QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

7958 W. Foster Avenue
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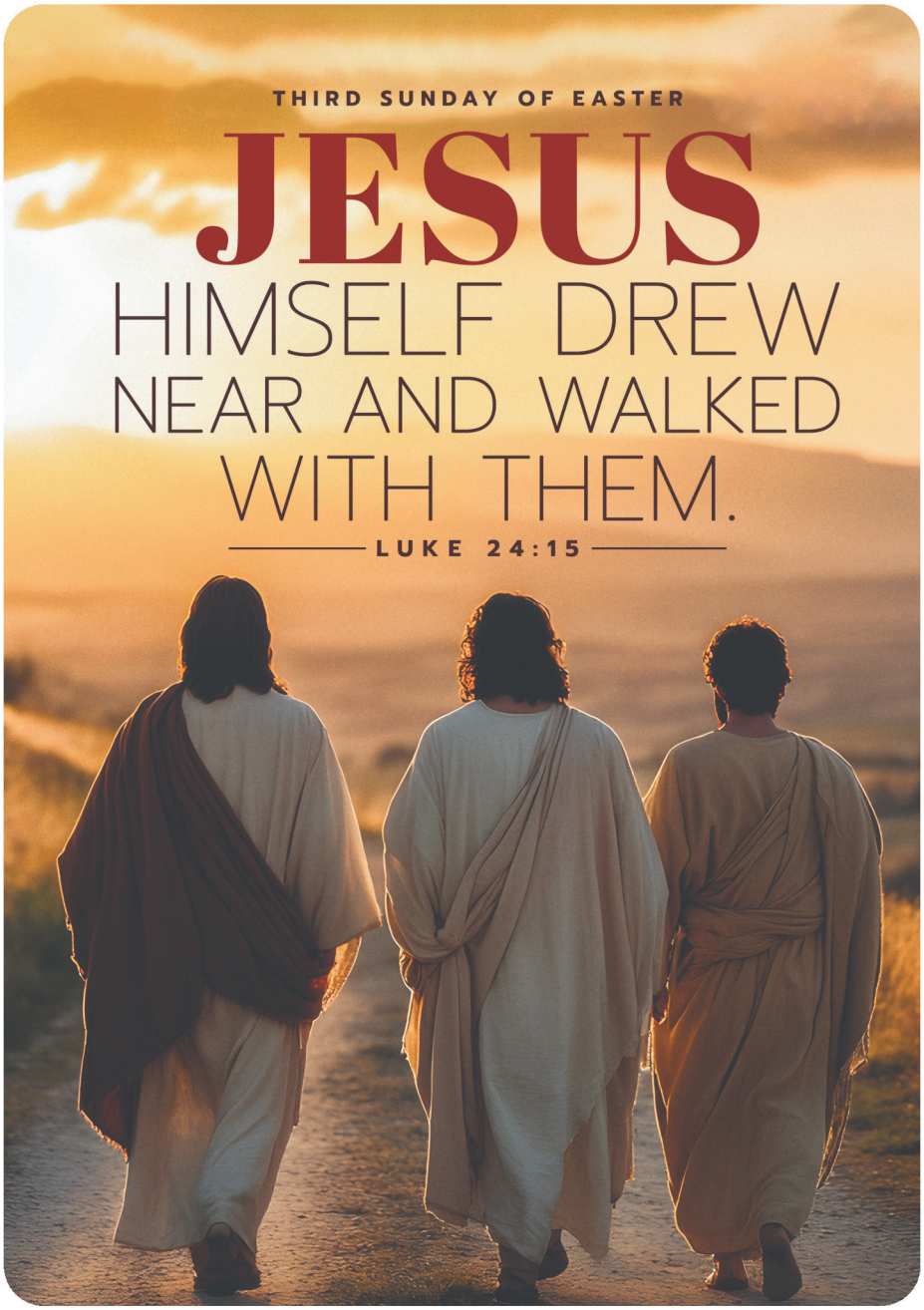
Masses

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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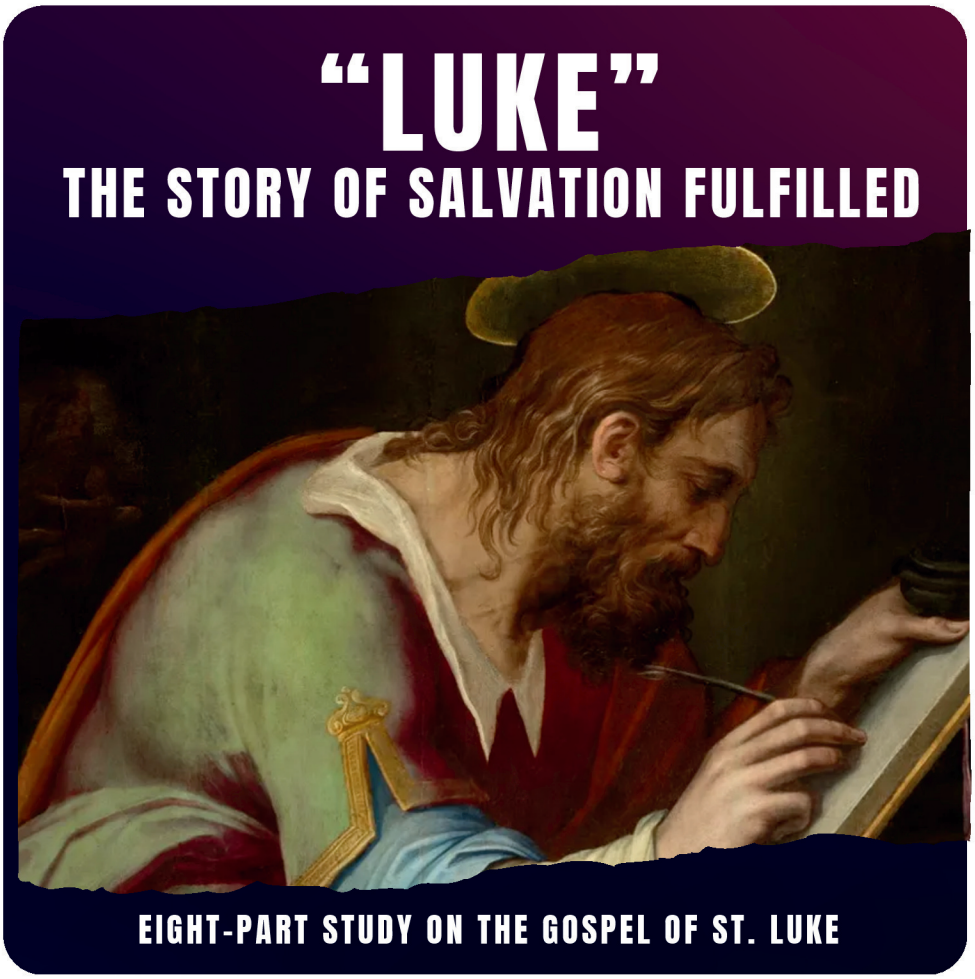


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

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Jesus Gave Us the Greatest Bible Study of All Time

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament.

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In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

Where:	**Queen of Peace Parish – (St. Eugene Church)**
When:	**April 30, 2026 – June 18, 2026;**
	Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Fee:	**$25 - for the student book**
Facilitator:	**Fr. Jacek A. Dada**
Registration:	**Please call the rectory for registration or contact Fr. Jacek**



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04/12/2026

4:30pm SE	$2,737.00
8:30am SE	$2,539.50
10:00am OLMC	$3,339.00
11:30am SE	$2,367.00
Online Collection	$4,490.67
Mail	$4,569.00
Sunday Total	**$20,042.17**
School Support	$2,777.00

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 19
Social Concerns

April 26
Parish Repairs & Maintenance

May 3
Mother's Day

May 10
Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

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Saturday, April 18, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Jude & Minn Families
S.I. For Mike & Nicole
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Mimo Della-Santina
Josephine & Joseph Derus, Wayne J. Greco
S.I. For Kozak Family - Blessings
S.I. For Paul Kozak - B-Day Blessings
Nick Rombotis, Lizzie Saldanha
Ann Siele, Tom Szczech, Jr.,
Mary Wróbel

Sunday, April 19, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
America & Angelica & Middle East Families
Chris Ficco
Giacomo Giovannielli - Wedding Anniv. Remem.
Mary Kloss, Anthony J. Lupo
Hugh McGreevy, Rev. Ed Pacocha
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Rev. Dan Fallon, Francesco & Louis Di Filippo
James Francis Gibbons, Anthony J. Lupo, Sr.
Michael Nardulli - Anniversary
John Nicosia, Marie Noel
Donato Parente
Maureen Sadowski, Viola Thompson
11:30 am Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Jerry Craven, Frank Avino, Sr.
Pearl & George Giovannoni
George Meier
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Mary Lou Oberheim
Walter Piekosz
Santo Russo - 30 year Anniversary of Death
Joseph Tofel

Monday, April 20, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Nicolo Bartolotta
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Mark Piekosz
Stanley & Frances Purchla

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Souls in Purgatory
S.I. For Family & Friends

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
S.I. For St. Eugene Bible Study
Tony Parisi
Matthew Raia - Birthday Remembrance
Marcial Santos - Death Anniversary

Thursday, April 23, 2026
7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Juan Diaz
Christine Jozwik
Konrad Sniezek

Friday, April 24, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Mark Nagel
S.I. For Matthew, Mike & Damian

Saturday, April 25, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
All Poor souls in Purgatory & All of the Dying
Ryszard Karczmarczyk
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Wayne Greco
Bernice Hujar
Angeline Komperda
Nick & Jean Mazzocchi
Donna Mietus
Bob Schu
Walter & Maria Szaflik
Tom Szczech, Jr.
Robert Zimmerman

Sunday, April 26, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
The intentions of St. Joseph & the B.V.M.
Nobert Bernauer
Edward & Zofia Dobosz
Anna Dolcimascolo
Sarah Larkin - Anniversary of Death
Jozef & Genowefa Pawula
Maria & Matthias Rempala
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
S.I. For Marsha
Dora Ciccone
Wincenty Dmochowski - Death Anniversary
Frank & Giacianta Fazio
Gus Magnelli
Rev. Edwin Pacocha
Rose & Domenico Parente
Alfreda Zajac
11:30 am Mass at SE Church
Giacoma Alaimo
Erika Arquilla - 4th Death Anniversary
Dominico & Cullocta Aniversary
Mary Kendzior
Living Members of the Kolakowski Family
Mary Lou Oberheim
Dec'd Members of the Piatek & Pinter Fam.
Bruno Piekosz
Reneé Pinter
Stan J. Prucnal - 2nd Death Anniversary

Young Adults

Join the Queen of Peace Young Adults Group for fellowship and light refreshments on Sunday, April 19 after the 8:30 AM Mass. We will gather in the rear vestibule/back main entrance area directly after Mass at St. Eugene Church.
All young adults are welcome to attend!



April 19
after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Queen of Peace Young Adults

Spring Fling Dance

May 30, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center
(5220 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago)

Semi-Formal Attire | Lesson at 6:15 PM | Food & Drinks | Games

Purchase tickets here or at door: https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/1409/event/42469

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES & THOSE WHO HAVE PERSONALLY SUPPORTED THIS YEAR'S PURCHASE OF EASTER FLOWERS

Elma Garza & Julie Lazo







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ROSARIES FOR THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION



"Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer." Please join the Rosary Guild in praying at least one Rosary for this intention this week. 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



Pray a daily decade of the Rosary for the for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and also in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena.

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

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Assumption - Camille C.
Coronation - Camille C.

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
SATURDAY 04/25/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	L. Feist - WB F. Klus - B Rev. Rom / D. Sulimowski - C J. Magnuson - O A. Cisek - WO M.B. Glynn - Cup B C. Bobka - Cup O	S. Martinez M. Marrinan H. Wyszkowski	S. Sparacino
SUNDAY 04/26/26 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	P. Draniczarek - WB B. Czubek - B Rev. Dada / J. Cardella - C D. Duszynski - O G. Bermas - WO M. Cozzo - Cup B R. Cantal - Cup O	B. Villena A. Czubek	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY 04/26/26 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	J. Summers - T M. Walsh - T Rev. Carlton/R. Catalano - C N. Mosk - Cup T D. Sese - Cup A	M. Kosiek G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson 1st reading L. Muehlfelder 2nd reading
SUNDAY 04/26/26 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB J. Nardi - B Rev. Yanos / S. Sparacino - C D. Hernandez - O U. Pawlowski - WO M. Zurek - Cup B J. Mroszcak Cup O	AJ Orlando M. Clancy E. Switalla I & W. Francis	C. Giacalone

OCIA NEWS



Congratulations to Elan Banistean, Jeremiah Romanzi and Kaley Keane who received their First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations also, to Shirley Calderon, Samantha Swartz, Brandon Swartz. and MyTram Swartz who were fully initiated into the Catholic faith by Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

We are proud of their strong commitment to learning about the Catholic faith.
Please welcome them into our faith community when you see them!



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!

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Marley-j@comcast.net

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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.

IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Elizabeth Rogal Welch



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

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.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-685-7586 for more info.



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!



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

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.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

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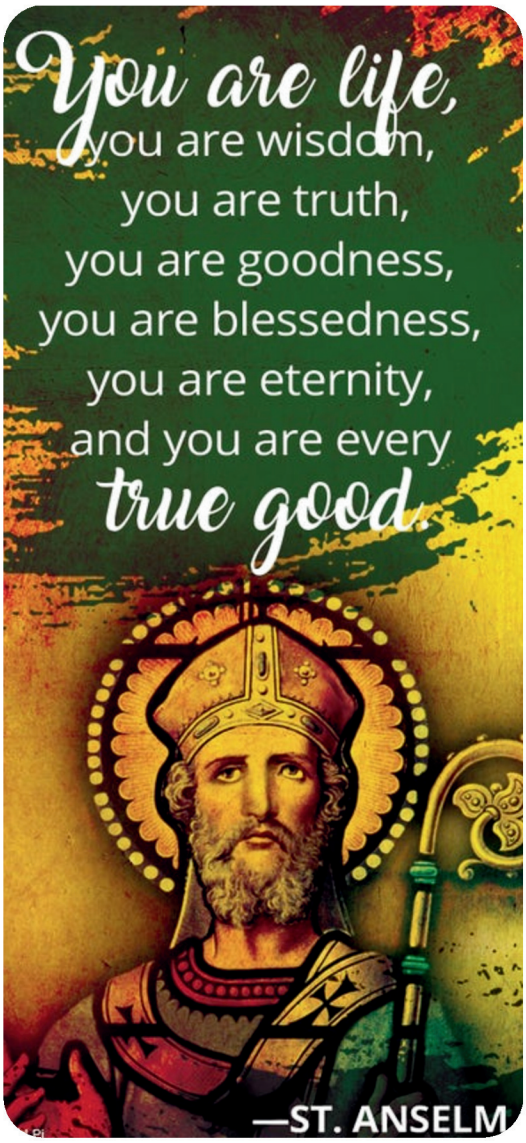
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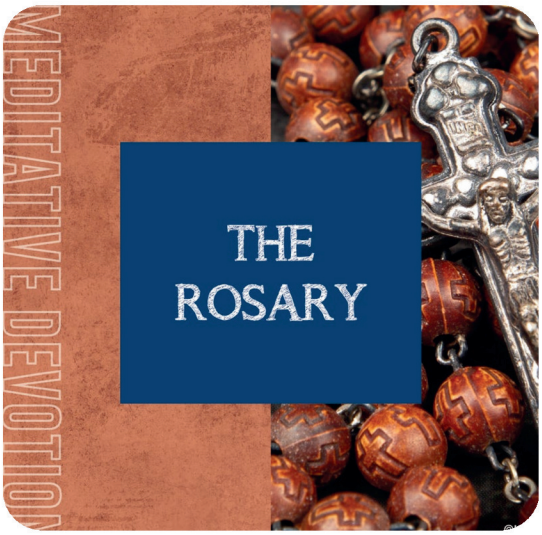


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DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! THE ROSARY

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery.

The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

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MINI REFLECTION:

Christ gave us everything. He gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with everything? What do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story. Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And…scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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Liturgical Life

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.
- Lk 24:30-31

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God's promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead. Have you ever made a promise to God?

Second Reading:

In the resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God. What is something you could hope for from God this week?

Gospel:

Jesus' interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

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— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase "the end of the world" casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin "Parousia," meaning "presence" or "arrival."

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a "*new heaven and a new earth*" (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, "Come Lord Jesus!"

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday:
Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:
Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:
Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:
Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51

Friday:
Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:
1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ 1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "**their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.**" (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:
Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:
Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

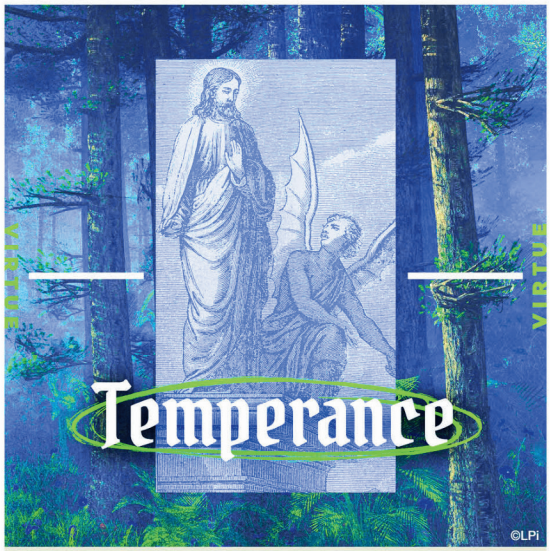
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	*Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day*
Thursday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; *Arbor Day*
Saturday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Virtues, *Explained!*

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as well.
Prune what has grown despondent,
brush back that which darkens and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.

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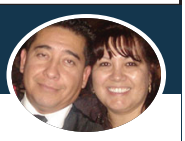
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