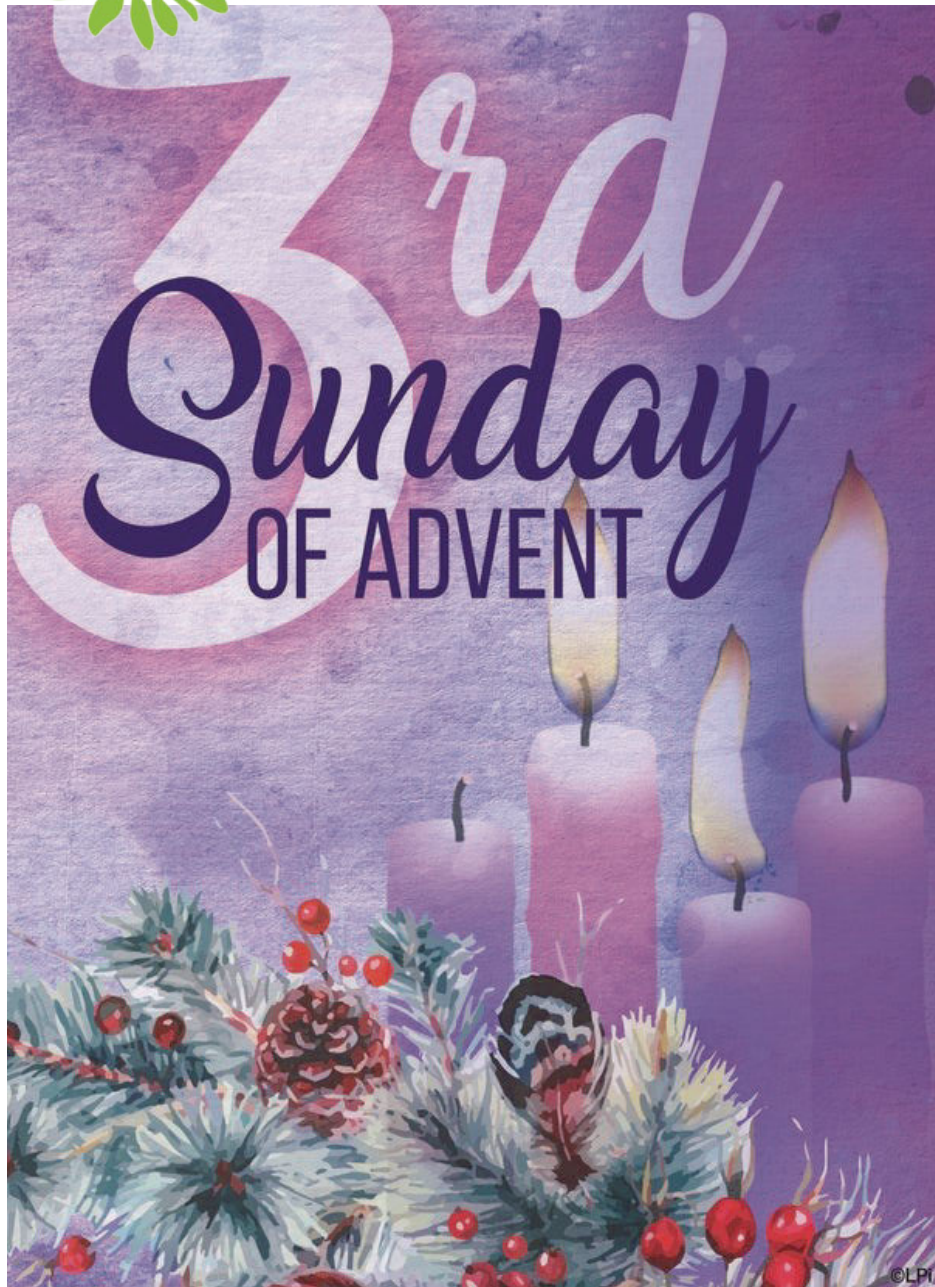


# Queen of Peace Parish



## Welcome!

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



### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60656  
Ph. (773) 625-3369

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### MASSES:

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

### ST. EUGENE CHURCH

7958 W. Foster Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60656  
Ph. (773) 775-6659 (773) 775-6660  
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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: 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

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## *From the desk of Father Rich Yanos*



The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from Gaudete in Domino semper, Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Because one of Advent's tasks is to prepare us for Christ's return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality like that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities softened the period that gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, does at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ's second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.



Our Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in both English and Polish. As you make your personal preparations for Christmas, I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on December 19th. There will be many priests hearing confessions on this night as this will be the only parish Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas other than our regular Saturday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. However, there will be no confessions heard on Saturday, December 23rd. Please plan on joining us.



I just wanted to remind all in our parish community that our Saturday evening Mass time will be changing beginning on the first weekend of January which happens to be January 6th. (Only 3 weeks away) The 5:00 p.m. Mass will be moving a half an hour earlier to 4:30 p.m. Confessions will also be moving a half an hour earlier from 4:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please make a note of this change, especially those that attend the Saturday evening Mass.



As practicing Catholics, we all know that going to Mass every weekend is not an option but rather an obligation, something that faithful Catholics participate and share in. I prefer to see our gathering with each other around the Lord's Table each week as an opportunity to come together with our fellow believers to offer thanks and gratitude for all God has done for us as we are fed with both Word and Sacrament to go out into the world to put our faith into action. We do this because it is one of God's desires for us, one of His Commandments, namely -- to keep holy the Sabbath Day. God must have known something of the value of His creations setting time aside each week to give thanks and praise for all He has done for us. Sadly, today, many have seemed to have forgotten this desire of our loving God. As a priest I hear so many reasons/excuses why people "opt" out of attending Mass. Quite frankly, I have to admit many of them are a bit lame. A while back I remember reading an article that was titled, "Common Good Excuses". It addressed the many excuses that people use for not attending Sunday Mass and a response to them. I thought you might find the following helpful or at least thought provoking...



**What's in it for me?** Everything! God desires only and always your good. He became a man in large part to give us himself in the Mass. Why should you deny yourself such a gift?

**I don't need to go to Mass to get close to God.** At Mass, you receive God himself – Jesus Christ truly present in the sacrament. Even a beautiful mountain vista can't compare to that.

**I had a bad experience with the Church.** This is always sad. But many of us also had bad teachers – and we know the whole education system isn't bad. Jesus wants to bring you healing at Mass.

**I don't get anything out of Mass.** Don't expect it to be entertainment. Learn about what it does: joins us to Christ, separates us from sin, wipes away venial sins, commits us to the poor, and prepares us for heaven.

**I don't have the time.** There are 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week, Mass takes one hour. That's less than 1% of your week. You have the time; find it.

**I'm a sinner. I don't deserve to be at Mass.** Welcome to the club! We are a Church of saved sinners. None of us deserves to be here. See you at the confessional...



It's hard to believe that in a little over a week from now we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses over the next couple of weeks. Please note that our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule are slightly different than regular weekends. Hopefully, by now, you have received my Christmas letter and our Christmas Season Mass Schedule. As you know some of our Masses during the holidays can be very crowded. If you are planning to attend these Masses, again, please try to get here a little earlier than usual to help ease the congestion. And remember...it's Christmas, so let's try and be nice even when that may be the last thing you're feeling when being delayed in the parking lot for a few extra minutes. 😊

A little humor...

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

*Fr. Rich Yanos*



# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, December 16, 2023

**5:00 pm** Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Daniel Anciano, Loretta Brichetto,  
Vito & Rosa Calabrese, Francesco & Antonietta Di Maso,  
Wayne J. Greco, James Lusco, Eleanor Pastorino,  
Marie Pastorino, Gloria Podkowa, Helen & Walter Wojtas.

## Sunday, December 17, 2023

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
People of the Parish, Robert J. Brun, Juan Diaz,  
Jean Fornek - B-Day Remembrance,  
Mark, Arthur & Bonnie Frackiel, Janet Toton,  
Ben Pacyna, Dorothy & George Thiermann.

**10:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
Lydia Adriano - Death Anniversary,  
Norbert & Wesley Feret, Marcia Juszynski,  
Muglia & Grossi Fams., Pietro Pisello,  
Stefania Rebacz, Maria Murphy Sanchez,  
Anthony Seminaro, Joseph Subsits,  
Calogera Caterina Vivacqua.

**11:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Domenico & Anna Battista, Ralph Ferri,  
George & Pearl Giovannoni, Bennie Martin,  
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,  
Muglia & Grossi Fams., Joe Notaro, Michael Vito Parente,  
Michael, Sr. & Anna Parente.

## Monday, December 18, 2023

**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Walter Block, Maria DeSantis, Vladimir Tkaleciv,  
Raymond & Carole McKenzie, Bob Roy.

## Tuesday, December 19, 2023

**7:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
Souls in Purgatory, S.I. Darek, Sylvia & Patricia,  
Elisa Constantino, Renato Vergara.

## Wednesday, December 20, 2023

**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Souls in Purgatory, Nicola Bartolotta,  
Betty Gleeson, Joseph & Arlene Iberl,  
Nancy Redig, Special Intention.

## Thursday, December 21, 2023

**7:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
Dcn. Ted and Mary Marszalek, Mary Randolph,  
S.I. Nicole and Michael.

## Friday, December 22, 2023

**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Raymond & Edie Gale,  
Giacomo Giovannielli,  
Andrew Marciniak.

**5:30 pm** Mass Simbang Gabi at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

## Saturday, December 23, 2023

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Arthur Borowiec,  
Rosealia Brown, Pam & Tim Heider.

## Saturday, December 23, 2023

**5:00 pm** Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Robert J. Brun, Andrew P. Bujdasz,  
Jimmy McGuire, Ralph & Virginia Conenna,  
Wawronowicz Fam. Joe Portenlanger,  
Judith Shepherd, Eugene Slomski,  
Yolanda Slomski, Salvatore & Maria Tenuta.

## Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Advent

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Souls in Purgatory,  
Liv. & dec'd mbrs of Lutfy & Dahir Fams.  
**10:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
Pietro Pisello, Eileen Sullivan, Nicola Troiano,  
For Family, Lukasz Lirecki.

**11:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
People of the Parish,  
Joe Notaro, Zarzycki Fam.  
Tony Barone, Carmela & Frank Esposito,  
Erenesto Fiorante, Cristina & Giovanni Greco,  
Haj & Janus Fams., Irene & Hugh McGreevy.

## Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve

**3:00 pm** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
People of the Parish.  
**4:00 pm** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church  
For a gift of love for Matthew,  
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk,  
Pietro Pisello, Eileen Sullivan, Nicola Troiano.

## 5:00 pm Mass at St. Eugene Church

Donato Donald Parente, Fred J. Rogers,  
Tom Scianna, Roy Tufts.  
**10:00 pm** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Joseph Krol, Michal & Helena Kula,  
John Kula & Ignacy Niemczyk,  
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek.

## Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day

**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church  
Antoni Gumkowski,  
Living & Deceased Members of Feist & Mikulski Fam.,  
Alexander, Martha, Jerome & Beverly Wrobel,  
Ted Fornek, Anna Scola,  
Jenny Chun Li Yu,  
John Kula & Kula Family.

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

Mattew, Nicole, Damian & Family,  
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk.

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

Walter Caban, Krys, Dabros, & Wytrol Family,  
Witold Gadomski & Family,  
Donald Due, Russo & Riotto Fams.,  
Phillio Saineghi, Phil Saineghi,  
Elvira & Emidio Spinelli,  
Josephine & Michael Magnine.



## ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

### December 23 & 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

Sunday 10:00 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

Tuesday, December 19 - 7:00 pm (Eng. & Polish)

Saturdays - 4:00 pm EXCEPT Saturday, Dec. 23.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

3:00 pm (Family Liturgy), 5:00 pm,

9:30 pm (Christmas Carols Begin), 10:00 pm

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

4:00 pm

### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

8:30 am & 11:30 am

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

10:00 am

### Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 31

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

5:00 pm - Saturday, December 30

8:30 am & 11:30 am, Sunday, December 31

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

10:00 am - Sunday, December 31

### New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

4:00 pm - (Mass of Anticipation)

### New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

10:00 am

### Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 7, 2024

#### ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

4:30 pm - Saturday, January 6

8:30 am & 11:30 am, Sunday, January 7

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

10:00 am, Sunday, January 7



## Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
FRIDAY, 12/22 SIMBANG GABI 5:30 PM - OLMC	Rev. Noel Reyes Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Nardi - T G. Bermas - T	T. Molas	J. Molas - 1st J. Colon - 2nd
SATURDAY, 12/23 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5 PM - ST. EUGENE	Rev. Greg Rom	F. Klus - WB L. Feist - B T. Swiderski - C M. Meo - O M. Pollowy - WO	V. Cedillo I. Francis A. Ek A. Boccia	D. Sulimowski
SUNDAY, 12/24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	J. Kolaski - WB R. Kennedy - B G. Bermas - O M. Egan M. Unger - WO	A. Orlando B. Janus A. Czubek M. Delisandru	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY, 12/24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada Dcn. Chris Virruso	M. Walsh - C G. Henderson - T	D. Flynn G. & J. Pilch	C. Capps - 1st W. Kaczmarczyk - 2nd
SUNDAY, 12/24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	Open - WB Open - B M. Holder - C P. Paetsch - O Open - WO	E. Hasnan C. Rodriguez M. Clancy K. Barr	P. Brown
SUNDAY, 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Greg Rom	P. Paetsch - WB B. Berggren - B P. Draniczarek - C M. Pollowy - O T. Crivlare - WO	C. Brown Q. Sznura M. Marrinan L. Acerno	C. Bobka
SUNDAY, 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	P. Peterson - T M. Marszalek - T	G. & J. Pilch	C. Capps - 1st K. Kelch 2nd
SUNDAY, 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	L. Feist - WB C. Paulini - B C. Bobka - C Open - O Open - WO	O. Loboda E. Burzawa V. Cedillo B. Rog	J. Mroszczak
SUNDAY, 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Lim - WB M. Lim - B R. Sparacino - C G. Bermas - O R. Kennedy - WO	A. McGovern M. Sclafani A. Coleman A. Ek	S. Sparacino
MONDAY, 12/25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM - ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Mikucki - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant & M. Egan - C G. Bermas - O M. Meo - WO	L. Solis K. Barr D. Olson H. Wyszowski	J. Imburgia
MONDAY, 12/25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom Dcn. Chris Virruso	R. Catalano - C N. Mosk - T	G. & J. Pilch	G. Henderson - 1st N. Ringelstein - 2nd
MONDAY, 12/25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 11:30 AM - ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Zurek - WB F. Klus - B M. Holder - C J. Pomis - O J. Nardi - WO	C. Rodriguez C. Wallace M. Delisandru S. Kerr	L. Vasich



# Attention

## LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

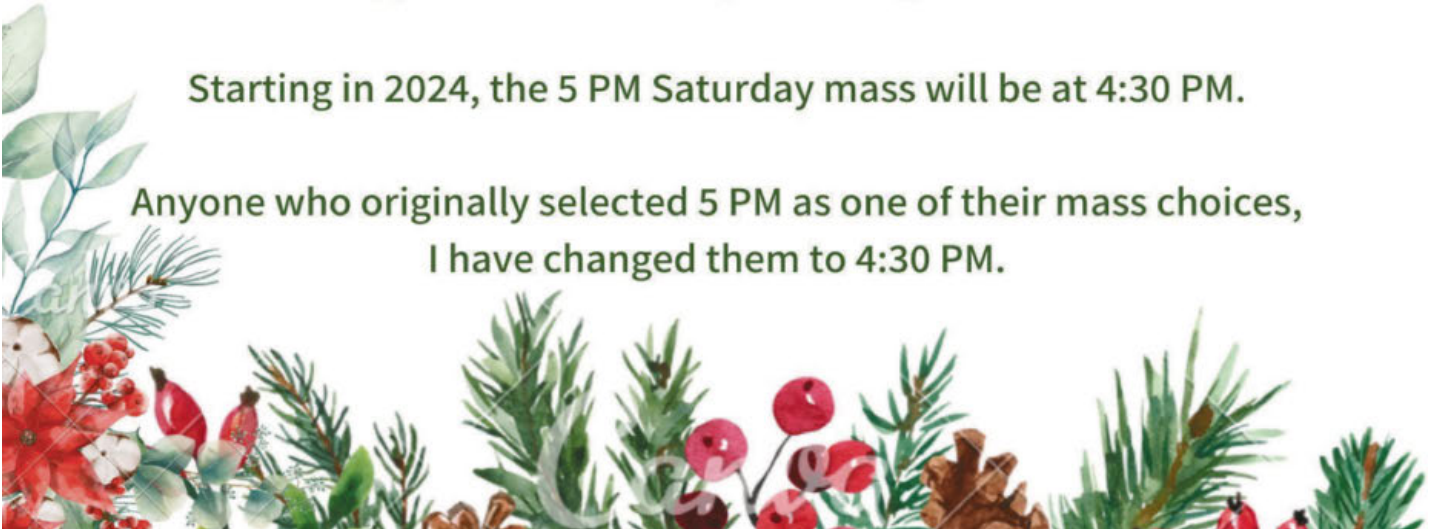
I will be working on the 1st Quarter  
Lector & Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion schedule  
for 2024 which is January 6, 2024 – March 31, 2024.

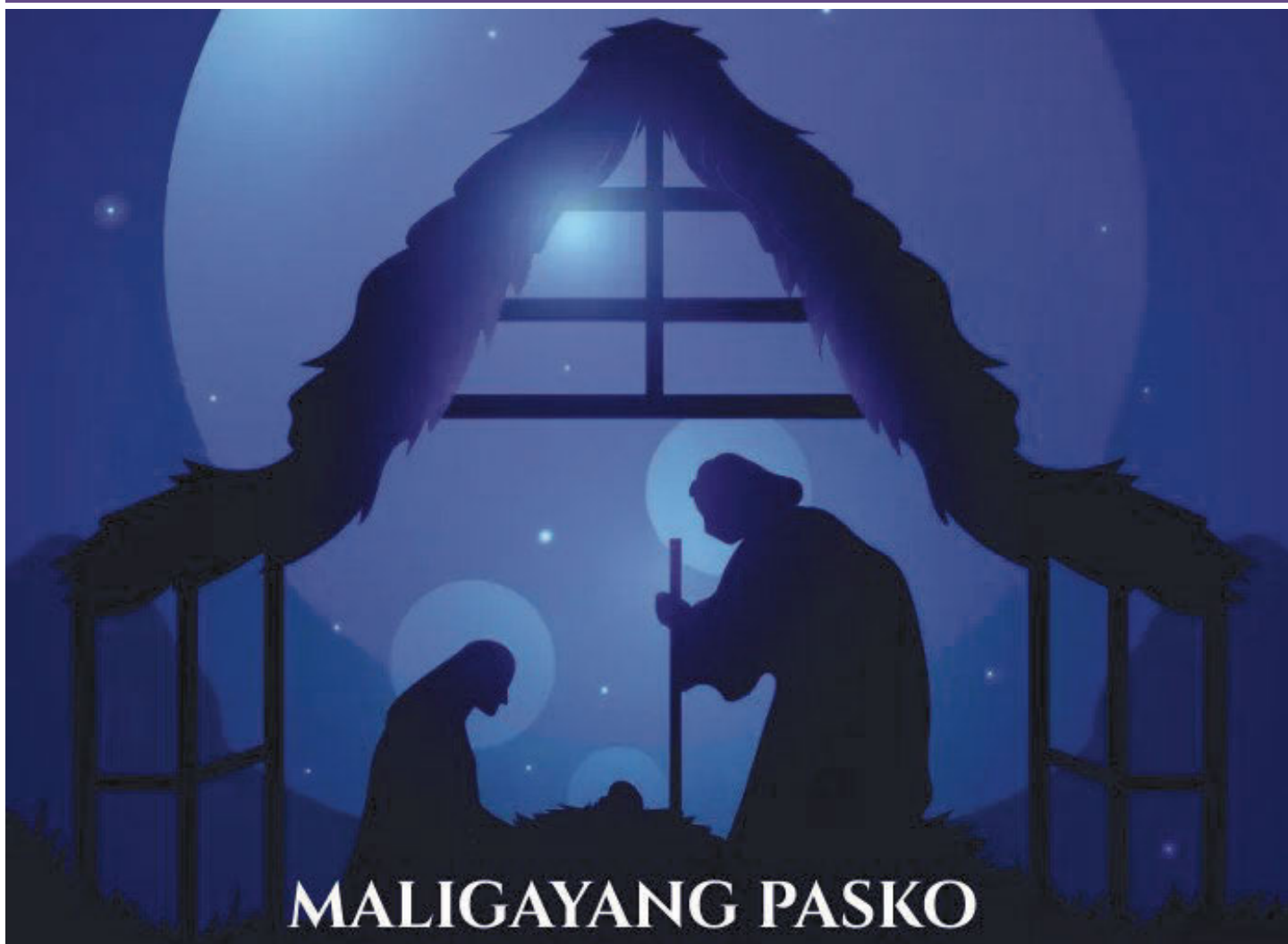
I need to know no later than December 24th what dates you are NOT  
AVAILABLE, so I do not schedule you for those dates.

Please drop a note in the Sunday collection basket with your name and  
the dates you are NOT AVAILABLE. Mark it to the Attn: Lois Feist.  
Any of the new Eucharistic Ministers who attended the formation class  
at St. Francis Borgia on October 25th,  
I need a copy of the certificate you were given after the class.

Starting in 2024, the 5 PM Saturday mass will be at 4:30 PM.

Anyone who originally selected 5 PM as one of their mass choices,  
I have changed them to 4:30 PM.





### **Simbang Gabi**

Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition, is a novena mass celebrated in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior. This traditional evening Mass is a distinctive aspect of Filipino culture and has been celebrated for many years.

### **Queen of Peace Parish**

welcomes all to experience the beautiful liturgy of Simbang Gabi

**Friday, December 22, 2023, at 5:30 PM.**

**Celebrants:** Fr. Noel Reyes

Fr. Rich Yanos

Maligayang Pasko! = Merry Christmas!

Fellowship and dinner will follow

### **Our Lady, Mother of the Church worship site**

8747W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

For information, please contact Rose Molas (773.680.0712).





# PRAYER REQUESTS

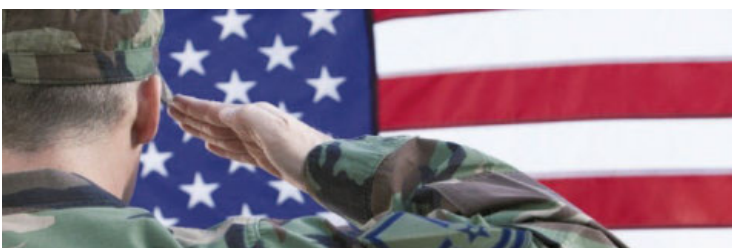
Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida  
Annabella Amato  
Ralph J. Amelio  
Victoria Amelio  
Patricia & Lawrence Basili  
Judy Bauer  
Ludwika Bialo  
Bronislaw Bialo  
A. & V. Bischof  
Gabriella Bongiorno  
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence  
Johnmar Castillo  
Gracie Carey  
Karen Cazolas  
Mary Ciliak  
Mark Corrado  
Sharon Crowley  
Susan Curtin  
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro  
Joseph Duna  
Tony Fiore  
Bob Gasiorek  
Harry Gelardi  
Patricia Gelfond  
Jeff Herden  
Renee Holm

Ryszard Jablonski  
Terry Katz  
Mary T. Keating  
Arthur Kopeck  
Harry Krawczyk  
Thomas Landeck  
Abigail Lim  
Allie Lim  
Frank Lizak  
Rose Mary Maratto  
Mickey Margelewski  
Stanislaw Mazek  
Azucena Melendrez  
Jazmine Melendrez  
Dolores Michalek  
Patrick Misciniscinski  
Linda Morton  
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello  
Michael J. Muscarello  
Rodney Niewinski  
Joey Notaro  
Anthony Notaro  
Victoria Nudo  
Rev. James J. O'Brien  
Donie Odulio  
Catherine O'Hara

Blanca Pacia  
Robert Pankow  
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  
Laverne Suchor  
Bob Schu  
Tom Szczec  
Dave Tudron  
Ernesto Vergara  
Genowefa Wawronowicz  
Dolores Wilk

**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  
Matthew Scott Forrest  
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.  
Major Dirk Haller

Andrew Hopkins  
Christopher Jenkins  
Bernard Edward Kusinski  
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak  
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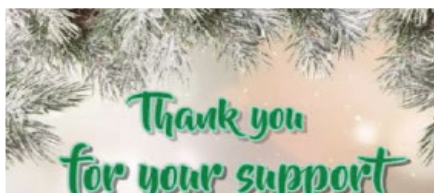
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Joseph Saineghi, Jr.  
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Michael Schippers, Jr.  
Sean Sherlock  
Sharon Sherlock  
Phillip R. Simonsen  
Tony Strzalka



### Sunday, December 3

5:00 SE	\$3,175.00
8:30 SE	\$2,725.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,339.00
11:30 SE	\$2,641.75
Mail SE	\$4,444.00
<b>Total Physical</b>	<b>\$15,325.25</b>
<b>GC DS</b>	<b>\$296.01</b>
<b>GC OLMC</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
<b>GC SE</b>	<b>\$1,896.00</b>
<b>Total Online</b>	<b>\$2,567.01</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$17,892.26</b>
Christmas Flowers	\$3,292.00

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



### Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

### Second Collections

**Dec. 17** Parish Repairs and Maintenance

**Dec. 24 & 25** Christmas

### CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

1-800-400-4205

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OUR SCHOOL**

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AND GRILL, ANYTIME

54 card deck including Jokers - You pick 1-54!  
If the joker is picked, the raffle resets!



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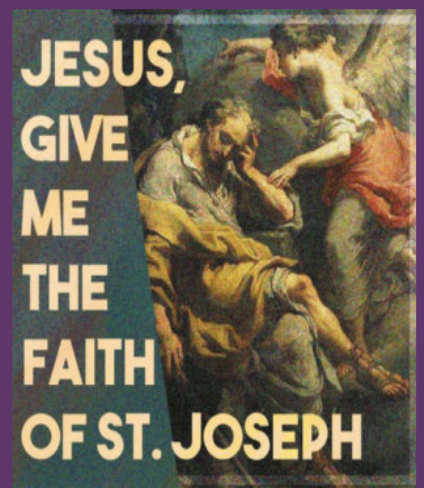
Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to [mgeurtsen@archchicago.org](mailto:mgeurtsen@archchicago.org)  
We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule.

*Thank you.*

### Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Maria Calzolaio  
† Caterina Surdo  
† Ronald Kopeck

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



## Rosaries for Migrants and Refugees

This week's Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild is for our brothers and sisters who are coming to our land to make a new life for themselves. Please contact the rectory office to become a member of the Rosary Guild, along with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T. Below is a prayer for migrants and refugees from the USCCB.

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brothers and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Living Rosary

The intentions of the Living Rosary are for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of Saint Philomena, who interceded for the miraculous healing of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Living Rosary. People sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary each day, completing a Rosary. If you would like to pray the third Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, please contact the rectory office.

### 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.

### Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection – Lita J.  
Ascension – Marsha G.  
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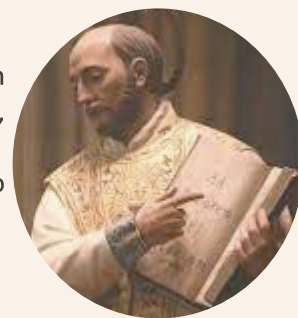
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We will be putting up the Christmas Banners, setting up the Nativity Scene and small trees in front of the altar, decorate vestibule with Holy Family statue & trees, put up Christmas wreaths and Christmas flowers.

**Friday, January 12, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm.** Take down all the Christmas decorations, rearrange flowers and put-up Ordinary Time banners and altar cloths.

## OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

**Thursday, December 21 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

We will be putting up the Nativity Scene/bringing in Christmas flowers.

**Thursday, January 11 & Friday, January 12 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm**

– taking down/putting away all Christmas decorations.

Please call the rectory to leave your name, phone number.

We will get back to you! Thank you.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

### Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

### Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

### Gospel:

"I baptize with water;  
but there is one among you whom you do not  
recognize,  
the one who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."  
(Jn 1:23)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's  
life — someone who prepares His way, who calls  
out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist  
in your life. Pray you can be this person for  
someone else.

## Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Thursday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of  
the Church

**Saturday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



## Saint of the week

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

## Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: [http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF\\_2016/pr\\_canoniz\\_en.pdf](http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf))



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Monday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/  
Lk 1:5-25

### Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,  
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Lk 1:46-56

### Saturday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and  
14/Lk 1:57-66

### Next Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,  
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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