



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Phi Nguyen Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett Associate Pastors, Rev. Arthur Bautista Rev. Jose Baptista, SFX Deacons, 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 10:00 am (English) 12 noon (English & Vietnamese) Weekdays Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (English)

RECONCILIATION Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm (English) On 2nd & 4th Saturdays : (English & Vietnamese)

RECTORY OFFICE

(773) 764-0615 2324 W. Chase Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm **Parish Website:** www.smmchicago.org/parish

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> > Holy Hands (773) 764-0615

Twenty-second Sunday - Year A

The Gospel of this Sunday, Matthew 16: 21-27, recalls the conversation between Jesus and the disciples. Jesus told his disciple about the sufferings that He would face in Jerusalem and the reward of everlasting happiness for those who are faithful in following Him.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. (Matthew 16: 21)

Upon hearing that his Master had to endure suffering and a horrible death, Peter hastily stop Jesus. "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." (Matthew 16: 22)

We sympathize with Peter when he tries to prevent his Master from facing the dangers in Jerusalem. Indeed, who could pretend that they didn't hear such bad warning? The Lord Jesus himself said that He would face with much suffering by the elders, the scribes and the high priest, and would be killed. Jesus was not happy with Peter and told him that his way of thinking and acting is human, not God's way.

All that Jesus did - teaching, working miracles, praying, enduring the pain of being rejected by His own disciples, the humiliating death on the cross, and rising from the dead, were out of His love for mankind. He wants all people to hear the good news of salvation. He wants all human race to enjoy eternal happiness with him in the Father's house.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." (Matthew 16: 24-27)

As Jesus pointed out, we must eliminate in our own beings what belongs to this world. These are sin, unrighteous passions, and all that prevent us from getting closer to God. Obeying Jesus teachings is worth doing, because those follow Jesus and are faithful to Him are to share eternal happiness with Him.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Passing along our faith to our young people is one of the most important parts of our community and our faith. Whether or not we have children, we all strive to be good models in what we say and what we do. Young people watch us and learn by our example. We can also learn from them as we see the passion and purity of their faith.

As our parish continues to unify, we are bringing our Religious Education programs together. Deacon Joseph Thuan Than from the St. Henry worship site has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Religious Education. He will be aided by Cindy Shaw from the St. Timothy worship site and Cynthia Splatt from the St. Margaret Mary worship site.

Please keep them, our catechists, and our youth in your prayers.

Holy Child Jesus Parishioner Contributions

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish at St. Timothy, St. Henry, or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so. Please make your contribution payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to. We are in the process of obtaining a Federal Tax ID number and will then set up our banking accounts. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you for you generosity and all that you do for Holy Child Jesus Parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

August 30, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$1,214,00
Loose Money	\$1,193.00
Total Collection	\$2,407.00
Variance	(\$6,535.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	

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DECREE

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

By my decree of June 5, 2020, effective July 1, 2020, St. Timothy Parish, St. Henry Parish, and St. Margaret Mary Parish, all on the Northside of the City of Chicago, Illinois, were united to establish a single new territorial parish named, *ad interim*, SS. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary Parish.

After consultation with parishioners, my Episcopal Council, and the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and hearing their advice, I invoke the Holy Spirit and I

decree the following:

Henceforth, and effective immediately, the new parish will be called Holy Child Jesus Parish.

Given this 7th day of August, *A.D.* 2020. From Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois

Store Cord. Cryich Archbishop of Chicago

Ecclesiastical Notary



RCIA and the Search for God

Are you searching for God? Do you, or someone you know, feel a calling toward the Catholic Church?

RCIA-the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-is a program for adults who are considering entering the Catholic Church and have not been baptized, for baptized non-Catholic Christians who wish to join the Catholic Church, or for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation). We also welcome Catholics who would like to study their faith more deeply.

In RCIA, we talk about the presence of God in our lives and in the world. We share our faith and pray. We study Scripture and how it speaks to us today. We learn about the Church, its beliefs, and its sacraments. We explore what it means to be Catholic and to live a Christian life. We learn from each other as we journey together on a pilgrimage of faith.

RCIA sessions will begin in early October. We are determining if the sessions will be in-person with social distancing, remote, or a hybrid. If you have a preference, please let us know. Your input is valuable to us.

Please consider RCIA if you have been contemplating entering the Church or completing your Sacraments of Initiation. You may know someone who has inquired about the Church or has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Spread the good news!

If you would like more information, please call Holy Child Jesus Parish at St. Margaret Mary Church at (773) 764-0615. You may also email Fr. Arthur Bautista at <u>arbautista@archchicago.org</u>, Art Blumberg at <u>arthurblumberg@sbcglobal.net</u>, or Cindy Shaw at <u>cshaw@archchicago.org</u>.

You may also fill out the form below and drop it off at any of the church rectories in Holy Child Jesus Parish. Is God calling you? Welcome his presence!

RCIA 2020-2021

NAME _____

PHONE

A PLEA FOR GARDEN HELP!

There are some lovely perennials that are ready to be transplanted to the east side of the church. Would you like to help make that happen?!?

If so, please contact Dan Fifarek at 773-255-6479 for more information.

Thank you!

REFLECTION

The following article by parishioner Tita Camilotes is the first in a series of reflections by members of the Holy Child Jesus Parish Unification Committee. In this series, committee members will share their thoughts, hopes, dreams, and visions for Holy Child Jesus Parish. We welcome your comments and feedback.

What a Beautiful Name It Is

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall **name Him Jesus**. He will be great and will be called **Son of the Most High**" Luke 1:31-32.

As the song goes, "What a beautiful...powerful...wonderful name it is...Nothing compares to this-the name of *Jesus*." Yes, Holy Child Jesus is a very beautiful, powerful, and wonderful name that fits our new unified parish. Nothing can compare to this.

Our Holy Child Jesus Parish takes pride in its cultural diversity. We are the most diverse parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago—a Church from every nation and age, each with unique religious and cultural practices and traditions. This uniqueness identifies us. God has brought us together so we can share each other gifts—the richness of each other's cultures and tradition. This sharing of gifts will help strengthen the identity of Holy Child Jesus Parish in a revitalized Catholic Church, with its universality and all-embracing nature. "We are many parts, we are all one body. And the gifts we have we were given to share."

Who is this Holy Child Jesus? The Christ Child, also known as Divine Infant, Baby Jesus, Infant Jesus, Child Jesus, the Holy Child, and *Santo Niño*, refers to Jesus Christ from his nativity to age twelve. The four canonical Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus but lack any narration of the years between Jesus' infancy and the Finding in the Temple when He was twelve.

"What Child is this, who, laid to rest?" He is this Baby lying in Mary's lap in a smelly cave in Bethlehem, who is the ultimate, the complete Word of God to humanity. Jesus is called a "Holy Child" because His character is aptly pictured as that of a child—simplicity, the absence of all cunning, humbleness, obedience, and a forgiving temper. Many saints and holy persons over the centuries have reported seeing the Child Jesus in visions. Many said they held Jesus in their arms. Even more consoling are the beautiful messages He gave them.

How was the name chosen? Simple answer. It's God's plan. It's God's will. God, the Father, wants His Son to be known, loved and accepted more by all people from every nation and age to inspire the young generation, young children who portray innocence and purity signifying simplicity and humbleness, who are always obedient to their mothers. When their faith is properly nurtured, they will grow spiritually with love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist who is Christ Himself, who dwells within us when we take His real Body and Blood during Holy Communion.

Holy Child Jesus' image is depicted in many forms.

Santo Niño de Cebú, Philippines: He looks like the Infant Jesus of Prague

and **Holy Infant of Marseilles** but very dark because His image was found among the ashes of a house burned to the ground. He has a serene countenance, dressed like a Spanish monarch with a golden crown, a cross-bearing orb on His left hand, His thumb and two fingers in His right hand pointing upwards imparting a priestly Catholic blessing.

Santo Niño de Atocha: Often wears a brimmed hat with a plume and a cape ornate with the St. James shell, the symbol of holy pilgrimages. In His left hand, He carries a pilgrim's staff fastened to the gourd, a pair of shackles, and spikes of wheat. His right hand holds a basket that generally contains bread or flowers.

With worldwide celebrations of His feast day especially by Filipino migrants and overseas workers as Santo Niño, the **Good News** of the **Holy Child Jesus** is **spread** to all nations and peoples of all ethnicities, cultures, and ages. Many devotees worldwide who prayed, honored, and petitioned before the Holy Child Jesus have received many graces, blessings, favors, and miraculous healings.

When the angel chorus sang the praises of the Baby to the shepherds on that wonderful night, the heavens opened, the Son of God was born in our hearts, God's grace of love breaks out in our families, in our homes, and hopefully **within the Holy Child Jesus Parish family of faith,** thereby enriching the spiritual life of our parish and community with His Love to *make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness.* That is why Christmas is always associated with warmth, love, joy, and forgiveness, with healing and beauty, and with light and glory.

Let us open wide our hearts to this little boy named **Holy Child Jesus** who bears the name of our new unified parish, who is our **God** and **Savior**, and know Him more to experience a profound knowledge, a metanoia, for a deep and intimate relationship with Him.

"Ite Missa Est"-Go and spread the Good News!

⁶ WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Augus	st 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
English		
10:00 am	Julita Trovela	
	Peter Justiano Wallis	
	h & Vietnamese	
	Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus	
Monday, August 31		
8:00 am	Dr. Emmanuel Alzona	
	Pedro L. DeMetrio	
	Remedios Catinan	
Tuesday, Septe		
8:00 am		
	Arthur & Jean Merritt	
Wednesday, S	-	
	In Thanksgiving for favors granted	
	tember 3 St. Gregory the Great	
	Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus	
Friday, Septem		
	Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus	
	tember 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta	
8:00 am	Agnes Rost	
English		
	Ann Donohue	
Vietnamese		
	Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus	
	mber 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
English	Chris Murtoursch	
10:00 am	Chris Murtaugh Cresencia G. Salas	
	Intentions of an SMM donor	
	Julita Trovela	
Rilingual Englis	h & Vietnamese	
12:00 pm	Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus	
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Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 29TH & 30TH

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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, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534.

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.