St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent **December 20, 2015**

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SUNDAY MASSES: (5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

WEEKDAYS: 6:30, 9:00 AM (8:30 AM Saturday)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 4:00—5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room.

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners of St. Eugene Parish.

PARISHIONERS: When moving in or out of St. Eugene Parish, please notify the rectory.

YOUR WILL: Remember the church in your bequests.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: The priest should be the last in, and first out of church.

Fourth Sunday of Advent





O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted. — *Psalm 80:15–16*

Parish Staff

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Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

Welcome, visitors and guests, to St. Eugene Church and Parish. Please sign our guest register in the rear vestibule and let our ushers know if you need a taxi or need to use a phone.

RECTORY HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 8:00 pm
(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm





Christmas 2015

This upcoming Friday is Christmas. It is meant to be a time of peace and joy. The infant Jesus is in our midst and we are called to bask in the beautiful light of the Holy Child. Unfortunately, the world around us does not reflect the peace that the birth of Jesus should bring. War, terrorism, and hatred appear to be smothering our world. I do not know if the year 2016 will bring the peace that is so needed in our world.

At the same time, although we cannot control the world events around us, we can incorporate the peace of the Infant Jesus in ourselves. Christmas peace and joy can be in our hearts even in the midst of external turmoil. The light of Christ will not be extinguished by evil. In fact, the light of Jesus appears even brighter when it is surrounded by darkness. We can and must walk in the light of Christ no matter what circumstances might surround us. The Spirit of Christmas must be in us all year long as a testimony that we are followers of Jesus and we will not allow anyone or anything to take that joy from us.

The prologue of the Gospel of John is something we should remember this coming year:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)

The darkness of the world cannot overcome the light of Jesus Christ. Therefore, if we 'live in Christ's light' we will not be conquered by darkness. Light overpowers darkness. May the birth of the Christ-Child enlighten your life each and every day of the year.



Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND



SIMBANG GABI - 5:30 PM
Reception following Mass in the Shaunessy Center



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



Please remember all gifts need to be returned TODAY
Sunday, December 20
no later than 11:00 am.

FAMILY MASS - Featuring Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, & Kindergarten - 9:30 am

OPLATEK
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
AFTER ALL MASSES
(and at the rectory during the week.)



MITTEN TREE (see page 4)

A NEW ORDER

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY 20
Return St. Vincent de Paul gifts by 11:00 am: CH
9:30 am Family Mass featuring PS, PK & KDG: CH
12:30 pm Athletic Program: SH.CTR

Sacrificial Giving

December 13, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,091**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average November (five week average)	**$**	**1,005**
Total	**$**	**13,096**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,904***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**3,441**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**177**
Retirement fund for the Religious	**$**	**3,487**
Immaculate Conception	**$**	**2,970**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.
YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
We have over 85 donors on Give Central and we continue to see our online giving grow.
You can now visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org)

MONDAY 21
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
TUESDAY 22
NO ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY 23
NO ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
SATURDAY 26
10:00 am AA.SCH.RH
SUNDAY 27
NO ACTIVITIES



FACILITY CODES

CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.MR	**Rectory Meeting Room**
SCH.110	**School Room 110**
SCH.RH	**Ryan Hall**
SH.CTR	**Shaunessy Center**
SH.CTR+MR	**Shaunessy Center & Meeting Room**
SH.MR	**Shaunessy Center Meeting Room**



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mondays in church
12:00 NOON - 8:00 pm
with Benediction at 7:45 pm

"You dwell, my Lord Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist. You are here, within a few feet of me, in the tabernacle. You were no nearer to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph in the cave at Bethlehem, in the house at Nazareth, than you are to me here now, so often, in the tabernacle."
PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

In October of 2014, the cover of an ISIS magazine depicted St. Peter's square in the Vatican with a black ISIS flag superimposed. ISIS leaders repeatedly proclaim their intention to march to Rome which they view as the global center of Christianity. The Islamic jihadist are determined to eliminate Christianity altogether. The genocide of Christians is not just a part of their plan it is the *heart* of their plan. Please pray for the safety of all of our Church leaders and for all Christians throughout the world.



PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Young at Heart Club will not meet during the months of December and January. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:30 am. We Wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LIGHT
All the darkness of the world
cannot put out the light of one small candle.
—Anonymous

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The greatest gift of the Christmas season is love.



The scarf, mitten/glove tree (for all ages) will be in the vestibule of the Church from the First Sunday of Advent until the Fourth Sunday of Advent.



The tree items are distributed with the help of the Vincent DePaul Society.
God Bless Everyone!

Prayer with Scripture

We invite you to an encounter of prayer where you can stop from the hurry of the moment and listen to God through God's Word, in silence, meditation, adoration and contemplation. In this short but intense time, we listen to a talk that introduces us into the understanding of the Word of God, which later, we reflect on and meditate in an attitude of faith, discovering what God is trying to reveal to us. The prayer is accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with songs to help the faithful enter more into prayer.

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42,2

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm
Every Thursday in Filipino - 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Convent
7920 W. Foster, Chicago IL 60656
For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

THE BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 27 HAS GONE TO THE PRINTER
&
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CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

FOR CHRISTMAS
THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND REOPEN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, AT 9:00 AM

FOR NEW YEAR'S
THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, AT NOON AND REOPEN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, AT 9:00 AM

ADVENT 2015 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 19 - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (English only)

Tuesday, December 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Communal Reconciliation Service (English, Italian & Polish)

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve (Thursday): 4:00 p.m. - Family Liturgy
6:30 p.m. - Christmas Vigil
9:30 p.m. - Christmas Carols
10:00 p.m.- The Mass of Midnight

Christmas Day (Friday): 7:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE
Solemnity of Mary
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve Mass (Thursday) 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses (Friday) 7:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Kolęda

Christmas is around the corner. An old polish tradition during this joyful time is for priests to visit households - this custom is called *Kolęda.* Last year, our Polish parishioners asked me about it. This year I want to extend the opportunity for *Kolęda.* So if you are interested to have *Kolęda* this Christmas, please write down your name and phone number on the list in the back of the church, or talk to me directly and I will contact you to schedule it. May God Bless You.

Fr. Greg

Czas Świąt Bożego Narodzenia zbliża się bardzo szybko. W tamtym roku niektórzy z was pytali się mnie o możliwość Kolędy. W tym okresie świątecznym będzie taka możliwość. Jeśli są państwo zainteresowani proszę wpisać swoje imię i numer telefonu na listę w tyle kościoła lub rozmawiać ze mną osobiście w celu wyznaczenia daty. Szczęść Bożę.

Ks. Grzegorz

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Carrie Veth Booher, Arthur Bronski, Rosa Canepa, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Katherine D. Cilley, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Francesca M. Concialdi, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Raymond Glos, Frances Gofron, Rev. Bob Grib, S.J., Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, John Janik, Kathy Jeskey, Linda Knight, Katherine Koeune, Bill Krzywicki, Olga Kykta, Rose Marie La Coppola, Rosaria Lombardo, Marco Lomibao, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Piera Martinucci, John Masley, Nick Milazzo, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Delio & Rosalie Napoli, Leo Navickis, Richard Oberheim, Dorothy O'Leary, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Bertha Pappalardo, Isaac Parris, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Marie Sauser, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Patrick Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Janet Stryker, Thomas Joseph "T.J.", Maria Tenuta, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Beverly Wijas, Louanne Will, Linda Yeazel, Mary Ann Zulawinski, Theresa F. Zumer and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Agnes Collins, Eugeniusz Kosla

For the Deceased:

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. Tonight, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the "Feast of the Seven Fishes," or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuui, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or "Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish." Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. Tonight, if someone asks you to "pass the shrimp," you'll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

will take place next weekend December 26/27.



THANK YOU AGAIN to those of you who contributed food and monetary donations to our Parish Food Drive in November. Your generous donations put food on many tables and provided aid to the poor in other ways. There are so many in need.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY CENTER
835 NORTH RUSH STREET * CHICAGO, IL 60611-2030

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Christmas 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Christmas to you all.

My greeting comes at a time marked by sad and troubling news for our city, our nation and our world. The joyful news of Christmas competes in these days with stories of street violence in our city, of wars, conflicts and acts of terrorism throughout the world including in our own nation.

As people of faith, we must read these "signs of the times." As we do, so Christmas gives us a proper perspective: the sadness of violence and war does not have the last word. God has come to save us, for we cannot save ourselves. The savior born to us raises us up from darkness and brings us into his own wonderful light.

One of the Christmas readings taken from Paul's letter to Titus says this:

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
he saved us... Titus 3:4-5

We hear those words "because of his mercy," especially as we celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy this year. The challenge for us is not just to believe that God is merciful, but also to believe that God is merciful to us and that God is blessing us with his mercy precisely at this very moment, and in the limited circumstances of our lives and relationships. When we accept that mercy, we will be transformed and become the merciful light of God in a dark and cold world. Then, our own works of mercy will, in turn, bring hope, healing, and renewal, just as God's mercy has done for us.

May God bless you and your families with his mercy and enable you to be the hands of his mercy in our world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 19 - Vigil:
Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:30 Joseph Schmelter

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 Mary Dziukala
9:30 Zofia & Paul Cholewicki
11:30 Betty & John Gebhardt - 1st Wedd. Anniv., Florence Borufski, Leonard Cataldo, Fiorino Colantonio, George Concialdi, Roy Corrigan, Giuseppe & Filomena Covello, Dominic & Michael DeCarlo, Maciej Dun, Boguslaw Frycz, Amalia Gennaro, Betty Gleeson, Pamela Heider, Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Mariano Manzella, Casto Neri, Esther Smith, Stanley Sulikowski, Frank Tenerello, Nicola Troiano, Andy Vail, Ed & Victoria Wnek
4:30 People of the Parish

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am

Monday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius
6:30 Ted Majewski
9:00 Jimmy McGuire

Tuesday, December 22
6:30 Helena & Walter Siwiec
9:00 Carlo Romano

Wednesday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Elmer Chanski

Thursday, December 24
6:30 Mary Anne Loftsgaarden
9:00 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Lutfy & Dahir Fams.
4:00 Mbs. of the Viverito Fam.
6:30 Frank J. Cortese, Sr.
10:00 Michael & Thomas Doles

Friday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Andrew Orlowski
11:30 Francesco & Ninfa Balistreri, Wiesalaw & Janina Borawski, Barbara Bronski, Chris & Tadeusz Dabros, Mary Jane Dombrowski, Rev. Richard Feller, Dec'd Mbrs. Grande & Nadile Fams., Lenore Grow, James E. Grow, John Kula, Girolama & Salvatore Leone, Mariano & Regina Lising, Rich Litwitz, Josephine & Michael Magnine, Dec'd Mbrs. Maiorano Fam., Michael Peter Maratto, Hillard "Mike" Michalek, Aniela Mietus, Nardi Fam., Michael Vito Parente & Domenico Battista, Anna & Mike Parente, Sr., David Riordan, Russo & Riotto Fams., Sarmiento Fam., Virginia Sorce, Bruce Talaber, Roy Tufts, Patricia Ann Wisniewski, Ed & Victoria Wnek, Wytrwal Fams.

Saturday, December 26 - St. Stephen
8:30 Eileen & Don Niederkorn

Saturday, December 26 - Vigil:
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
5:30 Edmond Rogers

Sunday, December 27 -
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:00 Rachelle Turano-Wojcik
9:30 Phil Saineghi
11:30 Florence Borufski, Giorgio & Maria Castellese, Concetta Castallese, Gina Castellese, Agnieszka Chabura, Int. of Ewa Flis, Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura, Giusseppe Covello, Terry & Brian Dahlquist, Michael Fiorante, Ernesto & Domenica Fiorante, Int. for Carmen & Rita Guerrieri, Frank Jablonski, Johns Fam., Chester Kolakowski & Fam., Joseph Kuzara, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Henryk Lukowski, Michael McCormack, Henriette Rocks, Sam Salvato, Peggy Shannon, Nicola Troiano, Int. of Ed & Bonnie Veth, Antoni Wadolowski & Fam., Wiktoria Wilk, Joseph & Anna Wilk
4:30 People of the Parish



At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice:
"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."
Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.

A REMINDER

To make sure a Mass Intention is included in the bulletin, it must be made **2 weeks** in advance. To make sure a Mass Intention is read at Mass, it must be made at least **1 week** in advance of the date requested.

PLEASE NOTE:

The designated multi-intentional Mass times will be the 9:00 morning Mass on Wednesday, and the 11:30 morning Mass on Sunday. Multi-intentional Masses will have no more than 30 names.

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

***Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server**

Thursday, December 24 - 9:00 am
*** **Team 8**

Thursday, December 24 - 4:00 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 1**

Thursday, December 24 - 6:30 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 2**

Thursday, December 24 - 10:00 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 3**

Friday, December 25 - 7:00 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers

Friday, December 25 - 9:30 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 4**

Friday, December 25 - 11:30 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 5**

Saturday, December 26 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 6**
Mon., 12/28 - 9:00 am

Saturday, December 26 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello
** B. Brinlee, C. Edwards, R. Fiorante, M. Kowalski
*** **Team 7**
Tue., 12/29 - 9:00 am

Sunday, December 27 - 7:00 am
* K. Kon
** J. Carrozza, N. Francisco, J. Nardi, R. Perez
*** **Team 8**
Wed., 12/30 - 9:00 am

Sunday, December 27 - 9:30 am
* V. Santucci
** E. Dillon, M. Meo, M. Vasich, B. Veth
*** **Team 9**
Thu., 12/31 - 9:00 am

Sunday, December 27 - 11:30 am
* T. Bernacki
** P. Paetsch, M. Russo, R. Sparacino, S. Sparacino
*** **Team 10**
Thu., 12/31 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 27 - 4:30 pm
* B. Gasiorek
** D. Laterza, C. Lim, M. Lim, R. Spanola
*** **Team 11**
Fri., 1/1 - 9:30 am

Friday, January 1 - 11:30 am
*** **Team 12**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING THE CLASS OF 2020

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Please call the school of your choice for details and time of the testing.



Congratulations to the St. Eugene School students who won their respective age group at the Knights of Columbus FREE THTOW CHANPIONSHIP / Council level, held Saturday, December 5, 2015:

Nolan Crimmins
Michael Crimmins
Dominic Ahern
Bryan Coleman
Joey Thome
Megan Spanola
Natalie LoGiudice
Marissa Lynch
Tess LoGiudice

These winners will compete in the District level competition to be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Shaunessy Center.

Our thanks to all the St. Eugene School participants and parents who had a great day at this event.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

One goal for each day: to convey the tenderness of Christ to those who are most in need.



ST. EUGENE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW

















Busted Halo®

the guide to How To Go To Confession

(take this sheet with you... it's okay, really)

Before You Go...

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find many resources to help you. It's even alright to make a list to bring with you to confession if that helps.

1. Introduction. When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been *(how long)* since my last confession. These are my sins..."

2. Confession. List the sins you have committed that came to mind when doing your examination of conscience. Don't be too general (like, "I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail is not necessary either (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin is, just ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to...

3. Penance. The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.

4. Contrition. The priest will then ask you to pray your "Act of Contrition," demonstrating your sorrow for your sins. This needs to be prayed out loud for the priest to hear, but need not adhere exactly to one formula. Here are two examples (choose the one that suits you best):

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love
above all things. I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and
to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
OR:
O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended you and I detest all my sins,
because I dread the loss of heaven
and the pains of hell;
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of your grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance,
and to amend my life. Amen.

5. Absolution. Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: the priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the **Prayer of Absolution:** "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
You respond: Amen.

6. Conclusion. The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: **"Thanks be to God."**

After You Leave...

Don't forget to do your penance.
If it is saying certain prayers,
it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

FAMILY MASS FEATURING 5TH GRADE - NOVEMBER 15, 2015







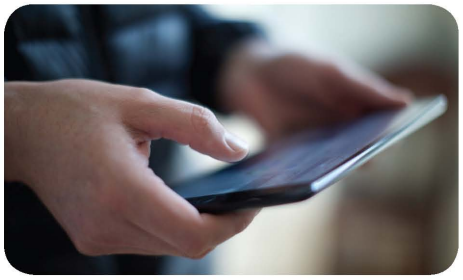




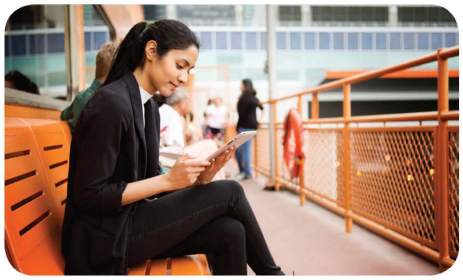




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We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

A PRAYER

LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.
PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.
BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM
FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN

We pray for our loved ones

who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.

GHALEB AZROUI
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CHAD PRITCHARD
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If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.

Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.