

"The stone that the builders rejected has become

the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm 1st & 3rd in English 2nd & 4th in English & Vietnamese

RECONCILIATION

PASTORAL STAFF
Pastor, Rev. Phi Nguyen
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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)

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Jesus in today's Gospel, Matthew 21:33-43, tells us another parable about a landowner and his workers.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." (Matthew 22: 33-41)

Jesus' story implicates that the Kingdom of God is not always received with grace and acceptance. Sin and death seem still having power over us. Our world is still filled with hatred, dishonor, lying, torturing, abusing, or killing. It is a rough world that we live in, and yet the Kingdom is here even in the midst of disorder and chaos.

The Kingdom of God was established by Jesus through his death and resurrection. And He wants the whole human race to live in this kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, peace, love and justice.

Indeed, to be part of this Kingdom is our sole hope. We all want to be with our Lord. We want to be loved and cared for. We want to live forever in God's house. Then, let us all, who believe that God's kingdom must be reign now, work for it.

Let us ponder again the Prayer of Saint Francis. It may help us to figure out our concrete actions.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is dispair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

DIVINE MERCY 33 OUTDOOR MASS

Friday, October 16th

7:00 pm

On Elston Avenue just west of Cicero Avenue At the Divine Mercy Image

Presider: Fr. Jason Malave

Rosary will be recited at 6:30 pm

Please bring your own chair (and candle if desired).

Plenty of free parking available.

For more information: 773-909-4508

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

September 27, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$1,907.00
Loose Money	\$1,366.00
Total Collection	\$3,273.00
Variance	(\$5,669.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	49



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 on Monday, October 5. Virtual sessions will run from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. We will reevaluate whether to continue with virtual sessions or move towards a hybrid model at the end of this year.

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 arthurblum-berg@sbcglobal.net, Cindy Shaw at cshaw@archchicago.org, or Trongphuc Tran at trongphuctran@outlook.com.

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

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

COPING WITH TRANSITIONS

an online workshop and discussion

Monday, October 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Change is one of the only constant things in our lives. But sometimes the stressors associated with change can interfere with our ability to cope, or to transition to a new level of healthy functioning.

Join us, via Zoom, for an online workshop and discussion on this topic. The facilitators are Parish Counselor Mike McCauley and Art Blumberg, who co-chairs the Holy Child Jesus Parish Unification Committee.

Specific topics may include:

coping with isolation and loneliness during the COVID-19 outbreak

the grief that follows personal loss and other life transitions

the stressors associated with parish reorganization through Renew My Church

pathways toward building resilience in the face of change

This workshop and discussion will be available via Zoom teleconferencing for anyone who has a computer with a good working camera. To join the meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 19, please click on the following link: https://zoom.us/j/91751037460. Those who wish to participate by phone, can join us by dialing 312-626-6799. When asked for a Meeting ID, please enter: 917 5103 7460. For more information, please contact Mike McCauley at 773-234-4640.

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.

DEADLINE FOR PHONE IN MASS RESERVATIONS

Please note that the deadline for phoning in your reservation for weekend Masses is Thursday at 4:30 p.m. We are unable to honor any requests made after the deadline.

If you have access to the Internet, please go to our website at https://smmchicago.org/parish/ and follow the prompts for signing up for Mass.



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.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

CYCLES OF FAITH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Holy Child Jesus Prayer

Cleanse our hearts, Child Jesus, to shine as thine Dwell in this temple's heart, dwell within mine Be with us, Holy Child, console us in our days Make our paths straight, help us amend our ways Gird us with the armor to ward off the foe Grant us grace to bear our crosses, guide us to grow Help us live out the Word, incarnate in you Through the intercession of Mary, St. Joseph, and the Spirit of Truth Pray for us Santo Niño, Divinity in youth!

BANNS

III Benjamin Paul Lewis & Helen Luu Nguyen



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, 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

Monday, October 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, October 6 Ss. Bruno & Marie Rose Durocher 8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am John Tabor

Thursday, October 8

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Friday, October 9 Ss. Denis & John Leonard

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Chuck Baggarly

Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

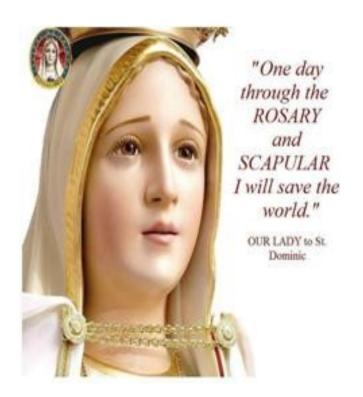
English

10:00 am Wayne Haukap

Julita Trovela

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus



WOMEN'S CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish is 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.



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 Iesus Parish.