

The Chimes

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SAINT MARGARET MARY

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February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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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.

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Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

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Activity Center

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(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

As you read this article, I will already be one week into my trip to the Philippines. If things go according to plan, I should be in my hometown of Lucban in the province of Quezon. For those unfamiliar with its location, Lucban is about 65 miles southeast of Metro Manila. Depending on the traffic (which can be horrendous in the greater Manila area), travel times can be anywhere from 2 ½ to 3 hours by car or much longer by bus. I will be in my hometown trying to take care of some family business regarding properties that we still have in the town. And, I will also be laying the groundwork for a grand reunion of family and relatives in June 2021 to mark my 25th anniversary of ordination. As much as I love being in the parish, I need moments like this to reconnect with my relatives in the Philippines as well as rest and relax. So, I thank you all for understanding and allowing me the opportunity to spend some time in the Philippines.

I would like everyone in the parish to remember that we have the long-awaited announcement coming up in regard to Renew My Church. I am sure that everyone is anxious about what the final decision might be. Some have speculated what that decision will be and have been pretty direct in asking me, "This parish will be safe. Right, Father?" I have answered those questions by reiterating that no pastor wants to see the parish community that he has been called to serve to be the one to close and/or merge with another parish community. So, I have been telling those who ask me that question that none of us may want it but we must be ready for whatever the possible outcome might be. Like all of you, I myself will not know until around 4:00 p.m. this coming Tuesday (which will be about 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday in the Philippines). I am planning on using Skype, Facebook, or whatever media I can to join in the meeting with the staff members which will be on Tuesday prior to the general meeting with all parishioners from the four communities. Even up until now, I am preparing myself for whatever outcome there might be. Even though I may have my own speculations/hopes as do all of you, I really do not know where God's Spirit will guide our parish community.

If we will be called to bid farewell to our parish campus and be merged with another community, I hope that we will take the news with the confidence that no matter where we may be located, we are still Catholic and we are still sons and daughters of God. I know how much connection we all have to the physical site of this parish but, again, what we must not forget is that our identity is not found in a specific building. Rather, our identity as Catholic disciples of Jesus is found in the truth that Jesus is the one who unites us all.

If we are called to be the one to receive one or more parish communities into our own, I hope that we will take the news with a sense of gratitude, profound humility, and a spirit of generous welcome. I am sure that if the news comes that this site will become the home of the newly configured parish community, it will be a sigh of relief. Yet, at the same time, in humility we must realize that we will have the greater responsibility of making sure that our new members will find a home here with us. This is sometimes the greater and heavier task.

To this point, I use the analogy of two families coming together and becoming what is referred to as a "blended family." As spouses who enter into a marriage with a family of their own and now have to manage the blending of the two, they would never think to make the others feel as if they had to "give up" their own identity or the things they loved in order to become a welcomed member of the new family. In other words, it is not a matter of letting one or the other feel forced into losing things they held dear. Rather, it is finding new and creative ways to make room for everyone. It is making sure that everyone ends up feeling as if they have a place in this new spiritual home. Again, this ultimately is a heavy task and, if we are to be the ones to welcome newcomers into the community, the burden is heavier on our shoulders than it is on theirs. We should not forget this.

Whatever the outcome might be on Tuesday, we must also realize that even the name of the parish may change. Just as a blended family must form a new identity as a united whole, we may end up having to do the same. We may keep elements of what made each of our parishes unique in our own right but, if we end up coming together as a blended community, we might need to establish a new identity and be known by a new parish name.

All of this will come in its own time. For the time being, I ask that we pray in the next couple of days that we will all be open to God's Spirit. And I ask that as many SMM parishioners be at the meeting this coming Tuesday night, February 4th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



Our next project, for spring:
1000 PAPER CRANES.

Sadako Sasakik survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, but at age 11, she was diagnosed with leukemia. In the hospital, Sadako folded Origami Paper Cranes. There is a legend that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, your wish will come true. Sadako wanted to get well, but she was also wishing for Peace in the World. She died at age 12, but her legacy endures.

Do you fold Origami? And, do you have paper? Gift paper is good. Let us know. Our world is so in need of peace.

ANGEL CLOSET:

As spring approaches, we are preparing to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation with our children and teens. Do you have clothes that your children have outgrown? We already have a donation and if you would like to donate a dress, veil, a suit jacket or shoes, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Dresses for Confirmation can be any color.

ANGEL HAIR IS RETURNING TO SMM!

Saturday, March 21, 2020

SMM Activity Center

8:00 am until 2:00 pm

Exercise your Lenten charity by helping this event that will provide free basic haircuts for the poor and homeless in our area. A haircut is a simple luxury that some may not even be able to afford and most of us take for granted. Please help by doing one or more of the following:

*Volunteering as a barber or haircutter (if you have that skill) or recruit someone you know.

*Volunteering in some other capacity during the event.

*Donating gently used clothing.

*Donating small travel sized toiletries.

*Making a monetary donation to help the cause.

*Pray for the poor and homeless in our area.

For any questions, please contact Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or tvillaverde@archchicago.org.



COLLECTION REPORT

January 26, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,647.04
Loose Money	\$ 743.33
Total Collection	\$3,390.37
Variance	(\$5,551.63)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	97

**Positive thinking isn't
about expecting the
best to happen every
time but, accepting
that whatever
happens is the best
for this moment.**

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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.

2020 NCA SOIREE

At the back of the church after each Mass on February 8th & 9th, students from Northside Catholic Academy will have a board to support a new campaign called Angels Among Us. This fundraiser is in conjunction with the 2020 NCA Soiree, which is an annual fundraiser that raises important funds for scholarships, capital improvements and educational programs for the students.

Angels Among Us offers everyone throughout the NCA Parishes, a chance to support the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund which helps ensure that a quality Catholic education is available to all families in our community.

The Angels Among Us giving board will be located at the back of the church in the Gathering Space. It will contain envelopes made by the students. Each envelope is numbered and each number represents a dollar donation you can make to support the school and Catholic education.

Please stop by next weekend, February 8th & 9th, to see the children's effort in full display.

NCA thanks you for your generosity and hopes you can help with any size donation.



2020 NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY SOIREE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Event Details:

Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago.

Tickets and RSVP:

Tickets are \$125 person or \$1250 for a reserved table of 10. If you require a vegetarian meal, please indicate in the pulldown box when purchasing tickets. Tickets must be purchased by February 14th. Visit the website, northsidecatholic.org to purchase tickets.

Donate:

If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to our cause by visiting NCASoiree.com to make a donation or to sponsor event tickets or tables for faculty and staff.

Attire:

We invite you to be your fancy, festive self, whether that be cocktail attire or black tie.

Parking:

Free street parking on Ravenswood Avenue.



CYCLES OF FAITH

Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Eilen Howard** for whom we promise our prayers that she 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, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

- 8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
Ireneo Arellano, Jr. - anniversary
- 10:30 am Robert Brooks
Intentions of an SMM Donor
Rafael Zavala
Julita Trovela

Monday, February 3 Ss. Blaise & Ansgar

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, February 4

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, February 5 St. Agatha

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, February 7

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am George Meyers
- 10:30 am Mathias Wallis
Julita Trovela
Irinea Tiongson

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, February 3

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, February 5

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, February 8

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, February 1

- 4:00 pm Lee Draus

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am Bernadette Edom & Reid Mackin
- 10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

- 8:30 am L. Honda, J. & T. Murtaugh,
R. Hardy, L. Igboanugo, P. Mackin &
B. Russell
- 10:30 am M. Neba, J. Stoner, M. Grigsby,
A. Baldonado, L. Ibekwem,
T. Linwood & B. Bingham

Lectors

Saturday, February 8

- 4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Art Blumberg

Sunday, February 9

- 8:30 am Richard Schaefer &
Michelle Okeifufe
- 10:30 am Trish Linwood & Ryan Madayag

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

- 8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, J. & T. Murtaugh,
B. Russell, R. Hardy &
L. Igboanugo
- 10:30 am M. Neba, T. Luciano, J. Seruelo,
K. Conoquie, G. Potucek,
V. Onyeaghala & Y. Malicay

FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY FEBRUARY 7

Cruise on over to First Look for Charity, the exclusive preview night of the Chicago Auto Show, at McCormick Place in Chicago on Friday, February 7th.

Join Catholic Charities private, pre-event reception at 5:30 pm and enjoy cocktails, gourmet food, musical entertainment, private coat check and raffle.

The Auto Show floor opens from 7 to 11 pm with live entertainment, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, an all-access pass to the primary display of vehicles and a chance to win a new car.

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities Maternity and Adoption programs and Neighbors in Need Fund. Tickets are \$275 per person. Be sure to select Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago when purchasing your ticket. The dress code is black-tie and tuxedo attire is mandatory for men. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.catholiccharities.net/firstlook.