

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH  
AT ST. MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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

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### The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In today's Gospel, Matthew 18: 15-20, Jesus offers a practical solution for disputes among the loved ones.

*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. (Matthew 18: 15-17)*

The main point of this Sunday's Gospel is that we need each other, both for reconciliation and for good spiritual health. We are brothers and sisters of each other. And our God expects us to support, love and even correct one another when the time is appropriate.

Working with each other is not only a good way to achieve our goals in life; it is also the heart of what Jesus wants from all of us. It is what "church" mean. It is a place for all. We come together because of God's love and the love among all members. We must help one another when and where help is needed.

Is it that the goal for our faith community – Holy Child Jesus Parish - that is for good spiritual health? All of us, who were members of three different communities, are now belonged to just one. We want our parish like a home for all with much love and care for each other - the parish that has many living witnesses for our loving God; the parish that will bring forth many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

*Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18: 19-20)*

These words were from our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that when two or three are gathered in the name of God, He is there in our midst. Let us join hands with each other for the good spiritual health of our parish.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

### 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, 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](mailto:mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com). You can also visit Mike's Web Profile [at this link](#).

## Holy Child Jesus Parish 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 and 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.

And if you'd like to make a contribution today, please see the ushers at the break. They have baskets ready for you. We support our faith through our works, our prayers, and our contributions to the parish. Please make a prayerful contribution.

Thank you for your 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.....	\$4,491.00
Loose Money .....	\$1,065.05
Total Collection .....	\$5,556.05
Variance .....	(\$3,385.95)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	61



## 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 [arbautista@archchicago.org](mailto:arbautista@archchicago.org), Art Blumberg at [arthurbloomberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arthurbloomberg@sbcglobal.net), or Cindy Shaw at [cshaw@archchicago.org](mailto:cshaw@archchicago.org).

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## What Will the Religious Education Program Look Like This Year?

This year's Religious Education program will differ greatly from that of previous years due to the uncertainty brought by the coronavirus pandemic. Classes will be family catechesis at home, supported by monthly Zoom-based classes based on the Finding God textbook materials published by Loyola Press.

Key features of our plan for 2020-2021 Religious Education are described below. If you have questions or want to know more about this year's Religious Education program, please attend one of the following online meetings:

Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm (bilingual English & Vietnamese)

Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm (bilingual English & Spanish)

\* Zoom links will be available on the Holy Child Jesus Parish website.

### 2020-2021 Religious Education Plan Summary of Key Features

We meet on Zoom one Saturday a month for about an hour.

This monthly meeting includes a presentation to prepare you for the coming month's topics. Students may attend the first part of the meeting with their parents.

Meetings will be recorded (per safe-environment guidelines) and will be available upon request to families unable to attend on a day.

On the other (two) three weeks of the month, families designate their own Religious Education time, and work together at home. All grade levels cover the same theme each week, but with age-appropriate resources for each child.

We will provide you a parent guide for every grade level that will help you ask questions as your children work through their material.

Catechists will be available for consultation or support.

The first parent-catechist Zoom meeting will be on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at the time jointly agreed upon by parents and catechists.

The last at home class will be during the week of March 21-27, 2021. However, children in 2nd year Communion preparation and 2nd year Confirmation preparation will have additional Zoom classes with catechists in April and May 2021 to prepare for their reception of the Sacraments.

#### Preschool-K

Until it becomes prudent and possible to have in person classes, we will simply be unable to offer catechesis for Preschool-K children.

#### Tuition & Fees

Tuition is waived this school year. However, there is a textbook fee of \$25.00 per student. Sacramental Preparation fee is TBD.

#### Registration

Register online at [www.holychildjesusparish.org/childrens-faith-formation](http://www.holychildjesusparish.org/childrens-faith-formation) (This website is not ready yet, but will be available soon.)



### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have a core group of volunteers at Holy Child Jesus Parish at St. Margaret Mary Church that has done a fantastic job assisting at Mass. We hope to have more of our parishioners so we can expand our group. Volunteering is a way to give back to the parish, to help build our community. You don't have to be here every week—once a month would help us tremendously.

Please call the parish office at (773) 764-0615 or email Art Blumberg at [art.blumberg@holychildjesusparish.org](mailto:art.blumberg@holychildjesusparish.org) for more information.

## CYCLES OF FAITH

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It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

## Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



## 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.

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

English

10:00 am Chris Murtaugh  
Cresencia G. Salas  
Intentions of an SMM Donor  
Julita Trovela  
Annemarie Ricker (living)

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Monday, September 7**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Tuesday, September 8 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Thursday, September 10**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Friday, September 11**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Saturday, September 12 Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Chuck Baggarly  
Ann Donohue  
Lorrie Wiltgen (living)

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

English

10:00 am Wayne Haukap  
Julita Trovela  
Ana Taras

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

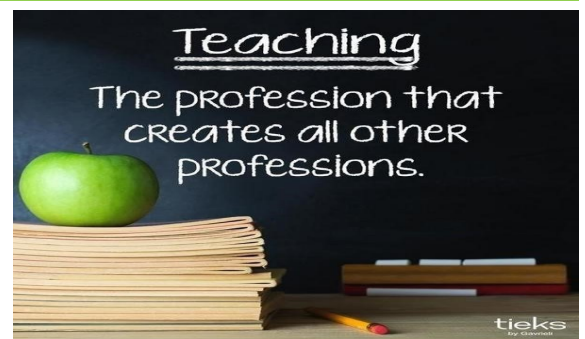
12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

# Thank You

to everyone who attended the Town Hall meetings either virtually or in-person. More than ever, these meetings brought home how deeply we care about our parish and our faith. Even when we disagree or have some tough questions, it is because we love and care for each other and for Holy Child Jesus Parish.

Let us be alert to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Let us listen to each other's voices as together we continue our journey.



An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

-Carl Gustav Jung, 1875-1961

