



## PASTORAL STAFF

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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

#### 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

**Activity Center** 7341 N. Claremont

**Holy Hands** (773) 764-0615

# Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In today's Gospel, Matthew 22: 1-14, Jesus uses the parable of the royal weeding feast to tell us about the heavenly kingdom.

The parable is about a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He sent out his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. The invited guest not only refused to come but also mistreated and killed the servants.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Matthew 21: 7-10)

Let us talk about the original invited guests. The king had sent invitations to them in advance, so they would have time to plan to attend the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They did not care much about the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but for the whole royal family as well. The king's anger is justified because his people openly refused to give the king the honor to host them at his son's wedding fest. Clearly, Jesus directed this warning to the people of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the outcomes of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior.

With the ones who were invited later to the wedding feast. 'Good and the bad' on the streets certainly refer to the Gentiles and to sinners. We may see that we are.

But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. He said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' (Matthew 21: 11-13)

This is certainly an invitation of grace. This invitation is also a warning for those who refuse it and those who approach the wedding feast unworthily. For sure, all of us are invited to the heavenly feast with our Lord and God. Let us not be like the invited guests who refused to come to the feast or like the one who came without a wedding garment. Rather, let us all prepare ourselves worthily for the feast with the host who is our loving God.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

### **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

#### October 4, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$3,514.00
Loose Money	\$2,334.00
Total Collection	\$5,848.00
Variance	(\$3,094.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	58

### FREE FLU SHOT

Next Sunday, October 18, flu vaccines are available at St.
Margaret Mary from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Weather permitting, flu shots will be given outdoors, in the

courtyard in front of the Rectory. If not, the event will be held in the Activity Center.



# 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.

## WOMEN'S CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish continues to participate 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.

# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 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 <a href="mailto:art.blumberg@holychildjesusparish.org">art.blumberg@holychildjesusparish.org</a> 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 <a href="https://https://https://https://https://https.org/childrens-faith-formation">https://https.org/childrens-faith-formation</a> 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 <a href="https://smmchicago.org/parish/">https://smmchicago.org/parish/</a> and follow the prompts for signing up for Mass.

Good things aren't supposed to just fall into your lap. God is very generous, but He expects you to do your part first

# FOCUS ON THE WORD

## CYCLES OF FAITH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

# 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!

#### 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.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Teresita Francia Ong

Recto Ong Wayne Haukap Julita Trovela Gleceria Rosal Jules Artajo (living)

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, October 12

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, October 14 St. Callistus

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Thursday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Friday, October 16

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Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jes Saturday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Engish

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Julita Trovela

Marie Schmid

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

[6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1/

Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47,

48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

[cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

[2a]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13

[12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/

Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

[7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



#### **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.

