

Queen of Peace

Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

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

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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: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 4:00 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction: 5:45 pm

September 3rd, 2023 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Queen of Peace Parish
2023-2024 Religious Education Program
Provided at St. Eugene School**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of Queen of Peace Parish, we would like to invite you to register for the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program. Both of our programs rely not only on our Religious Education teachers, who are certified teachers and catechists but also on the parents assuming an active role in the faith formation of their children.

Regular Program Classes - Grades 1-7: Classes take place in a classroom setting with the overall work covered in class with the exception of the seventh grade students who complete additional papers and service hours in preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year.

Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning October 3rd and are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Independent Study Program - Grades 1 – 7: This class is for parents who want their children to complete their grade-level chapter work at home and want to use their church attendance as their participation in religious education.

This program requires your child to attend at least fifteen of their weekly masses at Queen of Peace Parish at either St. Eugene Church or Our Lady Mother of the Church from September to April. These bulletins must be signed by the presiding priest of the mass. The set of all 15 bulletins is to be dropped off as a bundle at the school office by April 21.

In addition to getting their fifteen bulletins signed, students will complete 18 textbook chapters - including all questions on every page throughout each chapter, including the Chapter Reviews and Faith In Action pages. The Chapter Work can be scanned and emailed, or dropped off weekly at the school office at 7930 W. Foster Ave.

Seventh graders will complete a different textbook, additional papers, and service hours in preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year.

Book pick-up will be held on Wednesday, October 4th, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the school gym.

Please visit our website st-eugene.org/religious-ed for full information regarding these programs, or call the main office at (773)763-2235 if you have any questions.

TUITION & BOOK FEES

One Student: \$275.00

Two Students: \$375.00

Three Students: \$425.00

SACRAMENTAL FEES:

First Holy Communion: \$150.00

Confirmation: \$150.00



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
(Mt 16:24-25)

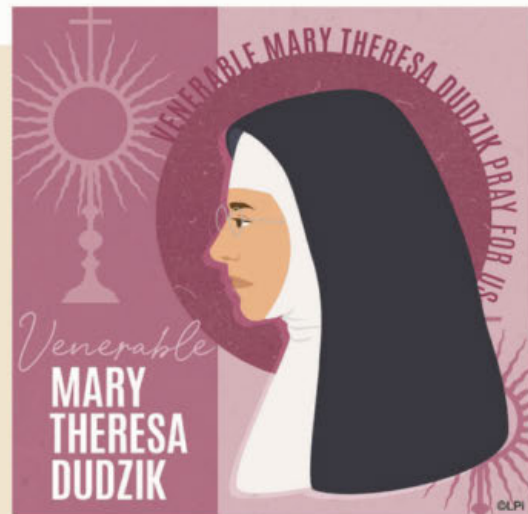
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://mothertheresadudzik.com/prayers.html>)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, S.I. for Gene Pawula
Nicholas Calabrese, Lucyna Piechowicz
Dec'd. mems. of the Mazur Family
Joshua Hadary

Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

Pietro Pisello, Wincenty Dmochowski
Edward Rebacz, Nicola Troiano
Angela Lepore, Franca DeFonte
Diego DiCola, Jeremiah O'Neill
Richard Biondi, George Capps, Jr.

Sunday, September 3, 2023

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Clotilde Cozzone, Judith Shepherd
Marianna Volpe, Gus Delisi

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society, Gottfried Barrales,
George Meier, Jude & Minn Fams.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

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

Janina & Antoni Pietrzykowski,
Pamela Rayner, San Antonio

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S.I. for Family, Nancy Redig, Paul Sanborn
Poor Souls in Purgatory & the Dying,

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

Mariano Lising,
Pietro Pisello B-day Remembrance

Friday, September 8, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph Cozzone, Juan Diaz,
Hinze & Moriarty Fams.,
Thomas Hoey, Mariano & Regina Lising,
Eraldo & Nancy Simonetti

Saturday, September 9, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Giuseppe Cozzone, Frank Heredia & Fam.,
Souls in Purgatory

3:00 pm St. Eugene Church

Wedding: Monica Martinez & Brandon D. Rodriguez

Saturday, September 9, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

John & Laurie Fumo 50th Wedd. Anniv.,
Domenico DiCenso,
Donald Feist,
Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Fumo & Powell Fams.,
Wayne J. Greco,
Arthur Russo,
Enrico Turco, Joel B. Valle

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jan & Stanislaw Bazula,
Nicholas Calabrese,
Blessing for Chmiel Fam.,
Ted & Jean Fornek,
Rabi C. Melendrez, Sr.
Maria & Matthias Rempala,
Nancy Ptak,
Dorothy & George Thiermann

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

Living & Deceased Mbrs of Blaszcak, Powidzki,
& Skoskiewicz Fams.,
Marcella Marszalek
Allan, Walter, & Lucille Boesch,
George Capps, Jr.,
Maria Balita Castor,
John Catanese,
Aleksander Dmochowski,
Donato Parente,
Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz,
Edward & Irene Scarleski

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Irene McGreevy,
Bernadette & David Salazar Wedd. Anniver.,
Mrs. Angela Brancato,
Mr. & Mrs. Domenico & Ann Cale,
Dominic Nardi, Gus Delisi
Marlene Pinske,
Phil Saineghi & Phillip Saineghi

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 09 / 09 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Gebhardt - WB B. Gebhardt - B F. Klus - C M. Meo - O M. Pollowy - WO		C. Bobka
Sunday, 09 / 10 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	J. Pomis - WB R. Kennedy - B J. Kolaski - C C. Hill - O J. Noronha - WO		M. Egan
Sunday, 09 / 10 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Ed Pacocha Deacon Chris Virruso	G. Henderson - C M. M. Walsh - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson - 1st K. Kelch - 2nd
Sunday, 09 / 10 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	T. Moore - WB C. Paulini - B J. Mroszczak - C P. Tomzik - O M. Tomzik - WO		P. Wagner

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note, there will be
NO EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
on Monday, September 4th - Labor Day.

PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED
FOR LABOR DAY

Please join us for a Holy Mass
on Monday, September 4th,
Labor Day at 9 am
St. Eugene Church
Have a blessed Labor Day!

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Friday, September 8

Pray a Rosary or Living Rosary in Honor of Mary on Her Birthday

A Rosary intention this week is for Pope Francis and his September prayer intention, people living on the margins. "We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance." Please pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention, along with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Shirley S., and Milabelle T. To add your name to this list, please notify the rectory office.

With the Living Rosary, people each pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. To sign up to pray the first Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection, please let the rectory office know.

Joyful Mysteries

Annunciation – Ted M.
Visitation – Barb R.
Nativity – Josephine N.
Presentation – Karen R.
Finding in the Temple – Mary M

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.
Crowning with Thorns – Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross – Ted M.
Crucifixion – Demi S.

We celebrate
Mary's
Birthday on
September 8th



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON OUR UPCOMING NORWAY & SWEDEN TRIP 12 DAYS... JULY 28 - AUGUST 8, 2024



A little less than a year from now our next adventure will be taking us to Scandinavia. We will be touring the countries of Norway and Sweden. Some of the places we will be visiting are Bergen, Stalheim, Sognefjord, Flam, Borgund, Lillehammer, Oslo, Karlstad, and Stockholm among others. This promises to be an exciting getaway. I'm letting everyone here at our parish of Queen of Peace know about this trip early in case you might want to get on the list to receive the trip brochure before I send it out to my larger mailing list. If you might want to join us simply fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office or even in the collection basket on the weekend and I'll be sure to get you a copy of the brochure as soon as they are printed. These trips are filled in the order in which people sign up. I would love to have you join us along with your family, friends and /or fellow parishioners. We will of course, be having an Informational Meeting about this trip soon.

Whether you have been to Norway and Sweden before or not, no tour of these beautiful countries is ever the same. Sharing this experience with your family, friends and/or fellow parishioners helps to make it that much more enjoyable as we always have so much to talk about and share at the end of each of our days of sightseeing and touring. This trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and is sure to fill up quickly, so if you would like a brochure or even think you might be interested in joining us next July be sure to get your reservation in early.

BROCHURE REQUEST FORM - RETURN TO: **FR. RICH YANOS, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____



The Bible Group has less than two months of meetings under our belt.

One of our earliest things that we did was to discuss the Our Father.

The only prayer that we received from Jesus himself.

Did you know that there are seven petitions, the first three petitions are about God and the other four are about us.

“PRAY IN ORDER TO BELIEVE, BELIEVE IN ORDER TO PRAY”

This would take too much time and space from the bulletin to explain it here. However, we are always searching, praying and talking about what God wants us to learn. We are always happy to see new faces.

I hope that all will take advantage of dropping in to see what the group is about.

We meet every Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00.

If anybody has any questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjizak@comcast.net.

Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

More info: Fr. Jacek at jdada@st-eugene.org or please call 773.775.6659 ext. 108

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Help Needed for Liturgical Ministers

Have you ever considered serving the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This role is extremely important for the celebration of the Eucharist. This ministry puts you at the center of the Church's life.

Currently, we need 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at every Sunday Mass except for the third Sunday of every month at the 5PM Mass when there is a Celebrant and a Deacon. Anytime there are multiple Priests and/or Deacons, they take precedence over any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Our greatest need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday. This means that our current Ministers at 11:30 Mass must get scheduled more frequently.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please fill out the information below and drop in the Sunday collection basket or return to the parish office. I will call you to give you additional information and answer any questions you may have to make your decision.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

(City)

(Zip Code)

Email address: _____

Coordinator of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Lois Feist



Sunday, August 27

5:00 SE	\$2,365.00
8:30 SE	\$3,302.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,666.00
11:30 SE	\$2,752.00

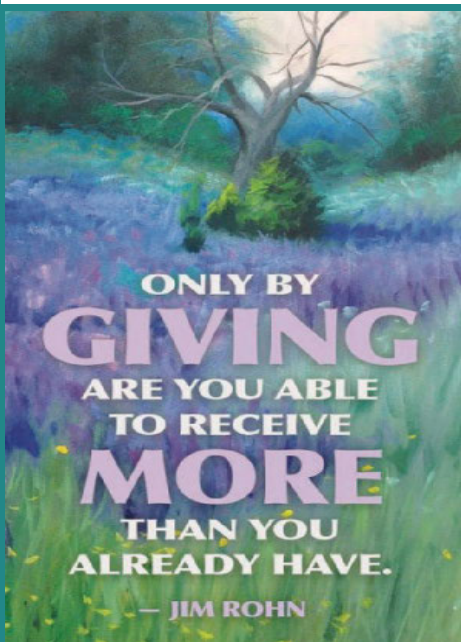
Mail SE	\$1,775.00
Total Physical	\$12,860.50

GC DS	\$363.01
GC OLMC	\$162.40
GC SE	\$1,766.00
Total Online	\$2,291.41

Grand Total	\$15,151.91
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Social Concern	\$1,996.00
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Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts.
Thank you for your support!



Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets & Footballmania Tickets

Available After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

Second Collection 09/10 Sharing Parish



Bulletin Submissions:

Due Friday by noon, one week prior to publication.
Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.



1st Wedding Banns
Nicole Angelica Saineghi &
Jose Manuel Garcia

2nd Wedding Banns
Hannah Joelle Szatko &
Francisco Aleman Foley

3rd Wedding Banns
Monica Martinez
& Brandon D. Rodriquez

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Marcia Borroto
† Theresa M. Bruckhauser
† Jean Muglia
† Edward Paszt
† Dolores Rzepka
† Robert Scruggs

*May the souls of the faithful
rest in peace.*



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
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood

Elliott O'Claire
Blanca Pacia
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

Blood Pressure Screening resumes in September.

Please join me after Mass
in the Narthex to assess your
blood pressure
and receive information
on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Saint Eugene's :

Saturday: September 23rd at 5pm

Sunday: September 24th
at 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

Sunday: September 24th at
10:00am

Peace,
Terri, RN



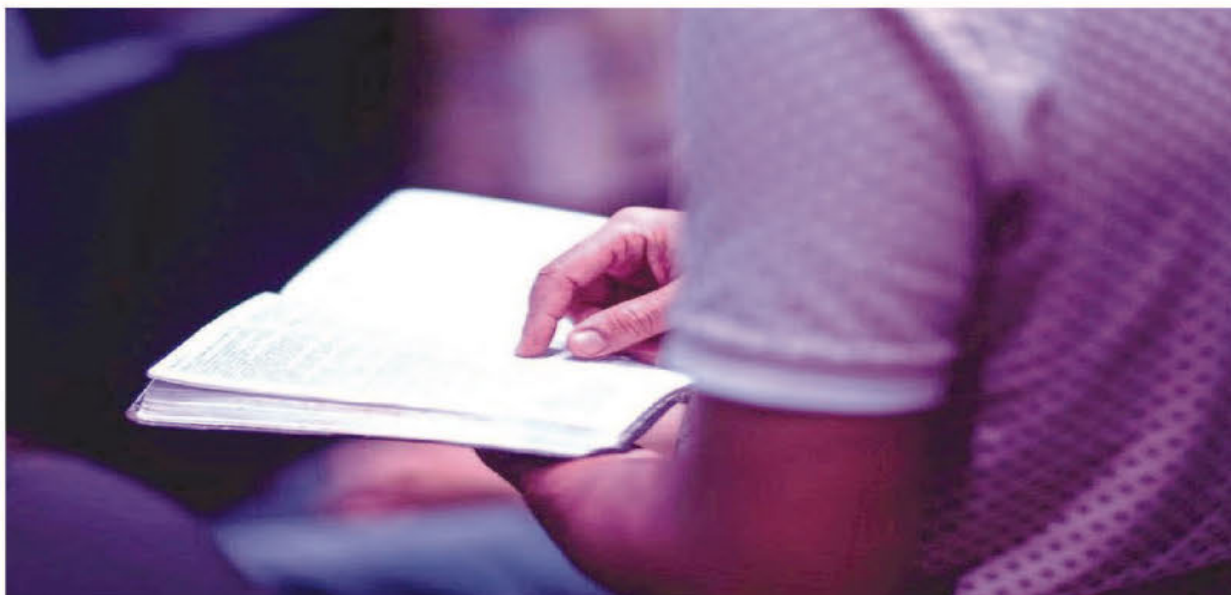
THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB IS COMING BACK ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 11:00!

So mark your calendars
and we hope to see you there.
Anyone 55 and older,
men and women, are welcome
to join. We meet in the Hayes Center
of Our Lady Mother of the Church
on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month from
September to June
at 11:00 for a delicious lunch,
informative speakers,
entertainment,
friendly conversation,
raffles, and most importantly,
BINGO!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We start another year of
crocheting on Wednesday, 09/06/23.
We meet from 12:00-3:00pm.
Please come and join us at Hayes Center
of Our Lady Mother of the Church,
and make a difference in peoples
lives. It has been an exciting summer
collecting much yarn. We need to
Thank John Styczenski for the oodles
of yarn he donated in Memory of his
wife Nancy. Please keep Nancy and
John in your prayers. We are like kids
in a Candy Store going thru all the
yarn. We meet the first and third
Wednesday of every month till the
end of June. Our primary goal is making
shawls and lap robes for nursing
homes and homebound folks, but we
have donated baby blankets to
Maryville Crisis Nursery and the
Ukraine. Come join us for crocheting
and chatting, you wont regret it,
Any questions, call Pam 773-685-7586.



***You are invited for Prayer with Scripture
Wednesday Evenings 7pm – 8:30pm***

‘Come, Listen, Live’!

Isaiah 55:1

We invite you to a time of prayer where you can stop from the hurry and busyness of life to be with God, listening to Him through His Word. The prayer time includes song, reflection and meditation.

****This same type of Prayer is offered on
Tuesdays in SPANISH at 7:30pm and on
Wednesdays in Polish at 7:30pm (upper
chapel).**

Location: Convent of St. Eugene, 7920 W. Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60656

**For more Info. contact the Verbum Dei Catholic Missionary
Community (in English: 224-280-8395) (In Spanish: 224-280-8394)
(in Polish 224-280-8396) or verbumdeichicago@gmail.com**



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
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Joseph F. Coglianese
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
1Barbara Fandrey
Tony Fiore
Bob & Carol Gasiosek
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm

Terry Katz
Mary T. Keating
Arthur Kopeck
Thomas Landeck
Abigail Lim
Allie Lim
Jim Lusco
Rose Mary Maratto
Pam & Mickey Margelewski
Stanislaw Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joe Notaro
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victoria Nudo
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia

Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Anthony Parisi
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Dolores Wilk

Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

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Every First Saturday there is a devotion to Mary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Eugene Church.

The Mother of Perpetual Help devotion is prayed on Tuesday after the 7 a.m. Mass at OLMC.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday.

People also pray on their own at least one Rosary for a weekly intention, forming the Rosary Guild.



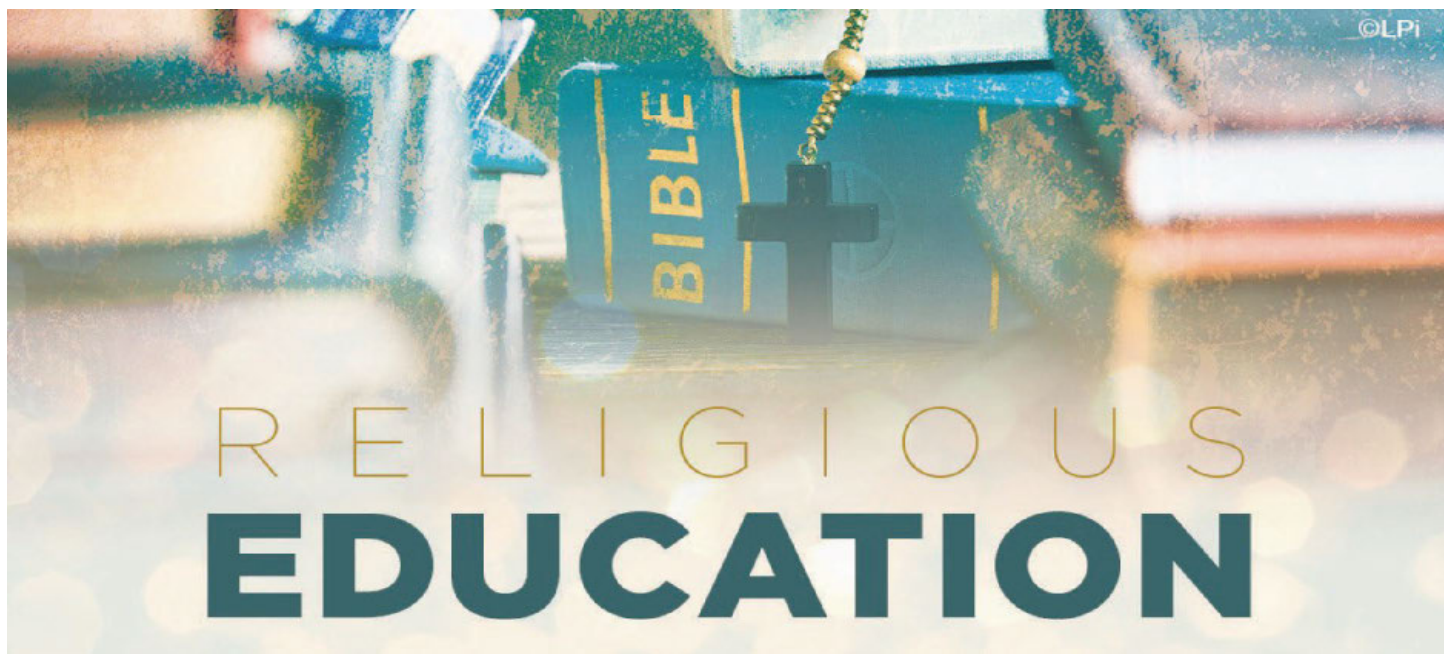
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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk
4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk
5:1-11

Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1

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Question:

What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional, and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988).

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Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine.

Mission for the Week

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Thank God for them.

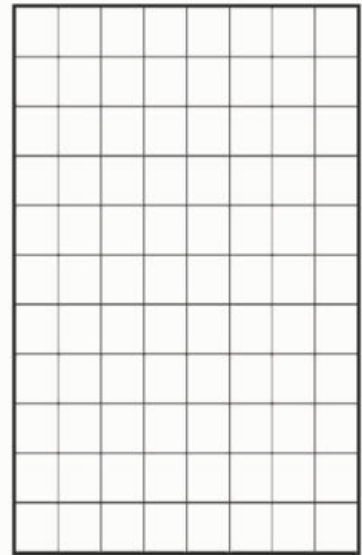
Sharing the Gospel

If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

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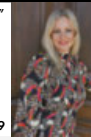
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