



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett
Associate Pastors, Rev. Arthur Bautista
Rev. Jose Baptista, SFX
Resident, Rev. Harold Murphy
Deacon, Michael Neba
Accountant, Jim Masini
Religious Ed, Cynthia Splatt
Music Ministry, Steve Burke
Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday
4:00 pm (English)
6:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday
8:30 am & 10:30 am (English)
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

Activity Center 7341 N. Claremont Holy Hands (773) 764-0615

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

The Gospel of this Sunday, Matthew (Mt 13:44-52) continues to present the parables that Jesus used to teach people.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl – "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

The Parable of the Net – "The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full, they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

The parables we read in the Gospel of the last two Sundays speak of Jesus' desire for the growth of the Kingdom. The Parables in today's Gospel speak of the thoughts and actions that each of us ought to have when we receive the good news of the Kingdom of God. Through Jesus' teaching, we understand that the fullness of happiness only exists in the kingdom of God.

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl clearly state the specific actions of those who have longed to enter and share the joy and happiness of the Kingdom. They make sacrifices in this earthly life in exchange for endless happiness with the Creator in Heaven.

Each of us are invited to inherit the eternal happiness. What have we been doing to deserve this inheritance? Do we dare to accept the losses in this life and then be compensated hundreds of thousands of times in the next life? What concrete actions have we made to articulate our desire to be in the Kingdom of God? Do we really want to come and stay forever in the house of the Lord?.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

Naming Process Parish-wide Survey

Our parish of Ss. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary has entered the latest phase of renaming the parish.

The Unification Committee met on Thursday, July 23. Each worship site submitted its list of three to five of the most suggested nominations to the Archdiocese along with short essays supporting the choices. These names have been returned to us for your further input.

This weekend, we are conducting a parish-wide survey. Please make your selection either electronically or by hard copy ballots provided at each of the worship sites. Please make one choice per adult parishioner. The results will be tabulated and discussed at the Unification Committee meeting on Friday, July 31. We will finalize three choices and send them to the Archdiocese for review and discussion by the Cardinal, the auxiliary bishops, and the Presbyteral Council. We hope to have the Cardinal's decision in early August.

We thank you for your participation and prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we move forward in the life of our unified parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

welcome

Please welcome our new Associate Pastors, Fr. Jose Baptista and Fr. Arthur Bautista.

There will be a Welcoming Mass for Fr. Jose at the St. Timothy worship site on August 8, 2020 at the 4:00 pm Mass and a Welcoming Mass for Fr. Arthur at the St. Margaret Mary worship site on August 9, 2020 at the 10:30 am Mass.

Due to limited space and the COVID-19 restrictions, reservation for attendance will be necessary.

COLLECTION REPORT

July 19, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$2,166.00
Loose Money	\$ 666.05
Total Collection	\$2,832.05
Variance	(\$6,109.95)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	40

GENEROSITY

Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation

We have dates for our Sacramental celebrations.

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, July 25th at the 4:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday, July 26th at the 10:30am Mass

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, August 1st at the 4:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday, August 2nd, at the 10:30 am Mass.

All celebrations will be limited in size, so reservations are necessary. Please e-mail the Religious Education office. Please do not call the office.

cynthiasplatt@gmail.com Director of Religious Education

PARISH COUNSELING PROGRAM

We're pleased to announce our Parish Counseling Program, offered in cooperation with Claret Center. Our counselor, Mike McCauley, provides confidential, nurturing and goaloriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief and 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, who is a psychotherapy resident at Claret Center. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com. You can also visit Mike's Web Profile at this link.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

CYCLES OF FAITH 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our wellbeing is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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.



WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Deceased members of SS T., H. & M.M.

10:30 am First Communion

Julita Trovela Gleceria Rosal

Monday, July 27

8:00 am Ray Laarveld

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29 St. Martha

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

Thursday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

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

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius

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

Saturday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 am Agnes Robst

English

4:00 pm Confirmation

Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of SS T., H. & M.M.

Sunday, August 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
10:30 am Confirmation
Cresencia G. Sala

Cresencia G. Salas Julita Trovela

Julia Hovela

For the intentions of an SMM Donor



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.



Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,

127-128, 129-130 [97a]/

Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or

13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

[cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and

13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4,

5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,

33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

[cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/

Mt 14:13-21

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; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 2nd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534.