QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 4, 2026 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

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

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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

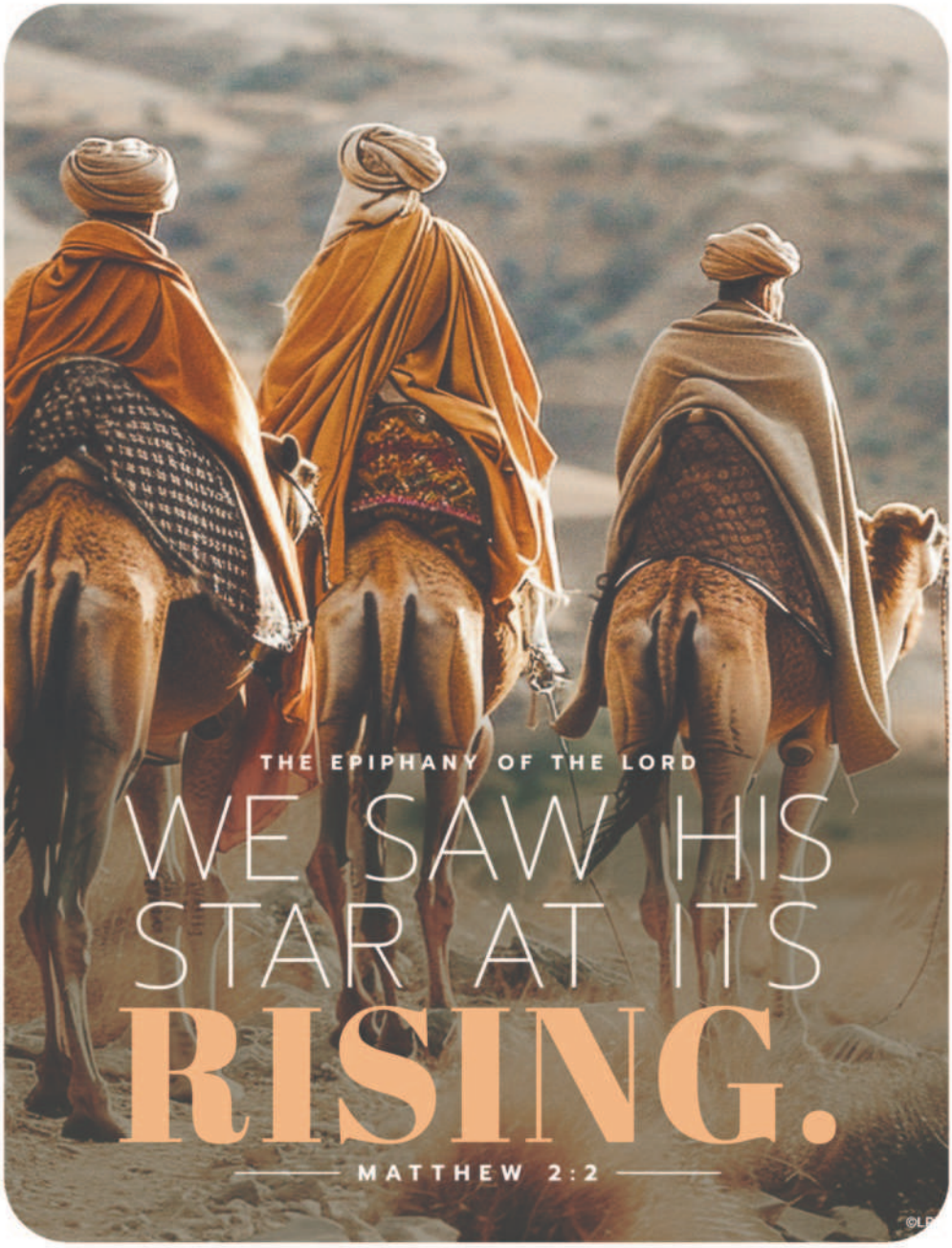
Masses

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



OUR MISSION

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.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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





FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

This weekend our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This day has been celebrated since the third century in the East and since the fourth century in the West. It is a celebration of the Lord's incarnation as the manifestation of God's presence among us.

The gospel we hear proclaimed today portrays reason and revelation working closely together to lead us to Christ – a journey that can be completed only by the gift of faith. Using their science, the Magi arrived in Jerusalem. There, these "non-Jews" or Gentiles consult the Jewish revelation to determine the route to their goal of finding the Christ-child, for reason alone cannot bring us finally to Christ. But the revealed word of itself seems insufficient as well, since the scribes who gave instruction to the Magi, based on the interpretation of the scriptures, do not make the journey themselves or even with them for that matter. Perhaps Matthew is telling his mixed community of believers, and our own community, that none of us has it all together, but that together we have it all.

As I reflect on this thought I am drawn to look at our own community of faith here at Queen of Peace and the gifts each of us bring to the Lord's Table and to each other. As your priest and pastor, I am fully aware of my shortcomings and the things that are lacking in my ability to better shepherd our community of faith. Yet, what is lacking in me does not discourage me, because I am also aware of the unique gifts and talents that are represented here in YOU -- the good people of this parish. As any successful pastor will tell you, it is in the collective recognition and use of the many gifts given us by God that creates a holy people and an effective parish community. It is in the working together with each other that we bring about God's kingdom among us.

Not a day goes by in the life of our parish that I am not reminded of how we are richly blessed because of the shared goodness of the dedicated men, women, and children in our community. I want to thank everyone in our combined parish (our staff, my brother priests, our resident Verbum Dei Sisters, and parishioners as well) for helping to make our Christmas season together the wonderful celebration that it has been and continues to be. Great things happen when we work side-by-side, and I am always grateful and proud of what we have accomplished and continue to do together here at Queen of Peace.

May 2026 be a year of new opportunities, health, and renewed faith for us all!

Fr. Rich Yanos

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
William Barry
Phyllis & Arthur Bastian
John Kula
Theodore Marszalek, Sr.
Jude & Minn Families
August Samp
S.I. for Rev. Ed Pacocha Healing & Blessing
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Eugeniano Guieb
Myron Masley
Walter & Helen Wojtas
Sunday, January 4, 2026
8:30 am Mass SE Church
S.I. For Living Members of the Family
Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
Rev. Francis Schouten
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Maria Carrozza
Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon
Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch
Edward Rebacz
Andy Walczak
Anna Walczak
Sharon J. Wolanik
11:30 am Mass at SE Church
Phyliss Babbs
Dec'd Members of the Castro & DiGangi Families
Frank Esposito
Carmel & Calogero Farina
Mario Ferruzza
Gaetana Giovenco
Norman & Barbara Nowaczyk
Pepple & Cerkoney Families
Rosa & Vicenzo Scaletta
Monday, January 5, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
In Thanksgiving
Roman Bojan
Alfred Kaminski
Mark Alfred Kaminski
Rodion K. "Chris" Kaminski
Mrs. Virginia McCaskey
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
7:00 am Mass OLMC Church
Pat Gerald
Connie Salemi
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
Melba & Efren Wedding Anniversary
S.I. for Matthew
William Dormin
Mary Killmer & Joseph LaPietra
Norman & Barbara Nowaczyk
Dominic Pucci
Thursday, January 8, 2026
7:00 am Mass SE Church
Roman Jurka
Stefania Rebacz
Friday, January 9, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
In Thanksgiving
Jan Mac Farlane
Ignacy Niemczyk
Bridget & Zachary Pfister
Jorgo & Zorica Stefanovski
Saturday, January 10, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory
James Santella
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Banas & Schu Families
Mimo Della-Santina
Patty Gleeson
Egan & McGuire Dec'd Family Members
Janina & Antoni Pietrzykowscy
S.I. Cheryl Smits
Sunday, January 11, 2026
8:30 am Mass SE Church
People of the Parish
Armando Abdon, Sr.
Roman Bojan
Elisa Constantino
Florence Panfil
10:00 am Mass OLMC Church
Maria Carrozza
Zbigniew Mikula
Donato (Donald) Parente
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Jack Schneider
11:30 am Mass SE Church
Nieves Garcia
Phillip & Mildred Genovise
Imre Hollosi
Bronislawa & Stanislaw Landowska Death Anniversary
Ted Lenart
McShea & Pepple Families
Jozef & Bronislawa Piton
Jorgo Stefanovski





Our Military Parishioners

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
Jasmine Poffenbarger
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Jacqueline Connolly
Joyce Puntuzs
Jesus Lebron
Alice Maestranzi

ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE



The St. Joseph Committee sponsors two events: a Mass on St. Joseph's Day and a St. Joseph's Table.

The St. Joseph's Table is a community event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity. Traditionally non-meat foods are served to the public for which a donation is accepted, and bakery items are sold from the St. Joseph display table.

The St. Joseph's Day Mass is a special evening Mass and the traditional blessed St. Joseph Bread and St. Joseph Prayer Cards being distributed after the Mass during a small reception in the church vestibule.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Shaunessy Center Meeting Room at 7:00PM on the following dates:

- **Wed., January 7, 2026**
- **Wed., February 4, 2026**
- **Tues., February 25, 2026**
- **Wed., March 11, 2026**
- **Wed., March 25, 2026**

CONTACT PERSONS:

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EVENT

The St. Joseph's Table will be on Saturday, March 21st, with setup on Friday, March 20th. The St. Joseph's Day Mass will be on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Full Committee member, help with planning and acquiring donations.
Event Volunteers (March 20th and 21st), help with set up, take down, food serving and packaging, kitchen duties, clean up and greeters.

DONATIONS

Donations of homemade bread, desserts and your favorite dish are welcome.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



OCIA - 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 CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 773-775-6660 OR FR. CARLTON AT RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG.

ROSARIES FOR THE POPE AND HIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Leo XIV's January intention is for prayer with the Word of God. "Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church." Rosary Guild members are 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. Please contact the parish office to become a member of the Rosary Guild.

LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary is where people each 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. Please contact the parish office to sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary each day.

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

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.

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.
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Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Victoria Chrabasz
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Camile Conrick
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Kurt Feiereisel
Scott Feiereisel
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Rich Garcia
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Claudia Heiberger
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Bonnie 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 Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
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
Kevin Pemberton
Jackie Pomis
Maria Pulice
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Dolores Scorza
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Maria Slomski
Anita Sison
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Jack Wagner
Nancy Wesclitz
Dolores Wilk



STEWARDSHIP
12/21/2025

4:30pm SE	$5,287.00
8:30am SE	$3,397.50
10:00am OLMC	$2,026.00
11:30am SE	$3,081.00
Online Collection	$2,897.01
Mail	$4,255.00
Sunday Total	**$20,943.51**
School Support	$2,446.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

You can scan QR code to go directly to GiveCentral and support our Parish.

SCAN ME

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 4
Food Pantry
January 11
Sacred Heart / St. Eulalia Sharing
January 18
School Support
January 25
Latin America

BECOMING THE HANDS OF GOD

In a recent Reflection in Give Us This Day, Carolyn Woo, former CEO of Catholic Relief Services, wrote "...I realized that we are the answer to people's prayers. When people pour out their hopes, fears, and aches to God, God sends us." We see this in your support of food pantries. Whether it is for the food pantry at the Salvation Army, the Quinn Center, or another pantry, by giving our "time, talent and treasure", we become the hands of God, feeding His children.

Thanks to your generosity and participation, a volunteer team packed 90 bags of groceries at the Quinn Center on Sunday, December 7. There were bags left over from the previous month, so we had an inventory of 135. A good thing, too, because 127 bags were distributed on Tuesday, December 9. One hundred thirty eight (138) families were served with meals and or groceries that evening. Their Coordinator, Martha Minnich, described it as "a perfect night. The last meals were given out just before closing." And there were still 8 bags of groceries left for emergencies or January's distribution.

Speaking of January, the first bagging session of 2026 will be on Sunday, January 11 at 2:00 pm at St. Eulalia's Quinn Center, just off the parking lot. Enter through Door #4 and go down the stairs. Please join us there if you can!





Epiphany Blessing

THE EPIPHANY HOUSEHOLD BLESSING IS A CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION THAT INVOKES GOD'S BLESSING ON ALL WHO ENTER ONE'S HOME.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it.

There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year
+C+M+B+26 the last two digits of the year.

The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house."

EPIPHANY BLESSING

Dear God, It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.





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THE SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

These personal Care Items will benefit those served at The New Hope Community Food Pantry and the Resurrection Micropantry.

This drive is in honor of the Queen of Peace, whose feast day is Saturday, January 24.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Deodorant
- Small Hand Sanitizers
- Individual toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap
- Body wash
- Sanitary napkins



Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church and St. Eugene Church

MAKING A GOOD START AT THE NEW YEAR

Queen of Peace Parish is looking for parishioners to become extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, who help distribute Holy Communion on Sundays and Holy Days. In February, Father Jacek Dada and Father Robert Carlton will provide formation for both new and current extraordinary ministers.
Below is a prayer by Saint Richard of Chichester.

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

If you would like to become an extraordinary minister, please fill out the information on the form below, and drop the form in the Sunday collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Sunday Mass time preferences, rank from 1 to 4: 4:30 p.m. _____

8:30 a.m. _____ **10:00 a.m.** _____ **11:30 a.m.** _____

ATTENTION MINISTERS AND USHERS:

We will be offering a class on the technique of Hands-only CPR and the use of the AED.
(This is not a CPR certification Course)

When: January 18, 2025 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Where: Queen of Peace Parish, St. Eugene's worship site, Narthex

Hands-only CPR involves performing chest compressions without the breathing component of CPR, which simplifies the technique for untrained persons who may be passing by at the time of an emergency. The knowledge of this technique could save a life. Mark your calendar and notify the parish office if you plan to attend.

Stay well! Terri, RN





	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 01/10 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	C. Lim - WB R. Sparacino - B Celebrant / S. Sparacino - C G. Fornek - O C. Bobka - WO M. Meo - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cop O	AJ Orlando E. Switalla S. Martinez	P. Brown
Sunday, 01/11 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	B. Ndiwe - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / J. Kolaski - C G. Fornek - O I. Rog - WO J. Nardi - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	B. Villena C. Czubek	S. Kumiega
Sunday, 01/11 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	R. Molas - T T. Molas - T Celebrant / M. Walsh - C D. Sese - Cup - T J. Villanuva - Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Molas - 1st reading N. Mosk - 2nd reading
Sunday, 01/11 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	T. Moore - WB M. Holder - B Celebrant / J. Mroszczak - C F. Pacia - O C. Giacalone - WO P. Tomzik - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	N. Labek M. Clancy C. Rodriquez	School Lector

LECTOR TRAINING

Training for Lectors will be held at St. Eugene Church Worship Site on following dates:
January 17th at 10 am - 12pm - Practices for Sunday Readings (second group)
The training for the Lectors will be conducted by Charlene A. Soby from Holy Name Cathedral.

All lectors are REQUIRED to attend. This training is MANDATORY.
Please call Fr. Jacek Dada for more information.



"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ"



ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement
St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale! Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

FUNDRAISER DINNER

ST. EUGENE SHAUNESSY CENTER

JANUARY 24

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

IN HONOR OF THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, WE ARE HAVING A DINNER THAT WILL RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR GROUP AND QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, AT THE SHAUNESSY CENTER (5220 N. CANFIELD, CORNER OF FOSTER AVE. AND CANFIELD AVE.) FROM 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD, DESSERT, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR $25 AFTER ALL MASSES THE WEEKENDS OF JANUARY 10 AND 17 AT BOTH CHURCHES.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE GROUP AND PARISH!

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE FOR:

- information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals
- Rite of Christian Initiation
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To schedule a Mass intention
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

Young women, ages 18-35, are invited to visit the Poor Clare Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Palos Park (12210 Will Cook Road) for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoons from noon to 3pm to discern with Jesus about their vocation. After a time of prayer, those interested in the cloistered, contemplative way of life in the footsteps of St. Clare, are encouraged to ring the doorbell to speak with the portress Sister, or to request to speak with Mother Abbess. St. Clare, Woman of Hope and Woman of the Eucharist, pray for us! (708)361-1810



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to school website and click on Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.



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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.



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

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



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Stars We Follow
Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?
I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday:
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:
1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:
It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.

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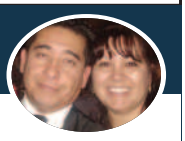
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