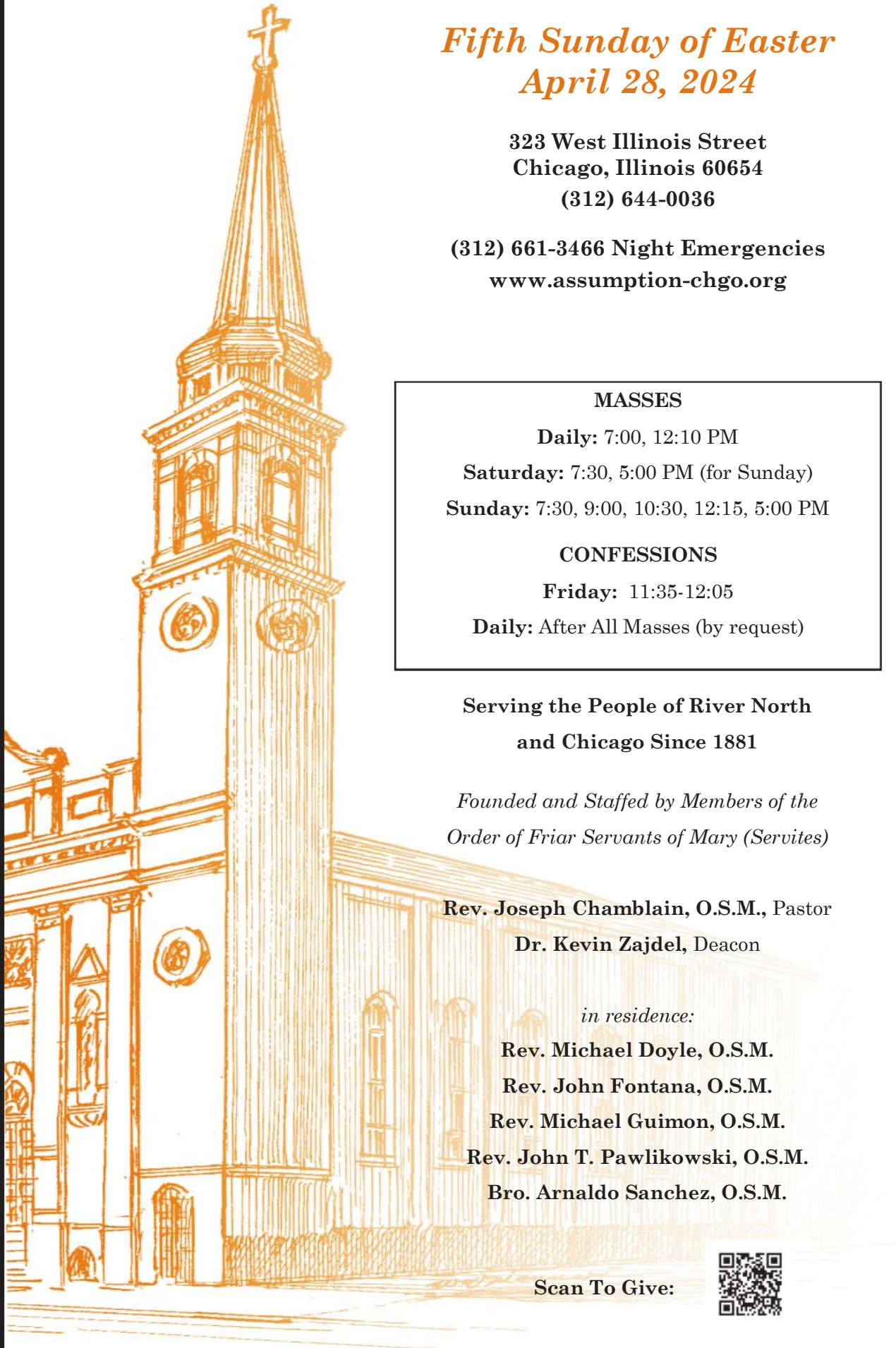


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Daily: 7:00, 12:10 PM

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OUR COMMON VOCATION

About a month ago, Pope Francis released a special letter for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which was observed last Sunday. The Pope devoted several paragraphs to the dignity of a vocation to priesthood and religious life, but noted that this calling must be understood within the context of the multitude of gifts and charisms given to the Christian community. He then identified what he believes to be a common vocation or calling from God that all of us share at this point in history: to be “pilgrims of hope.” The words “pilgrim” and “hope” are both significant.

Pilgrims are people on a journey. We have a goal or destination in mind, but we are also forced to pay attention to how we are travelling. If we are too weighed down by our possessions or our sins or our resentments, we will fail to make much progress. The other aspect of a pilgrimage is that wherever we stop for the night, that is where we start the next day. We have to renew our purpose and determination each morning or else our pilgrimage will come to a halt. Maybe we did not make much progress one day, but we can make a fresh start the next day. Every day that we move forward, we encounter someone or something new. Our lives are enriched and we have the opportunity to enrich the lives of others.

Hope is often confused with being optimistic, looking on the bright side of things, counting our blessings, having a positive attitude, or keeping up our spirits. But this is not hope. People of hope are just as willing to acknowledge that the cup is half empty as it is half full. People of hope do not mind taking a hard look at reality. The key to hope is believing that “with God all things are possible.” So, the only essential ingredient to hope is the presence of God. In the letter, Pope Francis explains why he believes that to be a “pilgrim of hope” is the vocation to which the Spirit is calling all Catholics today.

“As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charism and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful specter of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism

“This hope finds its propulsive force in Christ’s resurrection, which contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist; all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. . . . The redemption accomplished in the paschal mystery is a source of hope, a sure and trustworthy hope, thanks to which we can face the challenges of the present. To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ’s resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily; even now our loving relationship with God and brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God’s dream of unity, peace, and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from the calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace. . . . Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.”

The Easter season lasts a full fifty days, ten days longer than Lent. This is because we need time to recalibrate our life in light of the Resurrection, in light of the fact that God can bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and a glorified life out of death. Our priorities, our fears, our anxieties are transformed when we take Resurrection seriously. This message of Pope Francis can help us keep Easter going, even after the season ends and we sink back into what is unfortunately called “Ordinary Time.”

Fr. Joe

MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS

Misericordia provides a community of care for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities, many of whom are also physically challenged. Over 600 children and adults call Misericordia “home”. Misericordia depends on private donations to maintain quality care. Please be generous to the volunteers who will be outside church April 27-28 for Misericordia Candy Days.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our Pastoral Council consists of nine members, who serve three-year terms. Since members cannot succeed themselves, each year we add at least three new members. This year we will be looking for four, three for a three-year term and one to complete the term of one member who resigned after one year. We will be taking nominations in church beginning this weekend April 20-21. The deadline for nominations is Monday, May 6. You may nominate yourself or another parishioner. Nomination cards are in the back of church. You may also nominate someone on line, by emailing parishcouncil@assumption-chgo.org. Those who are nominated will be asked to attend an information session on Zoom on either Wednesday, May 8 or Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm. Those who choose to continue with the process must attend the Evening of Discernment at the Rectory on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm.



ROSARY GROUP STARTING

The Servite Secular Order and the Knights of Columbus are uniting forces to pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows for the intentions of the parish and for world peace. Join them on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:40am beginning Pentecost, May 19. Rosaries will be provided. For more information, contact Mary Ann Andersen at maandersen.ossm@gmail.com.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

A special thank you to those who made our Lasagna Dinner possible: Stefani’s Inspired Catering, Gene & Georgetti’s, Anichini Meats, Gonnella Bread, our indefatigable Events Committee, and to those who served and to those who brought a ticket and enjoyed themselves.

BAPTISMS:

**DOMINICK EDWARD CASE
EMILY LYNN CYRULIK
EVE ELIZABETH O’YATES**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, May 4 is the Feast of St. Peregrine, a fourteenth century Servite Friar, who was miraculously healed of cancer, after spending all night before an image of Christ crucified. He is the patron saint of those living with cancer, and devotions in honor of St. Peregrine take place after the 12:10 Mass on Mondays. In honor of St. Peregrine, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick during the 7:30am Mass on May 4. This Sacrament is for those whose lives are at risk because of age or illness.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

The Pastoral Council is hosting Hospitality Sunday on May 5, following the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. Plan on hanging around in the Parish Hall next Sunday, munch on tantalizing treats, and enjoy great conversation with the members of the Pastoral Council and other coffee drinkers.



GARDEN CLUB ALERT

Do you still like to play in the dirt? Do you have a green thumb? Do you find gardening therapeutic? Are you a patriotic Chicagoan who believes our city’s motto, “City in a Garden”? Is God calling you to help others appreciate the beauty of creation? All of these are good reasons for joining the Garden Club. But you do not even need a reason. If you are

interested in being part of this year’s team, contact jeannesowa@comcoast.net.

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Rosemary Reeves, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Wanda Escher, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Julie Villarreal, Carolina Gomez, Jason Blick, John Graff, Frank Ragase, Steve Meyers, Michael Hantsch, Katie Graff, Elizabeth McKiernan, Willie & Mary Priego

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

Sun.	28th	7:30 Dan Garvey (RIP)
		9:00 Henry James Behan (RIP)
		10:30 Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
		12:15 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Mon.	29th	12:10 Dave Van Dyck (RIP)
Tues.	30th	7:00 James Quinn (RIP)
Wed.	1st	12:10 Felicita Torres (RIP) (b’day)
Thurs.	2nd	12:10 Brian Grady (RIP)
Fri.	3rd	7:00 Tommy Williams (RIP)

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday, May 13 from 7:00 to 8:15pm in the Rectory. This session is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. It is not necessary to wait until the baby is born to attend. Call the parish office to register. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and on the first weekend of the month during Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ◆ May 19 - Ice Cream Social
- ◆ August 18 - Assumption Feast Day Event in the Garden
- ◆ November 7 - Italian Dinner

OUR ADOPTED FAMILY: Our Refugee Assistance Group has adopted a family newly arrived from Mexico. It is a single mother with six children. They are here as humanitarian parolees, because one son, who is four, is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Assumption is paying this year's rent for the family. To donate to our Refugee Fund, go to GiveCentral and select Project Refugee or send a clearly marked check to the Parish Office.

USING UP THE PLASTIC: For the sake of the environment, we are trying to phase out the use of plastic goods at our parish events. Please allow the Parish Office to purchase these things (plates, cups, utensils) in the future. We can save money by buying in quantity, and help save the earth at the same time.


HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION
Please see the **Laudato Si'** and **Me** section of Assumption's website (assumption-chgo.org) for practical ideas and helpful links.



Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember **The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province** in your will.



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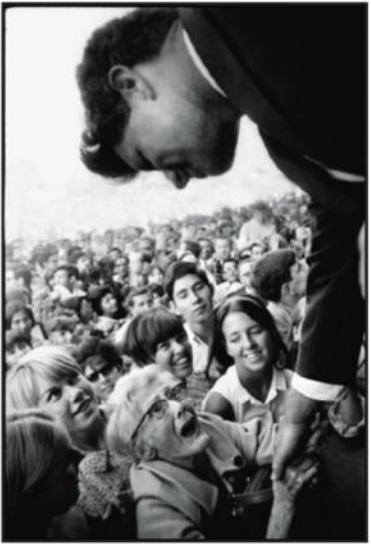


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