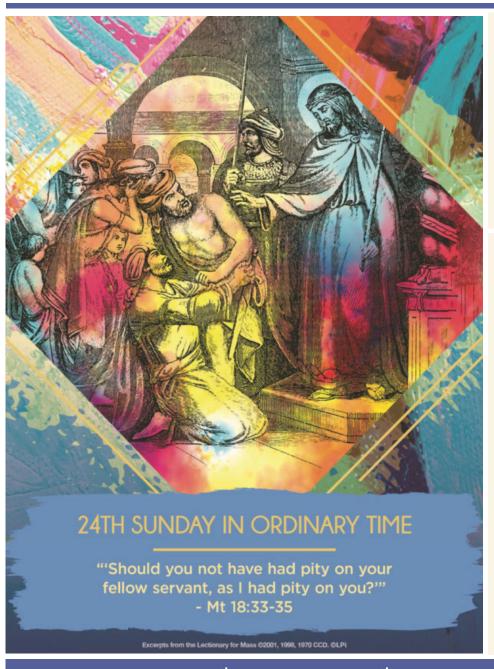
# Queen of Peace

## 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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#### 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



# From the desk of Father Rich Yanos



Today, we celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As you know, October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 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 entrance of church on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, The Archdiocese of Chicago will be hosting a Day of Renewal at the Rosemont Theater. This is a one-day gathering of parish leadership which includes pastors, principals, Directors of Religious Education and about five parishioners from all our parishes in the Archdiocese who will be working with their pastors in the spiritual renewal of their parishes moving forward. This is a part of the Renew My Church Process that all parishes in our archdiocese are now engaged in. This meeting will enable us to be re-grounded in the vision of much needed renewal in celebrating the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our lives and the missionary discipleship to which each of us are called.

We are gathering because we are called by Christ to work together for the renewal of our local Church. By praying together, learning together, and sharing with one another, this gathering will hopefully offer us a shared experience of inspiration and practical insights for the spiritual renewal of our parishes.

The speakers that will be guiding us this day are Cardinal Blasé Cupich, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, who is currently Preacher to the Papal Household in Rome, and Fr. John Riccardo who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He will be equipping us clergy and lay leaders to proclaim the gospel in a hopefully attractive and compelling way in this time and place God has chosen us to live.

Please keep us all in your prayers as we gather for this all-day event next Monday.

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Today's 2nd Collection will be used to support our seminarians on their journey to the 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 today's 2nd collection.

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I wish all in our parish a great week ahead!

Fr. Rích Yanos



## Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



#### Saturday, September 16, 2023

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

David Brichetto, Sr., Robert Brichetto, Juan Diaz, Elmer & Grace Frelka, Sr. Cherubina Hoog,

Keen & Noverini Fams.,

Healing & blessing for George Leahy,

Giuseppe Lepore, Estelle Sacco

#### Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Juan Diaz, Catarina DiBartolo, Nicholas Calabrese,

Jim & Kay Holden, Lawrence Porada, Janet Toton

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

Living & Dec'd Mbrs of the St. Stephen &

St. Vincent Society, Lukasz Lirecki,

Franek & Julia Kot, Geraldine Timmreck,

Anna Marzullo, Linda & Jack McNicken,

Gabriel Moretti, Maria Grace & Vito Nardi,

Stefania Rebacz, Pietro Pisello,

John, Anna, Chester Zaba, George Cappa, Jr.

#### 11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Theresa M. Bruckhauser, Krysztof Dabros,

Maria & John Giannini,

George & Pearl Giovannoni,

Cristina & Giovanni Greco, Giuseppe Lepore,

Anna & Alessio Mancini, Randy Oberheim,

Judith Shepherd

#### Monday, September 18, 2023

#### 9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Don Feist, Frank Feist B-Day, Jude & Minn Fams.,

Camille Lajewski, James Meyer,

Bill & Cathy Palmer, Louis Sagneti

#### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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

S.I. for Nicole & Mike

#### Wednesday, September 20, 2023

#### 9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

**Purgatorial Society** 

Nora & Charlotte Barry, S.I. Rita Rogers

Ann Caruso 1st Anniv, of Death,

Joseph (Speedy) Cozzi,

Geraldine Hensel, Robert & Marie Nosek,

#### Thursday, September 21, 2023

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

Mateusz & Jozefa Kolinski

#### Friday, September 22, 2023

#### 9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Theresa M. Bruckhauser, Donald Feist, Giacomo Giovannielli, Steve Gnat, Medinger & Stover Fams., Pacana Fam.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

#### 8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Alek & Rybak Fams., Francis D'Souza,

Manuel Lising, Szczech & Black Fams.

S.I. Patricia McAndrews

#### 2:00 pm at St. Eugene

Wedding: Nicole Angelica Saineghi & Jose Manuel Garcia

Saturday, September 23 2023

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

Theresa M. Bruckhauser, Frances Byrne, Rose Mary Cairo, Maria Rose Concialdi,

Don Feist, Elmer & Grace Frelka, Wayne Greco,

Maria & Walter Szaflik,

Helen & Walter Wojtas,

Tom & Josephine Szczech,

#### Sunday, September 24, 2023

#### 8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Louis Karzis, Mary Grace & Maura Lomonaco,

Jan & Gertrude Obiedzinski,

Franciszka & Stanislaw Chabura

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

George Capps, Jr., Vincenzo Vero

Ann Caruso 1st Anniv. of death,

Tony Ciaccio 10 yr. Anniv., Geraldine Timmreck,

Diego DiCola, Jozefa Drwal, Jaroslav Kochan,

Pietro Pisello, Anthony Seminaro,

#### 11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Domenico Battista,

Nicholas Calabrese, Marge Dyson,

Michael & Giuseppe Fiorante, Miguel Jurez,

Helen Kocar, Donato Donald Parente,

Joe Portenlanger,

Nancy Redig

# Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 09 / 23 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	L. Feist - WB C. Lim - B M. Lim - C R. Cantal - O T. Crivlare - WO		A. Cisek
Sunday, 09 / 24 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	S. Kumiega - WB M. Egan - B R. Sparacino - C C. Hill - O J. Noronha - WO		S. Sparacino
Sunday, 09 / 24 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek A. Dada Deacon Chris Virruso	M. Walsh - C M. Marszalek - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J Pilch	R. Catalano - 1st G. Henderson - 2nd
Sunday, 9 / 24 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	P. Tomzik - WB M. Tomzik - B J. Mroszczak - C P. Paetsch - O J. Pomis - WO		L. Vasich

## **Queen of Peace Social Ministries**

On Sept. 23rd & 24th, the Queen of Peace Social Ministries will be collecting items which are needed for Personal Care. Items such as:

Tooth brushes/ Tooth Paste

Deodorant

Bar Soap Body Wash

Small Hand Sanitizer

Hand held can openers

Ladies Sanitary needs

**Adult Diapers** 

Men's Crew Socks (New)



Collections will be made at both OLMC and St. Eugene's before and after masses.

These items will support the Resurrection Micro pantry and the New Hope Community Food Pantry. We Thank You for your Concern.

Also, keep an eye on the bulletin as we will again be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive. More to follow on that later.

#### **Rosaries for Catechists and Seminarians**

This is Catechetical Sunday, and the Sunday when the annual archdiocesan seminarian education fund collection takes place, so let us remember in our Rosaries this week seminarians and catechists. They have the same patron, Saint Charles Borromeo. Here is a prayer to him,

#### O Gaintly reformer,

animator of spiritual renewal of priests and religious,
you organized true seminaries and wrote a standard catechism.
Inspire all religious teachers and authors of catechetical books.
Move them to love and transmit only that which can form true
followers of the Teacher who was divine.
Amen.

And here is a prayer of Saint Charles Borromeo,

#### Almighty God,

you have generously made known to human beings the mysteries
of your life through Jesus Christ your Gon in the Holy Spirit.
Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries which your Church treasures and teaches.
Move my heart to love them and my will to live in accord with them.
Give me the ability to teach this Faith to others without pride,
without ostentation, and without personal gain.
Let me realize that I am simply your instrument
for bringing others to the knowledge of the wonderful things
you have done for all your creatures.
Help me to be faithful to this task that you have entrusted to me.
Amen.

## **Living Rosary**

Pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. The next decade available is the first Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection. To pray this decade daily, please contact the rectory office.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries
Annunciation – Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus – Barb R.	Agony in the Garden – Jean R.
Visitation – Barb R.	Wedding at Cana – Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar – Jean R.
Nativity – Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom – Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns – Mary M.
Presentation – Karen R.	Transfiguration – Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross – Ted M.
Finding in the Temple – Mary M	Institution of Eucharist – Emily A.	Crucifixion – Demi S.



## 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







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 filizak@comcast.net.

## St. Therese of Lisieux Pilgrimage Saturday, September 23, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM Meet/Depart from Shaunessy Center



Join the Queen of Peace Young Adults Group on a half day pilgrimage to the National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese in Darien, Illinois on Saturday, September 23. We plan to visit the museum, attend mass, and see the relics of St. Therese and her parents, and get lunch on the way back. Of extra special significance, from September 17 to October 1, 2023, the Centennial Reliquary of St. Therese and the Reliquary of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelie Martin, will be visiting the National Shrine of St. Therese and on display.

We will depart from the Shaunessy Center (5220 N. Canfield, corner of Foster Ave. and Canfield Ave.) at 9:30 AM and arrive back by around 1:30 PM.

To help with group logistics, we ask that you please register in advance by letting us know via email (youngadults@st-eugene.org). We are also trying to organize a carpool. If you are in need of a ride or would be willing to drive others as part of a carpool, please let us know when you register. All young adults (20s-early 40s) are welcome to attend!

For more information about the National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese and the traveling relics, visit <a href="https://www.littleflower.org/national-shrine-and-museum-of-st-therese">https://www.littleflower.org/national-shrine-and-museum-of-st-therese</a>.

If you would like to learn more about St. Therese, consider reading her autobiography, Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower).

## First day of school August 22, 2023









# DORATION THE EUCHARIST St. Eugene Church Mondays 4 - 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm

## **Young Adults - Catholic Trivia**

The Queen of Peace Young Adults are inviting all young adults to join us at Shaunessy Center on Saturday September 30th at 6:00 pm

for a night of fellowship, and fun as we learn more about our faith in a game of Catholic trivia. Come with a group or make new friends on one of our teams. More information is available on our Facebook page.

## St. Eugene School class of 1973 - 50th Reunion

Friday, September 22, 2023 at 6pm Beacon Tap in Des Plaines St. Eugene School - Class of 973 Reunion Facebook link:

Info: Donna Griseto-Izzo 847-812-4053





## Sunday, September 10

5:00 SE \$2,666.00 8:30 SE \$3,225.50 10:00 OLMC \$3,002.73 11:30 SE \$2,730.00

Mail SE \$2,346.00 Total Physical \$13,970.23

GC DS \$356.01 GC OLMC \$298.30 GC SE \$4,609.00 Total Online \$5,263.31

Grand Total \$19,233.54

Sharing Parish \$2,321.00

Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts.



# This Weekend

## Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

Second Collection

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Seminary Educational Fund

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Second Collection 9-24
School Support



# BULLETIN REQUEST

## **Bulletin Submissions:**

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



3rd Wedding Banns
Nicole Angelica Saineghi &
Jose Manuel Garcia



# Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

- † Carol A. Gaiorek
- † Zofia Pawula
- † Barbara Fandrey

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

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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
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 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

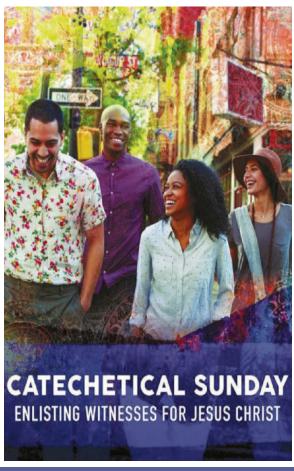
at 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

Sunday: September 24th at 10:00am

Peace, Terri, RN









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

Judy Bauer 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 Tony Fiore

Bob & Carol Gasiorek Patricia Gelfond Jeff Herden Renee Holm Terry Katz

Mary T. Keating Arthur Kopeck Thomas Landeck Abagail Lim Allie Lim Jim Lusco

Rose Mary Maratto
Pam & Mickey Margelewski

Stanisław Mazek Azucena Melendrez Dolores Michalek Patrick Misciniscinski Linda Morton

Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello

Michael J. Muscarello Rodney Niewinski Joe Notaro Joey Notaro Anthony Notaro Victtoria Nudo Donie Odulio Catherine O'Hara 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

Ernesto Vergara

**Dolores Wilk** 

Joyce Wolter



## Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

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.

## **Nurses Notes:**

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 persons 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 pBlessingsast severe allergic reaction or having a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

I have references <a href="https://www.immunize.org">www.immunize.org</a> and the CDC sites for this article. For more information check out: <a href="https://www.vaccineinforamtion.org">www.vaccineinforamtion.org</a>.

**Save The Date:**When: Monday, Oct 16, 2023
9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Our Lady, Mother of the Church 8747 W. Lawrence Chicago, IL 60656 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.

Peace and Blessings, Terri, RN

<del></del>			
Name:		Homebound	
Address:			
Phone #:			
Standard dose	High dose		



# SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



Thank you for supporting our seminarians through your generous gift to their education.



archchicago.org/seminarianfund

Second Collection on 09/17/2023

## **Weekly** Prayer

## **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

#### Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

## Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul

Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday



### Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

## **Prayer**

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

#### Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

#### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

#### 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:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### 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:**

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

- Father John Muir

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