & 27th. The wreaths will be delivered after the Masses the weekend of November 23rd and 24th. All proceeds go to help send the boys to summer camp next July at Owassipe in northern Michigan.



Readings for the week of October 27, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

CYCLES OF FAITH

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. *"O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector."* For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. *"O God, by merciful to me a sinner."* This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who *"went home justified."* How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?

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+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:00 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.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Ed Daugherty** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



BAPTISMS

+Daniel Patrick Arena,

son of Mariano & Jamie (Koser),
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.

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, October 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers
Rosemary O. Janito
- 10:30 am Rosie Thiel
Julita Trovela
Mary Scully

Monday, October 28 Ss. Simon & Jude

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, October 29

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, October 30

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, October 31

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, November 1 All Saints Day

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
7:00 pm Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, November 2 All Souls Day

- 8:00 am Maurita Baja
Agnes Robst
Ann Donohue
Zenaida Wijngerg
Julita Trovela
Christian Trovela
Irinea Tiongson
Juanito Tiongson

Sunday, November 3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
- 10:30 am Julita Trovela
Howard Infante
Intentions of SMM Donor
Gleceria Rosal

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, October 28

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, October 30

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, November 2

Elsie Heyler

Lectors

Saturday, October 26

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Mary Fallon

Sunday, October 27

8:30 am Michele Okeifufe &
Bernadette Edom

10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Jan Stoner

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

8:30 am J. & T. Murtaugh, B. Russell,
L. Igboanugo & R. Hardy

10:30 am M. Neba, K. Conorquie, Y. Malicay,
V. Onyeaghala, B. Bingham,
B. Alban & G. Potucek

Lectors

Saturday, November 2

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, November 3

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Peter Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 2

4:00 pm A. Blumberg, A. Alban, B. Alban,
M. Neba, J. Ashbach, M. Varallo &
J. Moylan

Sunday, November 3

8:30 am L. Honda, P. Mackin, R. Hardy
L. Igboanugo, J. & T. Murtaugh &
B. Russell

10:30 am M. Grigsby, A. Baldonado, B. David,
L. Ibekwem, T. Linwood, J. Seruelo &
B. Skiles

“RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: “Renew My Church.” Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good and to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.