

# The Chimes

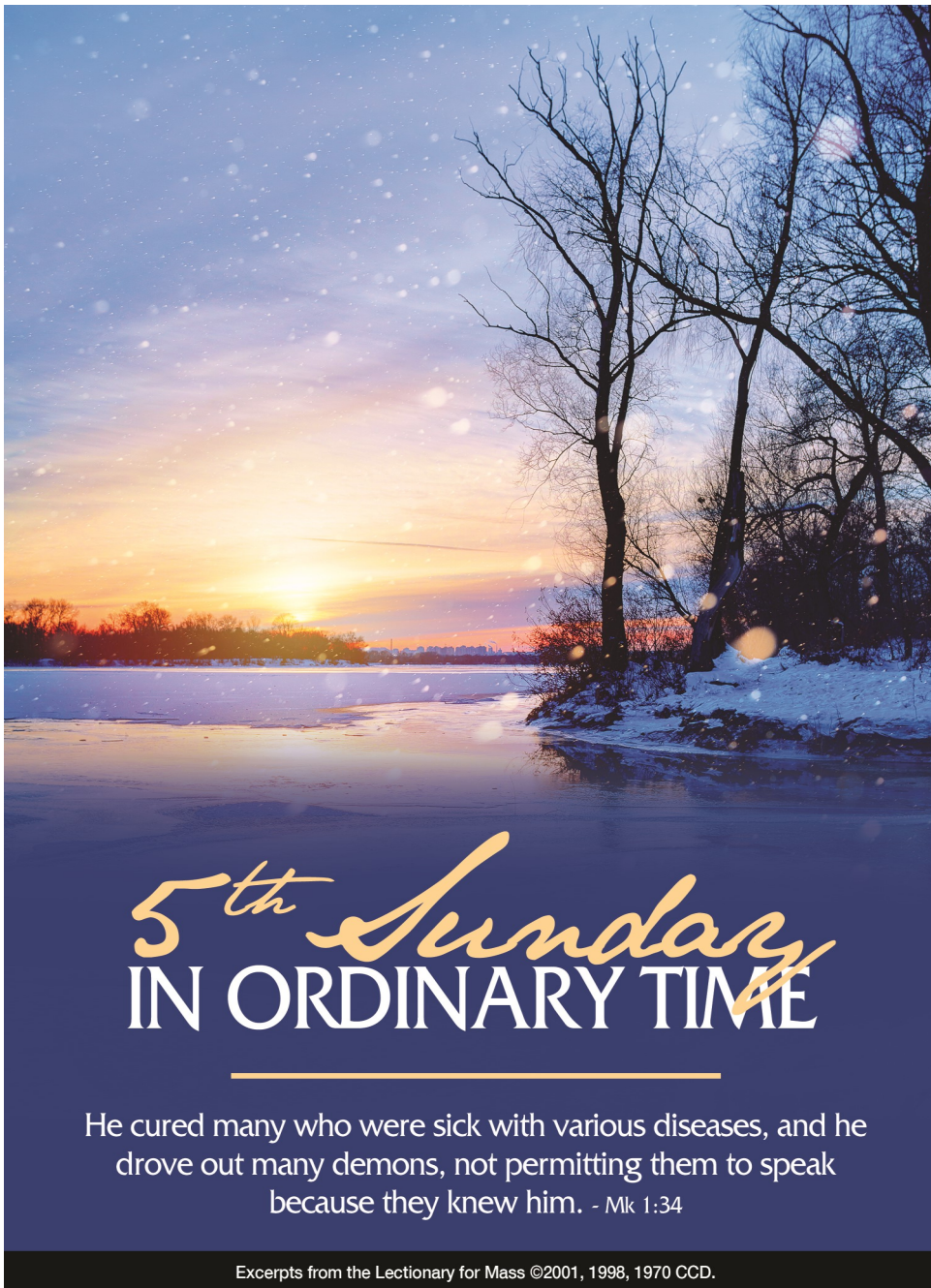
The weekly bulletin of  
**HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH**

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**February 7, 2021**

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he  
drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak  
because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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### **PASTORAL STAFF**

**Pastor**, Rev. Phi Nguyen

**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett

**Associate Pastors**,

Rev. Arthur Bautista

Rev. Jose Baptista, SFX

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Michael Neba    Francis Duc Nguyen

David Pham    Joseph Thuan Than

**Accountant**, Jim Masini

**Religious Ed**, Cynthia Splatt

**Music Ministry**,

Steve Burke & Howard Schneider

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday**

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

#### **Sunday**

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

#### **Weekdays**

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

(English & Vietnamese)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

#### **Parish Website:**

[www.smmchicago.org/parish](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)

#### **Activity Center**

7341 N. Claremont

#### **Holy Hands**

(773) 764-0615

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

The readings of this Sunday expose the meaning of our purpose in this life.

The first reading, Job 7:1-4, 6-7, is the story of Job who had almost everything an ordinary person of his time would want to have. Suddenly, it came to a day when he had nothing left but sickness. And all of his relatives and friends turned away from him. In this dark moment of his life, as he said: *"I am filled with restlessness until the dawn,"* he held on to the purpose of his life, that is, to praise God in all circumstances. He wanted nothing but being faithful to God, trusting in God's love and care for him.

In the second reading, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Saint Paul also reclaimed his purpose of life in time of trials. He believed firmly that God has entrusted to him to proclaim the good news of salvation to all. Proclaiming the word of God was Paul's work and his purpose in life whether it is convenient or inconvenient. The Gospel, Mark 1:29-39, tells about a day in Jesus' ministry life. First and foremost, Jesus grounded himself in the love of God, and discerned the will of the Father, in silence and through prayer. In the midst of all activities, Jesus always stayed focus to his work which was to proclaim the good news as he said *"For this purpose have I come."*

What is the purpose in life for you and me? No doubt, disappointment, rejection, abandonment, and suffering come to everyone, and sorrow seems to be the very essence of life for many of us. For some of us, the promise of a better day seems far of reach. Are we giving up our call – the call to proclaim the good news of God to others?

Can we be like Job, never feel that God has abandoned anyone when He allows us to suffer? Do we have enough faith in God so that we can believe that we are allowed to share in the suffering of Christ for the salvation of all humankind? May we keep in mind that there is resurrection to eternal life for the faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

My Dear Parishioners,

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday very soon on February 17, 2021. With the celebration of Ash Wednesday we enter into a holy season – the Lenten Season. Personally, I see the Lenten Season like a break; a break from the turmoil and tension of our spiritual life. During this holy season, through prayers, fasting, and works of charity, we will rediscover the love that our Heavenly Father has for each one of us. Remember that He is our God and we are his children.

There are several different activities at our parish during this holy season including Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Penance, and especially the Parish Mission. These activities are for the good of each one of us. They help us to reject things that block our way to God; they help us to return to God; and they help us to renew our faith in God. As your pastor, I would like to ask and encourage each one of you to participate in all these activities of our parish.

God bless each of us!

Fr. Phi Nguyen

**Lenten Activities 2021****Ash Wednesday – February 17**

8:00 am: Mass (bilingual)

12:00 pm: Ash Service (English)

5:00 pm: Ash Service (English)

7:00 pm: Mass (bilingual)

**Every Friday Evening in Lenten Season**

6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm: Mass (bilingual)

7:40 pm: Exposition and Stations of the Cross (English)

## HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

We support our faith through our prayers, our works and our contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish. Our contributions support our growing ministries.

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus at St. Timothy, St. Henry or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so and make your contributions payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to.

Parishioners may also contribute through GiveCentral by going to [www.hcjp.org](http://www.hcjp.org), or [www.sainthenchicago.org](http://www.sainthenchicago.org) or [www.smmchicago.org](http://www.smmchicago.org) and following the Donate prompts.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for Holy Child Jesus.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### COLLECTION REPORT

January 31, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,715.00
Loose Money .....	\$ 894.50
Total Collection .....	\$4,609.50
Variance .....	(\$4,322.50)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	49

## PARISH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Our Parish Counseling Program provides confidential, nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief or 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  
 experience difficult feelings because of COVID-19  
 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, MA, LPC, who is a psychotherapy resident at Claret Center. Spanish-language counseling is available from Aleja Sastoque, who is a psychotherapy intern at Claret. 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). You can also visit Mike's Web Profile [at this link](#).

## SCAM ALERT!

A number of parishioners have received texts or emails that are supposed to be from Fr. Phi. The messages say that Fr. Phi needs to get some funds to a family that is in trouble and asks the person receiving the message to buy gift cards and send Fr. Phi the gift card numbers so he can get them to the family.

**THIS IS A SCAM!** No priest or member of the staff will EVER ask a parishioners to purchase gift cards.

If you receive this message, please ignore it and alert the rectory office (773) 764-0615.



### BURNING PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palms so that they may be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

You may drop the palm into the baskets provided at church and the rectory.



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COME, FOLLOW ME...  
**and bring hope to the world**

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past year we have faced many challenges in our nation, our world and our Church.

Still, we move forward as people of faith who have hope in the Lord who leads us. Next weekend, we officially launch the Annual Catholic Appeal at Commitment Weekend. And this year's theme renews and reinvigorates us. We hear Jesus say to us, "[Come follow me ... and bring hope to the world.](#)"

Your support of the Appeal means bringing hope to the world. Hope comes alive in our parishes and schools, religious education programs, ministry formation and initiatives to address violence and foster justice, peace and respect for life. Hope reaches around the world through the Appeal's support of Catholic Relief Services. Your support makes all this happen.

[Make your Annual Catholic Appeal gift today](#)

God bless you for keeping hope alive. And may the good Lord keep you and your loved ones together and united with hope in Jesus Christ who makes all things new.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Card. Blase J. Cupich*

Archbishop of Chicago



*P.S. If this email crosses with a commitment that you already made, please accept my apologies and gratitude for your support.*

## CYCLES OF FAITH

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

#### Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/ Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

#### SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

**Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm**

2nd in English  
3rd in Vietnamese

**Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

1st & 3rd in English  
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

#### R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

## 6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vietnamese

7:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Alice và Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson  
Chris Murtaugh  
Julita Trovela  
Irina Tionson  
Frank Kelly

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Nguyễn Khắc Vĩnh.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

#### Monday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani

8:00 am Felecidad Umali  
Gioan Baotixita, Anna, Phêrô và Maria

#### Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am Gioan Baotixita and Maria.

#### Wednesday, February 10 St. Scholastica

8:00 am Matthew and Anna.

#### Thursday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Anna Bùi Thị Nhi and Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

Hazel Wiltgen

8:00 pm Lunar New Year Eve

Thanksgiving to God for all his blessings.

#### Friday, February 12

8:00 am Donnie David Sanchez.

8:00 pm Lunar New Year  
Peace for the parish and faithful of  
Holy Child Jesus Parish.

#### Saturday, February 13

8:00 am Maria Nguyễn Thị Nói.

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

#### Sunday, February 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vietnamese

7:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

9:30 am Gomercindo.  
John Potucek  
Mathias Wallis

Vietnamese

11:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Holy Child Jesus Parish is looking for parishioners interested in counting the Sunday collections.

Counting is done once a week, lasting about one hour. Training is provided.

For further information, contact Laura Honda at  
delatahon@comcast.net or 773-401-2869.

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE VOLUNTEER HELP

Our new Mass schedule has begun! We are asking for additional volunteers to help with greeting, seating and maintaining our COVID protocols.

You may choose to help on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.

To volunteer, please call the Holy Child Jesus Parish office at 773-764-0615 or email Art Blumberg at [art.blumberg@hcjp.org](mailto:art.blumberg@hcjp.org).

Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

## Happy Valentines Day

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Illuminated Living