

# The Chimes

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

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



December 27, 2020

Feast of the Holy Family



## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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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## The Holy Family – Year B

With the faithful around the world, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Each year, this celebration occurs on the Sunday following the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). Let us look at each person of this holy family.

Jesus Christ the Lord is the Second Person in Trinity who always follows the holy will of the heavenly Father. Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians addresses this:

*Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2: 5-11)*

Our Mother Mary, who opened her heart and her whole being to the Almighty Father. She accepted the invitation from God to carry and bring forth the Son of God to us. All events of her life and the life of her family, she received them with trust in God. She fulfilled her role as a wife and a mother. She was always there with her Son, especially at his moments of suffering and at his death. She was there with the disciples of her son to give them comfort and to pray with them. Thus, the Church rightly believes that the whole being of our Mother Mary was assumed to the heavenly realm with her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Joseph the righteous man who is the foster-father of Jesus the Christ. According to the Holy Bible, Joseph always brought forth the commands of God into his own life. He kept closely them to his heart. He took good care of his family. He was a good husband and a foster-father. He was a good provider and protector for his family. Therefore, he was recognized by the Church as her protector.

Indeed, the Holy Family had difficulties like every human family. They had to live in this same world. But through it all, the Holy Family was a family that loved, prayed, trusted and actively surrendered themselves to the will of God.

With the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their child so that he “grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” (Lk 2:40)

Fr. Phi Nguyen

## Liturgical Calendar of 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





## 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.sainthenchicago.org](http://www.sainthenchicago.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.

**The amount donated in the collections on the weekends of December 20th & 27th will be reported in the January 3, 2021 issue of The Chimes.**

## PLEASE HELP WITH MASS RESERVATIONS

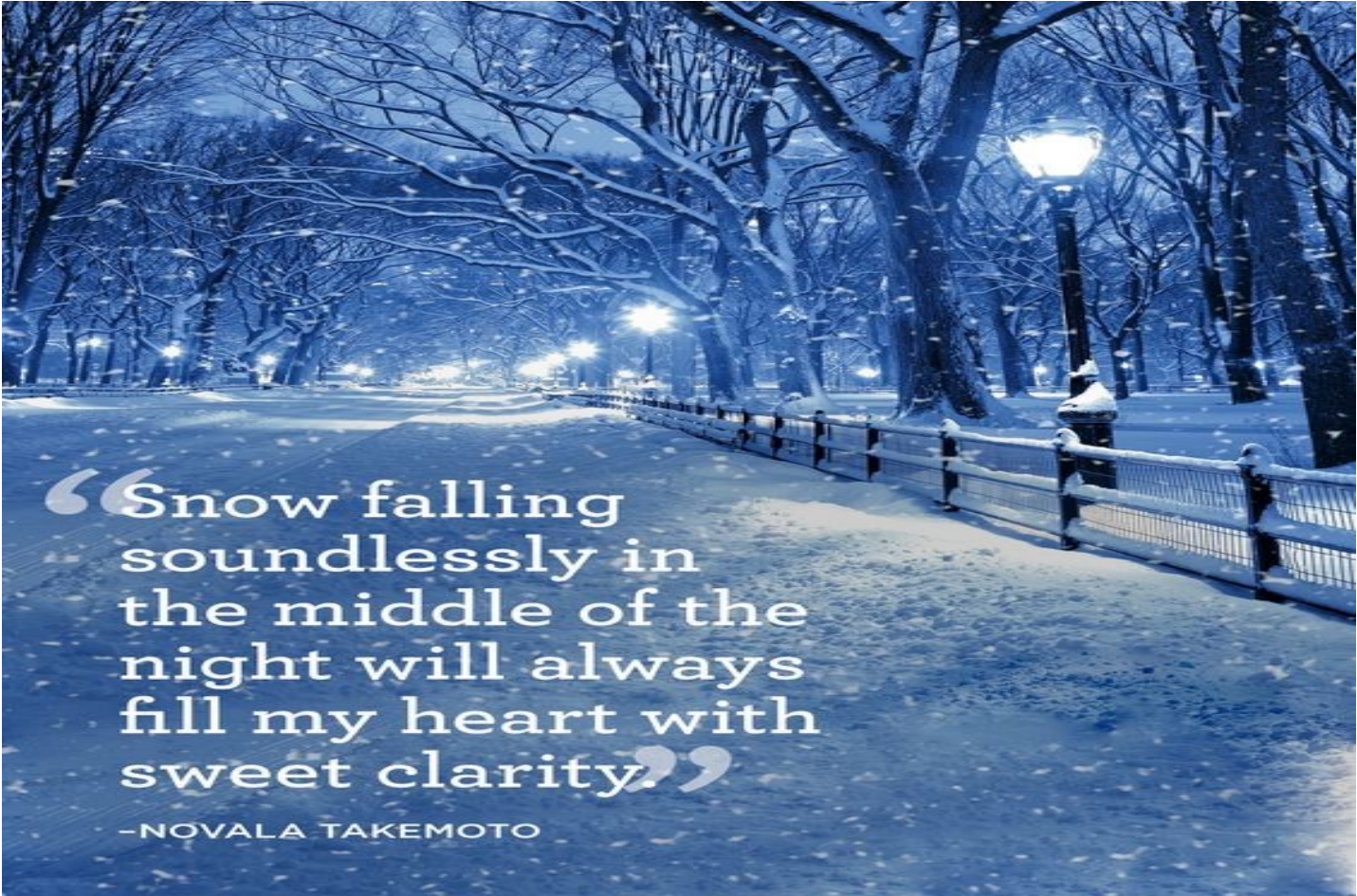
We have recently seen a decline in the number of reservations, especially for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Although Mass attendance remains high and we welcome everyone's presence, we strongly rely on our reservation system to help us plan our seating which still remains limited.

**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.




“Snow falling  
soundlessly in  
the middle of the  
night will always  
fill my heart with  
sweet clarity.”

—NOVALA TAKEMOTO



Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.



## CYCLES OF FAITH

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



## 6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 27**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

English

10:00 am Nestor Wong  
William Lamkok Ng  
Rodolfo U. Semilla

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Monday, December 28** **Holy Innocents**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Tuesday, December 29** **St. Thomas Becket**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Wednesday, December 30**

7:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Thursday, December 31** **St. Sylvester**

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Friday, January 1, 2021** **Mary, Mother of God**

English

9:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Saturday, January 2** **Ss. Basil & Gregory**

8:00am Julie Lis

English

4:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**Sunday, January 3** **Epiphany of the Lord**

English

10:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



### 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

**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;

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