

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

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASSES:

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



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

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December 14th, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent.

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's first reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation that Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

Our Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place this coming Friday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in both English and Polish. As you make your personal preparations for Christmas, I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on Friday, December 19th. There will be many priests hearing confessions on this night, as this will be the only parish Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas, other than our regular Saturday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. However, please do not wait until Saturday, December 20th, as we will not have the extra priests that we are providing for your convenience on Friday, the 19th. Please plan on joining us then.

As practicing Catholics, we all know that going to Mass every weekend is not an option but rather an obligation, something that faithful Catholics participate in and share in. I prefer to see our gathering with each other around the Lord's Table each week as an opportunity

to come together with our fellow believers to offer thanks and gratitude for all God has done for us, as we are fed with both Word and Sacrament to go out into the world to put our faith into action. We do this because it is one of God's desires for us, one of His Commandments, namely -- to keep holy the Sabbath Day. God must have known something of the value of His creations setting time aside each week to give thanks and praise for all He has done for us.

It's hard to believe that in a little over a week from now we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. As you know, there will be many more worshipers than usual at these Masses. For this reason, I ask that all in our parish do your best to arrive earlier if you are able. And remember...it's Christmas, so let's try and be nice even when that may be the last thing you're feeling when being delayed in the parking lot for a few extra minutes. 😊

I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses over the next couple of weeks. Please note that our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule are slightly different than regular weekends. Hopefully, by now, you have received my Christmas letter and our Christmas Season Mass Schedule. As you know, some of our Masses during the holidays can be very crowded. If you are planning to attend these Masses, again, please try to get here a little earlier than usual to help ease the congestion.

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. The "Little Blue Books" and Parish Calendars are also available at the doors of our worship sites, as well as in the gathering spaces of our two church sites. Don't miss out on getting your copies because once they are gone, they're gone.

Wishing all in our parish a blessed conclusion of the Advent Season and the week ahead.

Fr. Rich Yanos

FR. GREG'S "STROKE OF BLESSINGS"



What happened to me, starting about ten minutes after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 22, was a "stroke of blessings" – not a "stroke of luck". God super-abundantly blessed me. This is what I remember about my stroke.

Because of the parishioners in the gathering space [some who were nurses] and Fr. Rich and Fr. Jack, I received immediate help; and "9-1-1" was called. The EMT's, paramedics, and other first responders quickly arrived and speedily took me to Resurrection Hospital.

Then, I do remember more blessings from the caring Resurrection medical staff in the E.R. I also remember not being able to talk or to move my right arm or leg.

My next memory was waking up (sometime in the middle of that night) in the I.C.U. I remember the not-comfortable experience of the breathing-tube in my throat and also the comforting-awareness that I could move my right arm and leg. After what seemed like MANY hours, a super-wonderful nurse removed the breathing-tube. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I was in the I.C.U. for a day and half and, then, in a "monitored-room" for another day and a half. Everyone at "RES" treated me and cared for me with excellence. I enjoyed my meals too. That's the truth.

All of the doctors took good care of me. I am especially grateful to the specialist – the neurointerventional surgeon – who removed the blood clot in my brain.

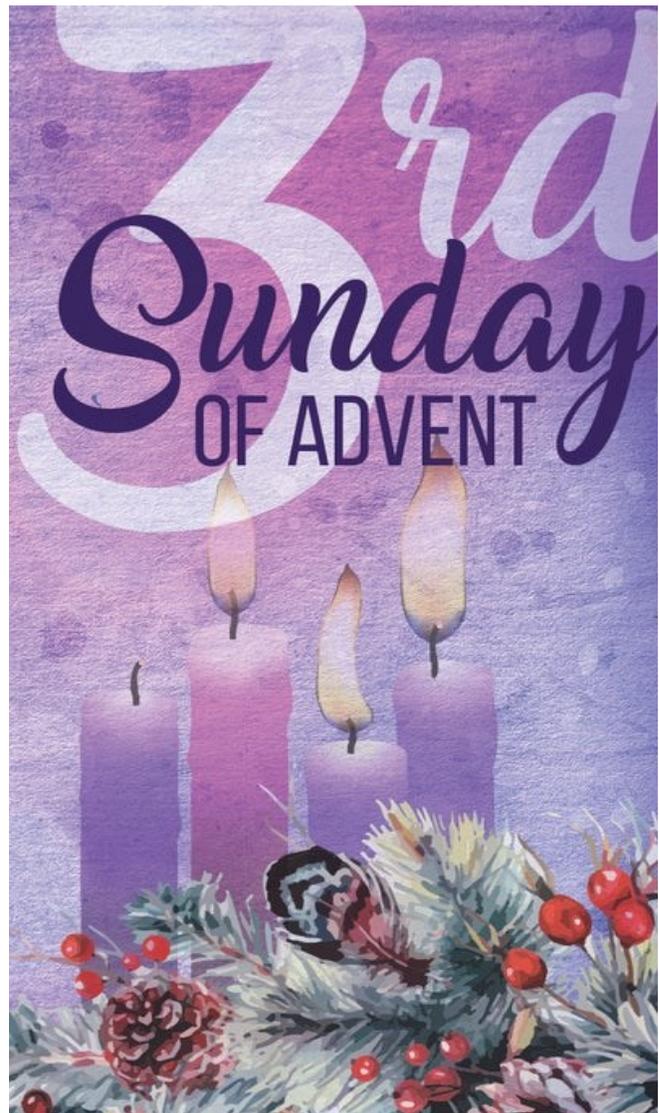
Above all, the nurses so patiently, kindly and lovingly cared for me. May God abundantly bless all of the amazing nursing staff at Resurrection and at all hospitals and medical facilities.

The "timing" of this stroke was truly a blessing. I was not alone in the church. That could have happened about 15 minutes later. The "timing" of everyone who had helped me here in the gathering space. The

"timing" of being close to Resurrection Hospital and all of the amazing medical staff there.

I am so thankful that God worked a "stroke of blessings" for me. As I continue getting back to a "new normal", I pray that my gratitude to God will be present in my good works for others. **Last but not least, thank you very, very much for all of your prayers. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!**

Fr. Greg Rom



Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 13, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Pepple & Zlotorzycski Families

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

Anders & Regan Families

Susan Brown

Helena & Charles Cielak

Wayne J. Greco & Bernice Hujar

Theresa Millonzi

Mary Lou Oberheim

Jarek Szczepaniak

Rev. Fred Tomzik

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Stanislawa & Jan Bazula

S.I. For Carl & Donna Crimmins

Antonia & Guiseppe Daniello

Maria & Giacomo Daniello

LaPietra & Sylvester Families

Vito & Giovanna Lieggi

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

People of the Parish

Dec'd Members of the Betz Family

Maria Carrozza

Jozefa Drwal

Vincent J. Evola

Marcia Juszynski

Mary Lou Oberheim

Jozef & Stefania Rebacz

Joseph Subsits

Marian & Elizabeth Wiktor - Death Remembrance

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Concetta Caranfa

Gina & Concetta Castellese

Giorgio & Maria Castellese

Gloria Frett

Rosetta Geraci

Carol L. Glash

Pearl & George Giovannoni

Mary Lou Oberheim

Sophie Tomzik

Monday, December 15, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Patricia Conlon

Pablo E. Gomes - 41st Death Anniversary

Patricia Terlizzi

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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

Ron Haftl

Zofia Zwijacz

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church

Jean Fornek

Jude & Minn Families

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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

Souls in Purgatory

Maria DeSantis

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz

Alfred Kaminski

Mark Alfred Kaminski

Rodion K. 'Chris' Kaminski

Janina & Wladyslaw Szymanek

Saturday, December 20, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Mr. La Pietra's Students & The Dying

S.I. For Konrad Sniezek

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

People of the Parish

Nicolo Bartollo

Nicolo Bartolotta - Father & Uncle

Wayne J. Greco

Jimmy McGuire

Frances Purchla & Stanley Purchla

Eugene Slomski

Yolanda Slomski

Jeffrey Wrobel

Mary Wrobel

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Black & Killmer Families

Mary Kate & John Brennan

Mirno Della Santina

Living Members of the Frackiel Family

Giacomo Giovannielli

Gus Magnelli

Mary Lou Oberheim

Julius & Minnie Silva

Maria Rempala - 5th Anniversary of Death

Mary Varga

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

Carlos Adriano

Lydia Adriano

Dec'd Members of the Bialek & Glogowski Families

Maria Carrozza

Ralph & Virginia Conenna

James & Matilda Halas

John Orsi

Jerry Stephen

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Domenico & Anna Battista

Katarzyna & Teofil Cabaj

Aleksander Hyrc

Jan Hyrc

Hillard Mike Michalek

Michael Michalek

Michael V. Parente

Mike, Sr. & Anna Parente

Eduardo & Yolanda Pescatore

Attilio & Giosina & Remo Turano & Wesley Cwik

5:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

DATE	CELEBRANT	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS
SATURDAY, 12/20 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	R. Sparacino - WB R. Cantal - B Celebrant / S. Sparacino - C M. Meo - O J. Noronha - WO D. Sulomowski - Cup O M. Pollowy - Cup O	E. Switalla M. Wallace C. Wallace	C. Smits
SUNDAY, 12/21 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	P. Draniczarek - WB B. Czubek - B Celebrant / M. Cozzo - C G. Fornek - O D. Duszynski - WO J. Cardella - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	A. Czubek B. Villena A. Acierno	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY, 12/21 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	D. Flynn - T G. Henderson - T Celebrant / P. Peterson - C Catalano - Cup T M. Walsh - Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	N. Mosk - 1 st L. Muehlfelder - 2 nd
SUNDAY, 12/21 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	T. Moore - WB C. Lim - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C F. Pacia - O M. Zurek - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez B. Rodriguez	J. Sclafani
SUNDAY, 12/21 5:00 PM OLMC SIMBANG GABI MASS	Rev. Richard Yanos	G. Bermas - T J. Nardi - T Celebrant / R. Molas - C J. Villanueva - Cup T E. Aspi - Cup A	P. Vega	P. Vega - 1 st J. Molas - 2 nd

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



Rosaries for Retired Religious

Over 20,500 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests count on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help defray expenses. This weekend is the annual collection for our retired religious. Please also pray at least one Rosary for them. The Rosary Guild members include 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., Shirley S.



Living Rosary

Say a decade or more 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.



Oplatki - Christmas Wafers
are available for a donation of \$3
at both churches and at the rectory
office during regular office hours.



LECTOR TRAINING

Training for Lectors will be held at St. Eugene Church Worship Site on following dates:

January 17th at 10 am - 12pm - Practices for Sunday Readings (second group)

The training for the Lectors will be conducted by Charlene A. Soby from Holy Name Cathedral.

*All lectors are **REQUIRED** to attend. This training is **MANDATORY**.*

Please call Fr. Jacek Dada for more information.



"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ"



ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

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 the Church
11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

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

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at both churches and at the rectory office during regular office hours.



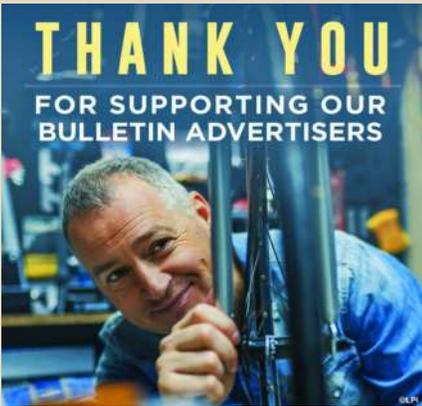


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SECOND COLLECTIONS

- December 14**
Retirement Fund-Religious
- December 21**
School Support Fund
- December 25**
Christmas
- December 28**
Repair & Maintenance
- January 1**
Solemnity of Mary

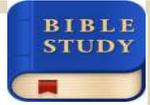
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.



Benediction at 5:45 pm.

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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	
BULLETIN DATE	DEADLINE DATE
December 28	Wednesday, 12/17/25
January 4	Monday, 12/22/25

Prayer Shawl Ministry

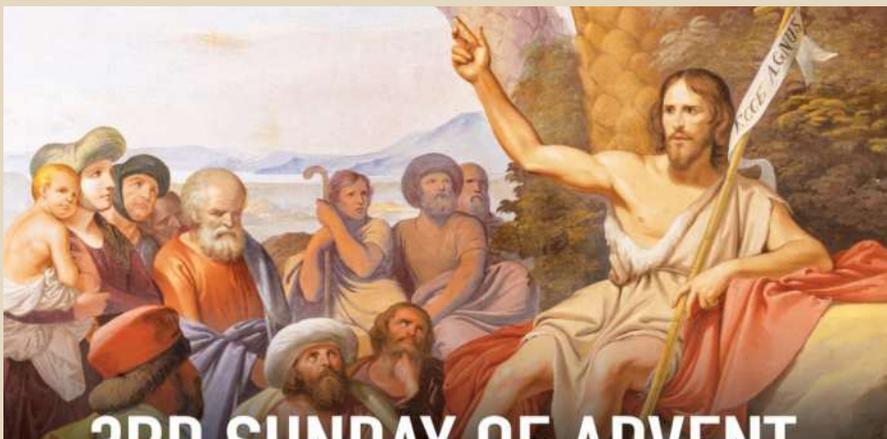
Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives. We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need. If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month.

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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." - Mt 11:11

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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 Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Victoria Chrabasz
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Kurt Feiereisel
Scott Feiereisel
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Rich Garcia
Bob Gasiorek

Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Bonnie Herden
Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abigail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara

Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kevin Pemberton
Jackie Pomis
Maria Pulice
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Dolores Scorza
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Maria Slomski
Anita Sison
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Jack Wagner
Nancy Wesclitz
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 Je-
sus our Lord and Savior. Amen**

Major Adamczyk
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 McLenighan
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Vincent Page

Jasmine Poffenbarger
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

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)
- If you are Interested in joining the 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



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.



Simbang Gabi

Queen of Peace Parish welcomes all to experience the beautiful liturgy of **Simbang Gabi** on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Our Lady, Mother of the Church (OLMC).

Celebrant: Fr. Noel Reyes
Concelebrant: Fr. Rich Yanos

Maligayang Pasko! = Merry Christmas!
Fellowship and dinner will follow at OLMC, Hayes Center, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60656

Simbang Gabi Raffle: \$20.00

- Win a 4-day, 3-night stay in a 1-Bedroom Suite
- 1st Prize: Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek, FL*
- 2nd Prize: Club Wyndham Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells*
- 3rd Prize: \$100.00

Plus, many more prizes!
Don't miss your chance to win - get your tickets today!

*Accommodation is subject to availability.

For any questions or to volunteer for the Simbang Gabi, please contact Rose Molas (773.680.0712/Rhdmolas@gmail.com).



Simbang Gabi Raffle

Raffle Ticket: \$20
The drawing will be held on December 21st.

- Win a 4-day, 3-night stay in a 1-Bedroom Suite
- 1st Prize: Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek, FL*
- 2nd Prize: Club Wyndham Glacier Canyon, Wisconsin Dells*
- 3rd Prize: \$100.00

Plus, many more prizes!
Don't miss your chance to win - get your tickets today!

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Christmas

FOOD DRIVE

DEC | 20TH | 2025

THE QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
WILL BE HAVING A 2025 CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
ON DEC. 20 & 21, BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES
AT BOTH ST. EUGENE CHURCH
AND OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WITH INCREASED PRICES AND SOME
FAMILIES/SENIORS LOSING BENEFITS, FOOD PANTRIES ARE
STILL VERY MUCH IN NEED OF FOOD STUFFS.

FOR THIS DRIVE WE ARE SPECIFICALLY LOOKING FOR:

- CEREAL(S) - BOTH HOT AND COLD
- CANNED MEATS - TUNA/CHICKEN/SALMON
- HEARTY SOUPS - SOUPS WITH NOODLES AND SOME MEAT.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONCERN AND YOUR
PARTICIPATION. AS ALWAYS, OUR FOOD COLLECTION GOES TO
THE NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY, WHICH SERVES OUR 5 ZIP CODES
AND THE SMALL EMERGENCY PANTRY AT PRIME HEALTH CARE.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR
Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
(Mt 11:4-5)

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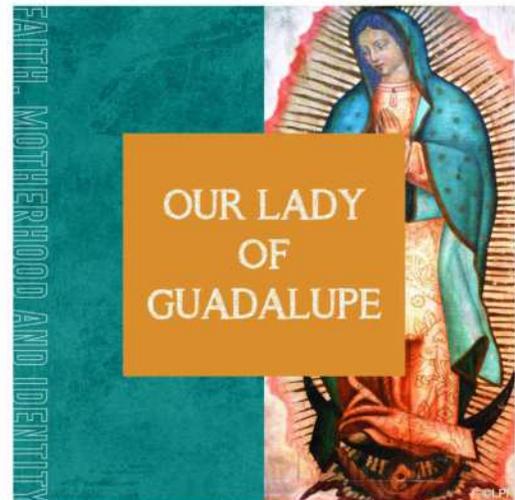
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard,"
Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he
is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We
have heard. We have seen. We must go and
tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who
do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates
and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I
think of as "deserts"
and your grace to the prayers I
fear may be "deserted."
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

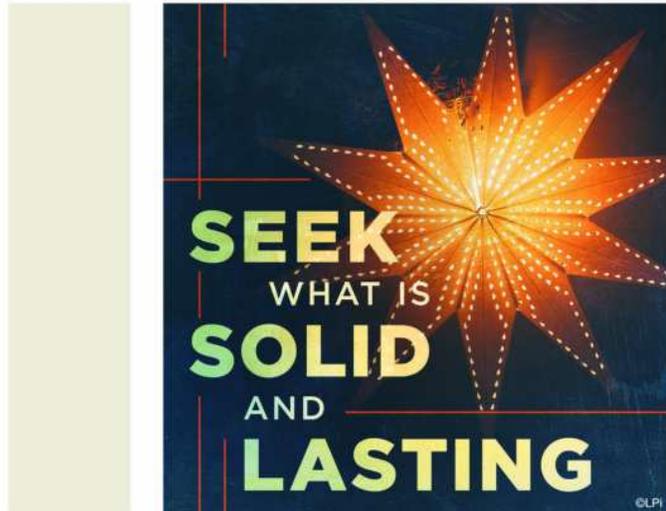
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7)**. He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— *Father John Muir*

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