

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



OUR LADY,

MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
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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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Mon.- Thur.: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

January 14th, 2024



From the desk of *Father Rich Yanos*

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the chalice, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
--- 1 Cor 11:26

The gift of the Eucharist and the celebration of the sacrificial banquet always include the offering of bread and wine. It has always been essential to the celebration of the Sacrament that the priest offering the Mass receives both the Sacred Body and Precious Blood. The practice of the early Church was to offer the laity communion under the forms of the Body and Blood of Christ as well.

Although the Eastern Churches continued to widely offer communion under both kinds (mainly through dipping the Host into the Precious Blood in what is called "intinction"), this practice disappeared in the West.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite" (CCC, No. 1390)

Over time and with changed circumstances the Church revisited the great value of offering Communion under both kinds to the faithful. The Catechism continues, "But 'the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly'" (CCC, No. 1390). The Church reintroduced this possibility in "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 55). In the United States, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops gave permission to distribute the Eucharist under both kinds during weekday Masses in 1970, and this was extended to Sundays in 1978. With the third edition of the Roman Missal, communion under both kinds continues to be encouraged:

"Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the heavenly banquet in the Kingdom of the Father." The General Instruction further states that "at the same time the faithful should be instructed to participate more readily in this sacred rite, by which the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is made more fully evident" (GIRM, 281; Norms, 20).

There have been some in our parish community who have asked if we are going to begin offering Holy Communion under the forms of both species of the Body and Blood of Christ. The answer is yes! Our plan is to begin the distribution of Christ's Precious Blood from the cup on Divine Mercy Sunday. This is the week after Easter. I realize that not everyone at this time will chose this option of receiving Holy Communion for a variety of reasons, however, there are many who do wish to avail themselves of receiving from


the cup. For this reason, we will begin with two cup stations at every weekend Mass. They will be located off the center aisles of each of our churches. This means that if you desire to avail yourself of receiving from the cup you should sit in the pews on either side of the center/main aisles of our churches. Then, after you receive Communion from the host minister, you would simply continue to the cup minister before returning to your seat. We will monitor the numbers of those wishing to receive from the cup. If we see the need to increase cup ministers, we will gladly do so.

In the next couple of months our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be gathering together to go over the new procedures of the distribution of the cup at communion time in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday.

For those who may be wondering why you will not be seeing Fr. Greg Rom in the upcoming weeks, it is because he will be serving at St. Patrick Parish in Dwight and at St. Paul Parish in Odell in the Peoria Diocese from January 2 through February 8. This is so that their pastor can go home to visit his 94-year-old mother and family in Uganda. We will truly miss him and the assistance he provides for our parish community.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Fr. Rich Yanos



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph Cwiklik,
Joseph & Dominica Donato,
Eugene Fraczkowski,
Martin & Katharina Hoog,
Wayne J. Greco

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Robert J. Brun, Marzena Buczynska,
Elpidio Julian, M/M Cornelius McEleney,
Joseph Padlo, Maria & Matthias Rempala,
Jane Szorc, Janet Toton, Louise Zittman

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

Bridget Bredin - B-day Blessing,
Bill & Marty Hogan,
Maria Knurek, Tadeusz Knurek, Zofia Knurek,
Stefania Kulon, Pietro Pisello,
Jozef Rebacz, Maria Murphy Sanchez,
Jack Schneider, Helena Swieton

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Fred & Danuta Cichon,
Antonio DiBrita,
Maria & Calogero Colletto,
Bronislawa & Stanislaw Landowski,
Ted Lenart & Fam.,
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,
Marie Noel,
Bronislawa & Jozef Piton,
Concetta & Giuseppe Speciale

Monday, January 15, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Richard Angelo, Julieta J. Del Rosario,
Sammy Vizzini 8th death Anniv.,
Barbara Kennedy Watson,
Austin Bermas, Carol Scalfaro

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory,
Pietro Pisello

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph & Anna Dongarra,
Elizabeth Janowski,
Lisa Pozzi, Michael Savino

Thursday, January 18, 2024

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

Juan Diaz,
Adela & Wincenty Dmochowski

Friday, January 19, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Ferdinand Pabellano,
S.I. Jaclyn Schon

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory,
Robert Burkart,
Mitchell Wozny

Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert Burkart,
Wayne J. Greco,
Marvin Kocar

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish,
Souls in Purgatory
Robert J. Brun, Antonia Di Cristofano,
Rosauero Lising, Rossa Lopez,
Anna Nardulli, Joseph Padlo,
S.I. Frine Santos, Helen Louise Stasinos

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

Nunzio Evola,
Maria Knurek, Tadeusz Knurek,
Zofia Knurek, Jan Kulon,
Stefania Kulon,
Pietro Pisello,
Helena Swieton,
Stefania Rebacz,
Maria Murphy Sanchez

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Anthony & Aurora Barone,
Eugenio & Giorgina Cinquini,
Pearl & George Giovannoni,
Bennie Martin,
Anna Mazullo,
Marie Noel,
Donato Donald Parente,
Rosa Russo - B-Day Remembrance,
Ken Schnotala,
Robert Seliga

JESUS

THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
AND
THE LIFE
John 14:1-6



A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

Jesus is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be?

We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus:

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life
and what he means for us as Catholics today.

The Queen of Peace parish will begin the program on January 18th, Thursday.

WHERE school conference room 110

WHEN Participants will meet every week on Thursday 6 PM to view
an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins,
and Edward Sri.

WHO is the facilitator – Fr. Jacek A. Dada

COST \$30

For more information or to register, contact rectory or Fr. Jacek at 773-775-6659

or email jdada@st-eugene.com

We hope you can join us!



Queen of Peace Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE COMMITTEE



The Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph's Table Committee would like to invite you to consider joining the St. Joseph's Table Committee or helping on the day of the event.

The St. Joseph's Table is a parish event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's display table.

Scheduled Meetings

Planning meetings are held in the Shaunessy Center Meeting Room, which is on the east end of St. Eugene campus, at 7:00PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Full Committee member
- ◆ Help with planning and acquiring donations.
- ◆ Event Volunteers (March 22nd and 23rd)
- ◆ Setting up/Take Down
- ◆ Food Line Servers.
- ◆ Kitchen Help.
- ◆ Clean up.
- ◆ Greeters.

Event

The St. Joseph's Table will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, with setup on Friday, March 22nd.

Donations

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

For More Information Contact:

Russell Sparacino – 708.557.5059
Sal Sparacino – 630.768.8375



2023 Contribution Statements Requests



Please fill out a form and drop it with your offering during Sunday Mass.
You can also call parish office if you would like to have 2023 Contribution Statement mailed to you.
Please tell us your name, donation envelope number, address and church name that you contributed for 2023. We will not be mailing out contribution statements unless they are requested.

With truly grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish!

2023 Year-End Charitable Donations Statement Request

Please PRINT your First and Last Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Envelope ID # _____

Please Circle One: OLMC St. Eugene

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 01 /20 4:30 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos Dcn. Chris Virruso	T. Swiderski - WB T. Swiderski - B Celebrant & Deacon - C M. Pollowy - O D. Sulimowski - WO	M. Dalisandru L. Acierno H. Wyszowski A. Coleman	A. Cisek
SUNDAY, 01 /21 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	B. Czubek - WB M. Cozzo - B J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O I. Rog - WO	A. Czubek A. McGovern M. Clancy S. Kerr	J. Imburgia
SUNDAY, 01 /21 10:00 AM OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos Dcn. Chris Virruso	R. Molas - C P. Peterson - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Molas - 1st W. Kaczmarczyk - 2nd
SUNDAY, 01 /21 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Villaba - WB M. Tomzik - B P. Tomzik - C M. Zurek - O J. Pomis - WO	C. Rodriguez D. Luna A. Tekampe E. Hesnan	Family Mass School Lector



PRAYER REQUESTS

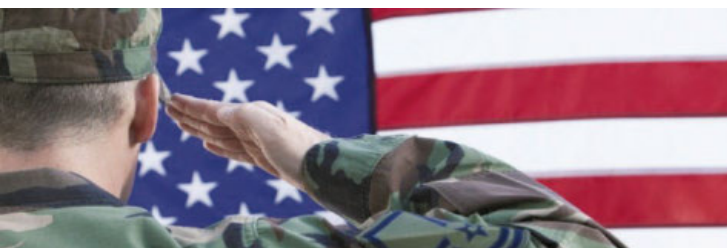
Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the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

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
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
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Joseph Duna
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden

Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
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
Norman Mosk
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
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
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
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood

Elliott O'Claire
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



ST. EUGENE SCHOOL



JOIN US FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS AT 11:30 AM

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

12:30 - 1:30 PM

OR SCHEDULE A TOUR!

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Sunday, December 31- Jan. 1

5:00 SE	\$2,337.00
8:30 SE	\$2,558.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,304.00
11:30 SE	\$2,463.00

Mail SE	\$4,991.00
Total Physical	\$14,653.50

GC DS	\$427.01
GC OLMC	\$132.77
GC SE	\$5,014.00
Total Online	\$5,573.78

Grand Total	\$20,227.28
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Sunday, January 7

5:00 SE	\$4,242.00
8:30 SE	\$2,360.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,842.00
11:30 SE	\$3,515.00

Mail SE	\$4,842.00
Total Physical	\$17,801.50

GC DS	\$231.00
GC OLMC	\$255.00
GC SE	\$1,920.00
Total Online	\$2,406.00

Grand Total	\$20,207.50
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Solemnity of Mary	\$1,713.00
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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.



Pancake Breakfast
Shaunessy Center
7:30 - 11:00 am

Second Collections

Jan. 14	St. Eulalia Sharing Parish
Jan. 21	School Support
Jan. 28	Latin America

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

January 20th, before and after the 4:30p Mass - St. Eugene

January 21st, before and after the 8:30a Mass - St. Eugene

10:00a Mass - Our Lady, Mother of the Church

11:30a Mass - St. Eugene



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two 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.

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

- † Giuseppe Caputo
- † Nina D'Anna
- † Helen Louise Stasinos
- † Dominic Di Cristofano
- † Bruno Cappuccitti

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



BIBLE STUDY

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

questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net.

Hope to see you there!

Important Information from the Parish Finance Office:

Charitable Contributions from Your Traditional IRA

If you are currently taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Traditional IRA or if you are 72 ½ and must start taking an RMD this year, there is a way to save on your taxes AND help the Church at the same time.

Any money you receive from your RMD is, of course, taxable – unless you give it DIRECTLY to a recognized charity. This kind of charitable donation is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and, as long as the IRS recognizes the recipient(s) as a bona fide charitable organization, it is not taxable to you. You can decide how much you wish to donate, to whom, and how much you wish to receive yourself; of course, the portion you receive is taxable income to you.

You could use a QCD for a general donation to our parish, to cover your Sunday offerings or a specific ministry of the parish. Or you could use it for your Annual Catholic Appeal contribution. It's up to you.

Begin by talking with your Financial Institution or Financial Advisor on the specifics of making a QCD donation. They will ask you for information concerning the amount and the name and address of the organization to which you want to donate; you may be asked to complete a form giving that information. Your financial institution will either mail a check directly to the charity or mail it to you for you to give to the charity. It's also possible to have the money transferred electronically.

That contributed money is NOT taxable to the donor as income, thus lessening the amount of your taxes. **However**, you (the donor) are not able to take that contribution as a charitable deduction on your taxes. People who have directly contributed to a charity such as a Church or other institutions known as bona fide charities have found that their taxes are lower than if they had received the RMD money and then given the amount to charity.

So, if you must take a Retired Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Traditional IRA, please consider helping yourself and your church by giving a gift to your parish, Queen of Peace.

Rosaries for an End to Racial Discrimination

The Rosary Guild invites you to pray at least one Rosary this week for an end to racial discrimination, The third Monday in January is Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, and this year, it falls on his actual birthdate, January 15. Please contact the rectory office to be a part 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.

Prayer by Dr. Martin Luther King

God grant that right here in America and all over this world, we will choose the high way; a way in which men will live together as brothers. A way in which the nations of the world will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. A way in which every man will respect the dignity and worth of all human persons. A way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. A way in which men will do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. A way in which men will be able to stand up, and in the midst of oppression, in the midst of darkness and agony, they will be able to stand there and love their enemies, bless those persons who curse them, pray for those individuals that spitefully use them. And this is the way they will bring us once more into that society which we think of as the brotherhood of man. This will be the day when white people, colored people, whether they are brown or whether they are yellow or whether they are black, will join together and stretch out their arms and be able to cry out: "Free at last. Free at last. Great God almighty, we are free at last."

(From Martin Luther King's speech, "Some things we must do" delivered at the Second Annual Nonviolence and Social Change Conference at Holt Street Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama December 5, 1957) Marquette.edu/faith/prayer-by-dr-martin-luther-king.php

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Pray with us right after Mass on Tuesdays.



Living Rosary

Thank you to all our Living Rosary members who pray a decade or decades of the Rosary each day, including our newest member, Camille C. We now have a complete 20-decade Rosary being prayed every day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. This is a beautiful gift to the Queen of Peace, St. Philomena, and the world!

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.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25

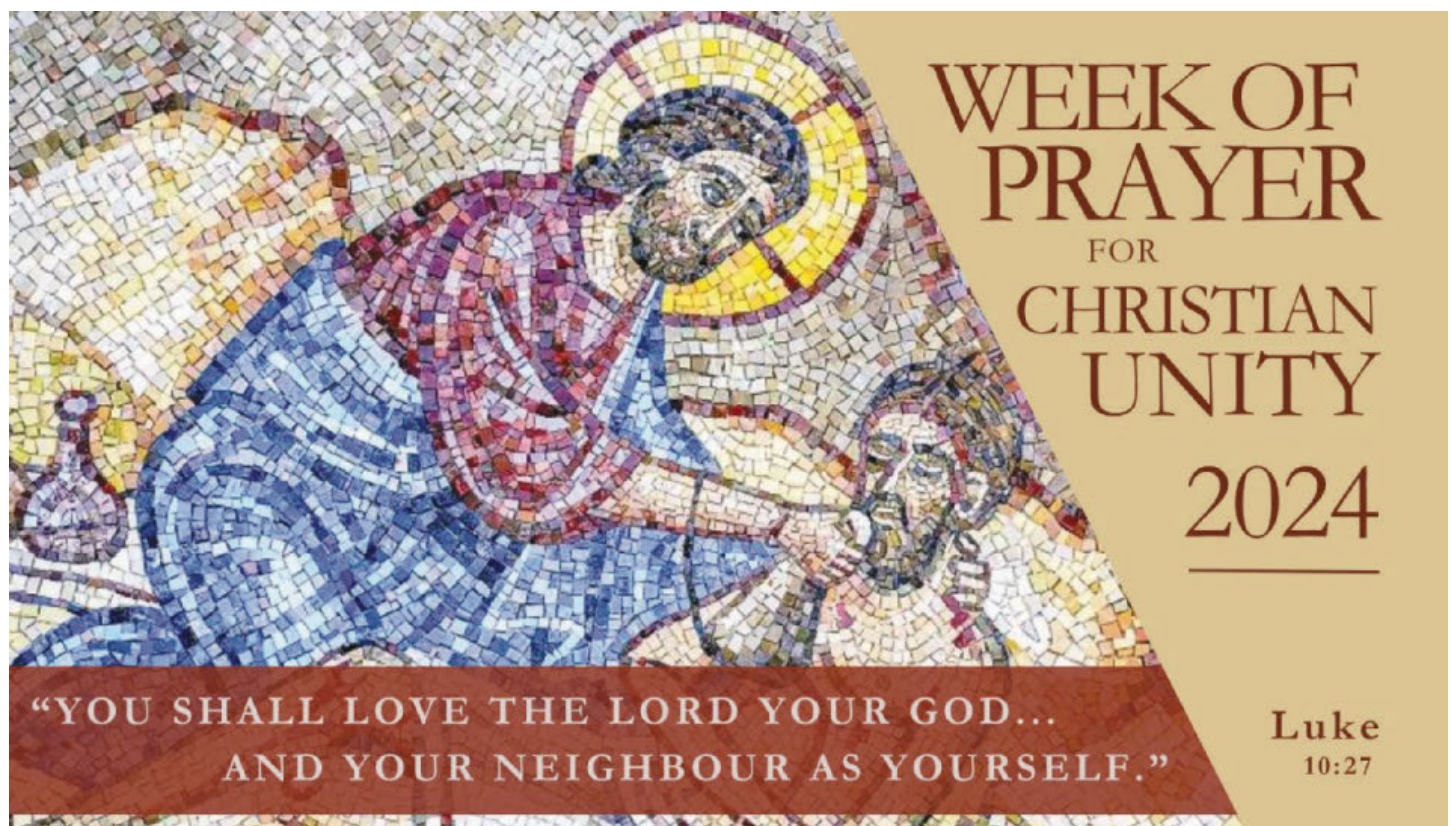
We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

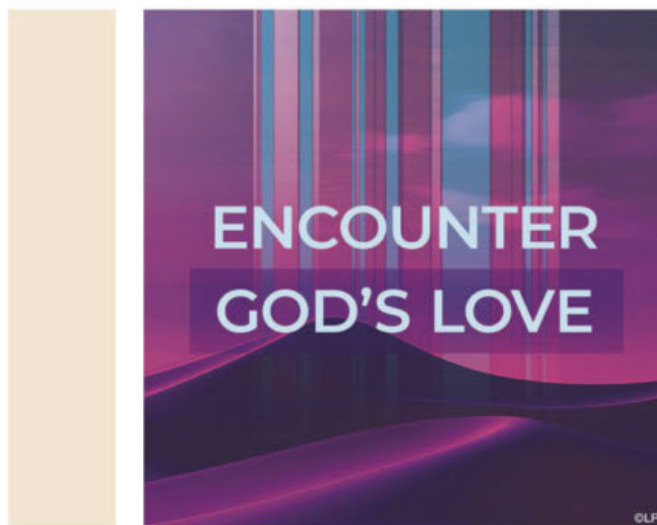
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

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Liturgical Life

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Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

- Jn 1:35-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

Second Reading

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

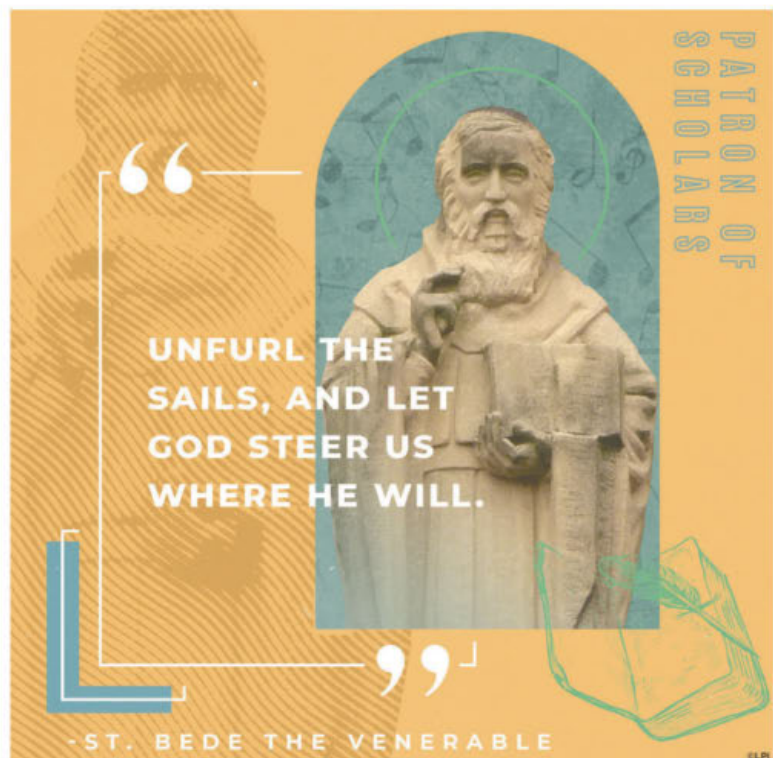
Gospel Reading

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?



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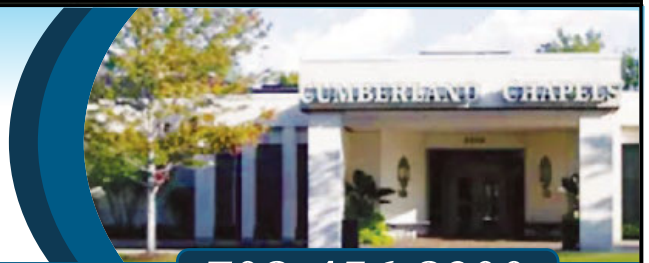
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