

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Phi Nguyen
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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 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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

The Scripture Readings of these last days of the Liturgical Year emphasize more on the Kingdom of God and the final judgment. We are told that on our last day we will go to see God face to face. There, we all must give an account of our lives on this earth. The Gospel of this Sunday gives insights into just what our Lord expects of us during our earthly journey toward the heavenly home.

In the parable, Matthew 25: 14-30, Jesus tells us about the talents that were given to the servants. Let us acknowledge that the servants are the followers of Christ the Lord from the beginning to the very last day of this earth. The five, two and one talents can be understood as God's gifts, including the gift of faith, of hope, and of love. Also, they are the call to discipleship and individual talents for human activities that are unique to each.

Indeed, those with five talents have more demands and responsibilities than those with only one talent. It is true for followers of Jesus who are more capable than others to serve the Church and society. For those who are in leadership roles there must be no self-interest or indifference or fear of failure to keep them from a generous spirit and generous deeds. Clearly, our Lord does not expect the same return on talents that one was given, but only that of which each person is capable.

Through the parable, Jesus teaches us that we, as his followers, will please our Lord if each of us uses well God's gifts for our own good and the good of other. We will be rewarded for our good deeds.

Of course, our Lord will not be pleased to hear and see that we have not made any profit from our talent(s). This is the response from the Master, "you wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?" (Mt 25: 26-27)

Let us all determine that we will do well in using God's gifts. Let us fear nothing in sharing our faith with each other, especially to the ones who have not heard anything about our God. Let us allow ourselves with God's graces to grow in knowledge and love of God.

We believe that if each of us to live our life faithfully with the Lord and fulfill our tasks fully while on this earthly dwelling, then there will be no fear for us on our final judgment.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

FREE FLU SHOT

You can still get free flu shots by going to Walgreens at 5625 N. Ridge near the Bryn Mawr train station anytime

during their pharmacy hours of 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Please mention that Tita from St. Henry has sent you for the free flu shot.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

November 8, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$2,321.00
Loose Money	\$1,630.12
Total Collection	\$3,951.12
Variance	(\$4,990.88)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	57

PLEASE HELP WITH MASS RESERVATIONS

We have recently seen a decline in the number of reservations, especially for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Although Mass attendance remains high and we welcome everyone's presence, we strongly rely on our reservation system to help us plan our seating which still remains limited.

We ask that everyone makes a reservation for every Mass that you plan to attend. If you attend every week, please make a reservation for every week. Please do not rely on the list that we keep for walkins.

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

If you do not have access to the Internet, please make a phone reservation by calling the parish office at (773) 764-0615. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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.

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.sainthenrychicago.org or www.smmchicago.org and following the Donate prompts.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for 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.



FOCUS ON THE WORD

CYCLES OF FAITH

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

REST IN PEACE

Our Blessed Lord has called home **Elsie Heyler** and **John Cipriani** for whom we promise our prayers that the may live in joy in His presence.





Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

[Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5

[Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

[Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,

131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/

Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [

1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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, November 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Wong Young

Wayne Haukap Julita Trovela Marie Schmid

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland

8:00 am Anthony Hoang and Family

Tuesday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 am Jean & Arthur Merritt

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am Jean & Arthur Merritt

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am Jean & Arthur Merritt

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Elaine Alimboyoguen

Saturday, November 21 Presentation BVM

8:00am Deceased member of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Emmanuel Frederique

Phil Murtugh Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King

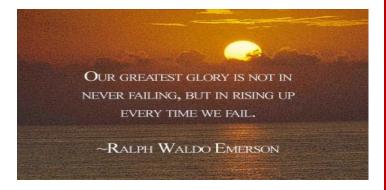
English

10:00 am Peter Carlos & Maria Felicidade Wallis

Julita Trovela Joan Hails

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of 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 18 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Nealgallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534;

FOR SALE: 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGNFOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For the past 50 years, CCHD has continued to work on the margins of the Archdiocese of Chicago to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- · Amplify voices with vision
- · Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities
- Support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 21 – 22.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or donate, please visit **CCHDchicago.org**.



Next week our parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, also known as CCHD. For 50 years, the mission of CCHD has been to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion and support of organizations that help people to help themselves.

CCHD supports these local groups as they create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children and raise leaders for the future. CCHD-sponsored programs effectively break the cycle of poverty by building collective power so that people can take action on the issues that affect their lives, families and communities.

Last year parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago raised \$600,000 during the collection weekend.

Next week we have the ability to sow tangible seeds of hope by contributing to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Donations can also be made year-round at www.CCHDchicago.org. Thank you for your continued support.