

# The Chimes

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

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

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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](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

This Sunday's Gospel, Luke 1: 26-38, recounts the encounter between the Virgin Mary and the angel Gabriel.

At this encounter, in the exchange between Mary and the angel Gabriel, the angel praised her and told her that she would conceive and bring forth the Son of God.

*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Luke 1: 30-35)*

Though her heart was filled with wonder and concern, the Virgin Mary accepted the invitation. *Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)*

Through Mary's acceptance of Gabriel's message to her, history of humankind was changed. Indeed, the Son of God came into the world and then delivered mortal mankind from the power of the death and the darkness of sin.

Truly, the Son of God came into the world as a human to live with us, to share, to tell us about the love of God and the Father's will to redeem mankind, and to die for our sin.

Let us all exalt and adore Our God for His endless love for us. Thanks to our blessed Mother Mary for saying "Yes". With the greatest privilege of being the Mother of the Son of God, she always accompanies and blesses us on our way to heavenly home where God himself has prepared for us.

Let us, for our part, bring forth the good news of Christmas to each other and to the brothers and sisters who still do not know God's love.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

## 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.





## 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](http://www.hcjp.org), or [www.sainthenrychicago.org](http://www.sainthenrychicago.org) or [www.smmchicago.org](http://www.smmchicago.org) and following the Donate prompts.

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

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### COLLECTION REPORT

**December 13, 2020**

Sunday Envelope Budget .....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual .....	\$3,196.00
Loose Money .....	\$1,122.00
Total Collection .....	\$4,318.00
Variance .....	(\$4,624.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	54

## Liturgical Calendar of December 2020 and New Year 2021

### Christmas

December 24

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

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

@ Timothy: 8:00 PM: English

December 25

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

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

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

### New Year 2021

1. Dec 31, 2020 @ 4:00 PM: Mass at SMM: English

2. January 1, 2021: New Year – Mary the Mother of God

@ SMM: 9:00 AM: English

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

@ Timothy: 11:00 AM: English

**C**aroling before  
the 10 pm Mass on  
Christmas Eve,  
December 24th,  
will begin at  
9:30 pm





## Christmas 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

In a few days, we will solemnly celebrate Christmas - the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. The four weeks of Advent are a time and opportunity for us to learn more the love of God, to contemplate and experience more deeply God's love for us.

This year's Christmas is very different from previous years. The pandemic is still here among us. It has turned upside down our daily life and wreaks havoc to the whole society; it isolates us from one another; it brings lonely deaths. And what's more, changes at parishes, in our country and the entire society affect our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

Those factors, however, cannot diminish the joy of Christmas in each of us Christians. We know well that each of us is always filled with God's love. Happy are we to have the Son of God in our midst!

Advent is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our lives and renew ourselves. Let's together give thanks to God. May each of us live a life worthy of the love that God has given and continues to give us.

My best and most holy Christmas wishes to all families in the parish. May the warmth and holiness of Christmas bring each of us, our families, all members of our parish family closer to one another, make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else. In the love of Jesus Christ,

Rev. Phi Nguyen



## CYCLES OF FAITH

4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.





# 6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 20** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

English

10:00 am Mildred Burns  
Madeline Galassi  
Julita Trovela  
Marie Schmid

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Monday, December 21** **St. Peter Canisius**

8:00 am Dr. Gaudencio Argosino

**Tuesday, December 22**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Wednesday, December 23** **St. John of Kanty**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Thursday, December 24**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## CHRISTMAS EVE

English

4:00 pm Sally Roth  
Chris Murtaugh  
Tom Kelly

English

10:00 pm Tom Kelly

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**Friday, December 25**

**Nativity of the Lord**

English

10:00 am Maria Gesmundo - anniversary  
Maria Malabo

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Saturday, December 26** **St. Stephen**

8:00 am Eugenio U. Semilla, Jr.

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Sunday, December 27** **Feast of the Holy Family**

English

10:00 am Nester Wong  
William Lamkok Ng

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

## 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.

## 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.gnm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534;

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