

Queen of Peace Parish



Welcome!

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

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

MASSSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

7958 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Ph. (773) 775-6659, (773) 775-6660
(773) 775-6694

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.- Thur.: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

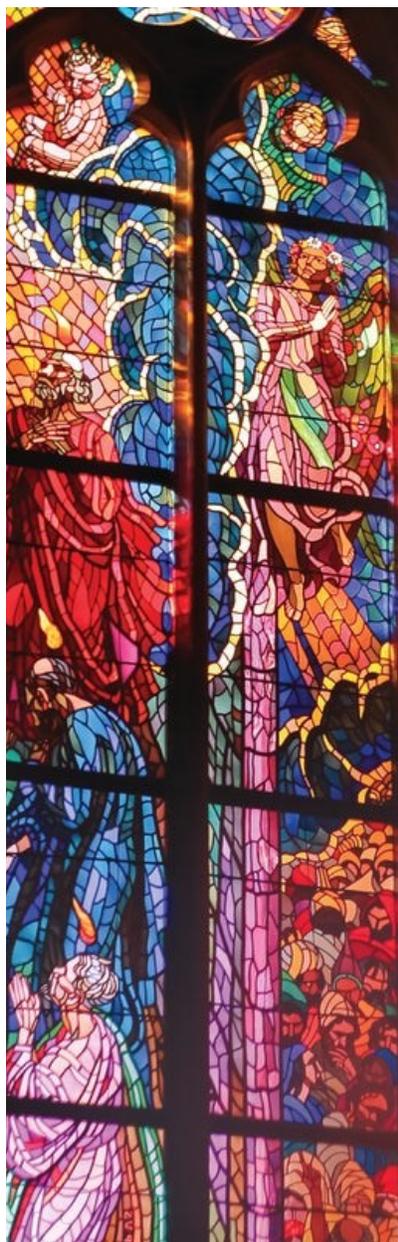
MASSSES:

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



Let us
rejoice
in the
house
of the
Lord.

PSALM 122

November 30th, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical Season.

In our first reading we hear from the prophet Isaiah, who dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. Today, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ’s return in glory was near at hand. In our second reading today, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

We have once again purchased the “Little Blue Books” for you to use as another way of coming to appreciate the rich meaning and traditions of the Advent and Christmas Season. Please be sure and take a copy home or to work with you. These books make great companions for meditation and for interesting reading. They will be available at all masses until all are gone.

Our 2026 Parish calendars are now available. You can pick one up on your way out of church at all the exit doors. Please be sure to pick one up. They will be available at these doors until all are taken.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on

Monday, December 8th. This celebration of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, being born without original sin is a holy day of obligation in our Church. For this reason, all Catholics should be attending Mass on this day. Our schedule of Masses on Monday, December 8th is:

- 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- 9:00 a.m. at St. Eugene
- 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- 7:00 p.m. at St. Eugene

Please join us as we honor and celebrate Mary’s Immaculate Conception.

Christmas Oplatki (wafer) is now available in the gathering space at the back of church and at the parish office during normal business hours, for those who wish to share in this beautiful custom at their Christmas family meals. This Christmas Wafer is a Christmas tradition celebrated in Poland (Oplatki), Lithuania (Kaledaitis), Slovakia and some regions of Italy. This wafer is identical in composition to the host that is used during a Catholic Mass. It is usually embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially the Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem. Family members and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing, as a symbol of forgiveness and to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God, and family. An explanation of how to partake in this custom is provided on the envelope containing the wafer. Each packet contains 4 wafers and is available for \$3.00. Every year we

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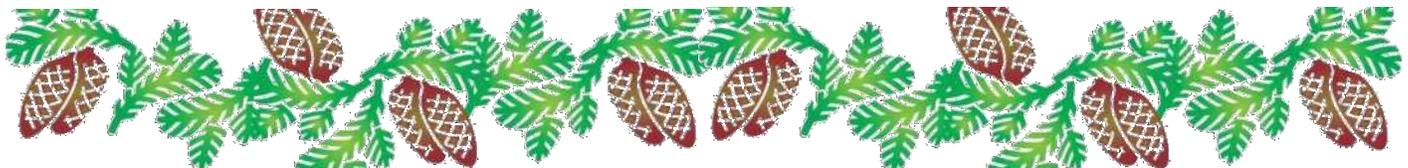
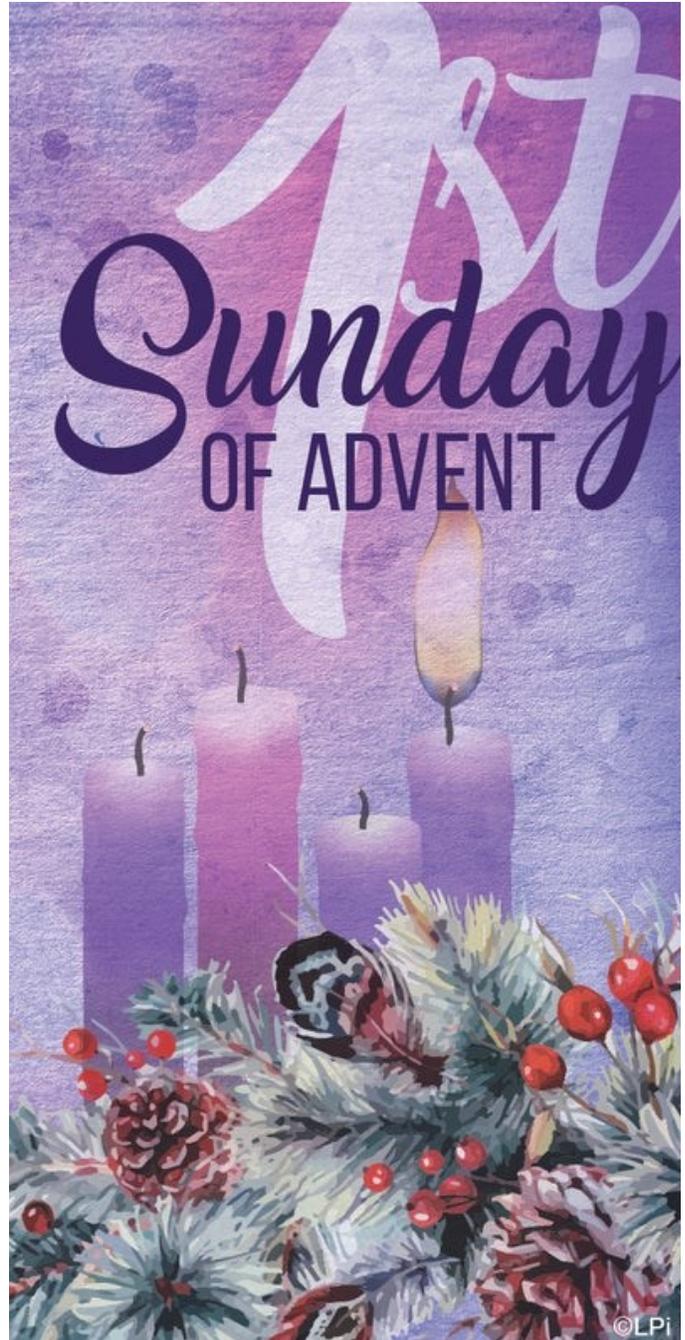


run out, so you might want to pick yours up this weekend before they are gone.

There have been so many of our parishioners who have expressed their concern about Fr. Pacocha and ask me daily how he is doing. I spoke with him this past week and he wanted you all to know how much he appreciates your genuine care and concern for him. As you may or may not know he has been dealing with cancer over this past year that required him to do the regiment of chemo treatments. He let me know those have been successfully concluded. The doctors continue to be cautious by having him get other kinds of scans. He tells me he is just weak and more tired these days and finds himself napping more. He reminded me that he is almost 90 years old! He is eating well and when I spoke to him, he sounded great. I asked him if he had any intentions on coming back to “work” to resume his former activities here at Queen of Peace. He kindly but assuredly said he did not think so. I encouraged him to stop by the office more often, as he was previously so accustomed to doing, because it would be good for parishioners to see him. He assured me he would make a more concerted effort to do so. If anyone would like to drop him a line or two you can drop off your messages, notes or cards at the parish office. We’ll make sure he gets them.

Happy Advent to all in our parish!

Fr. Rich Yanos



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jude & Minn Families
S.I. For M.T.G.

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

People of the Parish
Mircea Buzila
Carmella Calace
Gloria Frett
Dan Jarosz
John Mietus - Anniversary Remembrance
Michelle Neuhaus
Bob Schu
Thomas Szczech, Jr.
Frederick Tomzik

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Nicholas Calabrese
S.I. For Carl & Donna Crimmins
Antonio Di Brita
Anna Dolcimascolo
Elinor Greaves
Maria & Matthias Rempala

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

All Living & Deceased Members of the Friendship Club
Walter & Lucille Boesch
Maria Carrozza
Dominick Di Cristofano
Frank Di Vito
Vincent J. Evola - 3 Year Anniversary
Waleria Jachym
Sixto Perez
Janice Lambrecht
Jerry Stephen

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Maria Bartolotta
Jeremiah Kennelly
Joseph Marsillo, Jr. - 1st Death Anniversary
Raymond Plaza
Rev. John Plotkowski
Maria Rosa Rizzo

Monday, December 1, 2025

9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church

S.I. For Matt
Rosario Nicolas

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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

Souls in Purgatory
S.I. For Family
Maria Cascio
Josephine Espisito
Vittorio A. Verrecchia

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
Gary Serpico

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00 am Mass Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Natividad Verano

Friday, December 5, 2025

9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church

S.I. For Nicole & Mike
Ron Potempa

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Irine Abdon

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

Enrico & Leonetta Bicanchini
Angela, David Jr., & Loretta Birchetto
Thomas Burian
Dan Jarosz
Lugi & Francesca Moreli
Adele, Eleanor & Marie Pastorino
Robert Schu
Tom Szczech, Jr.
Irma Wolfe
Joseph Wolfe

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
S.I. For Carl & Donna Crimmins
Charles Dressner
Jean Fornek
Lawrence Porada
Frances Rehfués

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

Bill & Catherine Aiken
John Catanese
Francesco & Serafina Carone
Maria Carrozza
Deceased Members of the Heiberger Family
Michael Jarosz - Birthday Prayers
Donato Parente
Edward Rebacz
Tom Szczech
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Hillard & Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Robert P. Reilly, Sr.



Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 12/06 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	B. Gebhardt - WB M.B. Glynn - B Celebrant / F. Klus - C R. Cantal - O J. Noronha - WO J. Gebhardt - Cup B J. Magnuson - Cup O	E. Burzawa S. Martinez M. Marrinan	O. MC Atter
SUNDAY, 12/07 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	B. Czubek - WB B. Ndiwe - B Celebrant / J. Cardella G. Bermas - O P. Draniczarek - WO M. Cozzo - Cup B M. Unger - Cup O	T. Janus B. Janus A. McGovern	I. Rog
SUNDAY, 12/07 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	D. Flynn - T M. Marszalek - T Celebrant / R. Catalano - C G. Henderson - Cup T E. Aspi - Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Vega - 1 st W. Karczmarczyk - 2 nd
SUNDAY, 12/07 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	P. Paetsch - WB C. Lim - B Celebrant / J. Mroszczak - C F. Pacia - O T. Moore - WO M. Holder - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	E. Switalla J. Rog M. Clancy	C. Giacalone

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
MONDAY, 12/8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 7:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	M. Walsh - T Celebrant / C. Jesiolowski - C		A. Cisek - 1 st M. Marszalek - 2 nd
MONDAY, 12/8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9:00 AM- SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Lim - WB C. Adamson - B Celebrant / M. Savino - C G. Bermas C. Taylor - WO		A. Cisek
MONDAY, 12/8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 4:00 PM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	N. Mosk - T P. Peterson - T Celebrant / J. Villanueva - C	G. Pilch J. Pilch	W. Karczmarczyk - 1 st L. Muehlfelder - 2 nd
MONDAY, 12/8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 7:00 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	S. Pinner - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C U. Pawlowski - O F. Klus - WO		C. Bobka

Rosaries for the Pope and His December Prayer Intention

The Holy Father’s intention is for Christians in areas of conflict. “Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.” All are encouraged to pray at least one Rosary for Pope Leo XIV and his intention. Rosary Guild members are Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.



Living Rosary

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena.

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.

Shrines of Remembrance Thank You

Thank you to all who brought photos and names of deceased loved ones for the Shrines of Remembrance at both worship sites in Queen of Peace Parish. It was a wonderful way to honor your dearly departed, and to keep them in prayer.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



OCIA - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- NON-CATHOLICS WHO WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
- THOSE WHO WANT TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM, OR PROFESSION OF FAITH
- THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED CATHOLIC AS INFANTS BUT NEVER RECEIVED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONFIRMATION, OR FIRST EUCHARIST.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 773-775-6660 OR FR. CARLTON AT RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG.

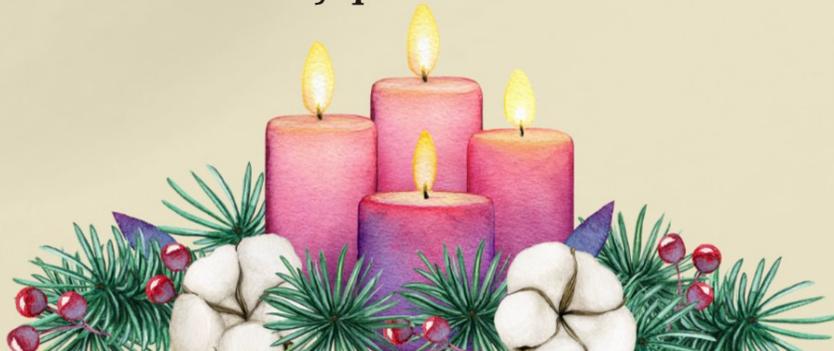


**JOIN US FOR
RORATE CAELI MASSES
All Sundays in Advent | 7:00 PM
St. Eugene Church**

Celebrate faith, community, and the love of Christ

On the four Sundays in Advent, the teen club will organize a candlelight Mass at St. Eugene at 7pm. These Masses will be the same as the Rorate Caeli Masses that are celebrated in Advent.

The Mass is open to all but the students will be the primary organizers. Please email Fr. Carlton with any questions.





NOVEMBER 16, 2025

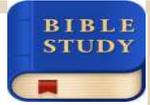
- 4:30pm SE \$3,186.00
- 8:30am SE \$2,714.50
- 10:00am OLMC \$2,255.00
- 11:30am SE \$2,625.00
- Online Collection \$2,290.01
- Mail \$3,895.00
- Sunday Total \$16,965.51**
- Sacred Heart/
St. Eulalia \$2,624.00
- Sharing



SECOND COLLECTIONS

- November 30**
School Support
- December 7**
Christmas Flowers
- December 8**
Immaculate Conception
- December 14**
Retirement Fund-Religious
- December 21**
School Support Fund
- December 25**
Christmas
- December 28**
Repair & Maintenance

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!

Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 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.*

Early Submission Dates

December 7	Wednesday, 11/26/25
December 14	Wednesday, 12/03/25
BULLETIN DATE	DEADLINE DATE
December 28	Wednesday, 12/17/25
January 4	Monday, 12/22/25

Thank you for supporting our parish!

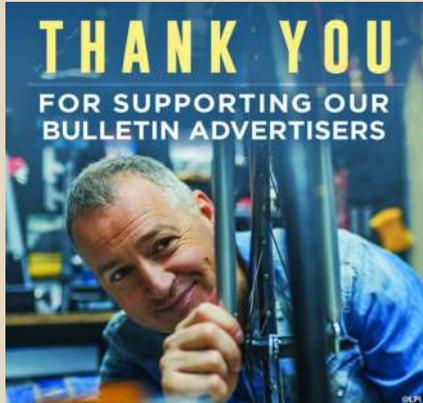
You can scan QR code to go directly to GiveCentral and support our Parish.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.

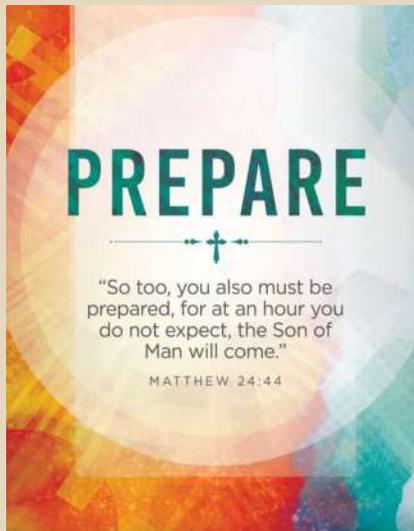


Benediction at 5:45 pm.



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives. We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need. If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Any questions please reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586 or 773-848-4586.

The Friendship Club



Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra by calling 773-398-4472 or email at dltimmreck@gmail.com



ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 6 & 7, Dec. 13 & 14, Dec. 20 & 21

Saturday	4:30 pm	St. Eugene Church (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Eugene Church
	10:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
	11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 19 - 7:00 pm - St. Eugene Church
Saturdays - 3:30 pm - St. Eugene Church

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, Dec. 8

7:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
4:00 pm	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
7:00 pm	St. Eugene Church

ADVENT WEEKDAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am St. Eugene Church

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

3:00 pm	Family Liturgy - St. Eugene Church
4:00 pm	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
5:00 pm	St. Eugene Church
9:30 pm	Christmas Carols Begin - St. Eugene Church
10:00 pm	St. Eugene Church

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

8:30 am	St. Eugene Church
10:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 28

4:30 pm	Saturday, December 27 - St. Eugene Church (Mass of Anticipation)
8:30 am	St. Eugene Church
10:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31

9:00 am St. Eugene Church

New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Thursday, January 1

4:00 pm	Wednesday, December 31 - St. Eugene Church (Mass of Anticipation)
10:00 am	Thursday, January 1 - St. Eugene Church

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4

4:30 pm	Saturday, January 3 - St. Eugene Church (Mass of Anticipation)
8:30 am	St. Eugene Church
10:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of Church
11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

Rectory will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25,
Wednesday, Dec. 31 & Thursday, Jan. 1.

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers will be available beginning Nov. 29
for a donation of \$3.00 per packet at both churches
and at the rectory office during regular office hours.



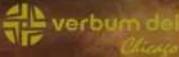
Advent Retreat

**“Light
That shines
in the
darkness.”**

Saturday Dec 6th 8:30am – Sunday Dec 7th 3:00 pm Mass

Verbum Dei Spirituality Center
7920 W Foster Ave, Chicago IL 60656

Donation: \$80
Contact Sr Ann Marie 224 280 8395


Knights of Columbus



PANCAKE BREAKFAST with Santa

This is a "MORE THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST"

Menu includes:
 All you can eat Pancakes,
 French toast,
 Single servings of scrambled eggs,
 hash browns,
 sausage
 baked apples
 and surprise specials of the day

Coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

Suggested Donation is :
 \$10 for Adults
 \$7 for Children 5-12
 Children under 5 are free.
 (Additional Donations are Appreciated)

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 Knights of Columbus, please contact:

 Joe Marley - 708-702-2726
 Marley-j@comcast.net

Sunday, December 14th
7:30am - 11:00am
St. Eugene Church
Shaunessy Center



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

2025 CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring

The City Lights Orchestra
 Rich Daniels, conductor

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Church of the Holy Family
1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

No tickets necessary.

Parking and seating available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.

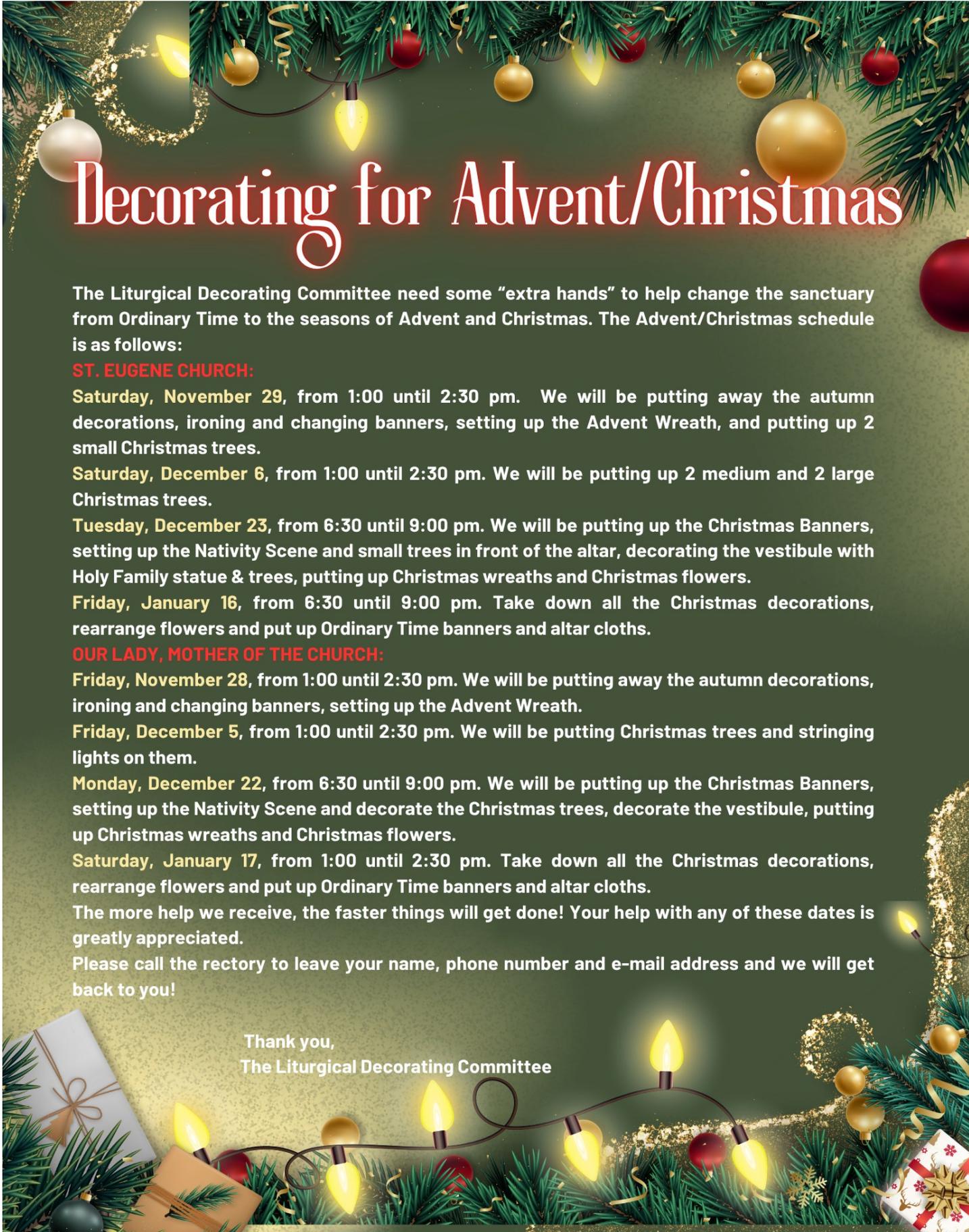
Meet our OCIA Catechumenates and Candidates!

On Sunday, November 15th, we celebrated the Rite of Welcoming and welcomed Jeremiah, Elan and Kaley into the Church as they work towards completing their initiation in the Catholic faith.

We also celebrated the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate and welcomed Shirley, Brandon, MyTram and Samantha into the Catholic church as they journey toward full initiation in the Catholic faith.

Please continue to pray for them and welcome them with loving arms into our community!





Decorating for Advent/Christmas

The Liturgical Decorating Committee need some “extra hands” to help change the sanctuary from Ordinary Time to the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The Advent/Christmas schedule is as follows:

ST. EUGENE CHURCH:

Saturday, November 29, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will be putting away the autumn decorations, ironing and changing banners, setting up the Advent Wreath, and putting up 2 small Christmas trees.

Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will be putting up 2 medium and 2 large Christmas trees.

Tuesday, December 23, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. We will be putting up the Christmas Banners, setting up the Nativity Scene and small trees in front of the altar, decorating the vestibule with Holy Family statue & trees, putting up Christmas wreaths and Christmas flowers.

Friday, January 16, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Take down all the Christmas decorations, rearrange flowers and put up Ordinary Time banners and altar cloths.

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:

Friday, November 28, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will be putting away the autumn decorations, ironing and changing banners, setting up the Advent Wreath.

Friday, December 5, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will be putting Christmas trees and stringing lights on them.

Monday, December 22, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. We will be putting up the Christmas Banners, setting up the Nativity Scene and decorate the Christmas trees, decorate the vestibule, putting up Christmas wreaths and Christmas flowers.

Saturday, January 17, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. Take down all the Christmas decorations, rearrange flowers and put up Ordinary Time banners and altar cloths.

The more help we receive, the faster things will get done! Your help with any of these dates is greatly appreciated.

Please call the rectory to leave your name, phone number and e-mail address and we will get back to you!

Thank you,
The Liturgical Decorating Committee

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH SUPPORTING OUR SIMBANG GABI TRADITION

Dear Friends and Valued Members of the Queen of Peace Family,

As Christmas approaches, our hearts are already stirring with the profound joy and anticipation of Simbang Gabi. This cherished Filipino tradition—a nine-day series of Masses—is a powerful, collective expression of our unwavering faith, deep devotion, and shared hope as we spiritually prepare for the birth of Christ. It is our chance to gather as one family and share this beautiful spiritual legacy.

To ensure this year's main celebration on Sunday, December 21, 2025, is truly memorable, we humbly ask for your partnership. Our dedicated committee relies on the kindness and collaborative spirit of our parish community. Your generous contribution ensures every part of this sacred tradition flourishes—from the music and decorations to the warm community reception that follows.

Supporting Simbang Gabi is an act of love that strengthens the cultural and spiritual heart of our parish. Any amount you can offer, big or small, will help create a beautiful celebration for everyone.

Ways to Offer Your Support

You can contribute in one of the following simple ways:

- Check: Please make it payable to "Queen of Peace – Filipino Club."
- Cash: Contact Rose Molas at Rhdmolas@gmail.com to coordinate a secure drop-off.
- Support our Christmas Raffle! Enter to win incredible prizes, including:
 - Win a 4-day, 3-night stay in a 1-bedroom suite (sleeps four). Subject to availability.

First Prize: Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek, FL

Second Prize: Club Wyndham Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells

Third Prize: \$100 cash

We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers, support, and generosity. Together, we celebrate this beautiful time, allowing it to powerfully remind us of the universal truths of Christmas: God's love, the warmth of family, and the strength of our shared community.

With sincere gratitude and blessings,
The Simbang Gabi Committee
Queen of Peace Parish



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— *Father John Muir*

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