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

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
(773) 775-6694

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

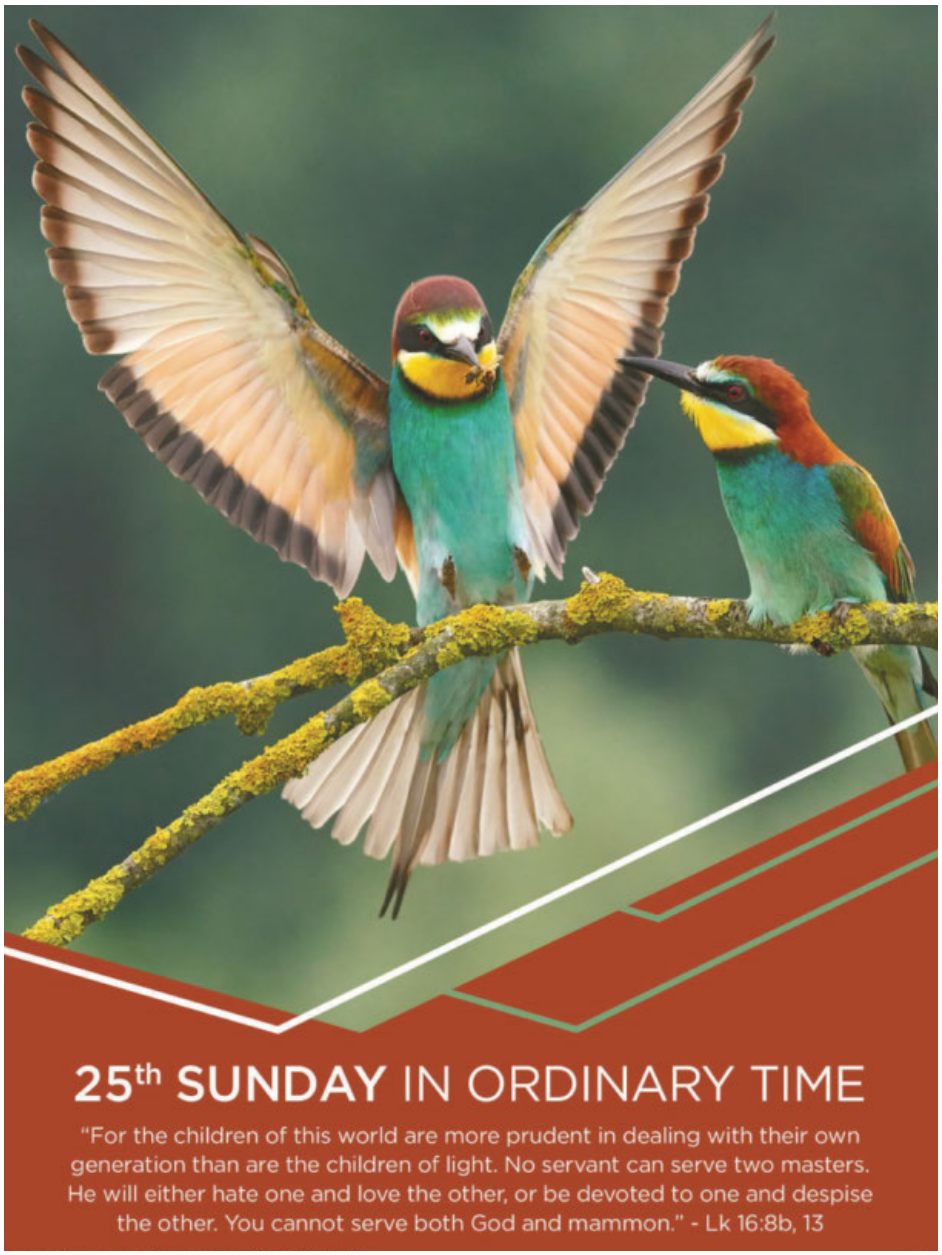
MASSES:

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





FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today, we celebrate the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Amos has been called the prophet of social justice. He lived about 750 B.C., a time of economic prosperity and religious corruption. Amos was a forceful and colorful preacher, as we will hear in today's first reading.

Our second reading continues from first Timothy, a letter written in Paul's name about 30 years after his death. Today's passage, drawing upon Paul's authority, teaches about public prayer. We will also hear quoted what may have been an early Christian creed.

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Next weekend we will be taking up a second collection to support our seminarians on their journey to 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 next weekend's 2nd collection.

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<u>BEWARE OF EMAIL AND TEXT SCAMS</u>

I just want to make everyone aware that scammers are impersonating clergy, staff and volunteers from Queen of Peace using fraudulent emails and texts. These messages are becoming increasingly convincing. I/we will NEVER request money or gift cards via email or text, even in an "emergency." If you receive such a message, verify it by contacting us directly in person or by phone **before taking any action**. Protect yourself and stay vigilant! Always remember…if a situation looks or feels unusual, or inappropriate it probably is! Follow your instincts.

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I apologize for the confusion regarding the special collection that was requested to be taken up for those suffering in Gaza. This collection was requested to be taken up on the weekend of Sept. 6/7. Because this request came in with short notice and that we already had a second collection for our Sharing Parish, it would not have been appropriate to take up another collection. For this reason, we will be taking up this important and special collection for those affected by the war in Gaza on the weekend of October 11/12 as the second collection for that weekend. Whatever you can offer will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

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As you know, October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Saturday, 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, then, on Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 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 main church entrance, Saturday, October 4th. 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.

Have a great week ahead everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos

THE BIBLE ACADEMY

PRESENTS NEW PROGRAM

THE BIBLE TIMELINE®: THE STORY OF SALVATION







The Video Presenter:

Jeff Cavins



Understand the Entire Bible!
A 24-Part Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Date: Thursdays, beginning Sep 25th, 2025
Time: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Where: School, Room 110
Cost: $30 for Study Materials
Facilitator: Fr. Jacek A. Dada

The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation is a fascinating Bible study that will take you on a journey through the entire Bible. Go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, you will see how all the major people, places, and events of the Bible reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

Why should one join?

If you find reading the whole bible daunting, this is a good start. The Bible Timeline® will help you to piece all the parts together. Come and learn about our salvation history.

Who should join?

Those who want to grow in the Catholic faith and a deeper understanding of our salvation history;

My Takeaways are:

1. A better appreciation of salvation history through the chronological unfolding of events, the link between Old Testament & New Testament.

2. The application questions on key themes at each session drew our focus to how the early Christians' challenges are still relevant and applicable to our lives today.

3. I particularly liked the Talk Sessions where Jeff Cavins focused us on significant events, keen observations which we would have missed because we took the readings too literally. I am still struggling to understand & interpret the scriptures as it is written. Sometimes one gets lost in the Hebrew flowery language.

4. Lastly the Bible Timeline workbook provided a good reading plan that you can always refer to.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Francesco Gaglionese

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Nicolo Bartolotta
- Juan Diaz
- Charles Dressner
- Starr Ballog
- Wayne J. Greco
- Jude & Minn Families
- William & Eleonore Kost
- Ernie & Eleanor Lewandowski
- Bozena Mogielnicki
- Andrew & Dorothy Santella

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Eileen Amoroso
- Nenita Jawor
- Lisa Majewski
- Eugene Swieton
- Tom Szczech, Jr.

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Maria Carrozza
- Juan Diaz
- Jena Di Silvestro
- Maria & Bronislaw Wiktor, and
- Bronislawa & Stanley Baka - Death Remembrance
- Deceased Members of the Kot & Feret Families
- Gabriel Moretti
- Donato (Donald) Parente
- Reba & Walter Ryder

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Cristina & Giovanni Greco
- Hillard Mike Michalek
- Michael Michalek
- Randy Oberheim
- Donato (Donald) Parente - 3rd Anniversary
- Nancy M. Pecoraro
- Anthony & Josephine Stellato
- Jarek Szczepaniak

Monday, September 22, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Norbert Bernauel
- Tony Parisi
- S. I. for Baby Riona - Blessings & Healings
- Rebecca Wiebrecht
- Barbara & Edmund Zarzycki

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- John Bastian
- S.I. For Janet Grande
- Lind & Jack McMicken
- Janina & Antoni Pietrzykowscy

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Louis Karzis
- Evelyn Kurpiewski
- Eugene Swieton

Thursday, September 25, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Souls in Purgatory
- Lawrence Goodman
- Pamela Hewitt
- Konrad Sniezek - Thanksgiving

Friday, September 26, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Ursula A. Kucharski
- Antonina Martelli
- Rosario Nicolas
- Rosalia Radzik

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Dr. James Bergman
- Deceased of the Ministry of Care
- Deceased of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul

10:00 am Mass, Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Anointing of the Sick Mass

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Jim “Doc” Bergman
- Joseph & Carol Foley
- Helen Kocar
- Angeline Komperda
- Cristian Moreno
- Mark Hujar & Benjamin Rakowski
- Andrew & Dorothy Santella
- Maria & Walter Szaflik
- Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Jan & Stanislaw Bazula
- Catherine Bednar - 5th Death Anniversary
- Antonio DiBrita
- Colleen Lizak - 6 month Death Anniversary
- Mary Grace & Moaura Lonaco
- Maria & Matthias Rempala

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Maria Carrozza
- Tony Ciaccio
- Brigida D’Andrea
- Francesco & Domenica D’Andrea
- Dominick Di Cristofano
- Frank DiVito
- Joseph Mandile
- Albert & Timothy Riebock
- Thomas Szczech
- Vincenzo Vero

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Mary Kate & John Brennan
- Michael & Bridget Brennan
- Steve Jassak
- Michael Lynch
- Vincent & Mary Ann Nowaczyk
- Helen Phillips
- Karl Rueckert
- Margaret Sullivan
- Fr. Fred Tomzik

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 09/27 4:30 PM St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	C. Lim - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant/ D. Sulimowski - C C. Bobka - O M. Meo - WO M. Lim - Cup B T. Crivlare - Cup O	S. Martinez L. Parrillo-Hall M. Marrinan	A. Cisek
Sunday, 09/28 8:30 am St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	B. Czubek - WB J. Cardella - B Celebrant / Kolaski D. Draniczarek - O G. Bermas - WO R. Cantal - Cup B M. Unger - Cup O	B. Villena H. Wyszkowski Q. Sznura	S. Sparacino
Sunday, 09/28 10:00 am OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Calabro - AB M. D'Alessandro - AC J. Colon - TB D. Flynn - TB N. Mosk - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	C. Capps - 1st L. Muehlfelder - 2nd
Sunday, 09/28 11:30 am St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Paulini - WB P. Paetsch - B Celebrant / Giacalone - C P. Tomzik - O M. Tomzik - WO M. Holder - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez C. Brown	J. Sclafani



ROSARIES FOR PEACE ON EARTH

This Sunday is the International Day of Peace. Please pray a Rosary to our Queen of Peace for peace on earth. 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.

LIVING ROSARY

All are asked to pray a decade 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.



BLUE MASS

Queen of Peace Parish

Fr. Dan Brandt, Chaplain Chicago Police Department, Main Celebrant

Honoring & Praying for Our First Responders

Date & Time: Sunday, October 5, 2025 – 11:30 AM
Location: Queen of Peace Parish, St. Eugene Church
7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656
Celebrating the Service of: Law Enforcement Officers
Firefighters
EMS Personnel
911 Dispatchers
Corrections Officers

"Please join us for a special celebration of gratitude, prayer, and community in honor of those who serve and protect."

- A sacred moment to honor the dedication of first responders
- Includes a blessing for uniformed and civilian attendees
- Opportunity for the community to show its support and appreciation

Uniforms Welcome & Encouraged

All Are Welcome — This Mass is open to the entire community.

For questions or more information: (773) 775-6659



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

4:30pm SE	$3,660.00
8:30am SE	$2,749.50
10:00am OLMC	$3,654.00
11:30am SE	$4,009.00
Mail	$3,743.00
Total Physical	**$17,815.50**
Online Collection	$3,587.01
Grand Total	**$21,402.51**
Sacred Heart/ St. Eulalia Parish Sharing	$2,161.00





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.*

Religious Education Program

Please call St. Eugene School at (773)763-2235 to register.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 21
Social Concerns/Food Pantry

September 28
Seminary Educational Fund

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Willam Burke
†Patricia Pinto



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

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

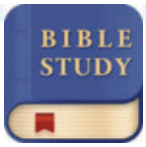


SANCTUARY LAMP
is in memory of

NICOLA TROIANO

Visit www.parishesonline.com to subscribe to our parish bulletin

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.

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

The 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 by calling 773-398-4472 or email at dltimmreck@gmail.com

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, **September 23rd** at 11am.

This will be our autumn party. Our lunch will be a box lunch consisting of a roast beef sandwich on a croissant with a fruit salad, chips, and a cookie for dessert. We will also have 2 Special Cakes for dessert. Our speaker will be Adriana Soto from Humana.

Angel Caregivers will have a table of information for you to review.

After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop
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Chicago, IL 60611-2030
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September 21, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Recently, Pope Leo spoke to seminarians who had gathered from all around the world for the Jubilee. He invited them to be witnesses of hope. Indeed, the men who are preparing for ordination in the Archdiocese of Chicago are witnesses of hope to us. In the future, they will serve our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Some of our seminarians are in the pre-seminary spiritual year at Bishop Quarter House in the city. Others are completing their college studies at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Finally, those in the last four-year phase of preparation are being formed at Mundelein Seminary.

Supporting vocations to the priesthood is a task that belongs to all of us in the Church. I want to invite you to express that support in four ways:

- Pray for vocations and our seminarians in preparation
- Encourage those seminarians serving in your parish
- Urge young men to give their lives in service as priests, and
- Make a financial contribution to support our programs of priestly formation.

Prayer, encouragement, recruiting and financial support—all these actions express our gratitude to God for the gift of priestly ministry. These actions also build for the future of our Church and for our children and grandchildren. I would note that given that our seminarians need to invest themselves totally in formation, they are not able to work. Thus, it is up to us to cover the costs not only for their education but other expenses such as health insurance and other personal support.

An offering envelope is in your pew or at the back of the church for your financial gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or you may make a gift online at archchicago.org/seminarianfund. If you wish to send a permanent burse to support seminary education in memory of a family member, as others have done, do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Trybula at ktrybula@archchicago.org or at 847.899.0010.

Thank you for your generous response.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

Seminary Educational Fund will be collected on September 28th. Thank you.

Social Concerns Ministry at Queen of Peace Parish

FALL FOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28



DROP-OFF LOCATION

St. Eugene CHurch
Our Lady, Mother of the Church

ITEMS NEEDED

- CEREAL
- CANNED TOMATOES
- CANNED PASTA SAUCE
- CANNED BEANS
- PASTA
- ONE POT MEALS
  (CANNED CHILI/BEEFARONI/CANNED SPAGHETTI/PASTA)

Thank you for your generous gift of food and your time.

No Expired Items Please.

Queen of Peace Parish

Teen Club for students in grades between 5th and 8th



Queen of Peace Parish is excited to start up the youth group for students in grades between 5th and 8th this fall. Like last year, we will be joining the group from Immaculate Conception. We will be meeting monthly at either Immaculate Conception or Queen of Peace. The gatherings will provide time for the students to socialize amongst each other and opportunities for service.

September 12, 2025 - I.C. Rectory - Assembly and Outdoor Field Space
October 3, 2025 - TBA
November 14, 2025 - I.C. Rectory Assembly
December 5, 2025 - TBA
January 9, 2026 - I.C. Rectory Assembly - Movie Night
February 13, 2026 - I.C. Bowling Alley Party
March 6, 2026- TBA
April 17, 2026 - TBA

All meetings are from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

PLEASE EMAIL FR. CARLTON. (RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE SEE PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK FOR REGISTRATION INFO.



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

5K Walk



STEP UP FOR LIFE

SATURDAY SEPT. 27, 2025

Maryville Academy
Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
1170 N. River Rd.
Des Plaines, Illinois

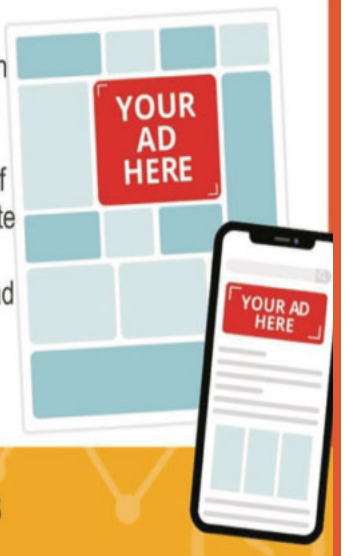
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AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Mark Olech from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



LPi
Mark Olech
(800) 888-4574 x5965
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body and soul.
The US Conference of Catholic Bishops writes:
In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

WHO MAY RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

- The elderly who are weakened or in a state of decline
- Those who are facing surgery due to a serious illness
- Those who are suffering from serious mental illness
- Sick children who have enough use of reason to be strengthened by the sacrament
- The faithful in a coma who implicitly requested it when they were in control of their faculties

Please RSVP by completing the below form and place in the collection basket or call the office 773-775-6659.
Reception will follow in the Narthex.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025	10:00 AM AT OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
FIRST & LAST NAME	PHONE NUMBER

FLU VACCINE

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: Monday, October 6 from 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.

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD
and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

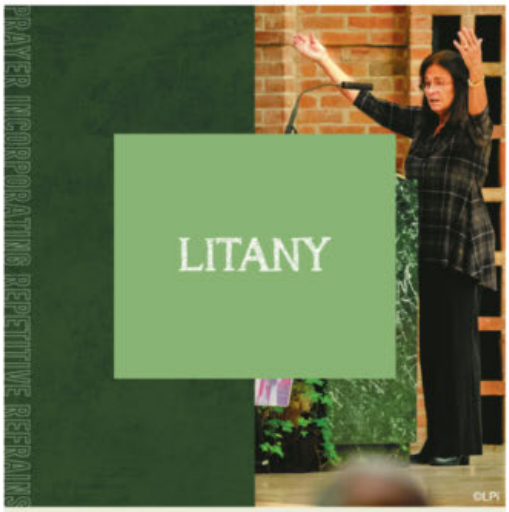
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday:
1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday:
1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/ Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:
1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:
1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday:
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:
Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

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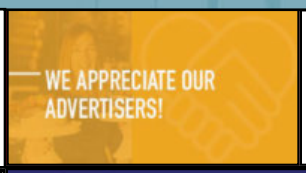
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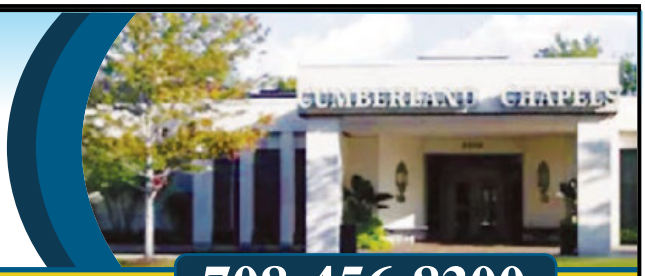


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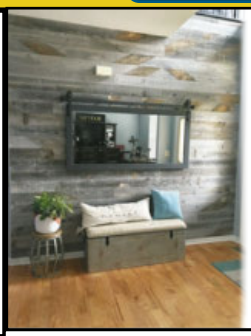
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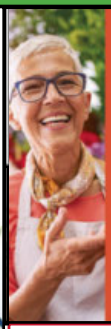
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