

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



June 28, 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Tirso Villaverde  
**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett  
**Resident**, Rev. Harold Murphy  
**Deacon**, Michael Neba  
**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-Friday 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

### Ang Aking Huling Paalam—My Last Farewell—Mi Ultimo Adios

I am referring to the last writing of the Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Before his execution, he wrote a letter to his family which used the title “My Last Farewell.” The contents of that letter might not apply to this circumstance, but it was the first thing that came to my mind as I sat down to write this final article.

This last month has been full of activity and emotion. The process of moving my things and tying up loose ends here and dealing with the pandemic have all preoccupied my time and attention. Normally, what I like to do when transferring to a new assignment is to take at least two weeks off to go on vacation in between assignments. Doing so has allowed me to process through the grief of saying goodbye to one community and reenergize myself in preparation for the next community. Given the current circumstances and the point at which pastor appointments were made, it was impossible to do that this time around. At this point, I am just trying to maintain enough energy to finish what I need to finish here without tiring myself out too much that I run the risk of getting sick from just being worn out. That would disrupt things even more.

I know that many, if not all, of you would like to see us have a formal farewell gathering. But, given the number of parishioners who might likely attend, the current restrictions do not allow for it. It can make the sadness even stronger on all of us. The only assurance that I can offer to all of you is simply to trust that I know your sentiments of gratitude and appreciation, and that I am truly grateful for the lives you have shared with me and that my time as your pastor has truly been an utmost honor and privilege.

Yet, the mission continues both for me and for all of you. There is a parish in Tinley Park that unexpectedly needed a shepherd because its current shepherd is going to become the shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Peoria. As painful as it is for me to leave SMM, my heart was also pulled to respond to that need. Again, I thank the parish community of SMM for having been such a great community to pastor. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years here and have been humbled by the generosity and commitment that all of you have displayed to your faith and your spiritual home. I will always carry with me your witness of discipleship.

You will not be left alone. There are two priests who have answered the call to be the spiritual leaders in the endeavor to unify three parish communities—a seasoned pastor and a soon to be ordained priest full of energy. Both of them will need all of your cooperation and assistance to make that process go as smoothly as possible.

I was assured that when restrictions are eased or even lifted, I can return to have a more formal farewell. Until that time, know that you are in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde





## COLLECTION REPORT

June 21, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$1,595.00
Loose Money .....	\$ 921.00
Total Collection .....	\$2,516.00
Variance.....	(\$6,426.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	37

## NEW MASS and SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

To support the vision of building a united community by worshiping in one church, there are some changes in the Mass and Sacrament schedule.

### At St. Margaret Mary

**Beginning July 1, 2020 until August 15, 2020 \***

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confession  
4:00 PM (in English)  
6:00 PM (in Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (in English)  
10:30 AM (in English)

**Beginning August 16, 2020 until the closure of St. Henry and St. Timothy**

Saturday: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confession  
4:00 PM (in English)  
6:00 PM (in Vietnamese)

Sunday: 10:00 AM (in English)  
12:00 Noon (Bilingual in English and Vietnamese)

**After the closure of St. Henry and St. Timothy**

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Confession  
4:00 PM (in English)  
6:00 PM (in Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (in Vietnamese)  
10:00 AM (in English)  
12:00 Noon (Bilingual in English and Vietnamese)

**\* Note that on Saturday, August 15, 2020** there will be only one Mass at 5:00 PM. More information about this to come.

## PART TWO

### DECREE

#### IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

"Likewise, parishes which are too small should be united insofar as the situation demands it and circumstances permit." St. Paul VI, Apostolic Letter *motu proprio, Ecclesiae Sanctae*, n. 21, (1), August 6, 1966

This decree concerns three neighboring parishes and a mission, all located within an area of approximately three square miles on the Northside of the City of Chicago: St. Henry Parish (established personal parish for German-speaking faithful 1851, now a territorial parish), 6335 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659; St. Margaret Mary Parish (established 1921), 2324 West Chase Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645; St. Timothy Parish (established 1925), 6326 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60659; and Blessed Aloysius Stepinac Croatian Catholic Mission (established 1972 in the former Angel Guardian Church), 6346 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660. For several months in 2019 the pastoral leadership and lay representatives from the three parishes and the mission met in an *RMC* grouping to consider the future of their area of the archdiocese. The Grouping Team presented a Community Engagement and Planning Feedback Summary to the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, a group formed by lay and ordained representatives from across the archdiocese. The Commission's proposal to be put before the Presbyteral Council was that the mission retain its separate juridic status and the three parishes be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form one new territorial parish, with St. Margaret Mary Church designated the parish church.

The proposal is supported by the data and arguments mentioned herein or attached to this decree. Significant is the fact that over the last 20 years there has been a 213% increase in regular Sunday Mass attendance for St. Henry Parish, overwhelmingly of Vietnamese origin. However, over the same period there has been a corresponding decline of 68% at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 46% decline at St. Timothy Parish, and 34% at the Croatian Catholic Mission. The recent average Sunday Mass attendance was reported to be 1,106 at St. Henry, 504 at St. Margaret Mary, 437 at St. Timothy, and 292 at the mission. The minimum Sunday attendance at a parish of this archdiocese should be 800. Furthermore, recent figures of annual parish operating income at St. Henry was \$755,309.00, compared to \$484,751.00 at St. Margaret Mary and \$207,822 at St. Timothy. Here a parish needs a minimum of \$750,000.00 in annual operating income to support itself. These realities coexist with a continuing decrease in the Catholic population of the area and an ongoing decline in the number of priests available to pastor our parishes.

THEREFORE, know that I, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, according to the norms of canon 50, canon 127 §§1 & 3, canon 166, and canon 515 §2, of the Code of Canon Law, have before me the proposal of the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission that St. Henry Parish, St. Margaret Mary Parish, and St. Timothy Parish, all on the Northside of the City of Chicago, be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form a single new territorial parish. Consequently, I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago on January 27-28, 2020, at



Mundelein Seminary of the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. There, after hearing the Presbyteral Council and its vote of 34 for and 0 against the proposal of extinctive union and invoking the Holy Spirit, I accepted the Presbyteral Council's advice and now

***decree the following:***

1. Effective July 1, 2020, St. Henry Parish, St. Margaret Mary Parish, and St. Timothy Parish, all in the City of Chicago, will be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form a single new territorial parish to be called, *ad interim*, SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish;

2. The missions of the three former parishes will be subsumed completely into the mission of the new SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish;

3. Each and all the parishioners of the three parishes to be united are to be fully and equally parishioners of the new SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish;

4. The territory of the new parish will be the combined territories of three united parishes, namely, the territory described as follows:

Start at Howard Street and Sanitary Canal,  
East on south side of Howard Street to Damen Avenue,  
South on west side of Damen to Pratt Boulevard,  
East on south side of Pratt Boulevard to C & NW Railroad at Ravenswood Avenue,  
South on C & NW RR to Peterson Avenue,  
West on north side of Peterson Avenue to North Shore Channel,  
North along east side of North Shore Channel to Howard Street

5. The churches of the former St. Henry Parish, the former St. Margaret Mary Parish, and the former St. Timothy Parish will be churches of the new SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish, each retaining its title, and St. Margaret Mary Church will be designated the parish church of the new parish;

6. Subject to the intention of founders and donors, and with due regard for any acquired rights, the goods and patrimonial rights of each of the three parishes to be united, together with any obligations with which they may be burdened, will become those of the new SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish (see canon 121);

7. The pastoral leadership of the new SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish will continue collaboration with the pastoral leadership of Blessed Aloysius Stepinac Croatian Catholic Mission. To foster mutually beneficial sharing of pastoral resources and ideas between the new parish and the mission, a yearly report will be made to the area episcopal vicar;

8. The documents given to the Presbyteral Council on this matter, together with the minutes of the Council meeting of January 27-28, 2020, will be attached to this decree;

**The remainder of the Decree will be published next weekend.**



## WORSHIP CALENDAR

## FOCUS ON THE WORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Sunday, June 28**      **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am      Violeta Alzona  
Daniel Ciucci  
10:30 am      Alyce & John Potucek  
Julita Trovela

#### **Monday, June 29**      **Ss. Peter and Paul**

8:00 am      Gerald Roche

#### **Tuesday, June 30**      **First Martyrs of the Church**

8:00 am      Deceased members of SS T, H, MM

#### **Wednesday, July 1**      **St. Junipero Serra**

8:00 am      Deceased members of SS. T, H, MM

#### **Thursday, July 2**

8:00 am      Noreen Conway  
Alyce Potucek

#### **Friday, July 3**      **St. Thomas**

8:00 am      Noreen Conway

#### **Saturday, July 4**

English:

4:00 pm      Mc Neela Family  
Ann Donohue  
Agnes Robst

Vietnamese:

6:00 pm      Deceased members of SS T, H, MM

#### **Sunday, July 5**      **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am      Chris Murtaugh  
10:30 am      Intentions of an SMM Donor  
Mc Neela Family  
Julita Trovela



### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

### 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.