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

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

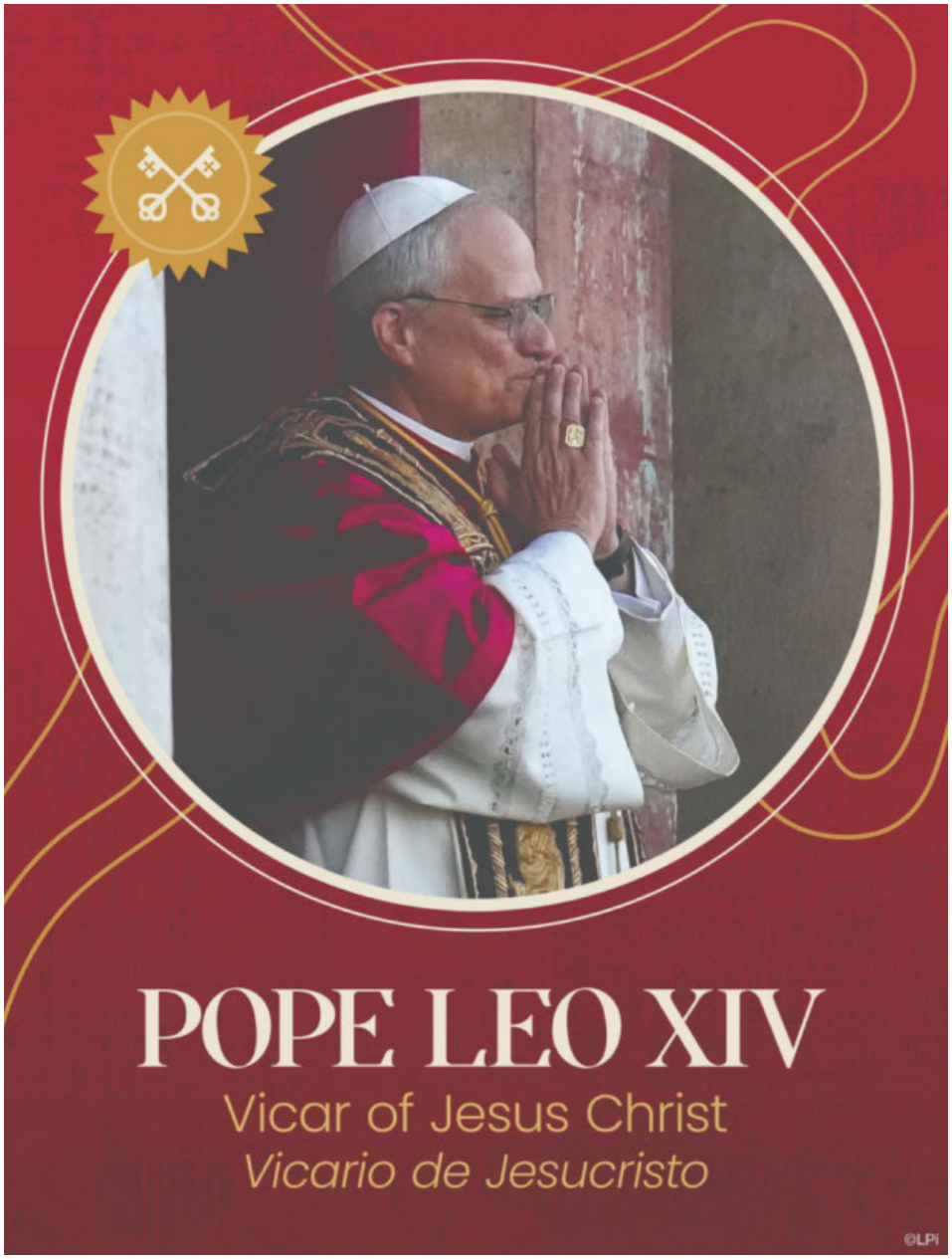
MASSES:

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



May 18, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Easter.

The outcome of the recent Conclave brought exciting news to both the world and the Chicagoland area. Our newly discerned Pope Leo XIV would have Chicago roots! This is certainly exciting news as history is once again made with former Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, now being the first American to take the Chair of St. Peter as Pope Leo XIV. Needless to say, Chicagoans take great pride in their city. This is indeed a time of great joy for us all. May the Holy Spirit guide our new Pope Leo XIV as he embraces his new role as leader of the world -wide Roman Catholic Church and her over one billion members.

If you were at our recent parish mission led by Augustinian Fr. Tom McCarthy, you might recall him asking us to pray for one of his own Augustinian brothers, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, who also happens to be a personal friend of Fr. McCarthy. Fr. Tom casually stated: "Who knows…Cardinal Prevost might be our next Pope?" Little did he or we know that it would actually happen.

All that we have heard about Pope Leo XIV is that he is compassionate, caring, down-to-earth, easy to talk to, honest, a straight shooter, and a faith-filled man. His decades of missionary work in Peru working with the poorest of the poor and most recently his time spent in Rome assisting Pope Francis in the choosing of bishops for dioceses throughout the world will hopefully serve his papacy and our universal Church well. Let us pray for him as he begins his new role as Supreme Pontiff, a word that means bridge-builder.

For a few years now you have heard me talk about getting large screen televisions installed in our church to enhance our liturgical celebrations. These screens would enable us to project on to the walls of our sanctuary some of the prayers we say together at Mass, as well as the songs we sing, enable us to show videos such as the Cardinal's Annual Appeal video, and also enable us to refrain from reading, but rather, project the weekend Mass announcements for everyone to read themselves before and after masses. You may have noticed the announcements seem to be getting longer as more activities are happening in and around our parish.

In the next few weeks two large-screen, 115" televisions will finally be installed. If you have travelled around our country and even around the world you might have seen this technology widely being used in many Catholic churches as well as other denominational worship spaces.

These televisions will provide us with many more opportunities to enhance our worship and participation at Mass and our ability to more creatively communicate with our congregation.

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Hopefully, you are all watching our Generation-to-Generation Campaign thermometer rise as we strive to reach our almost 1.5-million-dollar goal. As you can see, we are almost at $800,000, which is slightly past half of our total goal. I want to thank all those who have offered their pledges and support thus far that is enabling us to get closer to reaching our goal.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

It has been brought to my attention that there are some who are concerned about the word "pledge" regarding this campaign and the ramifications of not being able to fulfill a pledge that may be made due to extenuating circumstances.

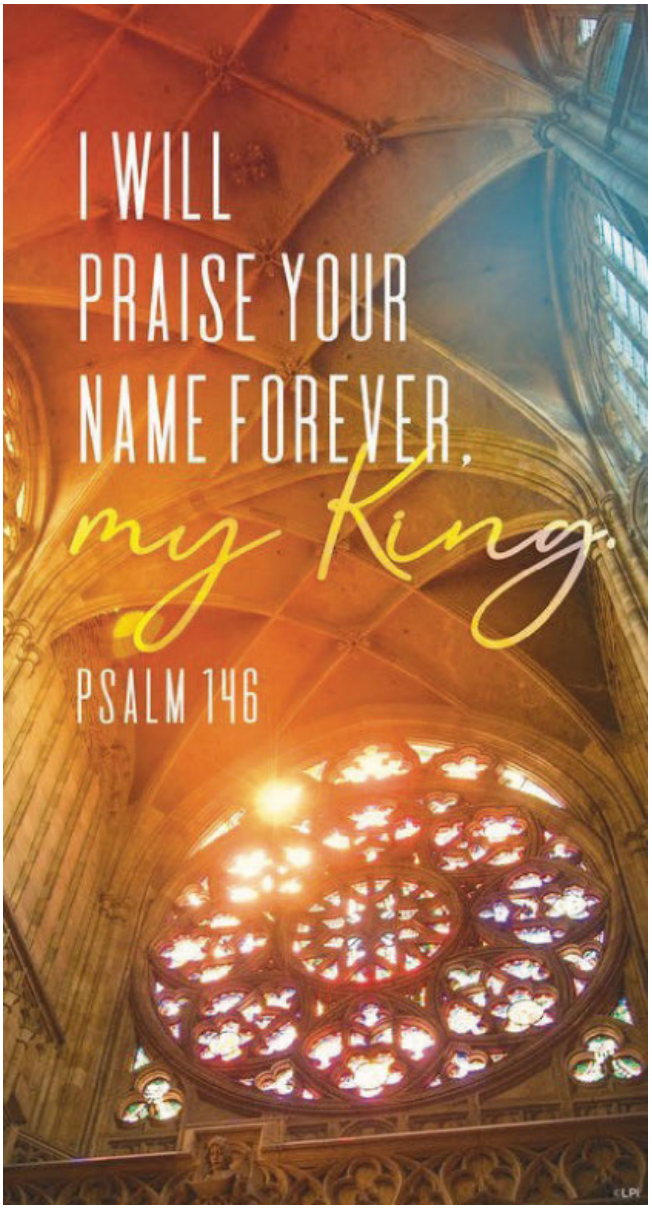
I want to assure all in our parish that there are no "legal" ramifications that apply to your support of this campaign. It is fully understood that those who make a pledge to be paid over the next five years may experience a situation that might keep them from temporarily or totally fulfilling their commitment. Life happens and we(I) fully understand this reality.

A "pledge campaign" simply allows for a larger gift to be made because it can be spread out over a five-year period of time as is the case with our Generation-to-Generation Campaign vs. a one-time gift. Please know that whatever gift you are able to provide will be most appreciated. I want to emphasize, however, the importance of **EVERYONE** doing something to help us reach our goal. We will be able to accomplish this only if we all work together. Keep in mind that the almost $800,000 raised so far has come from only 50 households. We have almost 3,000 households registered in our parish. Imagine what we could accomplish if **EVERYONE** does their part. There is no gift too small or too large. What matters here is equal sacrifice that will enable us to achieve our goal.

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I want to extend our parish's congratulations to Fr. Greg Rom as he celebrated his 50th ordination anniversary this past Wednesday and at this weekend's Saturday night Mass and reception afterward. I also want to congratulate Fr. Robert Carlton who celebrates his 6th ordination anniversary this coming Monday. May God bless you both with many more years of faithful service to His people!

Fr. Rich Yanos





QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Homes & LaPietra Families
Pepple & Ford Families
Zofia Zwijacz
S.I. For Matthew

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

Manuel & Caridad Lim - 60th Wedding Anniversary
Emil Cielak
Josephine Cielak
Wayne J. Greco
Martin & Katharina Hoog
S.I. For Al & Christine Horvath
Ken Klug
Zofia & Wladyslaw Liwak
Phillip & Mildred Genovise
Lorraine Martin - B-Day Remembrance
S.I. For Dorothy Ellsworth

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Anna Dolcimascolo
Mateusz Kolinski
S.I. For Matthew
Mary Lines
Jozef Liwak
Pat O'Donnell
Living Members of the Pawula Family
Mirno Della Santina
Gayle Starbuck
Eugene Swieton
Stephen Weber

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

Mario Bartucci
Maria Carrozza
June Frundlund
James & Matilda Halas
Frank & Julia Kot
Michael Jarosz
Giovanna & Vito Moretti
Donato Parente
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Andy Walczak

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Judy A. Busser
Katarzyna Cabaj
Maria Colletto, Pearl & George Giovannoni
S.I. For Efren, Melba, Perez Fam. & Kristine Martin
Family, Hillard Mike Michalek, Michael Michalek
Stefania Mroczkowski, Francesco Salvatore Pagano

Monday, May 19, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Clara David, For Holy Father
Mike Kwilas, Jude & Minn Families
S.I. For Villamor Antonio Sistoza
S.I. For Villamor Sistoza, Jr.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Nicolo Bartolotta - Father & Uncle
Helena Mac, Mr. & Mrs. Waterstradt & Family

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

John Masley, Jude & Minn Families, Frances P. Rielly
S.I. for Nicole, Mike & Matt

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

Anne Haftl, Jozef & Frances Miszaszek
Earl Harrington & Carol Ann Jones

Friday, May 23, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Walter & Helen Black
Mariano & Regina Lising

Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Aleksander Dmochowski,
S.I. Jacek Radzik - B-Day Blessing

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

Mary Anne O'Grady - 1st Anniversary
Bob Schu, Angeline Komperda,
Frances Salinsky-1st Ann., Lailah & Trump Families,
Steven Weber, Antonio Neri
Albert Binsfield, Vincenzo Liberada Santucci, Lorraine Martin - B-Day Remembrance

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Gayle Starbuck, Luigina Cesario, Anna Dolcimascolo
Julie Lazo - 40th Day of Passing,
Celia Purificacion - Death Anniversary
Regan & Lewis Families
Maria & Matthew Rempala, Jan & Stanislawa Bazula
Bob Schu - Birthday Remembrance

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

Carlos Adriano, Maria Carrozza, Maria Lisak
Norbert & Wesley Feret, Anne & Ron Haftl
Michael Jarosz, Stanislaw Kurda
Anna & Andrzej Lizak, Andy Walczak
Alice & Michael M. Nahorniak

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Starr Ballog, Maria Biancorosso, Concetta Caranfa
Sam Cingrani, Anna & Giovanni Daniele
Dominica & Enesto Fiorante,
Giovanni & Cristina Greco,
Giuseppa & Pantaleone Leo,
Colleen Lizak, James McAllister



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
Nancy Wesclitz
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
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

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday 05/24/25 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	L. Feist - WB C. Lim - B Celebrant / M. Lim - C J. Noronha - O A. Cisek - WO F. Klus - Cup B M.B. Glynn - Cup O	AJ Orlando J. Rog J. Liston	C. Bobka
Sunday 05/25/25 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	B. Czubek - WB R. Cantal - B Celebrant / J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O P. Draniczarek - WO M. Cozzo - Cup B I. Rog - Cup O	V. Pierri B. Brynn A. Ek	M. Egan
Sunday 05/25/25 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	N. Mosk - AB M. Walsh - AC C. Capps - TB R. Catalano - TB M. Marszalek - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Muehlfelder - 1st P. Vega - 2nd
Sunday 05/25/25 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Hernandez - WB C. Paulini - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C P. Tomzik - O M. Tomzik - WO B. Berggren - Cup B F. Pacia - Cup O	M. Clancy A. McGovern A. Coleman	J. Mroszczak



Marian Devotions

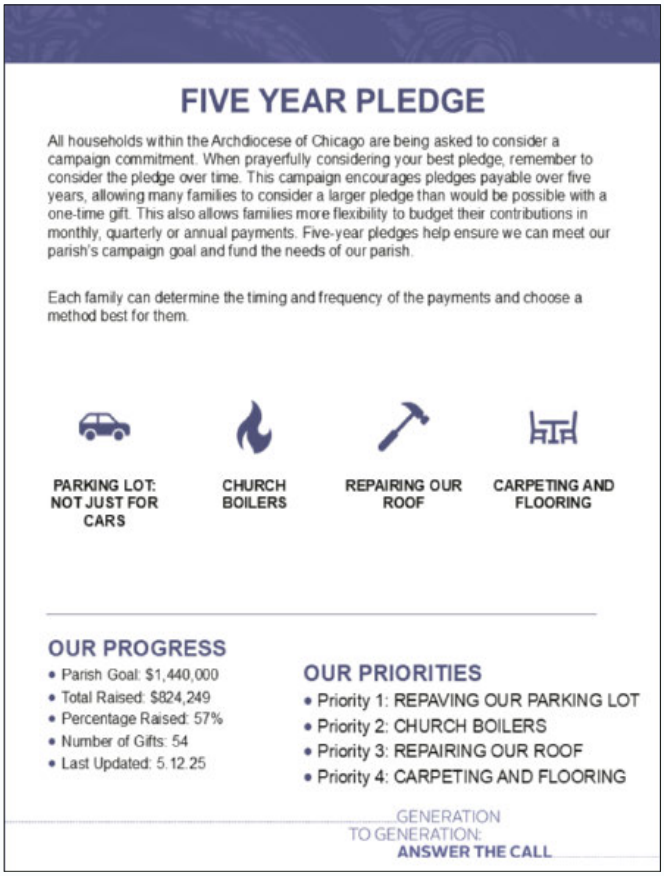


The third anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Pauline-Marie Jaricot is this Thursday, May 22. She founded the Living Rosary. People pray a decade or more of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, St. Philomena. If you would like to sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary daily, please reach out to the parish office.

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.

This week's Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild is for our newly-ordained priests and deacons.
All are welcome to pray at least one Rosary for this intention. If you would like to be a part of the Rosary Guild, please contact the parish office. 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.

The Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion is prayed after morning Mass on Tuesday.
The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed before morning Mass Monday through Saturday.





INCOME TAX SAVINGS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH OR GENERATION TO GENERATION CAMPAIGN

As a matter of information, we would like to remind those parishioners who must withdraw a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, or an inherited IRA, that the withdrawal can be **tax free** if made as part of your regular contribution to Queen of Peace Parish or to the Generation-to-Generation Campaign.

In order to qualify for the tax-free treatment, the contribution must be made directly to Queen of Peace Parish and/or to Generaton to Generation by your plan administrator or financial organization.

You should determine what your annual contribution to your parish and/or to the Generation-to-Generation campaign would be and then notify the financial organization which is managing your IRA to let them know how you want the payment made. This can be done as a one-time lump sum for the year, or can be set up as a monthly, quarterly or any other regular basis you determine or as required by your plan.

This process benefits you in several ways:

⇒ Your contribution would be automatic, in the same manner as many of you pay your utility bills, so it's something you don't have to think about.

⇒ Your withdrawal will be tax free even if you don't itemize your deductions, which many taxpayers are unable to do now that the standard deduction has been substantially increased. As an example, if you are in a 22% tax bracket and your RMD in excess of $2,500 and your contribution from the RMD is $2,500, you will save $550 in taxes.

⇒ Your obligation to support your parish will be accomplished in a way that enables Queen of Peace to better manage their budget.

⇒ If you have not made your 2025 RMD withdrawal, you may want to consider this as a tax savings or set it up starting in the 2025/2026 tax year.

⇒ If you have any questions, please contact your tax preparer, financial advisor or call the parish office and speak to our Parish Operation's Director, Lisa Keeney.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Plenary Indulgence for the Observance of the Jubilee of Hope Holy Year

December 29, 2024 – December 28, 2025

Pope Francis has granted special Indulgences to the faithful who observe and take part in the celebration of the Jubilee of Hope.

By participating in any Pilgrimage to the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites, and while fulfilling the usual conditions (see below), one may gain this special Indulgence. The Pilgrimage could be by an individual, or it could be a group of the faithful from the parish. For example, a parish might organize a group to go to a particular site for the celebration of Mass, or they might organize a group to go together to a particular site for a visit.

WHAT MUST ONE DO IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE?
In order to gain this special Indulgence, a Catholic is required to make sacramental Confession before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by celebrating the sacrament at the site during the parish's regularly scheduled times), receive the Eucharist at Mass before or after visiting a designated Jubilee pilgrimage site (it may be fulfilled by participating in Mass during the site's regularly scheduled times). In addition a person is to make a profession of faith and offer prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.

In addition to and in conjunction with fulfilling these conditions, one may then take part in any of the following observances of the Jubilee of Hope.

Make a pilgrimage to Holy Name Cathedral, or any one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there participate in Mass, or the Sacrament of Penance, or take part in another liturgy or devotion (e.g., a liturgy of the word, the Liturgy of the Hours [Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer], the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary).

One may also gain the Plenary Indulgence by visiting one of the designated Jubilee pilgrimage sites and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration or meditation before the tabernacle, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith (Nicene or Apostles' Creed), and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

Sites designated in the Archdiocese of Chicago can be found on the Archdiocesan Jubilee of Hope website (**pvm.archchicago.org/jubilee-2025**)

Those who for various reasons cannot participate in a Pilgrimage or visit, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, e.g., confined to the home, those incarcerated, can obtain the Jubilee indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful who take part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary.

The full Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence can be found at
usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

4:30pm SE	$3,323.00
8:30am SE	$3,083.50
10:00am OLMC	$1,898.00
11:30am SE	$2,546.00
Mail	$320.00
Total Physical	**$ 11,170.50**
Online Collection	$4,780.01
Grand Total	**$15,950.51**
Catholic Charities	**$3,965.00**

Wedding Banns

2nd Btittany Sanchez & Michael Pierri



SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 18
School Support

May 25
Sacred Heart/St. Eulalia Parish Sharing

May 29
Parish Repairs & Maintenance

This week at
Our Lady, Mother of the Church



SANCTUARY LAMP
is in memory of

NICOLA TROIANO





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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

FILIPINO MINISTRY AWARDS

ARAW NG PARANGAL



Saint Lorenzo Ruiz
Artwork by Paul Balan, Sculptor and Painter

The Filipino Ministry Awards – Araw ng Parangal, a celebration of Filipino culture in the Archdiocese of Chicago, aims to honor the Filipinos who, in various ways, contribute their unique presence and witness of faith. The afternoon will be a tribute to the leaders in the past and the present, affirming their generous collaboration and animation of the Filipino communities in various parish ministries in the Archdiocese. This event, the first of its kind, is a significant celebration of the faith-filled contribution of Filipino culture in the church, a testament to our rich heritage and values.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Sunday, June 1, 2025
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish
600 West 55th Street, La Grange, IL 60525

For more information and to purchase ads for this event, please visit **pvm.archchicago.org/filipino-awards**.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
And when they arrived, they called the church together
and reported what God had done with them
and how he had opened the door of faith to the
Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God."
(Rv 21:4)

Gospel:
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
(Jn 13:34)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known.
May Your love be our standard for love.
May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world.
May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.
Amen.

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:
Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:
Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:
Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:
Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:
Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

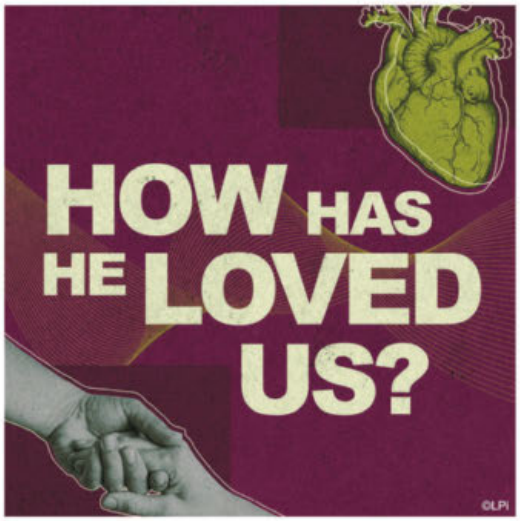
Friday:
Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, **"As the Father loves me, so I love you"** (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, **"Love another as *I have loved you*" (John 13:34)**. He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir

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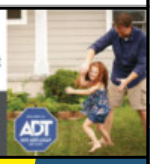
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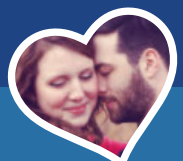


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