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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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 29, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today our Church celebrates the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our first reading taken from the book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Earlier in the book, Moses had complained to God about the difficulties of governing so many people. In response, God had directed Moses to gather 70 elders around the meeting tent to receive a share in the administrative burdens. Today's passage picks it up from there.

Our second reading today concludes our series of five readings from the letter of James. A major concern in this letter is social justice. Today, the author delivers a blistering attack. Reminiscent of some of the Old Testament prophets.

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On the first weekend in October our Church traditionally celebrates Respect Life Sunday.

Respect Life Sunday is an opportunity for each of us to re-examine the ways in which we respond to the precious gift of human life, in all its forms from conception until natural death. There are so many complexities that surround the many "life issues" that we are faced with every day. The decisions we make both personally and collectively about these "life issues" all have ramifications. That is why the Church in her infinite wisdom will always look to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life… whether it be coming to the protection and defense of the defenseless fetus, caring for the increasingly aging senior population, taking a definitive stance on birth control, encouraging natural family planning, or helping us to understand all the ramifications of stem cell research, etc.…

I want to encourage everyone in our parish to use this upcoming Respect Life Sunday as an opportunity to learn more about what we as Catholics believe about respecting life in all its forms, and more importantly, why we teach and believe and hold firm to our convictions about the protection and preservation of human life.

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As you know, October is also the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Friday, October 4th. It is also the day we traditionally bless our pets. To make it easier for more people to participate in this event, we will be having our annual pet blessing, on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. on the area in front of the main entrance to the church at the St. Eugene Campus. This blessing of our beloved pets has been a tradition for many, many years in parishes throughout the world. For this reason, all in our parish are encouraged to bring their pets (small, medium, or large, fish, animal or fowl, walking, crawling, or hopping) to the area in front of the entrance of church on Sunday, October 6th. All pets are welcome. Please join your parish family in keeping this beautiful tradition as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at Queen of Peace Parish.

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Finally, I would like to congratulate parishioner, Mary Marszalek, who will be receiving the most prestigious Christifideles Award this weekend at Holy Name Cathedral. This award is bestowed upon an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated by participation in parish life, the personal and ministerial renewal called for by Papal Exhortation, Christifideles Laici, calling the laity to the vocation **of responsibility for the Church's life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism. Congratulations, Mary!**

Fr. Rich Yanos

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:** _____



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 30, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof
Jude & Minn Families
Bosa Zunjic

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Jolanta Bogusz
Jan Kowalczyk & Family

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
S.I. for Family
Joanna Bischof
Juan Diaz
Rev. Phil Grib S. J.
Lisa Pozzi - Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, October 3, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Antoni Gumkowski

Friday, October 4, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Alleman H.S. Class of 1958
Joanna Bischof
Deacon Jerry & Rita Kwasegroch
John Masley

Saturday, October 5, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Living & Dec'd Mbrs of Cortese Family
Adela Dmochowska
Rollye James
Roseann Salvadori

Saturday, October 5, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Calogero Abbinanti
Marliss Costanza
Sr. Ann Patrice Dorr
Frank & Gerri Peora
Bob Schu, Gregory Smits
Wright & Lincoln Families

Sunday, October 6, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun
Frances B. Bruno
Donald Denis Cordova
Sr. Alice Rogers O. S. F.
Jozef Wawronowicz

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parish
John Catanese
Joe DeCarlo, Pam Margelewski
Michael J. Nardulli—B-Day
Pietro Pisello
Debbie Puhala
Edward Rebacz
Jadwiga Harriett Swider
Nicolo Troiano

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Colomba Lupo
Francesca & Antonino Lupo
Laura Mazza, Joseph & Anna Wilk

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 10/05 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	R. Cantal - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant / T. Crivlare - C J. Gebhardt - O J. Noronha - WO M.B. Glynn - Cup B B. Gebhardt - Cup O	L. Parrillo -Hall AJ Orlando E. Burzawa	C. Bobka
Sunday, 10/06 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Cardella - WB B. Czubek - B Celebrant / M. Cozzo - C J. Fornek - O G. Fornek - WO D. Duszynski - Cup B B. Ndiwe - Cup O	M. Marrinan A. Coleman A. McGovern	M. Egan
Sunday, 10/06 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Ed Pacocha Deacon Chris Virruso TC	E. Aspi - AB C. Capps - AC M. D'Alessandro - TB M. Marszalek - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson - 1st M. Kosiek - 2nd
Sunday, 10/06 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Hernandez - WB C. Paulini - B Celebrant J. Mroszczak - C F. Pacia - O M. Villaba - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B A. Mroszczak - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez C. Brown H. Wyszkoeski	School Lector



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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Note from Parish Nurse

Thank you to all of our wonderful priests, especially Fr. Rich, Fr. Robert and Fr. Ed, who participated in the Anointing of the Sick Mass. I would also like to thank Lydia for her beautiful music and cantoring.



To all who assisted in any way, especially Boguslaw, Ida, Irene, our servers (Gabi and Joanna), and our amazing Ministers of Care, for set-up, serving and clean-up, I am most grateful.

May God Bless you and grant you His Grace.

Peace,

Terri, RN

Parish Nurse & Minister of Care







Another 150 Bags of Groceries Packed; 120 Distributed

On Sunday, September 8, our group of Queen of Peace volunteers packed another 150 bags of groceries for the Quinn Center. That is A LOT of groceries! The bags were piled four layers deep at the peak of the pile on the tables.

On Tuesday, September 10, 120 of those bags were distributed to people coming through the Quinn Center parking lot (roughly 650 people). That's down from previous months, but it's too early to tell if it's a trend. So, we have a 30-bag cushion heading into the October bagging session.

Our **next grocery bagging session** will be on **Sunday, October 6 at 1:45** in the St. Eulalia parking lot/Quinn Center. If you're interested in joining us, please call Jan Magnuson at 312-806-7210 or email her at jan7744@comcast.net. There's always plenty to do! And, yes, it does count for service hours!

In coming articles, we're going to show you the other side of the grocery distribution experience. We're going to showcase how the Tuesday evening meal and grocery distribution works. It's A-Mazing!



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
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. 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
Jackie Pomis
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.

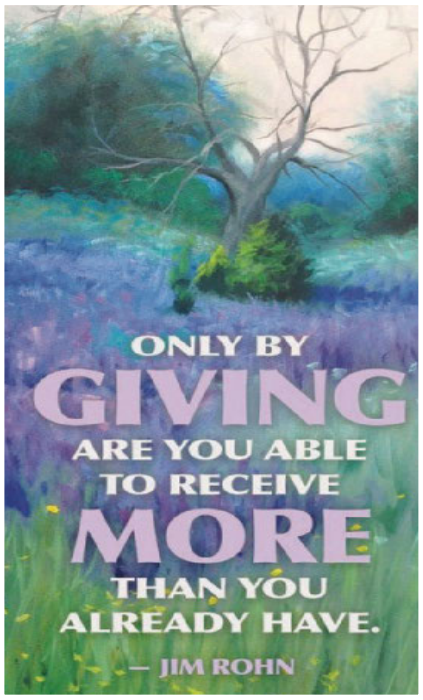
Contact Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 2,999.26
8:30am SE	$ 2,123.50
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,717.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,266.00
Mail	$ 2,470.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,575.76**
Online Collection	$ 2,625.01
Grand Total	**$ 15,200.77**
Seminary Fund	$ 3,696.00



This week's at
Our Lady, Mother of the Church



SANCTUARY LAMP
Is in memory of

JOSEPH MANDILLE



SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 29
School Support

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Jena DiSilvestro
† George T. Armstrong
† Virginia Muscarello
† Norbert Bernauer

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.





3rd Wedding Banns
Siobhan Mischke &
Michal Zdrojkowski





Bulletin Submissions:

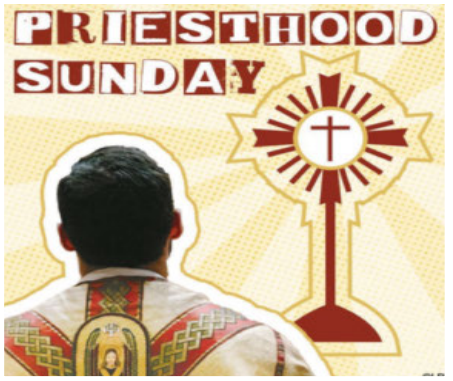
Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org
We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval.
Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. *Thank you.*

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!

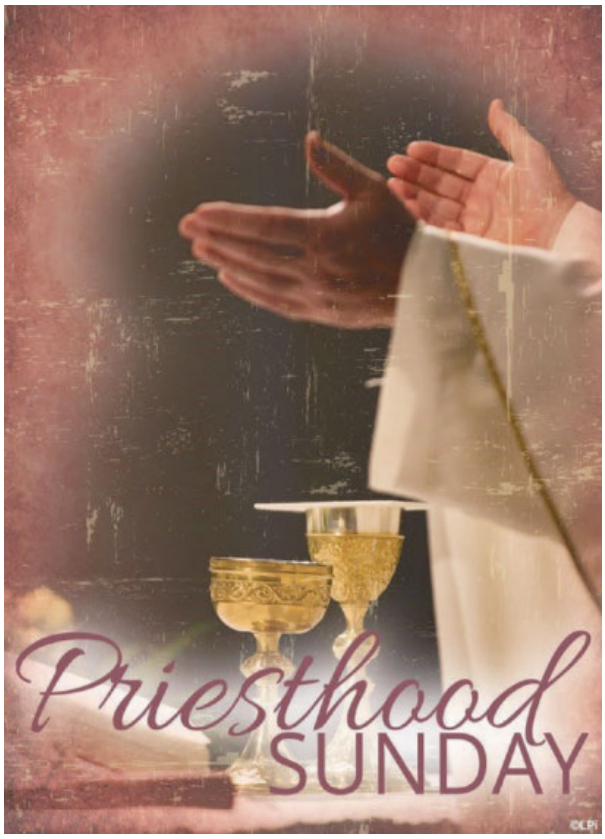
All are cordially invited to help celebrate
the 20th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration
at St. Eugene Church (Queen of Peace Parish)
7958 W. Foster Ave.; Chicago, IL 60656
773/775-6659

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





OSARIES FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This Sunday is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Please pray at least one Rosary this week for our brothers and sisters who have had to leave their land due to economic reasons, political conflicts, or religious persecution. Rosary Guild 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, please contact the parish office.

LIVING ROSARY

The intention of the Living Rosary 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. People each pray a decade or more of the Rosary each day, forming a Living Rosary. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a part of the Living Rosary.

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.


Thanksgiving
FOOD COLLECTION
26-27 Oct 2024
Collections will take place at both Queen of Peace campuses (St. Eugene's and Our Lady Mother of the Church).
LIST OF THINGS WE NEED:
Jiffy Cornbread Mix
Cans of Fruit - peaches, mixed fruit, pears, etc.)
Boxes of Stuffing Mix
Cake Mixes
Cans of Frosting
Brownie Mix
Gravy Packages
Canned Pumpkin
Cereal (Hot and Cold) - Large Boxes and Individual Sized
These items will be sent to New Hope Community Food Pantry
Thank you in advance for your concern and help!
Social Concerns Ministry


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Dinner & Dance

October 19th, 2024

25th Aniversary Celebration of Verbum Dei Community in Chicago - US

Place:
St Eugene Shaunessy Center
5220 N Canfield Av.
Chicago, Ill 60656

Time:
6 pm to Midnight

Cost:
$60

More Info:
English: Sister Ann Marie 224-280-8395
Spanish: Sister Milagros 224-280-8394
Polish: Sister Kasia 224-280-8396



verbum dei

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, tempus ordinarium, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:
Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.
Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

Gospel:
"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk 9:39-40)

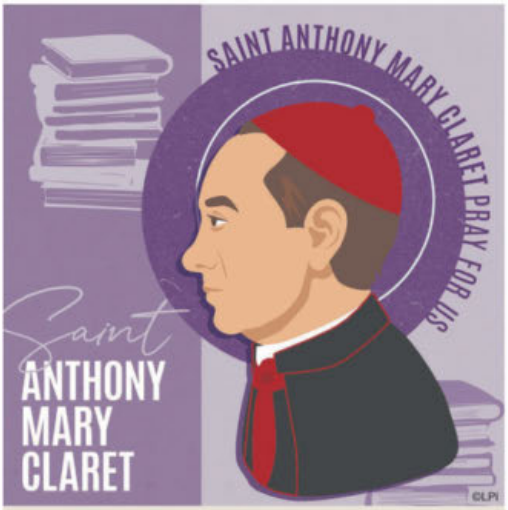
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace.

Observances for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday:	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), sometimes called the "spiritual father of Cuba," was a priest and popular preacher with a missionary heart. He founded the Claretians missionary order and the Religious Publishing House and reformed the Archdiocese in Cuba.

Prayer of Service

Dear sweet Jesus,
Every day you give us is a gift.
We know endless gifts from your hands.
Even our attempts to "give back" to you often become new doors of graces in our lives.
Help us to serve you more fully, more deeply.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

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

Monday:
Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday:
Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday:
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:
Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

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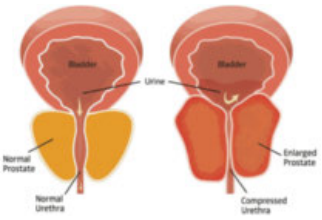
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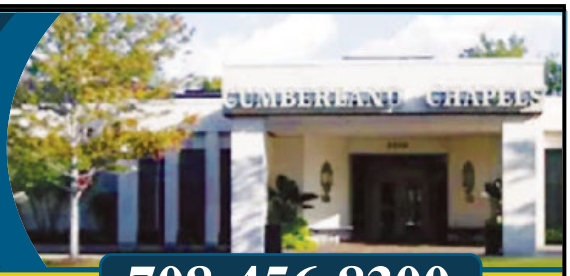
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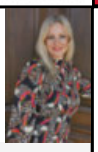
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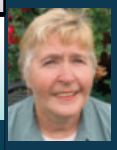


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