Queen of Peace Parish

Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 625-3369

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

7958 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 775-6659 (773) 775-6660
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction:	5:45 pm

September 22, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today we celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our first reading today is taken from the book of Wisdom. It was written about 50 years before Christ and was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. In this pagan environment, some were tempted to abandon their religious beliefs and practices. In today's passage, an unidentified person, referred to as the "just one", challenges them to remain faithful to their traditional values. Early Christians thought this person sounded a lot like Christ.

Our second reading today is a continuation from the letter of James. This part of the letter deals with sins that threaten harmony in a Christian community.

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Over the past year you hopefully have noticed all the work that is being done as we try and catch up with some of the many deferred maintenance projects in and around our parish buildings. Currently, our church has been the focus as the exterior has been power washed to remove all the peeling paint and will be freshly painted to give a cleaner look. The cement foundation walls are also being repaired and painted. Along with this project the many broken windows around the church that protect the stained-glass windows will also be replaced and all the windows will be resealed and re-caulked to stop the water that has been leaking through some of them.

In the next few weeks all the exterior doors of the parish office will be replaced to not only match the new windows that were installed this past year but also to provide better insulation and security in addition to a nicer look.

Finally, we are waiting for the installation of the 27 heating and air-conditioning units in the parish office that are in desperate need of replacement. This project was started a couple of months ago but needed to be put on hold because they found that all the shut-off valves in each of the units were so corroded and needed to be replaced. To do this the water supply to these units would need to be shut off for almost two weeks. We are now waiting for that interim period when we no longer need air-conditioning and before heating will be required so that we can shut the system down for this two-week period to replace the units.

Along with these projects our school facility has also seen many improvements over the past few years under the leadership of the principal. With the increased enrollment that St. Eugene School has been experiencing (currently 350 children) along with their successful fundraising efforts the school is now in a better position to make improvements that in the past were not able to be afforded or accomplished. Good things are happening in and around our parish. Let's pray that we can continue this momentum as we thank God for these blessings.

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I would like to invite all in our parish, your neighbors, family and friends to join us on next year's travel destination that will take us to experience "The Treasures of the Adriatic" It will be for 12 days departing on April 21st thru May 2nd, 2025. It will include a special visit to the beautiful shrine of Medjugorje, (where since 1981 the Blessed Virgin has appeared in apparitions to six local children). We will also be visiting the countries of Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina all along the gorgeous eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea.

Please see the full-page advertisement in today's bulletin for more details about this excursion. It would be wonderful to have you join us on this exciting adventure. If you might be interested or would just like to hear more about these destinations we will be having an **Informational Meeting regarding this trip on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church in the parish hall. The address is: 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656. Please enter from the south parking lot which is behind the church building.**

Brochures outlining the complete itinerary and costs are now available at our parish offices, in the kiosks at church or by filling out the form in today's bulletin. You can either mail in your completed brochure request form or drop it simply drop it in the collection basket on the weekend and I will personally send one out to you.

If you love to travel and see the world but find it challenging and painstaking to do all the organizing and planning for such a trip, group travel may be the answer you have been looking for. I can promise you a great time with some really enjoyable people. If you have any questions join us at the informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15th or feel free to give me a call at 773-775-6659.



Today's 2nd Collection will be for the support of our archdiocesan seminarians on their journey to the priesthood through the Annual Seminarian Education Fund. Your generosity is so much needed and deeply appreciated. The funds that are generated from this important collection will continue to grow the mission of Mundelein Seminary as they strive to form compassionate, well-trained priests for the future of the Church.

Seminarians take a great leap of faith and invest vast amounts of time, talent, and their own treasure to answer God's call to serve his Church. To provide the necessary formation they need, please give generously in today's 2nd collection.

Have a wonderful week ahead everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Domenica Dammicco
Souls in Purgatory & Catalano Family
10:30 am Anointing of the Sick Mass at
Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Saturday, September 21, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Mario Burzawa
Frank Gondela 1 year Death Anniversary
Evelyn A. Jachim
Helen Kocar
Angeline Komperda
Joseph Tedesco
Mary Varga
Sunday, September 22, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun
Wayne Greco
Koziara & Kozial Families
Gertruda Obiedzinska, Jan Obiedzinski
Maria & Matthias Rempala
Donna Schmidt
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Ann Caruso, Tony Ciaccio
John, Anna, Chester Zaba
Karl Kelch, Linda & Jack McMicken
Angelina Milazzo
Neal Paulson, Pietro Pisello
Frank Thinnes
Calogera Caternia Vivacqua
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Domenico Batista 13th Death Anniversary
Fred & Danuta Cichon
Helena Czuj
Cristina & Giovanni Greco
Donato Donald Parente 2nd Death Anniversary
Robert Seliga
Monday, September 23, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof, Jolanta Bogusz
Ewing & Pepple Families
Louis Karzis, S.I. Rita Rogers
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Juan Diaz, Bob Schu
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof
Jude & Minn Families
Thursday, September 26, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Darlene Gniadek & Family
Friday, September 27, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof
Celso Balita Castor
Dorothy & Elmer Chanski
Saturday, September 28, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Isabel Gomez B-Day
Steve Jassak
Saturday, September 28, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Andrew Bujdasz
Maria Rosa Concialdi
Joe Kosala
Rybak & Killmer Families
Special Intention for Linda
Raymond Mahoney
Anna & Michael Stoklosa
Maria & Walter Szaflik
Helen & Walter Wojtas
Sunday, September 29, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Jan & Stanislawa Bazula
Robert J. Brun
Zofia Dobosz
Mary Grace & Maura Lomonaco
Joel B. Valle
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Carlos Adriano
Francesco D'Andrea
Dominick Di Cristofano
John P. 'Jack' Dorgan
Joseph Mandile & Vincenzo Vero
Dorothy Neary
Pietro Pisello
Jozef Piton—8th death Anniversary
Rose Rocker
Living & deceased members of the St. Stephen and St. Vincent Society
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Emilia Bruno
Shirly Moser
Pasquale & Carolina Presta
Nunzio & Vincenzina Pulice
Raffaele Pulice
Frank & Filomena Randazzo

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 09/28 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	M. Lim - WB F. Klus - B M.B. Glynn - C J. Horn - O R. Sparacino - WO C. Lim - Cup B S. Sparacino - Cup O	L. Acierno M. Marrinan A. Boccia	J. Magnuson
Sunday, 09/29 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Fornek - WB B. Czubek - B P. Draniczarek - C R. Cantal - O D. Duszynski - WO G. Fornek - Cup B J. Cardella - Cup O	Q. Sznura A. Czubek E. Burzawa	I. Rog
Sunday, 09/29 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Ed Pacocha Deacon Chris Virruso—TC	P. Vega - AB R. Catalano - AC N. Mosk - TB M. Walsh - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Muehlfelder M. Marszalek
Sunday, 09/29 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	S. Pinner - WB B. Berggren - B L. Feist - C F. Pacia - O O. Giacalone - WO U. Pawlowski - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	C. Wallace L. Parrillo-Hall D. Luna A. Tekampe	G. Giacalone



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 – 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH
2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PROVIDED AT ST. EUGENE SCHOOL

Regular Program Classes - Grades 1-7: Classes take place in a classroom setting with the overall work covered in class with the exception of the seventh grade students who complete additional papers and service hours in preparation for making their Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning October 1st and are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Independent Study Program - Grades 1 – 7: This class is for parents who want their children to complete their grade-level chapter work at home and want to use their church attendance as their participation in religious education.
This program requires your child to attend at least fifteen of their weekly masses at Queen of Peace Parish at either St. Eugene Church or Our Lady, Mother of the Church from date enrolled to April.

PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT (773)763-2235.

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Medjugorje and the Treasures of the Adriatic



12 Days - April 21st to May 2nd, 2025 with Fr. Rich Yanos

All in our parish along with your family and/or friends are welcome to join us on our next adventure that will be taking us to the beautiful coastline of the Adriatic Sea. As we meander along the magnificent Adriatic shoreline will be touring the countries of Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In these beautiful places we will be visiting the cities of Dubrovnik, Trogir, Split, Zadar, Zagreb, and Ljubljana. We will also be spending time at Lake Bled, the open -air museum at Kumrovec, Plitvice Lakes and most especially a highlight of this trip – Medjugorje (where the Blessed Virgin has appeared in apparitions to six of the cities local children). You don't want to miss this trip!

We will be having an open informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Our Lady, Mother of the Church (8747 W. Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60656. Enter from behind the church`s south parking lot). If you would like to hear more about this trip or might like to sign up please join us at the meeting with our travel agent. If you have any questions please call Fr. Rich at 773-775-6659.

If you would like your own brochure you can fill out the form below and return it to me and I will be sure to get you a copy with our complete itinerary and cost. These trips are filled in the order in which people sign up. I would love to have you join us along with your family and friends. If you are definitely planning on joining us, I would encourage you to get your RSVP form in as soon as possible as this trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and fill up early.

BROCHURE REQUEST FORM - PLEASE RETURN TO: FR. RICH YANOS, 7958 W. FOSTER AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60656

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **Phone:** _____



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Dr. Jim Bergman
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Mike Divello
Joseph Duna
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Ursula Kucharski
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena & Jazmine Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victtoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Dolores Wilk

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



**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**

Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel McLenighan
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Elliott O'Claire
Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka

BECOMING CATHOLIC — OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. The manual used in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults states that the rite is designed for adults "who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God." The manual also states when speaking about those in the process "By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully."

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Life has many storms — distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers. Please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660.

Searching for a spiritual home?
Our "no strings" O.C.I.A. program begins the week of September 16.
Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

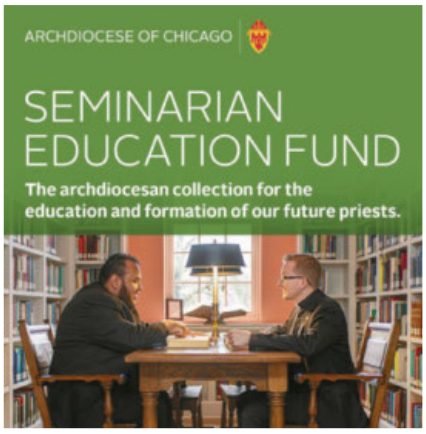
Contact Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.

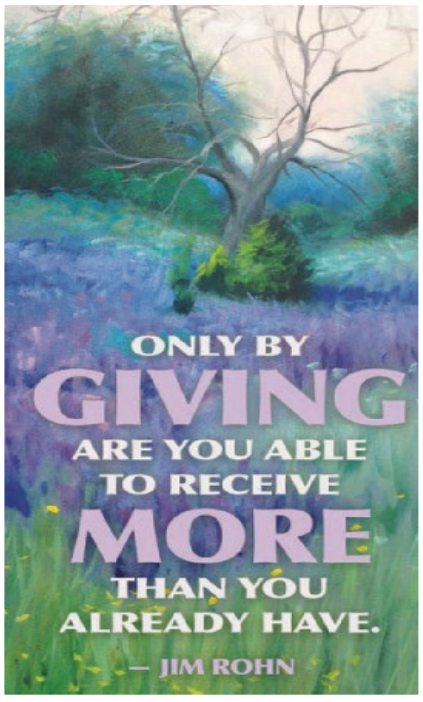




SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 3,314.63
8:30am SE	$ 2,527.00
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,288.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,163.00
Mail	$ 2,042.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,334.63**
Online Collection	$ 2,333.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,334.63**
Social Concerns	$2,824.00







SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 22
Seminary Educational Fund

September 29
School Support

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Carol Ann Swieicki
† Patrice Eileen Ackermann
† Renee Majeske
† George T. Armstrong

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



Queen of Peace Magnets

Please support our fundraiser by purchasing the beautiful magnet at minimum donation of $5. Magnets are available at our Rectory office during regular office hours.



2nd Wedding Banns
Siobhan Mischke &
Michael Zdrojkowski





Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org
We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval.
Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. *Thank you.*

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Sep. 24, 2024 at 11:00am
This will be our Fall Party.
Our lunch will be:
Sloppy Joe Sandwiches along with Potato Chips and Cookies for dessert.
Our speakers will be Fyzical and Oak Street Health. After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study

Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00.
Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net.
Hope to see you there!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives, We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need.
If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month.
Any questions please reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586 or 773-848-4586.



It's time to Celebrate!

All are cordially invited to help celebrate
the 20th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration
at St. Eugene Church (Queen of Peace Parish)
7958 W. Foster Ave.; Chicago, IL 60656
773/775-6659

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on
Monday, October 7, 2024, from 4:00 pm
featuring the monstrance
blessed by St. Pope John Paul II.
Holy Hour will start at 6:30 pm
followed by Benediction at 7:15 pm

Panels describing Eucharistic Miracles
will be available for viewing.
Come join us for prayer and pizza.

Remembering Eileen Jacques

Nurses Notes:

I'd like to share some information about the influenza virus and why it is important to get the flu vaccine.

It is recommended that persons ages 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine yearly to reduce the risk of influenza related illness, missed work or school, hospitalization or death.

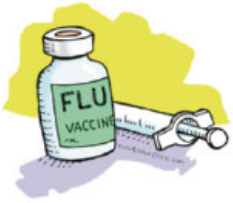
Influenza is spread to others through the air from the infected person's respiratory droplets when talking, coughing or sneezing, or by touching a surface with these droplets and then touching the nose, mouth or eyes.

Anyone can get complications from influenza. The groups that are especially vulnerable include the older adults, those with health issues, pregnant women and their babies, and children under the age of 5 years.

Protection from the vaccine can vary depending on how well the vaccine matches the circulating flu virus, but it is still important to reduce your risk of flu and flu complications by getting vaccinated. The best time to get the vaccine is in late September or October as flu season lasts through the following April.

There are different types of flu vaccines available. The high dose vaccine is offered to individuals over the age of 65 years and for those whose immune system is compromised. Please talk to your health care provider if you have questions about what type of influenza vaccine you should receive or if you have concerns about the vaccine, Including having a severe allergic reaction or having a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

I have referenced www.immunize.org and the CDC sites for this article. For more information check out: www.vaccineinforamtion.org.



Save The Date:

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Hayes Center- entering from the South parking lot

We will be offering both the standard and high dose vaccine. There will not be a cost to all those who carry (straight) Medicare insurance (Part B) and I ask that you bring your card with you. If you are under 65 years of age and wish to receive the vaccine, there may be a charge for the vaccine and supplies. Please note: If you are homebound I can bring the Vaccine to you. Please complete the below form and place in the collection basket or call the office 773-775-6659.

Peace and Blessings,

Terri, RN

Name:	Homebound Yes	
Address:	Standard dose Yes	
Phone #:	High dose Yes	

Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



This is a MORE THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

Menu includes:

- All you can eat Pancakes, French toast,
- Single servings of scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, baked apples and surprise specials of the day
- Coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

Suggested Donation is $10 for Adults,
Children 5-12 is $7, Children under 5 are free.
(Additional Donations are Appreciated)

Sunday, October 6th
7:30am - 11:00am

St. Eugene Church
Shaunessy Center

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?
Please contact:

Joe Marley – 708-702-2726
Marley-j@comcast.net

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CHURCH NAME
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,

We beg you for good and holy priests.
In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people.
Open their heart to your call and give them the courage to follow you.
Be their rock of refuge and their light as they discern.
Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.
We thank you for all that you are and all that you do.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

ROSARIES FOR SEMINARIANS

The Rosary Guild invites you to pray at least one Rosary this week for men studying for the priesthood. Members include Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S. To become a member of the Rosary Guild, please contact the parish office.

LIVING ROSARY

In the Living Rosary, people pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily, completing a Rosary. The intention is for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. Please reach out to the parish office if you would like to pray a decade of the Rosary each day.

Joyful Mysteries
Annunciation - Ted M.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.



Alina Sienna Kaur Malec



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

Bearing Witness

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."
— Psalm 54:6

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

Answer:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded." Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC."

Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.
(Wis 2:20)

Psalm:
The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading:
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel:
"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The apostles argue, each one claiming to be the greatest of Christ's followers. But Christ shows them who is truly the greatest — a child, one who has no thought of his own importance, one who has no ambition. Let's seek to be like that child.

Observances for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week
Thursday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest r
Saturday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Saint of the week

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.

Prayer for Children

Dear Jesus,
Wrap the young members of our family in your love.
They know how to love BIG, even though they are still small.
Their trust can inspire, their faith can change hearts.
Help them to know you, now and always.
Amen.

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday:
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday:
Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:
Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:
Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

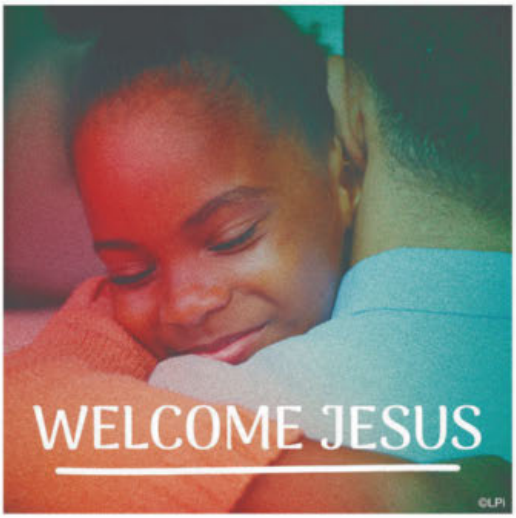
Friday:
Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:
Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:
Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

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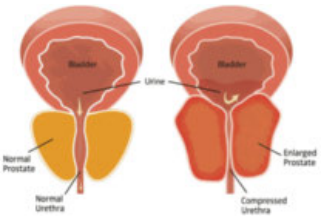
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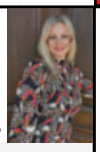
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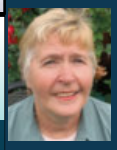
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