

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



November 3, 2019

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**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](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

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.

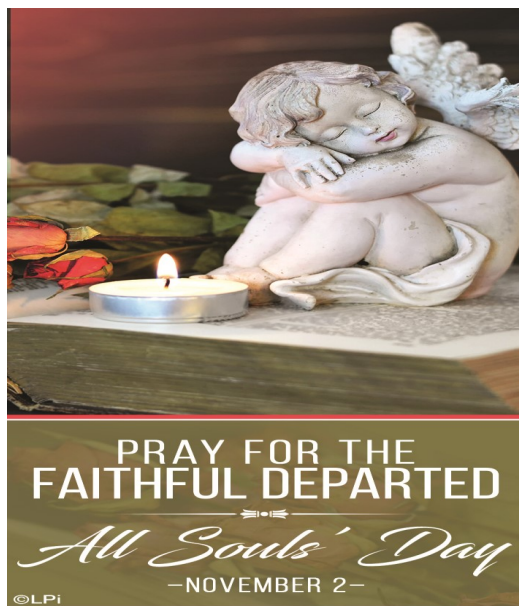
Holy Hands is giving a Thank You for all the faithful parishioners who made the outreach possible by giving.

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.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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### 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



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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