

The Chimes

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

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mk 13:33

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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

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www.smmchicago.org/parish

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First Sunday of Advent - Year B

With the First Sunday of Advent, we start a new liturgical year. Advent is the season in stillness wait and of preparation. The waiting here means to be ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. And the preparation means to prepare our whole being to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of the Most High.

The Holy Scriptures of this First Sunday of Advent address on the second coming of Christ the Lord in his glory to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"* (Mark 13: 33-37).

Even though living amidst the harshness of this world, we often think that the life that we are having right now is eternal, is all. We seem not to pay much intention to the reality that nothing in this world will remain forever. Countless generations have lived in this world before us. For each of us, we were once young, and now aged. Indeed, life in this world will pass, only the life with God will last forever.

Are we ready for the coming of our Lord? May the teachings of Our Lord Jesus help each of us to look more closely at our preparation for the Second Coming of the Son of God in his glory.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

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.

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.

Liturgical Calendar of December, 2020

Dec 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

@ St. Henry: 8:00 AM Bilingual and 7:00 PM: Vietnamese.

@ SMM: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM: English

@ St. Timothy: 8:00 AM English

Simbang Gabi:

@ St. Timothy: December 16 @ 7:00 PM

@ St. Henry: December 18 @ 7:00 PM

@ SMM: December 19 @ 4:00 PM

Reconciliation:

@ SMM: Dec 12: 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM

@ St. Henry: Dec 13: 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

@ St. Timothy: Dec 19: 2:00 PM – 3:45 PM.

A day of reflection @ SMM: December 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Christmas

December 24

@ SMM: 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM: English

@ St. Henry: 4:00 PM: English and 6:00 PM: Vietnamese

@ St. Timothy: 8:00 PM: English

December 25

@ SMM: 10:00 AM: English and 12:00 noon: Bilingual

@ St. Henry: 8:00 AM: Vietnamese and 10:00 AM: English

@ St. Timothy: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM: English

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The amount donated in the collections on the weekends of November 22nd & 29th will be reported in the December 6th issue of The Chimes.

If you long for a healthier, happier life...

...our Parish Counseling Program can help!



Holy Child Jesus Parish

For more information:

Michael P. McCauley, MA

Parish Counselor

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REFLECTION

The following article is part of a series of parishioner reflections by members of Holy Child Jesus Parish. It was inspired by Cindy Shaw and written by Art Blumberg. We welcome your comments and feedback.

Advent

The new liturgical year begins today with the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is much more than the shopping season before Christmas. Advent is a time of anticipation, not for the presents that we may give and receive, but for the celebration of the coming of Jesus. Advent is a time of reflection when we think about the meaning of God incarnated into the human person Jesus, who lived exactly as we do with the sole exception of sin. Advent is a time of reflection where we recall the circumstance of the birth of our Lord. Jesus was not born into luxury as a glorious prince, but into humble surroundings as an ordinary human child, a helpless baby completely dependent upon his parents. And Advent is a time of hope, a time where we can help bring Jesus's light into the world. Let's take a break from the shopping and the craziness this Advent and think about God's gift to us in the person of Jesus. That's a gift we can truly celebrate.

Throughout our Advent celebration, we continue to come together as Holy Child Jesus Parish. We know that many of us are still saddened because of our experiencing losses of relationships and celebrations in our former parishes. While this sadness is part of who we are and what we bring to our unified parish, we must not let it define us. For Advent is also a time of renewal. We are working to prepare and construct our new relationships and celebrations in Holy Child Jesus Parish even though this work has been hindered by the pandemic. But this work has only been hindered; this work has not and will not stop as we await the continuing coming together of Holy Child Jesus into one community and one church. As we anticipate the coming of the Holy Child Jesus into our lives during Advent, let us also eagerly anticipate, await, and rejoice in our new community of Holy Child Jesus Parish.



CYCLES OF FAITH First Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

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
Monday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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 29

First Sunday of Advent

English

10:00 am Paul Isiekwene
Paulina Isekewene
Julita Trovela
Peter Justiano Wallis

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Monday, November 30 St. Andrew

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am Elsie Heyler

Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Friday, December 4 St. John Damascene

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am Agnes Robst

English

4:00 pm Emmanuel Frederique
Edward Roberts
Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

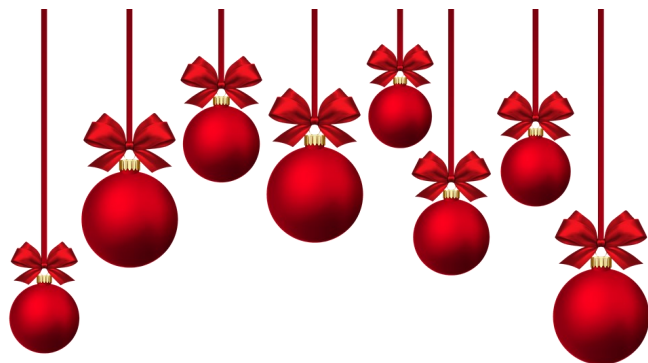
Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

English

10:00 am Phil Murtaugh
Chris Murtaugh
Intentions of an SMM Donor
Julita Trovela

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus



CHANGE IN BULLETIN DEADLINE

All information for the December 13th and 20th issues of The Chimes is due in the rectory office no later than Wednesday, December 2nd, at 9 am in order to comply with the publisher's holiday deadline. Thank you!

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.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Mildred Burns** for whom we promise our prayers that she may live in joy in His presence.



CLASSIFIEDS

FORRENT: 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;

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