

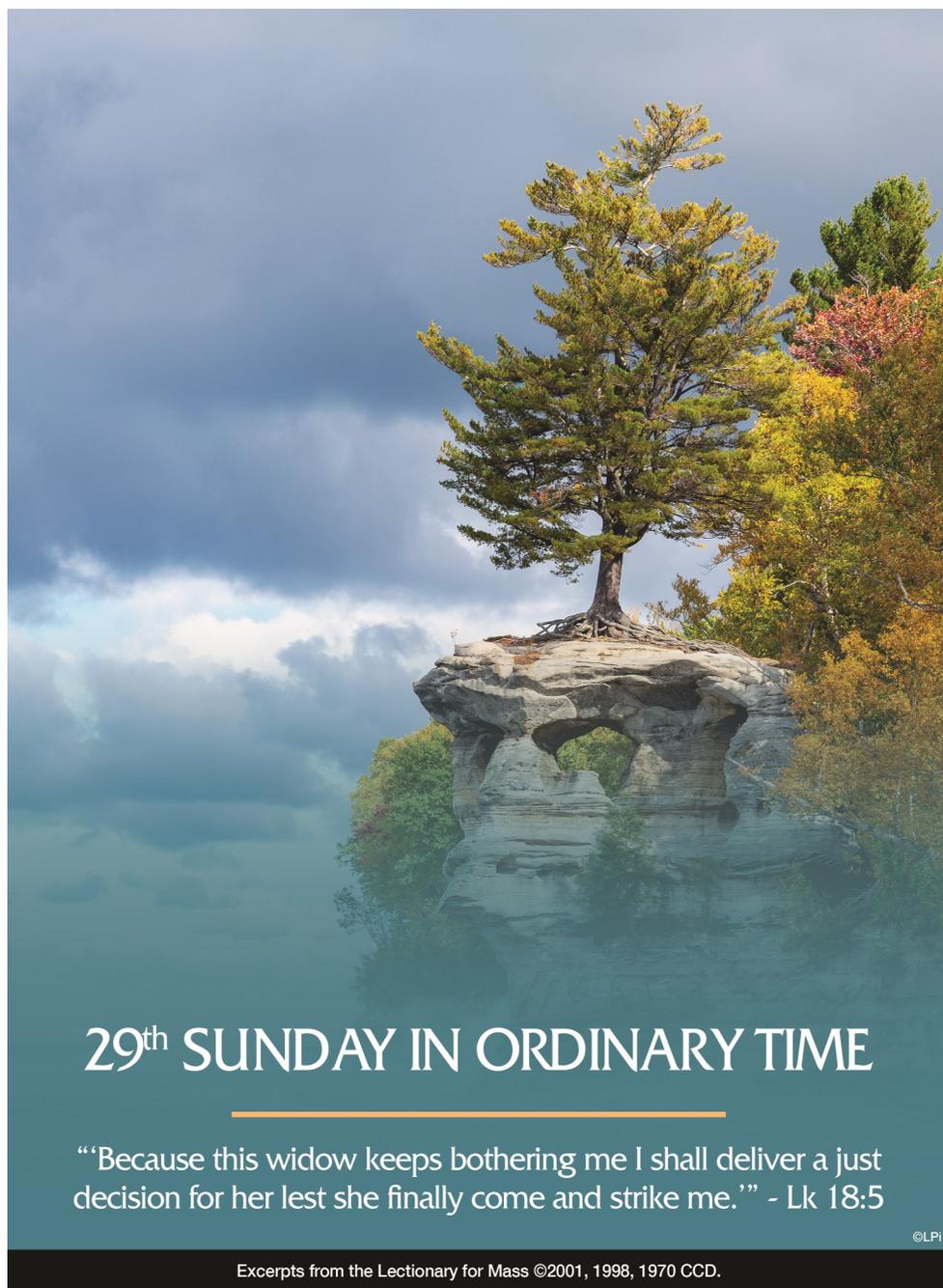
The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

October 20, 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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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.

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9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm
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7341 N. Claremont
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(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

Due to early submission deadlines, this article is being written far in advance of the actual date of this particular issue of the Chimes. I was planning to share insights from the second Parish Session of Renew My Church but knowing that I am actually composing this article even before the Parish Session took place, I found it almost impossible to share any concise insights when I have not even heard them prior to sitting down to write this article.

However, for those who attended the second Parish Session, I thank you in advance. For the members of the Grouping Team, I especially thank you. This is not an easy task. Recently more than ever, we are dealing with a great deal of emotions and sense of attachment and love to parish structures that have been such an integral part of peoples' faith life and formation. Sometimes, it is difficult to see beyond the emotions that can drive us when faced with those types of life experiences. Whether you were at the session or not and whether you are part of the Grouping Team or not, all of us still need to pray continually for guidance, wisdom, and direction.

Yet, even at this time, I am reminded of an important passage that we would do well to use as a focus to our prayer for all of the parish communities involved—St. Henry, St. Timothy, Blessed Stepinac Mission, and ourselves. It comes from the gospel of Luke.

Then an argument broke out among them (disciples) about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He (Jesus) said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as one who serves. (Luke 22:23–27)

This sense of competition and the desire to outshine the competitor is so prevalent in many aspects of society today. The ambition and drive to do better are both good. But, sometimes they can actually lead to the sentiment to which even the disciples of Jesus were not immune. They argued which of them should be considered as the most important. There were twelve of them. So which of them should be ranked as Number 1 and which one should be relegated to the lowly position of being Number 12? Of course, we have come to consider St. Peter to have been the leader among the Twelve but his rank was not in the sense of importance or greatness over the rest. Instead, his rank came from the need to find a point of unity within the community.

In our present case with Renew My Church, given the fact that in the eight scenarios that were presented to us a couple of weeks ago, we again notice that all eight of them include the physical campus of our parish as being a site of main significance in whatever might become the new configuration among the four West Ridge parishes. This might have left some with a sense of superiority thinking that we must have stood out as better than the rest because our campus might be a central part in whatever the future might have in store for our four parish communities.

Yes, we have very loyal parishioners who consider this parish to be the best. But, we must also never forget that every parish has parishioners who consider their parish to be the best. If we continue to look at things this way, we will only approach the coming months with a sense of competition. If we fall into that way of thinking, the coming months will become even more painful as it already is. Instead, let us all approach the coming journey as Jesus called his Twelve Apostles to do—that is, with the knowledge that we are all servants serving not our own individual interests but the good of the greater whole. May the Spirit continue to guide us.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde



“RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: “Renew My Church.” Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good and to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTION REPORT

The Offertory Collections for October 13th & 20th will be reported in the October 27th issue of The Chimes.

“RENEW MY CHURCH”

If you have comments, questions, concerns regarding Renew My Church and its impact on our local community, feel free to contact any of the following via e-mail:

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Puzzle

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



Mission for the Week

I will ask for just the things I need.

Growing with the GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8 ■ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Read the Gospel and Color



Name _____

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 or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS WREATHS THIS YEAR!

They will be taking orders after Masses during the weekends of October 19th & 20th as well as October 26th & 27th. The wreaths will be delivered after the Masses the weekend of November 23rd and 24th.

All proceeds go to help send the boys to summer camp next July at Owassipe in northern Michigan.



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

We continue our participation in the Baby Bottle Project which benefits The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies, and their mothers, from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of October 26th & 27th.

This is a simple but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also, if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you.



CYCLES OF FAITH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*



+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, October 20, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am George Meyers
Special Intention
- 10:30 am Milagros U. Semilla (living)
Marie Schmid
John Conway
Julita Trovela

Monday, October 21

- 8:00 am Juana Ugay Semilla
Special Intention

Tuesday, October 22 St. John Paul II

- 8:00 am Special Intention

Wednesday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano

- 8:00 am Denise L. Turner (living)
Special Intention

Thursday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, October 25

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, October 26

- 8:00 am Paulette Augustin (living)
4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Michael Nunes

Sunday, October 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers
Rosemary O. Janito
- 10:30 am Rosie Thiel
Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, October 21

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, October 23

Terry Luciano

Saturday, October 24

Mila Cobarrubias



ONE NIGHT ONLY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

7:00 PM

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
[cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72,
73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
[8a]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
[Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77,
93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3,
17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8,
16-18/Lk 18:9-14

This groundbreaking new film “Love and Mercy: Faustina” follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life. It captures God’s will in the painting of the image and the effects the Divine Mercy message has had on countless people around the world.

Find a theater and order tickets by going to www.loveandmercymovie.com.

