

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

# PREPARE

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“So too, you also must be  
prepared, for at an hour you  
do not expect, the Son of  
Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett

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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](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

Now that we have begun the season of Advent, I would like to extend an invitation to ALL parishioners to some of the events that we will have in the coming weeks.

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be a special time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children of our Religious Education Program. Beginning at about 9:15 a.m. on December 7<sup>th</sup>, ALL parishioners are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on that day. If you cannot make it to the Reconciliation Service on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, please remember that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will still be offered every Saturday between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the church. The Sacrament may also be celebrated at any other time by making an appointment with one of the priests.

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Normally, it is December 8<sup>th</sup> but since it falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity is transferred to the next day. It still remains a Holy Day of Obligation because Mary under her title of Immaculate Conception has been named as the patroness of the United States of America. On that day, there will be a Mass at 8:00 a.m. as well as 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a bilingual Spanish-English Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by hospitality. All are invited to bring roses that night which will be offered during the Mass in honor the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe has also been named as the patroness of the unborn since in the image the Virgin Mary is pregnant with the Child Jesus.

December 15<sup>th</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the dates of the Simbang Gabi novena of Masses in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This is a Filipino custom of a series of pre-dawn Masses over the course of the nine days to honor the Virgin Mary in a more joyful manner. Of course, given the circumstances in this part of the world, the novena Masses are celebrated in the evening. This year, our parish has partnered with St. Henry and St. Timothy to provide Catholics—Filipino and non-Filipino alike—in our local area with the opportunity to complete all nine nights of the novena without having to travel long distances. ALL are invited to take part in this novena and the schedule between our three parishes will be the following:

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Henry  
 Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Henry  
 Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Henry  
 Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy (RECEPTION AFTER MASS)  
 Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Henry  
 Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary  
 Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary (RECEPTION AFTER MASS)  
 Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary  
 Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary

**PLEASE NOTE:**

St. Henry is located at 6335 N. Hoyne (Devon Ave just west of Ridge)

St. Timothy is located at 6336 N. Washtenaw (south of Devon between Western and California)

At the time of the printing of this article, I am waiting to hear from St. Henry's if there will be a reception on one or all of the evenings which that parish will host the novena. St. Timothy will host a reception after the Mass on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Here at SMM, there will be a reception ONLY on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. On the other nights, it will just be Mass at 7:00 p.m.

A complete schedule of the Simbang Gabi Masses can be found at [aci.archchicago.org](http://aci.archchicago.org).

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.





COLLECTION REPORT

The Offertory Collections for weekends of November 24th & December 1st will be reported in the December 8th issue of the Chimes.



**Saturday, December 7, 8 - 4**

**Sunday, December 8, 10 - 3**

A festive Christmas marketplace featuring Christmas trees and greenery for sale, a craft fair showcasing local artisans, and visits from Santa himself!

**St. Nicholas Church**  
806 Ridge Ave. (one block south of Main St.)  
Evanston, IL 60202 | T: 847.864.1185  
[www.nickchurch.org](http://www.nickchurch.org)



**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](mailto:HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org) or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

It is in Jesus the Christ that we find the concept of God.

Not in elevated opinions drawn from our own presuppositions, or preferences about who we want God to be.

The special message of Advent is that God makes Himself known to us.

## CYCLES OF FAITH

1st Sunday of Advent

“I’m never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be ‘asleep’?” In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *“In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.”* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world’s darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

*“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”* There’s another hour, too, both known and unknown. It’s the present moment. Whether it’s a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it’s attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative’s bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let’s pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

### Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/ Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## +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, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh  
George Meyers  
Helen Jean & Emmett Jeffers  
10:30 am Ed Daugherty  
Howie Infante  
For the intentions of an SMM Donor

### Monday, December 2

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00 am Happy Birthday to Lydia A. Turner (L)

### Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Thursday, December 5

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose

8:00 am Agnes Robst  
4:00 pm Ann Donohue  
William Dunne

### Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am George Meyers  
Mary Hardy  
Lelio Acier  
Anne Marie Mitchel Acier  
Joselame Celestin  
Gerard Kernizan  
Jonathan Francis Tucker  
Mary Amie Tucker  
Alfred Tucker  
10:30 am Angelita Baluyut - 40 days

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, December 2

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Wednesday, December 4

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Saturday, December 7

Elsie Heyler



### 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

### Lectors

#### Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Art Blumberg

#### Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Michelle Okeifufe & Reid Mackin  
10:30 am Alex Jones & Leonard Kohl

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, November 30

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

#### Sunday, December 1

8:30 am J. & T. Murtaugh, C. Chima,  
B. Russell, L. Igboanugo &  
R. Hardy  
10:30 am J. Stoner, Y. Malicay, B. Bingham,  
V. Onyeaghala, G. Potucek,  
B. Alban & K. Conoquie