

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH
AT ST. MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?”
Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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

1st & 3rd in English

2nd & 4th in 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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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16a, Jesus teaches us through a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven. The parable is about a landowner who hires workers to work in his vineyard at different hours of the day. Those who start early in the morning with a promise of a just day's wage assume that they will receive more than those hired at the last minute. It is a fair thought but that is not how it turns out. All the workers receive the same wages. Confronted by the early workers, the owner does not give in: *"My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?"* (Mt 20: 13-14)

Many of us might reason similarly. Those who worked the whole day would have the right to expect a little more in payment. And we believe that is a fair game. Moreover, this is our way of thinking, doing and our rules: when we work hard for something, we have a right to expect something. However, our ways of thinking, doing, ruling are not God's ways. Our thoughts about fairness and mercy are not God's thoughts. The prophet Isaiah told us about this merciful God of ours long ago in the Old Testament (first reading). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."* (Is 55: 8-9)

Indeed the teachings of our God sometimes are hard for us to understand fully. The fact is this we with our limits have no ability to measure the justice and the mercy of God. His act of mercy is beyond our perceptions of divine mercy. Then, let us all know this reality: with God everybody has the right to receive God's favor and love. And that the work of redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ is for the salvation of the whole humankind.

If we identify ourselves with the early workers who faithfully work in God's vineyard, we are blessed because God is there always in our lives. If we see ourselves as the late comers into the vineyard, we are also blessed by a merciful God. So, let us believe and profess that our God is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

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

September 13, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,466.00
Loose Money	\$1,163.10
Total Collection	\$3,629.10
Variance.....	(\$5,312.90)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	48

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 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2020-2021

Please register for our upcoming Religious Education year and share this information with anyone who you think might be interested! This year's classes will be family catechesis at home, supported by monthly online parent/ catechist meeting for catechetical preparation. See the faith formation page of our Parish's new website <https://hcjp.org/childrens-faith-formation> for more information.

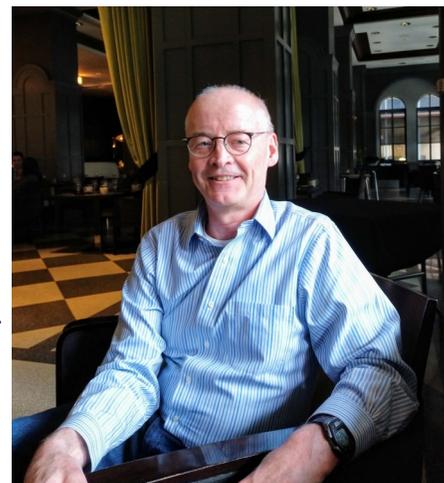
INTRODUCING MIKE McCAULEY, MA - PARISH COUNSELOR

Mike McCauley is a Psychotherapy Resident at Claret Center who, for the past year, has also served as our Parish Counselor. He comes to the field of counseling and psychotherapy after a lengthy career as a journalist and communication educator. In the midst of this experience, he discovered that his first love was working one-on-one with people regarding the family, relationship and career concerns they brought to his office.

Pursuing this passion, Mike trained and worked as a life coach, and also worked briefly as a hospice volunteer and chaplain intern. He holds an MA in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University Chicago and now sees clients at several locations in West Ridge, Evanston, Rogers Park and Hyde Park. He also offers remote counseling sessions via Zoom or telephone.

Mike provides compassionate support for people who've experienced depression, anxiety, relationship challenges and significant life changes, and also enjoys the chance to work with spiritual and existential concerns. He celebrates the goodness and strength of his clients, and offers sessions that are nurturing, captivating and goal oriented.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment with Mike, please contact him at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com.



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September 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the forty-four seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially considering the current pandemic and other societal unrest that these new priests will face upon ordination. We ask for your prayers and financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

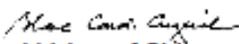
Each September, gifts to our annual Catholic Bishop of Chicago/Seminarian Education second collection provide needed funds for the formation of our seminarians at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, as well as for our college seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As the principal seminary and school of theology for the formation of priests in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary prepares men for ordination as archdiocesan priests who will shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments and teach the Catholic faith.

Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on each seminarian. A remittance envelope will be placed in the pews the weekend of September 19-20. You may also give by sending your donation to your parish, noting that it is for the seminarians, or by making a gift online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

"Formed in Tradition. Trained in Compassion. Prepared to Shepherd."



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, Art Blumberg at arthurblumberg@sbcglobal.net, or Cindy Shaw at 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 _____

6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Living & deceased members of
Wallis/D'Souza Family, relatives & friends
Sarah Vega
Ana Taras
Julita Trovela
Marie Schmid

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, September 21 St. Matthew

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am Melinda Malabo
Inge de la Camp

Friday, September 25

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, September 26 Ss. Cosmas & Damian

8:00 am John Potucek
Dr. Emmanuel Alzona

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, September 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Peter Justiano Walks
Julita Trovela

Bilingual English Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

FOCUS ON THE WORD

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 2nd (in English) and 3rd (in Vietnamese) Sundays of the month following the 12 noon Mass.

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.

BANNS

I Benjamin Paul Lewis & Helen Luu Nguyen