

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.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

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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

February 4th, 2024



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our first reading comes from the Book of Job which is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property, and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

In our second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul's enemies frequently criticize him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.

Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table

Next week is Commitment Sunday for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal in the Archdiocese of Chicago. This year's theme is Together at the table. The theme draws together three important movements at work in the Church today: the call to synodality or walking together on the road with Jesus and each other, the call to the national Eucharistic Revival or coming to the table and altar of the Lord's sacrifice, and—finally—the call to continue fostering together the spiritual revitalization of our parishes.

The ministry of Jesus and his saving death and resurrection were directed to bringing us together at the table of his heavenly Father in the Kingdom. That movement of his mission and ministry is evident in today's gospel. In this year of Mark's gospel, today's passage is drawn from chapter one and describes in a snapshot a typical day in the life of Jesus. He is immersed in the lives of broken people who are ill, like Peter's mother-in-law, people who were dominated by evil spirits, people who needed a word of hope, the good news. Jesus cures the sick, casts out demonic spirits, and he proclaims the good news. In all their needs, the people come together and cluster around Jesus. And he heals them and brings them together, ultimately, to his table of blessing.

The Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to be together with Jesus and with each other as we serve the needs of others. The Appeal is one important path to forge a way to bring people together at the table, people who might otherwise be excluded or remain on the margins.

We are called to offer our financial support, our prayerful support, and our direct involvement in the Church's outreach. In other words, we are called to be generous in sharing our time, talent, and treasure. Through the Appeal, we can support parishes in need, Catholic schools, programs of religious education, and Archdiocesan initiatives, for example, that foster respect for life, that seek to make peace and prevent violence, and that train leaders for our faith communities.

There are envelopes and brochures available for you in the back of church for you to take on your way out. Across the next week, reflect, pray, and ask yourself how you can help bring people together at the table by supporting your brothers and sisters who make the journey with you. Consider as concretely and specifically as you can how your contribution of time, talent, and treasure will help you to do this. Prepare to make a commitment next weekend.

The Eucharist we are about to celebrate gathers us together at the Lord's table, the altar of his Eucharistic sacrifice. It is a foretaste of that heavenly feast when, one day, by God's grace will be forever together with the Lord and each other.

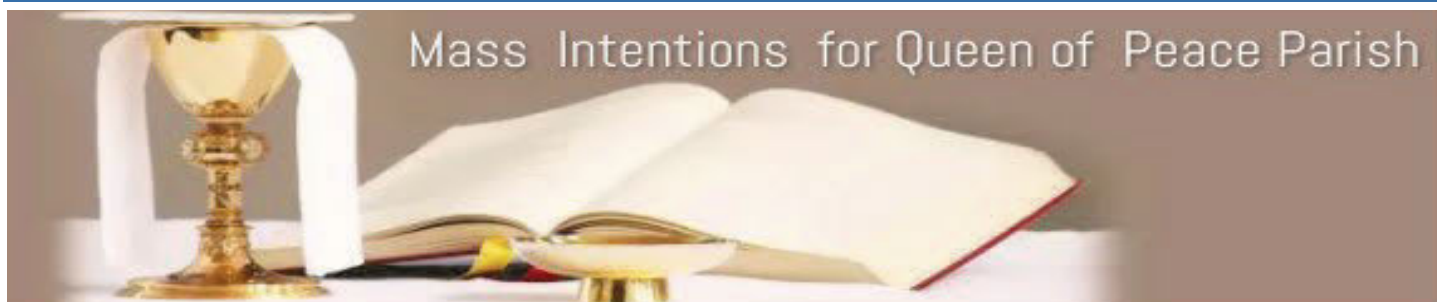
As the Annual Catholic Appeal launches next weekend, I wanted to share with you the impact your gift—no matter the size—has on this important effort. The work supported by the Appeal is more important than ever. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal directly support the necessary work of parishes, Catholic schools, and vital ministries throughout the archdiocese. You can make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal online at annualcatholicappeal.com, or you can choose to send in the response envelope from the Cardinal's letter you may have received earlier in January. Thank you for supporting our parish.

Many families in our parish have already received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table." We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

Fr. Rich Yanos





Saturday, February 3, 2024

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

People of the Parish
Anna Battista - 3rd Death Anniv.,
Juan Diaz,
Edward Dziaduch,
Dec'd mbrs McGuire & Egan Fams.,
Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun,
Antonio Di Brita,
Joseph Padlo, Jan Hyrc,
Teofil Cabaj, Frank Solak,
Helen Louise Stasinos

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

Gus & Irene Jachym 61st Wedd. Anniv.,
Matthew - B-Day Blessing,
S. I. Bridget Bredin
James, Sr. & Matilda Halas,
Pietro Pisello,
Edward Rebacz,
Helena Swieton,
Robert Thurber,
Jessica Vega,
Joyce Wolter

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Salvatore Alaimo,
Anthony Allegritti - B - Day Remembrance,
Anna Battista, Marzena Buczynska,
Carmine Di Balsamo,
Antonio Di Brita,
Pearl & George Giovannoni,
Colomba Lupo,
Raimondo & Annita Notardonato,
Jesus Vitug

Monday, February 5, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Thanksgiving for all Graces,
Jozef & Agata Dusza,
Patricia Murphy, S.I. Konrad Sniezek
Maria Walker, Ken Rogers.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory, Marie Alexander,
Mary Finland, Jadwiga Harriet Swider

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Marge Dyson, Renee Pinter,
Frances P. Reilly, Sandy Purl,
S.I. for Family, S.I. for Matthew

Thursday, February 8, 2024, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory, Kathy Smith,
Josephine Miller, Jim Noesen,
Ron Tabert, Henry Wyszowski

Friday, February 9, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joseph E. Bobka, Domingo Cabal,
S.I. Tina Heckel,
Antoinette Pelagio

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Antoni Gumkowski B-day Remembrance,
S.I. for Family
Karen Winterburn, Tina Heckel.

Saturday, February 10, 2024

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

Ralph & Virginia Conenna,
Joseph & Josephine Derus,
Helen Gajewska, Wayne J. Greco,
Steve Kolody & M/M Wozniarz M/M Kolodziejczyk,
Mary Pecora, Maria Carolina Reyes,
James Santella, Steven Tonn

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun, Juan Diaz, Janet Toton

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

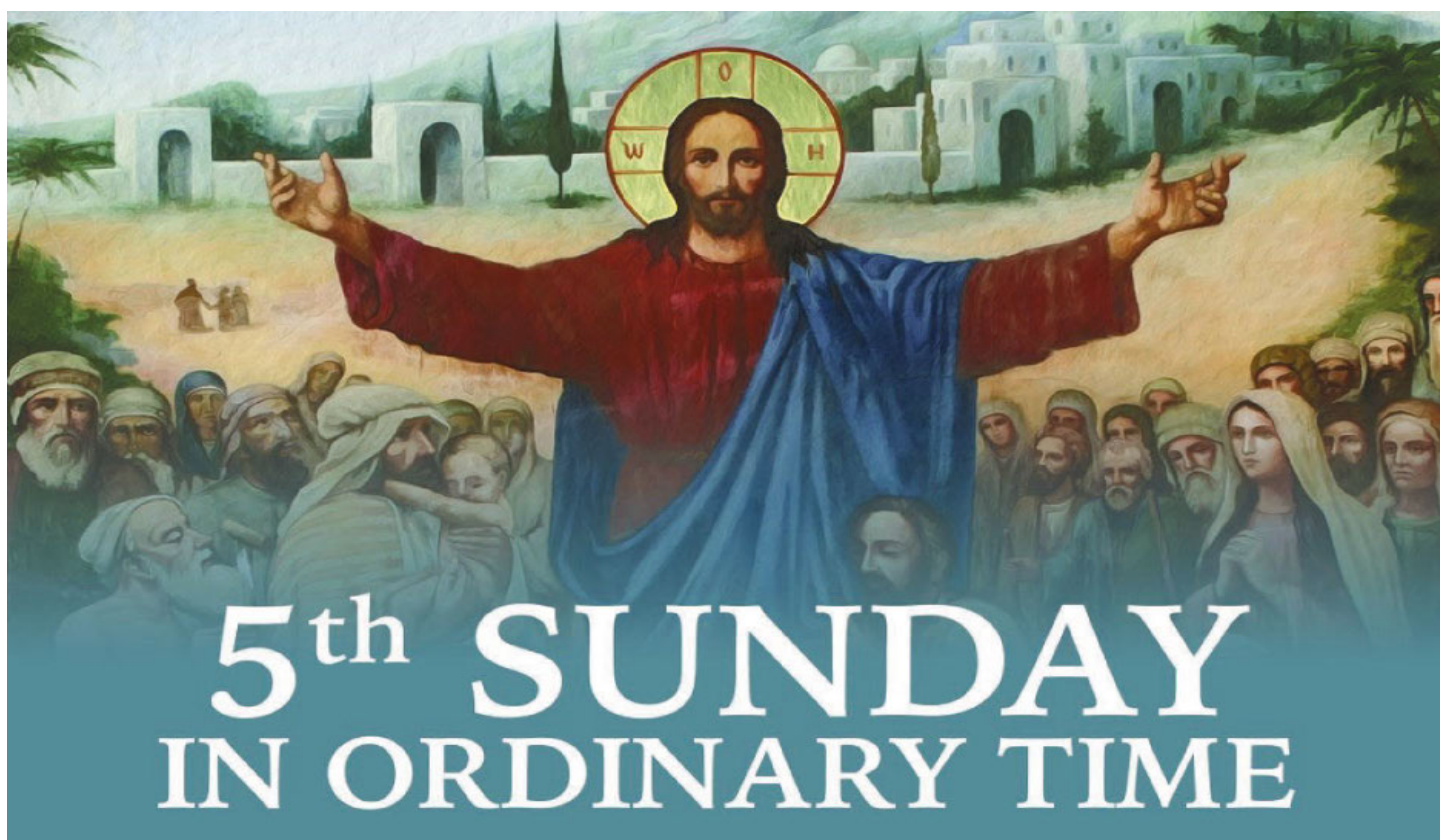
People of the Parish
Franca DeFante,
Angela Lepore, Andrzej Lizak,
S.I. Mary & Ted Marszalek, ,
Irena Niedzinska—6th Anniv.,
Zbigniew Niedzinski—71st Anniv.,
Pietro Pisello,
Jozef Rebacz, Helena Swieton

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Anthony & Aurora Barone,
Giacomo D'Aniello,
Maria D'Aniello,
Ruben Mora,
Jorgo Stefanovskio

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 02/10 4:30 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	F. Klus - WB L. Feist- B T. Crivlare - C J. Gebhardt - O B. Gebhardt - WO	L. Acierno O. Loboda S. Kerr B. Villena	J. Sclafani
SUNDAY, 02/11 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	B. Czubek - WB M. Cozzo - B B. Ndiwe - C M. Unger - O G. Bermas - WO	I. Francis Q. Sznura A. EK L. Solis	I. Rog
SUNDAY, 02/11 10:00 AM OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	G. Henderson - C R. Molas - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	C. Roldan - 1st J. Molas - 2nd
SUNDAY, 02/11 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	D. Hernandez - WB P. Paetsch - B M. Holder - C P. Tomzik - O M. Tomzik WO3	L. Parrillo-Hall C. Wallace E. Burzawa M. Sclafani	S. Kumiega



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 This meeting will take place in Rm.110	Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

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.





Knights of Columbus
Father Francis Xavier Breen Council # 1899

2024 Fish Fry

February 16, March 1, March 15
4:30 to 7:00 (Fridays)

Queen of Peace Parish
St. Eugene – Shaunessy Center

Cod Dinner – 2 pieces of battered fried cod served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and tartar sauce –

\$14.00 adult \$7.00 child (12 and under - 1 piece of fish).

Shrimp Dinner – ½ lb. breaded popcorn shrimp served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and cocktail sauce –

\$13.00 adult \$7.00 child (12 and under).

Tilapia Dinner – 1 piece baked tilapia served with roasted potatoes, coleslaw, bread and butter, and lemon slice –

\$12.00 adult \$7.00 child (12 and under).

ON THE SIDE

Cheese Pizza by the slice - \$3

Soup of the Day by the bowl - \$4

Cod, Tilapia, piece - \$4.00 for each piece

½ lb. Shrimp basket with cocktail sauce- \$6

French Fries or Roasted Potatoes - \$3

Mozzarella Cheese Sticks (6) with marinara sauce- \$4.00 Beverage

(Coke, Diet, Sprite, or Water) - \$1

Dessert - \$2

Coffee included with all meal

Take-out orders available on the dates above from 4:30 to 7 PM



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
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

WINTER COLLECTION OF HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, AND SOCKS

More migrants are arriving every day and need our help. They come with very little and not prepared for our brutal winter days.
Can you help?

We are collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for the migrants. The items will be given to the "Refugee Community Connection group" who will distribute them to the shelters.

Our collection will start **February 10 until February 18th**.
Boxes will be at Our Lady, Mother of the Church and at St. Eugene too.

Thank you for your generosity.
Any questions- contact lizakfam@aol.com



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 - 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm





Sunday, January 28

4:30 SE	\$3,372.00
8:30 SE	\$3,064.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,023.00
11:30 SE	\$4,485.00

Mail SE	\$2,564.00
Total Physical	\$15,508.50

GC DS	\$336.01
GC OLMC	\$111.10
GC SE	\$1,746.00
Total Online	\$2,193.11

Grand Total	\$17,701.61
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Latin America	\$2,910.50
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Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases . and electronic giving accounts. Thank you for your support.



Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

Third Grade family Mass
11:30 am

Feast of St. Blaise
Blessing of throats
after all Masses

Second Collections

Feb. 11:
Social Concerns/Food Pantry
Annual Catholic Appeal

Feb. 14:
Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18:
Parish repairs & Maintenance

Feb. 25
Central & Eastern Europe

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205



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:

† John Ioriatti
† Mary Kenevan

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!

CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE OF BINGO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
PLAY BEGINS AT 6:30 PM





St. Eugene School Registration is Now Open 2024-2025





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- ✓ Offering a \$1,000 New Family Tuition Discount
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Living Rosary

The Living Rosary lets people pray the Rosary together every day, even though they are in different locations. The intention of this Rosary is the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron saint of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. Below are the twenty Mysteries of the Rosary, and who is praying each Mystery.

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.

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: Mary Our Model

This devotion was published in 1970 by Liguori Publications, and is prayed Tuesdays after Mass.

Rosaries Against Human Trafficking

February 8 is a Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. It is also the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita. She was born in Darfur, and kidnapped by slave traders, who called her Bakhita, which means “lucky one.” She ultimately ended up in Italy, and after a time, was left with the Canossian Sisters in Venice while her owner went back to Africa. St. Bakhita received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, and the name Josephine. When her owner came back for her, St. Josephine Bakhita wanted to stay with the Canossian Sisters. She was no longer a child, and under Italian law, had freedom. St. Josephine Bakhita became a Canossian Sister.

Rosary Guild members pray at least one Rosary for a weekly intention, and this week’s Rosary intention is for an end to the trafficking of over 40 million people in the world. Thank you to all who pray at least one Rosary for this intention, including Rosary Guild members 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.

A Prayer for Special Intentions

Almighty and loving Father,
I thank you for giving St. Gerard to us
as a most appealing model and powerful friend.
By his example,
he showed us how to love and trust you.
You have showered many blessings
on those who call upon him.
For your greater glory and my welfare,
please grant me the favors
which I ask in his name.
(Mention your needs here.)
And you, my powerful patron,
intercede for me before the throne of God.
Draw near to that throne
and do not leave it until you have been heard.
O good saint,
to you I address my fervent prayers;
graciously accept them
and let me experience in some way
the effects of your powerful intercession.

Amen.

catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1117



Nurses Note:

The World Day of the Sick is an awareness day, or observance, in the Catholic Church intended for "prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ". This day was instituted by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1992 and is celebrated on **February 11th**, which is also the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Having been diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1991, Pope John Paul II had written a great deal on the topic of suffering. He chose the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes for the date of the observance because many pilgrims and visitors to Lourdes, France, have been reported to have been healed at the Marian Sanctuary there through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin.

February is also American Heart Month. This is an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness about heart health and cardiovascular diseases. You have the power to take action to protect yourself from heart disease.

Please join me to obtain information on heart health and to have your Blood Pressure checked. I will be in the Narthex on February 10th and 11th before and after all Masses at both worship sites.

Peace,
Terri, RN



What's Been Happening at St. Eulalia's Food Pantry?

December and January were busy months at St. Eulalia's Quinn Center. Holiday activities kept their schedule extra crowded but, just as in our lives, the basics continued. In this case, that meant weekly food distributions. Each Tuesday, simple bagged suppers or hot meals are provided by a variety of different organizations. Produce from the Veggie RX program is distributed on a regular basis. AND, of course, there's the monthly food pantry distribution supported by Queen of Peace Parish.

On Tuesday, December 12, over 135 bags of groceries were distributed. To make sure everyone received food, on-site volunteers had to fill additional bags because the 130 bags our volunteer team had filled on December 5 were all given out! On Tuesday, January 9, the numbers were a little lower – 73 families encompassing 284 people came through. Of course, that was the day the temperature never topped Zero! Remember, distribution is done outdoors in the parking lot -- and people still came for the groceries they needed.

While about one third of the groceries are donated, the remaining two thirds are purchased. In recent months, the bill has run between \$800 to \$900. The money for those purchases comes from your contributions through the Sunday Collection. As Father Yanos explained, in order to cut back on the number of second collections in 2024, some of the recipient groups have been combined into one collection AND those collections will be taken up every other month. The Quinn Center collection has been combined with our Social Concerns ministry which provides assistance to people in our area. (Please note, the food pantry is not funded through the Sharing Parish collection; that money goes to the St. Eulalia/Sacred Heart parish.) That makes it vitally important that you continue to be generous with the Social Concerns collections so that we can fund these two ministries serving our neighbors, near and not-so-near.

Our next packing session will be on Sunday, February 11 at 1:45 pm. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Jan Magnuson at 312-806-7210 or email her at jan7744@comcast.net. It doesn't take long, usually finishing before 3:15, and it's doubly fulfilling -- we have fun while doing good. Remember, feeding the hungry is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Thank you for your continued generosity. The people of Maywood and the Quinn Center are most grateful for your support.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
— Mark 1:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Queen of Peace Parish

FOOD DRIVE

February 24-25

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**Foods will be collected both prior to and after each mass.
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

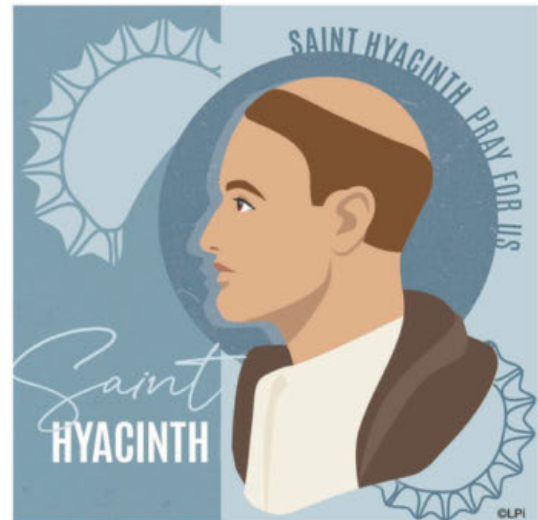
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day



Saint of the week

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!

Prayer for God's presence

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord.
Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday:

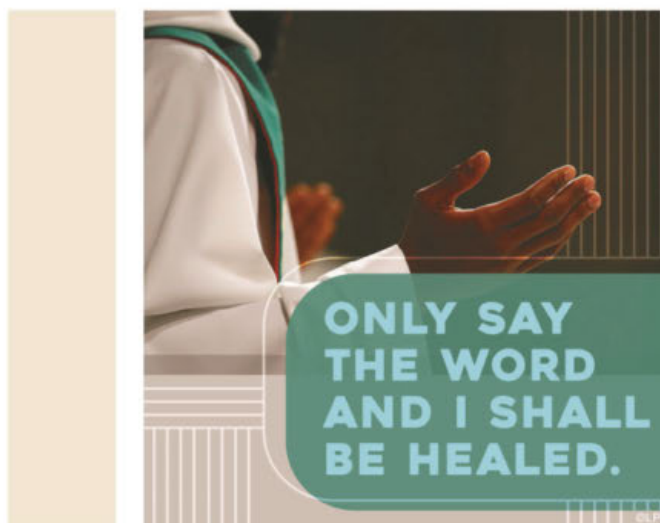
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor
10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— *Father John Muir*

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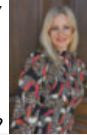
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