

The Chimes

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HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH
AT ST. MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



September 27, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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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

1st & 3rd in English

2nd & 4th in English & Vietnamese

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus teaches us to live out our faith-life through the parable of the Two Son.

Two sons were asked by their father to go out into the vineyard to work.

One said he would not go, but later he changed his mind and went.

The other said in reply that he would go when his father made the request of him. But he chose not to go in the end.

Jesus goes on in his remark:

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Matthew 21: 31-32)

With this parable, Jesus shows forth his love and care for the sinners and outcasts. Indeed, not only with this parable but many times, through the Gospel, we have seen a lot of acts of kindness from Jesus toward the ones who were considered sinners and outcasts. He comes to them with his words of encouragements. He forgives their sins. He heals their sickness. He casts out demons that tormented people. The dead were raised to life by Jesus.

Few days ago, we celebrated the feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Matthew was a Roman tax collector. He was seen as a traitor and sinner by his own people. (Matthew 9: 9-13)

Like Saint Matthew, when all these people turn away from sinful life and unworthy way of living, they end up in God's good graces.

On the other hand, the chief priests and elders always act piously and show off their faith in the Lord. But, when Jesus makes known that the expected Messiah is in their midst, they turn their attention elsewhere. They fill their hearts with hatred and jealousy toward Jesus.

Sometimes, sad to say, we are like the religious authorities whom Jesus addressed in this parable. We observe all the regulations of our religion and we claim we know much about God. However, there is something that we may not have that is a generous heart, a willing spirit, or a genuine openness.

Which of these groups do each one of us want to be part of?

Fr. Phi Nguyen

Peter Pham to Be Instituted into the Ministry of Reader

Congratulations to Peter Pham. On Sunday, October 4, 2020, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mundelein Seminary, the Most Rev. Mark Bartosic will preside at the Rite of Institution into the Ministry of Reader and welcome Peter Pham into that ministry. Peter Pham of our parish is one of 24 candidates to be instituted into this ministry.

Please keep in your prayers Peter, all candidates who will be instituted as Readers, their wives and families, and all candidates in formation that they might continue to answer God's call to serve His Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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COLLECTION REPORT

September 20, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,362.00
Loose Money	\$3,021.00
Total Collection	\$5,383.00
Variance	(\$3,559.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	52



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 _____



September 17, 2020

Dear Archdiocese community,

We have faced unprecedented challenges this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Loved ones have sickened and, in some cases died. We have had to adjust to drastic changes in the way we live our lives. As Catholics committed to defending life, we are called to take responsibility for the welfare and safety of our community. This year, that means wearing a mask, washing our hands and taking other precautions to prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

Archdiocese of Chicago personnel have worked hard these past few months to plan and execute preventive measures so we could open our churches and schools safely. All our hard work might have less impact though, if we don't take one more step and get our influenza immunizations as soon as possible.

While it's known as the common flu, there's really nothing common about influenza in 2020. Without a doubt, this will be the most important flu shot you will ever receive. In the coming weeks, we will witness a convergence of both viruses – influenza and COVID-19. Common flu symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat and extreme fatigue are similar to COVID-19 symptoms. Health care providers can become overwhelmed by patients mistaking one infection for the other.

Influenza can be, in itself a serious illness. More than 200,000 Americans are hospitalized each year with the flu. While most people recover completely in one to two weeks, some develop very serious and potentially life-threatening complications such as pneumonia. Over the past decade, influenza and pneumonia have been linked to an annual average of 3,500 deaths in Illinois, alone.

Nobody likes getting shots. I certainly don't, but I got mine this month. Getting a flu shot is easy and inexpensive and it is recommended for just about everyone, even children over the age of six months. It's available free through most insurance plans and public health clinics. You can find a vaccine provider near you by visiting vaccinefinder.org.

Let's roll up our sleeves and take this simple step. You may save a life. You will certainly help make this unprecedented year less deadly for our community.

My prayers are with all of you and particularly with those who have suffered illness and loss. And I ask that you pray for me.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blase Card. Cupich".

Blase Cardinal Cupich

The following article by parishioner Art Blumberg is one of a continuing series of reflections by members of the Holy Child Jesus Parish Unification Committee, sharing their thoughts, hopes, dreams, and visions for our parish. We welcome your comments and feedback.

Holy Child Jesus Parish: A Beloved Community

We are now Holy Child Jesus Parish. How does this name relate to us?

Jesus was divine and human, one person with two natures. When we hear the name of Holy Child Jesus, we naturally think about his divine nature, that he was the son of God. But the name Holy Child Jesus should also make us think about Jesus as a human person, as an infant, a child. We were all children once. The name connects us, reminds us that, just like us, Jesus was truly human. He was not born with full knowledge of the world. He had to learn how to walk and talk. So did we. As a child, he studied his faith and his Scripture. If we want to know faith and Scripture, we too must study. Luke tells us the story of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple, "They found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers...And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

In other words, Jesus learned and matured—just like us.

The only difference between the human Jesus and us is sin. He did not sin. We do. Yet Jesus was like us in every other way. He grew hungry and thirsty. He needed rest and sleep. He felt the full range of human emotions. Jesus knew what it was to feel pity or anger or love or frustration. He knew, and he knows now, what it is to be a human person, because he was one. And the lesson here is that if he could be holy, then so can we. It cannot be in the same way as Jesus, but we can strive to follow his example, to be like him.

The great news is we don't have to do this alone. Jesus is always there to help us. We have our community of Holy Child Jesus Parish. And in this community, we should support each other, carry each other.

Dr. Martin Luther King wrote, "We have inherited a large house, a great 'world house,' in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, cultures, and interests, who because we can never live again apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace."

Dr. King named his vision "The Beloved Community." Growing and nurturing our beloved community with our different cultures and our varied ethnicities is what we are called to do at Holy Child Jesus Parish. We come together as a Catholic community, celebrating our differences, cherishing our unity in the Body of Christ.

The Holy Child Jesus who grew and matured, just like us, is our guide. We will walk with each other. We will walk with him.

Let's smile as we remember that Jesus loves each and every one of us. Let's do our best to love each other, to live in peace.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **William Glynn** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



BANNS

II Benjamin Paul Lewis & Helen Luu Nguyen

BAPTISMS

+August Michael Jude Bergquist, son of Justin and Crystal (Flick), received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism. May his parents and godparents be a light in his life.

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.

6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm

Monday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, September 30 St. Jerome

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Thursday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 am Ariosto Reyes, Jr.

Friday, October 2 Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am Agnes Robst

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, October 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Chris Murtaugh

Cresencia G. Salas

Intentions of an SMM Donor

Julita Trovela

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

2:00 pm Wedding:

Benjamin Paul Lewis & Helen Luu Nguyen

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.

WOMEN'S CENTER

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Beginning this weekend, our parish will be participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefitting The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies, and their mothers, from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it by the weekend of October 25th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort, for The Women's Centers. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center.

You can also go directly to the website: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.



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.

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.