

The Chimes

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SAINT MARGARET MARY

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November 3, 2019

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
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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.smmchicago.org/parish
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

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

For the benefit of those who may not have been able to be here at the parish last weekend, I wanted to take this opportunity first to offer a summary of the presentation of the financial report from last weekend. If you still need an actual copy of the report, copies are available in the information racks in the narthex/vestibule of the church.

As I mentioned last weekend and, in the report,, the only line of the report that should be of real importance is the “bottom line.” Unfortunately, the bottom line tells us that we again ended the last fiscal year with a deficit. This time, the deficit was in the amount of \$172K. If you look at the report, this was better than the year before where we ended with a deficit of almost \$190K. We continue to go in the right direction, but the gap is still pretty wide between our ordinary income and our ordinary expenses.

One question a parishioner had last week was where do the capital projects appear in the report (i.e. the church floors, stained glass windows, etc.)? It was a good question and in case anyone else might have been wondering the same, the answer is that those projects did not affect the bottom line. Since we had the money on hand for those projects, they paid for themselves. Again, we did not start any of those projects without first knowing that we had enough funds to complete them. Whether the funds came from our To Teach Who Christ Is campaign revenue, private donations, or our fund raising efforts, we were only able to complete those projects because we had the funds available. Since these were not paid from our ordinary income, they did not affect our bottom line nor did they add to the deficit.

As I also mentioned last weekend, our ongoing challenge continues to be our Sunday collection. Every week, what we collect through the regular Sunday collections has not been enough to pay for our ordinary expenses. As you can also tell from the report, our Sunday collections continue to decrease each year. As that trend continues, it becomes more and more difficult for us to keep up with our expenses. We have tried to cut expenses as much as possible. But, at this point, there is not much more we are able to cut without running the risk of eliminating existing ministries and/or services. For this reason, we each need to do whatever we are able to increase our giving on a regular basis. The parish depends on the income that we are able to give on a weekly basis. As hard as it is for me to ask once again, would each of us pray and consider increasing our Sunday giving even by 10% or whatever amount is manageable? I repeat what I shared last weekend. Namely, no matter how much we are able to increase our giving, we need to make sure that whatever amount we are giving is a direct expression of our gratitude for all of the good things that God has given to us.

I imagine what might be on the minds of some parishioners. Given the fact that we are in the process of Renew My Church and several of the proposed scenarios have called for at least one or maybe even more parishes to be merged with us, we should be okay once that merger happens. I am sure that some might be thinking that with the added numbers, the collection will grow and we will be able to keep up with our expenses.

While there is strength in numbers, we are still not sure what the future will look like for us. Even if we do get merged with other parish communities, there is no guarantee that everyone in each community will be happy with the new reality. There is a good chance that our numbers may not grow in the way we expect. And, even if the numbers do grow significantly, we should not expect of others what we do not expect of ourselves. In other words, we still need to do our own fair share of carrying the load.

Again, I ask that we each take a look at our commitment to our faith and allow every action of ours to be a reflection of our immense gratitude for all the good that God has given to us. If God has been so good to us even when we were not deserving of His goodness, how much more should our lives be a profound expression of our undying appreciation for all of God's benefits that He has showered down upon us?

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.



PRAY FOR THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
— — —
All Souls' Day
— NOVEMBER 2 —
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

October 27, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,567.65
Loose Money	\$ 934.01
Total Collection	\$3,501.66
Variance.....	(\$5,440.34)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	102



All information for both the
November 17th & 24th issues
of the Chimes is due in the
Rectory office no later than
9 am on Monday, November
11th. 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.



Parish Counseling Program

St. Margaret Mary now partners with Claret Center's Parish Counseling Program to offer confidential, nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief, trauma and other challenges. Counseling can be helpful when you:

- feel more sad or anxious than you want to feel
- have lost a job or struggle with problems at work
- have challenges with relationships
- have experienced the loss of someone close
- have trouble adjusting to change or transition
- desire a closer relationship with your spouse or partner
- want to bring a new sense of purpose and meaning to your life.

Counseling services are provided by Mike McCauley, an experienced educator who's now in the third year of Loyola University Chicago's MA program in Pastoral Counseling. Mike's services are available on a sliding scale. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com.

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."



CYCLES OF FAITH

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

"Tell me and I forget,
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

+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.

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, November 3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers

10:30 am Howie Infante
For the intentions of an SMM donor
Gleceria Rosal
Julita Trovela

Monday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 am Angela Klein

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, November 7

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, November 8

8:00 am James Martin & Mary Bertille Price

Saturday, November 9 Dedication of Lateran Basilica

8:00am Deceased members of SMM

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, November 10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Deceased of McNeela Family
George Meyers

10:30 am Ed Daugherty
Julita Trovela

Readings for the week of November 3, 2019

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
[14c]/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9
[5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
[15b]/2 Thes 2:16–3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or
20:27, 34-38

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, November 11

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, November 13

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, November 16

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, November 2

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Mary Fallon

Sunday, November 3

8:30 am Michele Okeifufe &
Bernadette Edom

10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Jan Stoner

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 3

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

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

Lectors

Saturday, November 9

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, November 10

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin

10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Peter Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

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