

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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17

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OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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Tuesday: 7:00 am
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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: 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 21st, 2024



From the desk of *Father Rich Yanos*

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our first reading is taken from the Book of Jonah and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks up from there.

In our second reading taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, so he gives some advice which we hear in this reading today.

You've hopefully been hearing and seeing in our Sunday bulletin information about a new Study Program on the life of Jesus Christ. It is entitled **"Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life"**. I just wanted to encourage all in our parish to consider being a part of this program that will help to broaden your understanding and perspective of Jesus Christ as our Redeemer and Savior. This is a 10-week video study program that you will not only find interesting and educational but also enjoyable as you share in this experience with fellow parishioners. The program was set to begin this past Thursday, but I am sure room will be made for anyone wanting to be a part of this study program on the Life of Jesus Christ. For more info or to sign-up contact the parish office or Fr. Jacek at 773-775-6659 or you can email Fr. Jacek at jdada@st-eugene.com. You won't be sorry you did.

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 choose 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 month 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.

As we continue to address the intricacies of combining our three parishes of Divine Savior, Our Lady, Mother of the Church, and St. Eugene, I would like to make our entire parish aware of a decision that has been made to streamline and combine our financial savings regarding the “To Teach Who Christ Is” Campaign funds that were collected by each of our parishes many years ago. If you recall the detailed information that was shared in the Sunday bulletin regarding our parish’s Annual report a couple of months back, there were three separate accountings for each of our parish’s TTWCI funds. Currently those funds amount to:

Divine Savior:	\$ 379,680.31
St. Eugene:	\$ 6,715.23
Our Lady, Mother of the Church:	\$ 36,422.27
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Total:	\$ 422,817.81

With the blending and merger of our three parishes these funds will now be combined under our new parish’s title, “Queen of Peace” with the intention of being used for their original purposes of future capital projects, new construction and/or renovations down the road.

This update is being shared with you to fulfill the Archdiocesan requirement of making this information known to the parish community at large before these funds can be merged into one new account.

You will also notice that your Sunday Stewardship Envelopes will have new numbers beginning with your February/March packets. This was done to join our three parish databases into one to streamline the mailing of our monthly envelopes as we are now one parish, Queen of Peace. There may be some glitches along the way but hopefully, they will be few and far between.

I am continually and sincerely grateful for the cooperation of the parishioners of our three combined parishes over the past two years as we continue to work together in the blending of the giftedness and uniqueness of each of our communities of faith.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Queen of Peace Feast Day

The Feast Day of our recently combined and newly named parish, entitled - Queen of Peace, happens to be this coming Wednesday, January 24th. To commemorate this special day for us all, we will be having special laminated Holy Cards made that will have an image of the Queen of Peace on the front and a special prayer on the back.

They will be made available to anyone in our parish at both worship sites when they arrive. Hopefully, by the weekend of January 28th. On the weekend of the 28th, however, we will be passing out a copy of the prayer that is printed on the backside of the Holy Card to all in the pews so that we might all commemorate the Feast Day of the Queen of Peace by praying this prayer together after communion.

Happy Feast Day everyone!



Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish

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,
Rosauro 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.

Monday, January 22, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Richard Angelo,
Giovannielli Giacomo,
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk -1st Death Anniversary,
Marino Mendoza.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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

Robert Cisek,
Pietro Pisello,
S.I. for Matthew.

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph & Anna Dongarra,
Antoinette Pelagio.

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory,
S.I. for Family.

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Lydia Bogdal,
Juan Diaz,
S.I. Jaclyn Schon.

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory,
S.I. Nicole & Mike

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

Andrew P. Bujdasz,
Rev. Fred Tomzik, Frederick Tomzik

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Stanislawa & Jan Bazula,
Robert J. Brun,
Edward Dobosz,
Ronald Feiereisel,
Joseph Padlo,
Joseph Porada,
Maria & Matthias Rempala,
Helen Louise Stasinos.

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

Deacon Sonny Annoreno,
Jan Kulon, Anna Lizak,
Andrzej Lizak,
S.I. Deacon Ted & Mrs. Mary Marszalek,
Donato Parente, Pietro Pisello,
Helena Swieton,
Maria Murphy Sanchez - 2nd death Anniv.,
Diane Smoen

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish,
Anna & Domenico Cale,
Joseph Notaro,
Concetta Rinaudo,
John Tomasso.



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Christ calls his disciples to love God and to love our neighbor. We Catholics can show love for our neighbors by performing corporal works of mercy, which include feeding those who are hungry, giving shelter to those who are homeless, and visiting prisoners.

For more than 50 years, the US bishops' program to aid the Church in Latin America has helped the Church carry out its pastoral mission of mercy among those with both spiritual and material needs across Latin America and the Caribbean.

In Mexico's Diocese of Iztapalapa, much of the population lives below the poverty line and has trouble meeting basic needs. The crime rate is high. Offenders who complete their jail sentences face rejection and isolation and risk reoffending upon their return to society. With grant support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the diocese created the Cristo Redentor evangelization center, where persons released from prison can receive job search help, group therapy, spiritual direction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And they can participate in recreational activities such as theater, games, and music, all at no charge.

In Venezuela, economic hardship and political turmoil have caused food shortages and a migration wave that has left behind vulnerable people, such as seniors. Without adequate resources, the elderly are particularly vulnerable to health problems, malnutrition, and homelessness. The Diocese of Carúpano, with help from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, established a social dining room at its Casa de la Caridad Santa Ana, where it provides nutritious lunches and spiritual and medical care to 100 people every day. The diocese also delivers bags of food and supplies to an additional 80 people every week.

These works of mercy are made possible through the generosity of Catholics in the United States to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2022 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **79.98%**
- Program Costs: **7.26%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.93%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.52%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**
- Total Expenses: \$6,517,768**



Total Number of Grants Approved: 251
Total Amount Approved: \$6,583,605

- General Pastoral*: **55.46%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **22.85%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **21.19%**
- Child Protection: **0.50%**



*includes evangelization, religious education, family and other pastoral ministries



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Collection date: weekend of January 28th

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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 _____ email: _____

Address _____

Envelope ID # _____

Please send me my statement - check One: ☐ fax ☐ email ☐ mail ☐ I will pick up myself

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 01 /27 4:30 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	P. Draniczarek - WB MB Glynn - B R. Cantal - C T. Crivlare - O J. Horn - WO	L. Parrillo-Hall A. McGovern J. Rog O. Loboda	C. Giacalone
SUNDAY, 01 /28 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Fornek - WB G. Fornek - B M. Unger - C C. Hill - O D. Duszynski - WO	A. Ek I. Francis Q. Sznura A. Orlando	S. Kumiega
SUNDAY, 01 /28 10:00 AM OLMC	Rev. Ed Pacocha Dcn. Chris Virruso	M. Marszalek - C M. Walsh - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson – 1st K. Kelch – 2nd
SUNDAY, 01 /28 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Savino - WB T. Moore - B M. Holder - C C. Taylor - O B. Berggren - WO	M. Sclafani A. Boccia H. Wyszowski C. Brown	School Lector



PRAYER REQUESTS

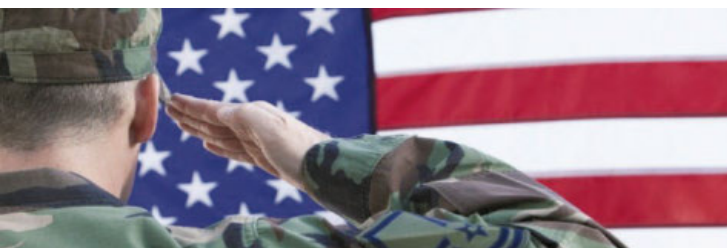
Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the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



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12:30 - 1:30 PM

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Sunday, January 14

5:00 SE	\$2,304.00
8:30 SE	\$1,489.50
10:00 OLMC	\$1,123.00
11:30 SE	\$1,311.00

Mail SE	\$3,259.00
Total Physical	\$9,486.50

GC DS	\$256.01
GC OLMC	\$140.00
GC SE	\$2,674.00
Total Online	\$3,070.01

Grand Total \$12,556.51

St. Eulalia sharing Parish \$1,978.00

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.



Family Mass

Featuring 4th grade - 11:30 am

Second Collections

Jan. 21 School Support

Jan. 28 Latin America

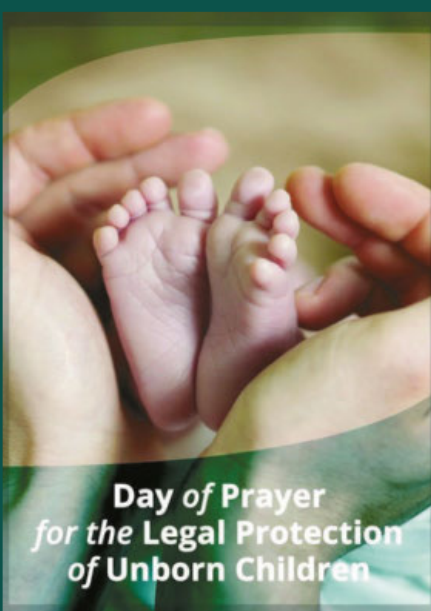
CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

1-800-400-4205

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING THIS WEEKEND

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:

† James Fiasche
† Josephine B. Miller
† Connie Calderone

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

fjizak@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.

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Mary, Our Model

Mary is our model of discipleship. We pray every Tuesday at the end of the 7 a.m. Mass.

Living Rosary

On January 11, Pope Francis met with members of a Marian prayer group, the Sentinels of the Holy Family. He said, "The commitment required of one who wants to become a 'sentinel' is simple. It might even seem laughable: recite a decade of the Rosary every day. Very simple. It is small in the eyes of men, but it is much in the eyes of God, if it is done faithfully over time, with faith and in a spirit of communion among you. God loves what is small and makes it bear fruit." With the Living Rosary, we pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of St. Philomena, patron of the Living Rosary. Thank you to all who pray a decade each day.

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.

Rosary Guild

This week, our Rosaries are for life. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a special pro-life prayer intention for each Mystery of the Rosary. We are grateful to all who pray at least one Rosary for life. Please contact the rectory office to be 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.



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation

For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy, that they lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care.

The Visitation

That the family and friends of expectant parents might reach out and support them as they prepare to meet their child face to face.

The Nativity

That the love of the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child may be a source of strength for every expectant mother, especially mothers living in poverty, and that they both will be surrounded by joy and love.

The Presentation

That fathers of young children will model St. Joseph in devoutly practicing their faith, so that they lead their children to God by their words and example.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

For all children who have been lost and forgotten, that they may be led to a place where they are treasured, protected and loved.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

The Wedding Feast at Cana

For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

The Transfiguration

That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

The Institution of the Eucharist

That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden

For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.

The Scourging at the Pillar

That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

The Crowning with Thorns

That the persecution of Christians will end in a new era of tolerance and respect for the religious freedom and conscience rights of all.

The Carrying of the Cross

For all who labor under burdens that seem too great to bear—due to illness, age, poverty, cruelty or injustice—that our prayers and aid will lighten their crosses.

The Crucifixion

For an end to the death penalty and for the release of all prisoners of conscience and all who have been wrongfully convicted.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection

For all who have lost loved ones, and especially for parents of a child who was miscarried, aborted or stillborn, that they will find peace in the promise of the Resurrection.

The Ascension

For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

That the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of those who now reject the Gospel of Life and allow them to be convinced of the truth and goodness of all that the Church professes concerning human life.

The Assumption of Mary

For mothers who have died at the hands of abortions providers, that they may experience reconciliation and together with their children know God's peace.

The Coronation of Mary

For all mothers, that they might come to know the wonder of their vocation.



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms.

To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Overnight Retreat for Adults

Overnight Retreat for Adults All men and women of Queen of Peace parish are invited to attend an Ignatian overnight semi-silent retreat.

If you have never made a retreat, this is an excellent opportunity to experience the rest and revitalization of body and soul that a spiritual retreat offers.

The Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington on a beautiful 80-acre country estate provides clean private rooms and delicious meals for your brief stay.

Arrive early Friday evening Feb. 9th for dinner, social interaction, and introduction to the next 24 hrs. of spiritual activities and depart Saturday evening - Feb.10th after your final meal.

The retreat directors are Fr. Michael Sparough S.J. a nationally well-known writer and speaker and Elizabeth Newbauer, an experienced lay spiritual counselor and supervisor. For more info, suggested donations, etc., please call Ralph Cantal 708-362-0631

Friendship Club

The Friendship will be meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 11:00.

Our lunch will be Italian beef sandwiches with potato chips and dessert.

Our speaker will be Tim Stofko from Oak Street Health. After lunch, Bingo will be played.

Hope to see you there.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalms:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,
2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

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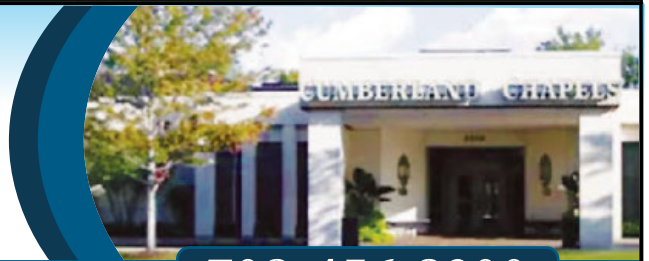
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