St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord **March 20, 2016**

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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.

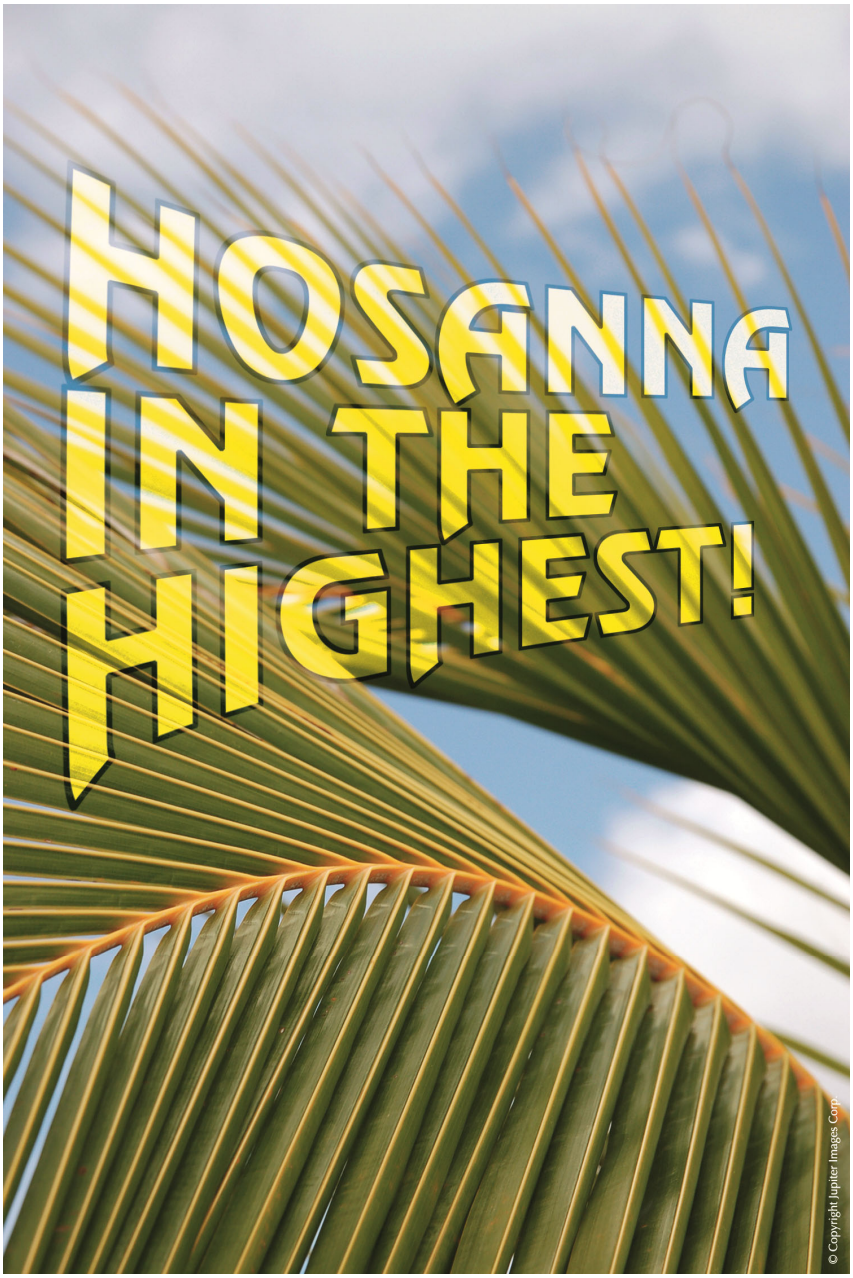
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.



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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





Price Tags on Almost Everything

As you probably know, one of the more unpleasant tasks of being a Pastor is making sure we have enough money for the parish bills. The reality is that the day to day expenses of running St. Eugene is escalating, while our weekly collection is flat. As I mentioned before, we have some very generous parishioners who are maintaining our facilities. Unfortunately, a small percent of the people are providing the bulk of the revenue. We cannot keep asking those who give generously to increase their contributions. It is time for parishioners who are giving a token gift to seriously pray over their weekly contribution.

I write this article because many people are still unaware that everything we use at Church has a price tag. We hand out palms this Sunday. Did you know it cost the parish more than $1,000 dollars to purchase those palms? Did you know that the Host and Wine we use for Mass cost nearly $3,000 dollars a year? The missalettes in our pews cost $4,500 dollars per year. I could go on, but I do not want to bore you about every little expense we have. However, those little expenses add up, and let us not forget about the big expenses. Our electricity cost more than $96,000 dollars per year, and our gas usage is above $80,000 per year. We run a parish school, we pay employee health insurance, and we have buildings and grounds to maintain. All these things are going up.

More than ever, we need to pull together as a parish. It is time that everyone helps. Next week is our Easter Collection and we need it to be a good one. However, more important is the critical need to increase of our weekly collection. A dollar back in 1950 was a nice contribution. In 1950 you could buy a gallon of gas with a dollar and a loaf of bread, and still have money left over. Today, a dollar will not get you close to a gallon of gas. While we still want every dollar, I must say that simply giving a dollar, unless you are truly in financial straits, is just a token gift. Please, if you are in the habit of giving a single dollar, please increase your gift to the Church. A while back I mentioned that it would be great if every dollar in the collection was a five-dollar bill. Our problems would be solved if this happened. The Easter Season is a perfect time to pray over what you can truly give to your Church. I know you will be rewarded when you make a sacrificial gift to take care of God's house.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

Today, we will begin loading the truck with our food collection at 11:15 am (15 minutes prior to the 11:30 am Mass).



Spare Change Saves Babies



Baby Bottles should be returned this weekend.

The funds collected will be given to support the work wo the Women's Center

DUE TO THE EARLY PRINTING OF THE BULLETIN, OUR DONATION INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

REV. PHILIP J. GRIB, S.J.
HAPPY 44th ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
MARCH 19TH

PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Eugene School is now accepting new registrations for the 2016-17 school year. We offer full and part time pre-school for three year olds, full and part time pre-kindergarten for four year olds, and full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8. Pre-school parents have the option of three mornings (T-W-T), three full days (M-W-F), or five mornings (M-T-W-T-F), or five full days (M-T-W-T-F). Pre-Kindergarten parents have the option of five mornings or five full days.

Parents may also make appointments for individual tours at other times.

For more information,
please call: 773-763-2235

HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY	**20**	**PALM SUNDAY**
12:30 pm		Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**21**	
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM		
4:00 pm		Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**22**	
7:00 pm		Parish Pastoral Council: SCH.110
WEDNESDAY	**23**	
7:00 pm		RCIA: REC.DR
THURSDAY	**24**	**HOLY THURSDAY**
FRIDAY	**25**	**GOOD FRIDAY**





SATURDAY	**26**	**HOLY SATURDAY**
SUNDAY	**27**	**EASTER SUNDAY**





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

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy, therefore every Monday during Lent we will say the CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY at 3:00 pm led by Father Greg

The Centrality of the Passion

"It is by uniting ourselves to the sufferings of our Lord that we take courage in accepting unavoidable sufferings in our own lives. More intimately, it is by loving Christ in his pain that we receive it as a gift of love for us." Chervin
A visit to the Blessed Sacrament demonstrates our gratitude for the pain He endured for us and our acceptance of His gift of love.

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED



Eritrea is a country in east Africa. According to Human Rights Watch the Eritrean government's human rights record is considered among the worst in the world. This regime is absolutely authoritarian. Christians are considered "agents of the West." When Christians are arrested they are held in underground shipping containers in stifling heat, tortured, and forced into military conscription that can last for decades. Eritrea consistently supports the rise and spread of radical Islam in the Horn of Africa. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen Christians remaining in the country and the refugees who have fled the country.

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.

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm

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THE BULLETIN OF *EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27* HAS GONE TO THE PRINTER



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Rectory Office Hours - Holy Week



Holy Thursday, March 24 - the rectory office will close at noon
Good Friday, March 25 - the rectory office will be closed
Holy Saturday, March 26 - the rectory office will be closed
Easter Sunday, March 27 - the rectory office will be closed
Monday, March 28 - the rectory office will re-open at 9:00 a.m.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 25 - 3:00 pm



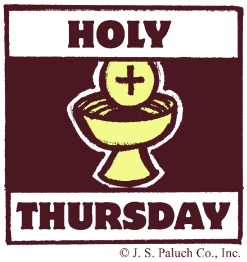
LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm
Parish Reconciliation Service
(English, Italian, & Polish)

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY 4:00 - 5:00 PM



2016 Holy Week Schedule



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Holy Thursday, March 24
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday, March 25
3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Passion /
Veneration of the Cross



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Holy Saturday, March 26
1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil
(no confessions on Holy Saturday)



Easter Sunday, March 27
Masses:
7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & noon

(There is no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.)

Welcome our new 5th Grade Altar servers!



CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

SINGERS WANTED!
St. Eugene Choir - 11:00 am Church

The St. Eugene Adult Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am (before 11:30 am Mass). All are welcome!

If you have any questions, stop by after any Mass to speak with Lydia Hilado, our Director of Music.

Or for more information, call the rectory at: 773-775-6659.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK



God has caressed us with his mercy. Let us bring God's tender caress to others, to those who are in need.

SAVE THE DATE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE
WEEKEND OF MAY 14 / 15

Parishioner Contact Update

To help us keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Email address: _____ Email address: _____

Phone # (Home) _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Christine Bobka, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Brian Campbell, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Agnes Collins, Sam Cortese, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Ron Deutscher, Mile Divello, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, Patricia Jackson, Kathy Jeskey, John Kevin Keating, Linda Knight, Our Pastor Rev. George Koeune ,Katherine Koeune, Olga Kykta, Antonio Lara, Rosaria Lombardo, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Nick Milazzo, Ursula Mills, Rev. James Murphy, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Delio & Rosalie Napoli, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed 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, Gerulamo Taurina, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Mary Vail, Beverly Wijas, Louanne Will, Janina Wójcik, Mary Ann Zulawinski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Flor Litao

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

St. Eugene Altar & Rosary Society Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 9, 2016
Chateau Ritz (9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles)
Doors open at 11:00 am - Lunch is served at noon

We welcome any women or men interested in joining the Altar & Rosary women and their spouses. We hope you can join us and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family and fellow parishioners.

The entrée options are: Prime Rib of Beef, Ala Ritz au jus ($36),
Broiled Salmon, Lobster Dill Sauce ($36),
Stuffed Chicken Breast, filled w/Spinach and Cheese ($30).

The entrée's include Ritz Garden Salad with assorted green, radicchio, tomato and cucumber with your choice of House (oil/vinegar or ranch), broccoli & carrots, duchess rosette potato, French vanilla ice cream w/carmel sauce and regular/decaf coffee, tea or milk. There is a cash bar.

Our entertainment for the afternoon



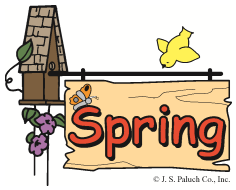
Ron & Sandie

Incredible Singing/Dancing "Sing & Swing Show"



For tickets call Lois Feist at: 773-774-1511 no later than March 31st.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +



Saturday March 19 - Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:30 Christopher Iacopelli

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 Patricia Zmijewski
9:30 Michael Swiderski
11:30 M/M Natale Barbera, Gesumino Bumbaca, Leokadia Chludzinski, Angelo Colletti, James Collins, Nelio & Luz DeMesa, Bernard DiMeo, George Concialdi & Joe Costa, Maciej Dun, Boguslaw Frycz, Fr. Bob Grib, S.J., Pamela Heider, Filomena Kazimiera, Chester Kolakowski & Fam., Eugeniusz Kosla, Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Dominador Malamas, Maria Tenuta, Anna Virdone, Joseph & Anna Wilk, Edward & Victoria Wnek,
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, March 21
6:30 Doanld Chiappetta
9:00 Walter & Helen Block

Tuesday, March 22
6:30 Elvera Urso
9:00 James Meyer

Wednesday, March 23
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Dorothy & Elmer Chanski, Mary Gleeson, John Kula, LaPietra Fam. & Fri.,

Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday
7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday
7:30 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 26 -
1:00 Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, March 26 - Vigil: Holy Saturday
7:30 Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 Antoni Orlowski
10:00 Mary Jane Dombrowski
12:00 Erwin Balzer, Domenico Battista, Vito Urso Cali, Leonard Cataldo, Leokadia Chuludzinski, James M. Collins, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Larry DiMarco, Rev. Richard Feller, Rev. Robert Grib, S.J., Grow Family, Mary Rose Kelly, John Kula, Joseph Kuzara, Joseph Ronald Magnine & Virginia Sorce, Michael & Josephine Magnine, Janice Maltese, Alessandro Mattiuz, Domenico & Maddalena Mignano Fam., Mike & Micheal Michalek, Primo & Ines Mion, Frank Nadile, Michael Vito Parente, Anna & Mike Sr,, Parente, Domenico & Rosa Petruso Fam., Phil Saineghi,Janet Stein, Maria Tenuta, Edward & Victoria Wnek, Theresa Zumer,

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Thursday, March 24 - 7:30 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 1**

Friday, March 25 - 7:30 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 4**

Saturday, March 26 - 7:30 pm
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 8**
Mon., 3/28

Sunday, March 27 - 7:00 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 9**
Tue., 3/29 - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 27 - 8:30 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 10**
Wed., 3/30 - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 27 - 10:00 am
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 7**
Thu., 3/31 - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 20 - 12:00 pm noon
* Volunteer Lector
** Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 6**
Fri., 4/1 - 9:00

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.



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.



Eucharistic Adoration Ministry

"God and Man reaching out for each other... at the same time!"

His Holiness, the late Pope St. John Paul II, asked for a renewal of the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction throughout the Catholic world. In response to his request, St. Eugene Eucharistic Adoration Ministry was organized in 2004.

What is the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction? - Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction is a practice in the Catholic Church in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful outside of Mass. This practice serves to deepen our hunger for communion with Christ and helps us to open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

What do you actually do during adoration? - In the practice of Adoration, the host is displayed in a monstrance placed on the altar. You may sign up to be an "adorer". This allows you to schedule yourself to pray for one hour at whatever time is convenient for you before the very presence of Our Lord. It means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the Bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray the rosary, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you. You can sit in silence simply keeping Him company, just as you would a dear friend. If you cannot commit to a particular hour every Monday then just stop in for a few moments of prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday in church
12:00 Noon – 8:00pm with Benediction at 7:45PM

How you can help:

1. ***If interested in helping or committing to a specific hour of prayer, please call the rectory (773-775-6659). Leave your name, phone number, and time you have chosen to pray.***
2. ***We welcome new participants in the set up of Adoration and/or Benediction in the evening.***
3. ***Teach the younger generation the meaning and value of Adoration.***

St. Eugene School

OPEN HOUSE!

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Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

- **3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full and Half Day Programs**
- **Kindergarten– 8th Grade**
- **Before and After School Care**
- **Strive for children to grow spiritually**
- **We cater to our students' interests with a variety of extracurricular activities.**
- **Our graduates successfully move on to prestigious high schools.**

Academic Excellence

Rooted in Faith







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.

Our St. Eugene students are participating in Battle of the Books at Eisenhower Library in Norridge!



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This made some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent incarnation, the name for this day includes both aspects of the celebration: "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." In the United States today, most worshipers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised even as the traditional name, "Holy Week," was retained. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!

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St. Eugene's School 2016 Fundraiser

COLLEGE DAYS



SATURDAY, APRIL 30th

Shaunessy Center • Doors open at 6:30

Admission price is $40

(includes upscale buffet dinner)

What you can look forward to:

- Full cash bar
- Drawing for parish cash raffle ($25/ticket, prizes based on total sales: 1st = 30%, 2nd = 15%, 3rd = 5%)
- Our first online bidding silent auction
- DJ spinning college school songs
- Themed games including baggos, ping pong, pull tabs, and more

Tickets can be purchased in the school office or online

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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
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
BRANDON JACKSON
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
KEITH MILLER
MEGAN MILLER
AUGUSTINE EMEKA NDIWE
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
CATHERINE ANN (BARHAM) NEWELL
ERIC NORWOOD
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.

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.