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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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King-Year A

The feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We start a liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent Season, which is a four-week preparation time for the celebration of the birth of our New Born King. On the feast of Christ the King, we acknowledge and profess that Christ is our King.

As the Gospel, Matthew 25: 31-46, clearly states

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. (Matthew 25: 31-36)

Do the ones who will be on the right hand of the King do those good deeds to the King himself? Of course not, but the love and good acts from generous hearts and minds have been done toward the hungry, the poor, the stranger, the prisoner, the sick, the elders and the hopelessness. And these good deeds done with love will please the King. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' (Matthew 25: 41-45)

Let each of us ask ourselves these questions: Do I see God in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the prisoner, the poor, the hopeless and the powerless? Do I care and have pity on them? Do I have love and show forth my good intention to the ones who are forced to face the harshness of life? If we have done nothing, it is time for us to change the way that we are living right now. If we do not change, eternal happiness with the King of the Universe will not be there for us. Because our King is the One who is love and kindness.

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:

(a) Henry: 9:00 AM English and 11:00 AM: Vietnamese
(a) SMM: 9:00 AM English
(a) Timothy: 9:00 AM English



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

November 15, 220

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$1,323.00
Loose Money	\$ 995.00
Total Collection	\$2,318.00
Variance	(\$6,624.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	46

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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November 21, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the preface of the book Communion and Hope, Pope Francis writes that the COVID-19 crisis, "has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet."

For the past 50 years since the inception of CCHD, organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. For example, the main purpose of CCHD grantee the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is to build relationships across racial and generational differences and to bring collective concerns into the public life while they act for the common good. SWOP acts on this mission by working to reduce violence and end predatory lending and foreclosures. During the pandemic, SWOP has done so by providing more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and solidarity, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org. It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection on November 21 and 22 to continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins of Chicagoland. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Slace Card. Cayniel

Archbishop of Chicago

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 walk-ins.

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.

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 <u>art.blumberg@hcjp.org</u> for more information.

FOCUS ON THE WORD

CYCLES OF FAITH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?



Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

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
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
	[cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
	Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
	[Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2,
	3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11–21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
	8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
	[1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,
	15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/
	Mk 13:33-37

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 22 Christ the King English 10:30 am Peter Carlos & Maria Felicidade Wallis Julita Trovela Joan Hails Bilingual English & Vietnamese 12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus Monday, November 23 St. Clement 8:00 am Dr. Peter Yu Tuesday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac 8:00 am Maria Gesmundo Wednesday, November 25 St. Catherine/Alexandria 8:00 am J.B. Mabasa Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Alvce & John Potucek 9:00 am Friday, November 27 8:00 am Moses Usifo Nduka Usifo Paul Usifo Saturday, November 28 8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus English 4:00 pm **Emmanuel Frederique** Ann Donohue Vietnamese 6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent English 10:00 am Paul Isiekwene Paulina Isiekwene Julita Trovela Peter Justiano Wallis 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, 773743-7030; sm office spaces \$300\$600/mo, perfect for 18 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 7737436565 or Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 7732747534; FOR SALE: 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773764-3789.

INTRODUCING THE PARISH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Our Parish Counseling Program provides confidential, nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief or other challenges. Counseling can be helpful when you:

- feel more sad or anxious than you want to feel
- have lost a job or struggle with problems at work
- experience difficult feelings because of COVID-19
- have challenges with relationships
- have experienced the loss of someone close
- have trouble adjusting to change or transition
- desire a closer relationship with your spouse or partner - want to bring a new sense of purpose and meaning to your life

Counseling services are provided by Mike McCauley, MA, who is a psychotherapy resident at Claret Center. Spanishlanguage counseling is available from Aleja Sastoque, who is a psychotherapy intern at Claret. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773 -234-4640 or <u>mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com</u>. You can also visit Mike's Web Profile <u>at this link</u>. Remote counseling sessions are available via Zoom or telephone.

