

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of

SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

November 17, 2019

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.” - Lk 21:16-18

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

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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

I just received an update from our friends with the Luxembourg Brotherhood of America. The Archbishop of Luxembourg, Jean-Claude Hollerich (who incidentally was just recently made into a Cardinal by Pope Francis), has secured a statue of Our Lady of Luxembourg. I was sent pictures of the statue which I am including with this article. In the picture, the statue does not have any of the vestments with which she is traditionally clothed but not only will the statue be donated to us but also the vestments, crown, and other symbols that come with Our Lady of Luxembourg.

The pictures show us a statue that is just under three feet high and approximately fifteen inches in width. The base upon which the statue stands is about ten inches high and about sixteen inches wide. The statue appears to be hand carved out of wood and the same with the base. She stands on the moon as a reminder of the passage from the Book of Revelations where there was a vision of a woman clothed with the sun and the moon and the stars under her feet (Revelation 12:1). On the front of the base, there is carved "MARIA MATER JESU CONSOLATRIX AFFLICTORUM ORA PRO NOBIS." This is translated as "Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray For Us." Our Lady of Luxembourg is also known as Our Lady of Consolation and this will be a great reminder to us all that the Blessed Mother truly is the instrument through whom God's comfort comes to those afflicted for any reason—sickness, pain, suffering, life problems. In all of the challenges of life, Mary remains the comfort that gives strength to the faithful who are striving to be true disciples of Jesus.

Currently, the statue is at the home of Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich waiting to be shipped here to our parish. Unfortunately, the statue cannot be brought to the USA in a diplomatic pouch through the Luxembourg Embassy. The Luxembourg Brotherhood of America is looking into other alternatives. Shipping the statue here via Fed Ex (or another similar shipping company) is one option. If it becomes necessary, a group of parishioners and I might even be willing to make a trip to Luxembourg to receive the statue and bring her back ourselves. Either way, let us hope that we will be able to bring her here as soon as possible.

The statue comes from a parish in Luxembourg that has been closed. From what I understand, the country of Luxembourg is in the process of separating Church and State. Historically and traditionally, Luxembourg has been a strongly Catholic nation. Matters of religion went hand in hand with matters of government. The two are now being formally separated which resulted in the closing of many of the Catholic parishes in Luxembourg. I am not certain of the exact reason but with the country being so heavily Catholic, I suspect that the government of Luxembourg had been subsidizing many or all of the Catholic parishes throughout Luxembourg. I further suspect that now that the subsidy or aide is gone, many of the Catholic parishes—especially those in small villages—have been left to survive on the weekly donations alone. I would not be surprised that those same parishes had been dependent on that financial aid from the government that, without it, they are now no longer able to sustain themselves.

As sad as it is, we can see the grace of God still at work. A statue that once blessed a small village in Luxembourg will now be gifted to us as a reminder not only of our history but also as a way for us to pray for that parish in Luxembourg that was closed. We may never meet those parishioners but we can at least make the promise that they will always be in our prayers. Once the statue is here, Our Lady of Luxembourg will be enshrined in the renovated confessional on the west side of the gathering space just opposite from the shrine of St. Margaret Mary.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.



All information for
the December 1st issue
of the Chimes is due
in the Rectory office
no later than 9 am on
Monday, November
18th. Thank you!

COLLECTION REPORT

November 10, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,210.00
Loose Money	\$ 650.40
Total Collection	\$2,860.40
Variance.....	(\$6,081.60)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	92

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.

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 this 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."



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 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Prophetic Actions that Pave the Way: Preparing Hearts and Hands for Christ's Good News

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

1224 W. Lexington Street, Chicago, 60607

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

8:30 AM check in and coffee

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The readings for the Third Sunday of Advent focus on the notion of a prophetic call to rejoice in the Good News that includes the "eyes of the blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) and "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

Our Advent Day of Reflection will challenge each of us to take a prophetic stance as we look at the meaning of Christ's Good News and explore what it means to prepare the way with courage and joy.

Speaker, Christina R. Zaker, D.Min. is the Director of Field Education and she teaches in the Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry department at Catholic Theological Union.

The program includes presentations, opportunity for silence or small group reflection, examination of conscience and a reconciliation service with individual confession.

\$25 paid registration includes lunch and is due by Wednesday, December 11th.

Online: ourladyofpompeii.org or call 312-421-3757.

CHICAGO

DECEMBER 6 & 7

6:30PM

MATHER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

5835 N. LINCOLN AVE.

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION



CYCLES OF FAITH

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"Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. *"The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,"* Jesus warns in today's Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed *"rise[n] against nation[s],"* kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of *"powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues."* Jesus' advice to his disciples, however, isn't to build a bunker. It's to persevere in faith ... which won't be easy.

"They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name." This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn't disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."* In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It's tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **John McGuire** and **Robert Overend** for whom we promise our prayers that they may live in joy in His presence.



+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 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Dolores Chozianin
Rosemary O. Janito
- 10:30 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias
Marie Schmid
John Conway
Julita Trovela

Monday, November 18

- 8:00 am Joseph Pham

Tuesday, November 19

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, November 20

- 8:00 am Elaine Alimboyoguen

Thursday, November 21 Presentation BVM

- 8:00 am Rafael Virella

Friday, November 22 St. Cecilia

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, November 23 St. Clement

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

Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

- 8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers
Mary Hardy
- 10:30 am Peter Carlos & Maria Felicidade Wallis
Julita Trovela
Rosie Thiel

Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/
Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/
Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
[23b]/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/
Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19
[cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, November 18

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, November 20

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, November 23

Mila Cobarrubias

Lectors

Saturday, November 16

- 4:00 pm Mary Fallon & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 am Peter Johnston & Bernadette Edom
10:30 am Tasha Fernandez & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 16

- 4:00 pm A. Blumberg, G. Lindor, D. Cole,
M. Fallon, J. Moylan, M. Varallo &
R. Hardy

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 am M. Neba, C. Chima, B. Russell,
J. & T. Murtaugh L. Igboanugo
10:30 am T. Luciano, G. Potucek, B. Bingham,
V. Onyeaghala, V. Malicay &
K. Conorque

Lectors

Saturday, November 23

- 4:00 pm Maureen Varallo & Judy Moylan

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am Peter Scheidt & Richard Schaefer
10:30 am Betty David & Trish Linwood

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 23

- 4:00 pm B. Alban, A. Blumberg, D. Cole,
A. Alban, M. Fallon & G. Lindor

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, L. Honda, R. Hardy,
L. Igboanugo & B. Russell
10:30 am M. Neba, B. Skiles, J. Seruelo,
L. Ibekwem, A. Baldonado,
M. Grigsby & K. Conorque