

The Chimes

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

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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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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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) to teach about heaven and how one must prepare in order to enter.

We have heard from Jesus that heaven or the place where our God dwells is a place where there will be no more pain and sorrow, only eternal happiness. It is the place that God has prepared for those who love Him and follow his way while living in this earthly place. Life without end in the Kingdom of Heaven is the gift of God, the gift that we are free to receive or reject.

The five wise virgins were well prepared to meet the bridegroom. They carried lamps and extra oil. They are examples of those who try to foresee whatever event that may come, and plan for the unexpected. The five wise virgins were ready to meet the bridegroom and enter the banquet with him.

Five of the virgins in the parable were foolish. They did not prepare themselves well enough to meet the bridegroom; they carried lamps but not jars of oil. They did not bring extra oil for their lamps because they did not expect the bridegroom's arrival could be delayed. They did not care much for whatsoever would happen. When the bridegroom eventually arrived, the five foolish virgins were not ready to accompany him into the banquet. And, the heavenly banquet became beyond their reach. Life with the Creator is a gift that was given to each one of us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It should be the sole purpose of our life on the earthly journey. Are we prepared to receive this gift? Are we worthy for this priceless gift? The door to God's dwelling place is going to close if we are caught unprepared and are unworthy to enter.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS DURING NOVEMBER**Nov 22 – Christ the King:**

SMM will have a procession inside the church right after 10:00 AM Mass.
St. Timothy will have a procession right after 11:00 AM Mass.

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving:

@ Henry: 9:00 AM English and 11:00 AM: Vietnamese
@ SMM: 9:00 AM English
@ Timothy: 9:00 AM English



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November 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with great joy that we will celebrate Pope Francis' appointment of our three new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Chicago: Bishops-elect Kevin M. Birmingham, Jeffrey S. Grob and Robert J. Lombardo, CFR at the episcopal ordination on the feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, at 2 p.m. November 13, 2020.

During the unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis, we continue to monitor the rising spread of the coronavirus locally and nationwide. The health, safety and well-being of our clergy, staff and guests are our priority. With the faithful coming to the ordination Mass from across the United States, it is important to note the Archdiocese of Chicago is meticulously following Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID-19 prevention guidelines. We will closely observe these guidelines at this celebration, including the requirement that masks be worn, hand sanitizers used and prescribed physical distancing be maintained.

If you are coming from outside of Illinois, please review the City of Chicago's Emergency Travel Order before making arrangements to attend the service. The Travel Order list can be found at <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html> and is updated every Tuesday and goes into effect the following Friday at 12:01 a.m.

We ask that anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms, such as, but not limited to a fever, chills, a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, or flu-like symptoms to please stay home and watch the ordination from our livestream. We will check the temperature of each guest prior to their entering Holy Name Cathedral. Anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be asked to leave.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to doing all you can to ensure this sacred celebration is safe for all in attendance by adhering to the guidelines and protocols outlined in this letter. This is for your personal safety and the common good of your neighbor.

Sincerely yours,

Bishop Robert Casey, Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Chicago

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY BOARD OF SPECIFIED JURISDICTION (BSJ)

The BSJ is looking for new members to help advise the school administration either through direct membership or as a member of one of its several committees, including Finance, Long Range Planning, Facilities, Marketing or Advancement and Development.

Members may include parishioners, alumni and parents of alumni, school parents & guardians as well as neighborhood, civic and local business leaders.

At this time we have a specific need for engaged candidates with experience regarding facilities, recruitment/enrollment, advancement/development and finance.

We are looking for individuals who will bring both a diverse perspective and a commitment to working collaboratively in order to fulfill our mission.

If you are interested, or have a recommendation for a contact in the community who might be interested, please contact Megan Thibert-Ind at ind_cm@yahoo.com.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3229 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
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30 October 2020

Prot. N. 12384/20

Your Excellency,

The Secretariat of State of the Holy Father has asked me to share with you, and through you with the members of the Episcopal Conference, the following observations in reference to certain remarks contained in the documentary film "Francesco", by director Evgeny Afineevsky, that have caused various reactions and interpretations in the last few days. The Holy Father has directed that these observations be offered in order to permit an adequate understanding of his words.

More than a year ago, in the course of an interview, Pope Francis responded to two distinct questions at different moments that, in the said documentary, were edited and published as a single response without the necessary context, which has resulted in confusion. The Holy Father, first and foremost, referred in a pastoral manner to the need, within the family, for a son or daughter with a homosexual orientation to never be discriminated against. The following words are intended in this sense: "Las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia; son hijos de Dios, tienen derecho a una familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie ni hacerle la vida imposible por eso".

The following paragraph from the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation concerning love in the family, *Amoris laetitia* (2016), can shed light on those responses: "During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children. We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated

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Most Reverend José H. Gomez
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with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives."

A subsequent question during that interview pertained rather to a local law of ten years ago in Argentina, regarding "*matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo*" and to the opposition of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires towards it. In this respect, Pope Francis affirmed that "*es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual*", adding that, in such a precise context, he had spoken of the right of these persons to legal cover: "*lo que tenemos que hacer es una ley de convivencia civil: tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso.*"

During a 2014 interview, the Holy Father expressed himself as follows: "Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular States want to justify civil unions in order to regularize the various situations of cohabitation, driven by the necessity to regularize economic matters between persons, such as ensuring health care, for example. This relates to various forms of cohabitation agreement, which I would not be able to list. The different situations must be examined and evaluated, according to their circumstances."

It is therefore clear that Pope Francis was referring to particular State provisions, and not certainly to the doctrine of the Church, which has been reiterated on numerous occasions over the years.

Grateful for your cooperation in this matter, I assure you of my good wishes and remain

Yours faithfully,

✠ Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

CYCLES OF FAITH

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When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

November 1, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$5,449.00
Loose Money	\$2,132.28
Total Collection	\$7,581.28
Variance.....	(\$1,360.72)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	42

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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, November 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Julita Trovela

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, November 9 Dedication Lateran Basilica

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Thursday, November 12 St. Josaphat

8:00 am Tom Kelly

Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Chuck Baggarly

Ann Donohue

Phil Murtaugh

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, November 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Wayne Haukap

Julita Trovela

Marie Schmid

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus



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@hcjp.org for more information.

HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

We support our faith through our prayers, our works and our contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish. Our contributions support our growing ministries.

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus at St. Timothy, St. Henry or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so and make your contributions payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to.

Parishioners may also contribute through GiveCentral by going to www.hcjp.org, or www.sainthenchicago.org or www.smmchicago.org and following the Donate prompts.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for Holy Child Jesus.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: jumbo furnished apt on 2nd fl, 1 blk from church, Frank, 773-743-7030; 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.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534.