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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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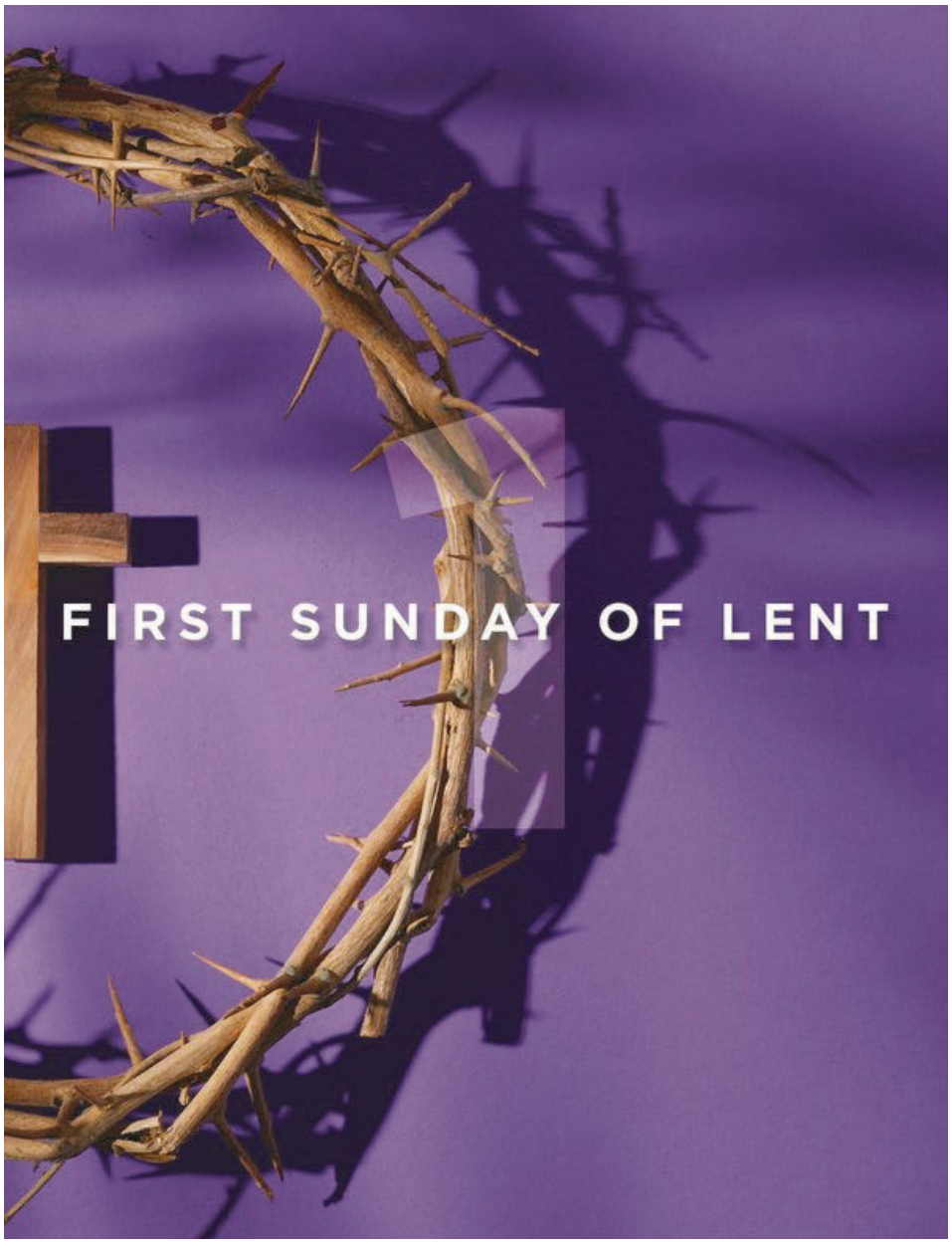
Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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



March 9, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent.

The events in our first reading from Deuteronomy take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses bids them to remember all that God has done for them. When they are settled in this new land, he tells them that every year they should offer the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord.

In our second reading from Paul to the Romans we hear of how proud Paul was of his Jewish heritage and how he wanted all his people to be saved. The question of what will happen to Jews who do not believe in Jesus caused Paul a great deal of grief and anxiety. In this section of the letter to the Romans, he addressed this issue.

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This past week, with the observance of Ash Wednesday, we began the Season of Lent. In many ways this 40-day period which the Church sets aside is intended to be used for our personal and collective spiritual preparation for Easter. As Jesus went to the desert to find peace and solitude, he prayed for the strength to carry out His Father's will in the days that would follow. May these days that lie ahead for us be an opportunity for our renewal and penance as well. May the Lenten activities we partake in help us in our efforts to seek forgiveness in our lives where we need it most. May the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving also assist us in reconciling ourselves with God, our Church and with all those who make up the body of Christ. I encourage everyone in our parish to do all that you can to make this Lenten Season and upcoming Holy Week, the means by which your faith is strengthened and renewed.

So often I hear people say that Lent is a somber and sad time. I suppose there is some truth to the sadness we feel as we walk with our Lord to His impending death upon the cross. Let us not forget, though, that the cross was not the end. It was how Jesus died for the sake of the world's human sinfulness, but which also culminated in his rising from the dead, so that we might be able to share in the eternal glory and everlasting life Christ won for us.

Lent teaches us that there is joy even in our darkest moments. So, decide on your own plan for the upcoming Lenten Season that will help you to develop a more joyful approach to Lent. Perhaps you might start by being willing to admit your own sinfulness and the need for a change of heart in your life. In the process, fill your life with love - God's love for all those you meet. If you can achieve this on your Lenten journey, it will indeed be a more joyful and meaningful 40 days.

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Mark your calendars for a Lenten Evening of Reflection that will be offered on Monday evening, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in St. Eugene Church. Join Craig Kamptner for a Lenten presentation entitled, "A Walk with Jesus". Craig has been the Music Director at St. Mother Guerin parish for 19 years now and has taught music for 27 years at St. Celestine School. Craig grew up in St. John Brébeuf parish, attended

Notre Dame High School, and graduated from Concordia University. He and his wife, Christin, are the proud parents of two children and are members of St. Raymond parish in Mt. Prospect. He will offer suggestions for growing spiritually this Lent as we walk on our lifelong journey with Jesus. Hopefully all in our parish will take advantage of this opportunity for reflection and spiritual renewal this Lent.

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Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Eugene Church every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday, however, the traditional Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. This year, Stations of the Cross will also be prayed walking the streets of Norridge beginning and ending at Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 1:30 p.m. on Good Friday as well. The Norridge police department will assist in guiding this walk safely for everyone. All are welcome to participate.

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In an effort to more closely unite our two worship sites that are the community of Queen of Peace parish as well as for the safety of our parish staff, I would like to let everyone know that beginning Monday, May 5, 2025, the rectory office location at Our Lady, Mother of the Church will no longer be utilized. This will mean that all those seeking mass intentions, sacramental information/records, and any other requests will need to come to the main Parish Office location at 7958 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60656. Due to the low volume of traffic and visits, and having a secretary there by herself, it was felt that keeping a staff member there was not the best utilization of our resources. By now, I think we are all aware of the Queen of Peace Office site at 7958 W. Foster Ave. at the St. Eugene campus.

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Finally, I'd like all in our parish to know that Fr. Ed Pacocha sends his best wishes. He asked me to let you know that the mass that the doctors found near his bladder was found to be cancerous and will require chemotherapy. Not the news he wanted to hear, but he reassured me his doctors were hopeful that they can get this under control...and that certainly is our prayer for him as well! Please keep him in your prayers in the weeks ahead. I will keep you posted regarding his progress.

By now all in our parish are aware of the sudden death of Fr. Richard LoBianco, former pastor of Divine Savior Parish and Holy Cross Parish in Deerfield. I know that I speak for all in our community and especially for the former parishioners of Divine Savior when I express our wishes that eternal rest be granted unto him as he now participates in the gift of eternal life given to us by Jesus. Fr. LoBianco's funeral was held this past Friday at Holy Cross Parish in Deerfield. He was only 70 years old. His passing is a real reminder to us all of the preciousness of life that we are all given.

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jude & Minn Famlies
Harriet Mucek - B-Day Remembrance

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Mark Caban
Wayne J. Greco
Bernice Hujar
Catalina Guieb
Mary Varga - B-Day Remembrance

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Cornell & Keen Families
Mazur Family
Joseph Portenlanger
Maria & Matthias Rempala
Rybak & Wright Families

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

George Case - B-Day Remembrance
Gaetna & Filip Catanese
Salvatore Ciaccio
Rev. Dan Fallon - 1st Death Anniversary
Bill & Marty Hogan
Joseph Jachym
Linda & Jack McMicken
Angelo & Giulia Parente
George Pecora
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Kolakowski Family
Diodato E. & Ilde Iannotta
Giuseppa Leo
Rocco E. & Carmela Savaiano

Monday, March 10, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jude & Minn Families
Richard P. Issel

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

S.I. For Matthew

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
S. I. for Rev. Ed Pacocha Blessings & Healings
Aline Papciak

Thursday, March 13, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

S. I. For Michael Murphy

Friday, March 14, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Phyllis Bastian - 7th Death Anniversary
Deceased Members of Jasicki Family
Gino Marchiori
Odone Marchiori

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph Bator
Mary Findland - B-Day Remembrance
Noverini & Hodges Families
S.I. For Piotr Pietrzykowski

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Angeline & Andrew Derus
Jose & Juliana Lim
Donn P. McMahon
Rev. John Plotkowski
Margie Sweeney
Helen Wrobel - B-Day Remembrance

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Tim Eaves
S. I. For Dariusz Gumkowski
Mazur Family
Joseph Portenlanger
Rybak & Wright Families
Mirno Della Santina

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

People of the Parish
Salvatore Ciaccio
Stanislaw Drwal
Palmina Fiorentino
Gilda Morelli
Michael O'Grady
Domenico & Rosa Parente
Marilyn Samp

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Maria Biancorosso
Maria Colletto
Concetta Caranfa
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Donato Donald Parente

Lent & Easter 2025

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at SE - 7 pm on March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 and on Good Friday, April 18 at 3 pm.
Walk with the Cross Stations - Beginning & Ending at **OLMC** – Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30pm
Living Stations of the Cross - Fridays at SE - 2:15 pm. March 21, 28 & April 4, 11.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at SE - 3:30 pm (March 15,22,29, April 5, 12)
Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, April 8 at **SE** Church - 7 pm
No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 19.

St. Joseph`s Day Mass - Wednesday, March 19 SE - 9 am & 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's Day Table - Saturday, March 22 SE
1st Seating: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
2nd Seating: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Admission by Tickets only

Lenten Dinner offerings

Meatless Dinner (at OLMC) - April 4 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Fish Fry (at SE) - Friday, April 11 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Please see the bulletin for details.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 12 4:30 pm **SE** (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday, April 13 8:30 am & 11:30 am **SE**
10:00 am **OLMC**

The Triduum Services
Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm **SE**

Good Friday, April 18
Walk with the Cross Stations - Beginning & Ending at **OLMC** – Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30pm
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm **SE**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm **SE**

Holy Saturday, April 19
Blessing of Easter Baskets - 1:00 pm **SE**
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:00 pm **SE**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 20 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am **SE**
9:00 am & 11:00 am **OLMC**

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 03/15 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB F. Klus - B Celebrant / M. Lim - C M. Meo - O J. Noronha - WO C. Lim - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cup O	S. Greco M. Marrinan H. Wyszkowski	J. Magnuson
Sunday, 03/16 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Unger - WB P. Draniczarek—B Celebrant / J. Cardella - C G. Fornek - O J. Fornek - WO M. Cozzo - Cup B G. Bermas - Cup O	Lexi Acierno C. Eichinger J. Rog	M. Egan
Sunday, 03/16 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	M. D'Alessandro - AB P. Vega - AC R. Molas - TB J. Villanueva - TB R. Catalano - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Muehlfelder - 1st W. Kaczmarczyk - 2nd
Sunday, 03/16 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Hernandez - WB M. Villaba - B Celebrant/B. Berggren - C M. Tomzik - O P. Tomzik - WO M. Holder - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	C. Rodriguwz D. Luna M. Clancy	J. Sclafani



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



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
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Frank Bucaro
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Joseph Duna
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena & Jazmine Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Jackie Pomis
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
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

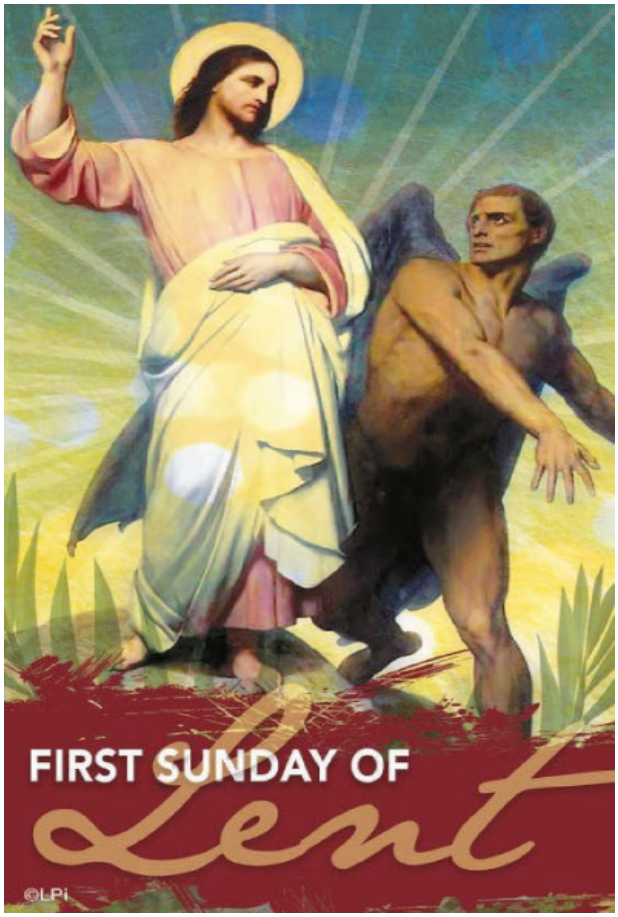
We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



**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
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





The Friendship Club

FRIENDSHIP

will be meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 11:00. This will be our St. Patrick's Day Party, so please feel free to wear your green if you want. Our lunch will be a corned beef sandwich along with potato chips and ice cream for dessert. We will have entertainment, ELVIS!!! Stefany Lugo and Maria Guevara of Home Care will have a table of information for you to review. After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

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The Friendship Club will be having a trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The cost of the trip will be $36.00. The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 9:00am SHARP and return about 5:00pm. Any questions, please call Valerie at 708-453-6034.



As you know, the funds raised by the ACA are vitally important to the support of financially challenged parishes and schools, as well as the many critical ministries supported by the Appeal.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of this year's in-pew process.

Rosaries and More

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday.

The Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion is prayed after Mass on Tuesday. Shortly afterwards, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, is the Healing Prayer Service.

The Rosary Guild's intention this week is for the repose of the soul of Rosary Guild member Gilda Morelli, and for the repose of the souls of all other deceased parishioners. Gilda knew someone who sends religious articles to the missions, so donated religious articles would be left for Gilda to pick up for the missions. Over the years, Gilda also attended Bible Study, belonged to the Women's Club, and served as a head usher. May Gilda, and all deceased parishioners, rest in peace. Rosary Guild members include Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S. With the Living Rosary, people pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, patron of the Living Rosary.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
Annunciation - Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.	Agony in the Garden - Jean R.	Resurrection - Lita J.
Visitation - Barb R.	Wedding at Cana - Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.	Ascension - Marsha G.
Nativity - Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.	Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Presentation - Karen R.	Transfiguration - Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.	Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.	Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.	Crucifixion - Demi S.	Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

Queen of Peace Parish



St. Joseph's Table

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

1st Seating - 2:30pm - 4:30pm
2nd Seating - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

St. Eugene Church Worship Site
Shaunessy Center 5220 N. Canfield at Foster Ave

Admission by tickets only, seating is limited for each session.
Tickets on sale at the Rectory Office & www.St-Eugene.org

Donation: Adults - $15, Children age 4-14 - $5, Children 3y.o. and under - Free

The Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph's Table Committee would like to invite you to consider volunteering at the St. Joseph's Table.
The St. Joseph's Table is a parish event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's display table.

Event: The St. Joseph's Table will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, with setup on Friday, March 21st.
Donations: of homemade bread, desserts and your favorite dish are welcome.

For More Information Contact:

Russell Sparacino 708.557.5059
Sal Sparacino 630.768.8375
Parish Office 773.775.6659



SUNDAY, MARCH 2 2025

4:30pm SE	$ 4,617.00
8:30am SE	$ 3,036.00
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,540.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,912.00
Mail	$ 3,897.00
Total Physical	**$ 13,105.00**
Online Collection	$ 1,762.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,867.01**



Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Anna Dolcimascolo
† Rita Vittorino
† Maria Carozza



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 9
Sacred Heart / St. Eulalia Sharing

March 16
School Support

March 23
Easter Flowers



In Lent, Fr. Carlton will lead a three-part series on the basics of Ignatian Spirituality for anyone interested.

The dates will be March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 7pm.

Please email Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org If interested.



OCIA

Becoming Catholic—order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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.

For information about the RCIA, contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660 or Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 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.*

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.

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!

Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

Friendship Club

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472

Save the Date

Parish Mission - May 4-6, 2025
Location: OLMC
Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

A NADZIEJA ZAWIEŚĆ NIE MOŻE... RZ 5,5

Jezus Pielgrzymem Nadziei.

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(Zamknięte, z noclegiem)

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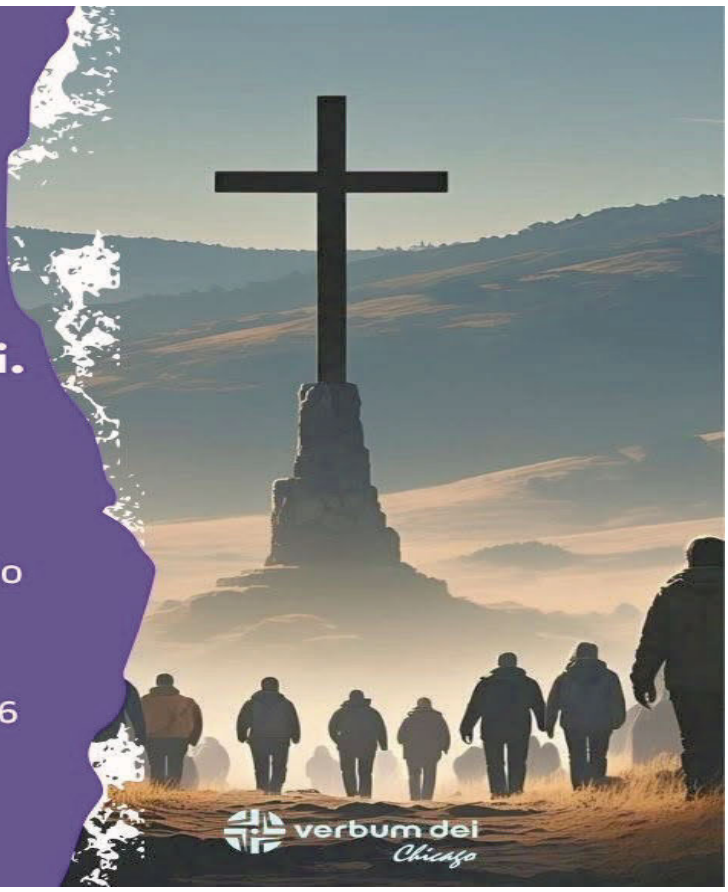
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Gdzie?

Konwent św. Eugeniusza
7920 W Foster Ave. Chicago IL 60656

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224 280 8396

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THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN AUSTRIA

Including visits to Salzburg, Oberndorf, Mondsee (the Sound of Music), St. Wolfgang, Swarovski Crystal Worlds, Bolzano (Italy), Innsbruck, Seefeld and more!

9 Days – November 30 – December 8, 2025



Brochures for this trip are available at both parish offices and in the kiosks in the gathering spaces of St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church.
Please take one to see if you might be interested. All are welcome to join us
I look forward to seeing you if you might want to hear more about this exciting and different kind of trip.

Fr. Rich Yanos

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

Psalm:
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

Second Reading:
For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel:
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

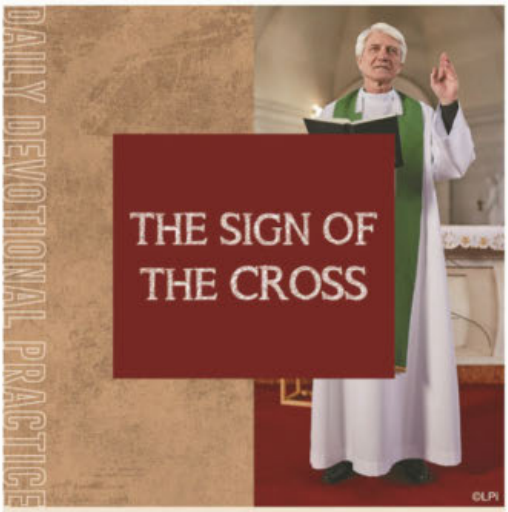
Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

Observances for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent





Devotions, *Explained!*

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

Prayer of Identity

Dear God,
Claim me as Your own.
When I lose my way, remind me that I am Yours.
When I'm plagued with doubt, fill me with Your love.

Amen.

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday:
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday:
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:
Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

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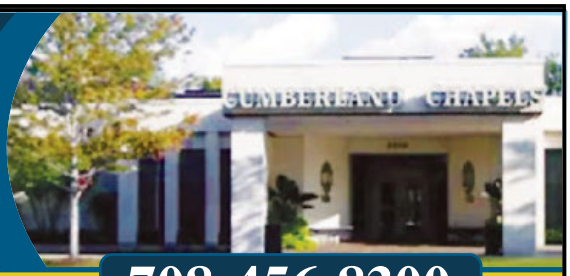
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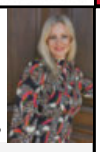
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