

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29, 2025

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MASSES

Daily: 7:00, 12:10 PM

Saturday: 7:30, 5:00 PM (for Sunday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 11:35-12:05

Daily: After All Masses (by request)

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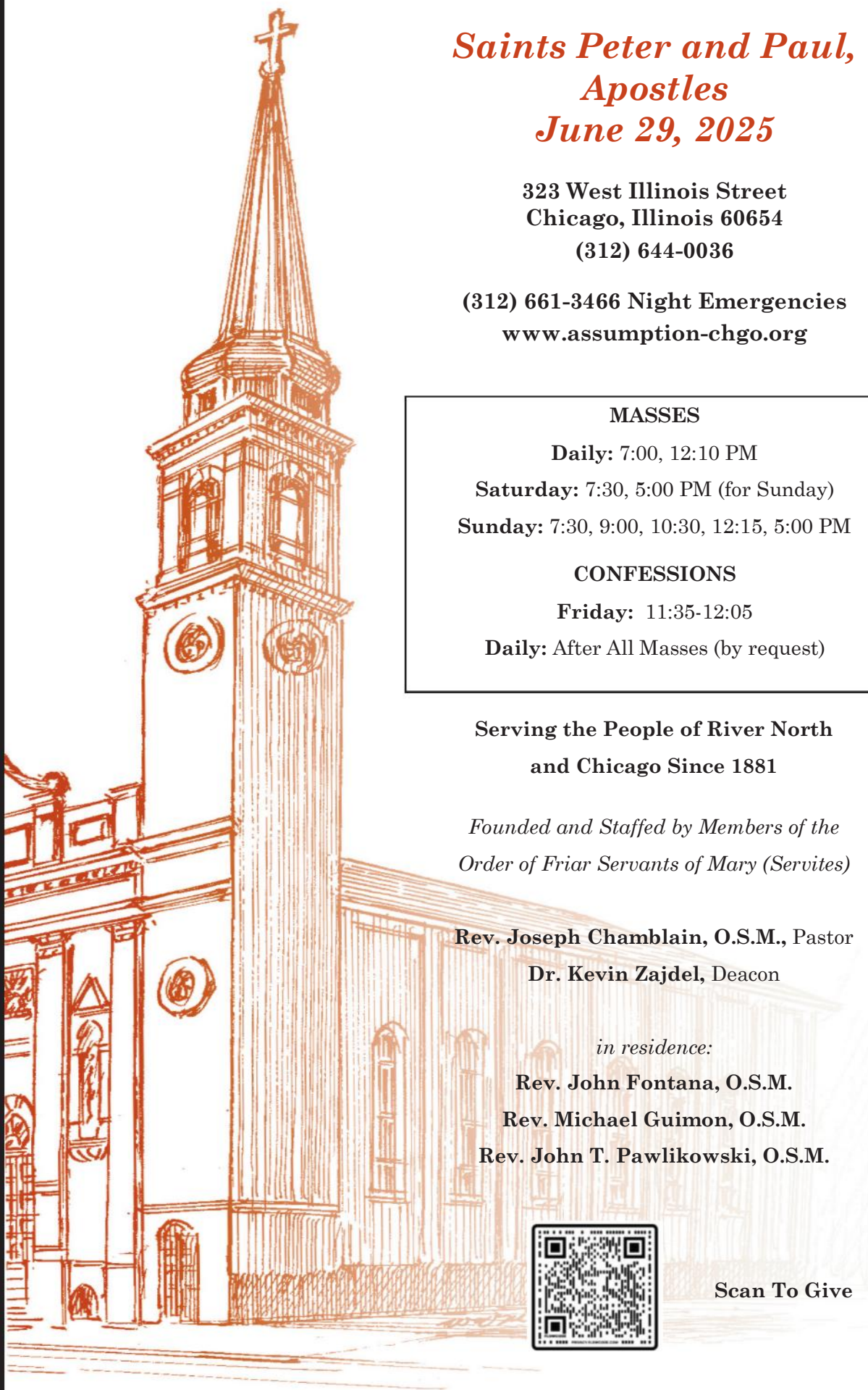
Rev. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M., Pastor
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in residence:

Rev. John Fontana, O.S.M.
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SPEAKING OF MONEY

When it comes to churches and money, we often fall into two opposing camps. On the one hand there are the preachers and evangelists of the Prosperity Gospel. By faith and often by “planting a seed” (by donating a certain amount to the ministry), the donor will be blessed with good health and financial wellbeing. While this school of theology does counteract some of the gloominess of the past, it also feeds into the common perception that churches are always asking for money and that ministers of all denominations are only interested in enriching themselves.

Because asking for money in church has become such a cliché, it has led many of us to treat money as “a necessary evil.” We sometimes have to talk about money for practical reasons, but we treat giving as a sidebar to our real purpose and mission. It is interesting that Jesus had no such scruples. He talked about money a lot. Somebody (not me) took an inventory of Jesus’ messages in the Gospel and discovered that Jesus spoke about money more than he talked about faith and prayer combined. 15% of his preaching was about money and wealth and 11 of his 39 parables involve money. Jesus never asked for money for himself (as far as we know!), but he certainly made the proper use of money a central aspect of discipleship. St. Paul was an active fundraiser. In his Second Letter to the Corinthians, he spends considerable ink challenging the Corinthians to take a greater role in supporting the needier Christian communities. For both Jesus and Paul, our relationship with money was an effective indicator of what our real priorities are and where our true security lies.

All of this is a long preamble to what I really want to say, which is “Thank You” for your wonderful sense of stewardship. Over the last six months you have felt the double whammy of two Archdiocesan campaigns at the same time—the *Annual Catholic Appeal* and the *Generation to Generation* campaign. We have exceeded our parish goal for both campaigns. Your generosity will help the Church of Chicago not only sustain ministries that cannot support themselves but also put the Archdiocese on firmer footing for the future. For over fifty years Assumption has shared our revenue with Our Lady of Sorrows parish. This is very much in line with what St. Paul challenged the Corinthians to do. One of the ministries at Our Lady of Sorrows is to provide a hot breakfast to the needy on two Saturdays a month. Fr Don Siple, the pastor, noted that one of the breakfast guests asked if the Church would continue the program over the summer. Not everyone does, but Our Lady of Sorrows does; and you help make that possible.

I also appreciate your generosity more directly toward the poor, with donations to the Sandwich fund (Chicago Help Initiative), the Assumption Shares food coupons and the Refugee Assistance Fund. While the number of regular donors has not grown significantly, all of these programs continue to function—thanks not only to the donors but to those who are dedicated to those ministries. And, of course, I cannot forget to thank those who give faithfully to the collection. Raffles, auctions, and games of chance can be a fun way to raise money, but in most cases, we should not have to depend upon them for survival.

Fr James Mallon, the great guru of parish renewal, whose presentations to parish leaders in 2018 launched *Renew My Church* in Chicago, made “giving” a regular part of his preaching and an explicit part of his “welcome letter” to new parishioners when he was himself a pastor: “We expect all parishioners to give generously of their financial resources in proportion to what they have received. We give not just to meet a few basic needs, or to pay the costs of maintaining the church building and a few staff. We give out of gratitude to God, and the more the parish receives, the more we can do for the building up of God’s Kingdom, the more we can help the poor, the more programs we can run to help others grow. No one is excluded from this. If someone has less, they give less. If someone has more, they give more. This offering, which we make at Sunday Eucharist, is a key part of our worship.”

Fr. Joe

ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES

We are planning a new Young Family Group at Assumption. If you are a family with children under the age of 10 and are interested in joining, we'd love to hear from you. Please email ayf@assumption-chgo.org to express interest. We'll follow up to learn more of what you would like to see within this group. For our debut event, we will meet in the Garden after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, June 29, and walk over to Ward Park (a ten minute walk) for playtime and conversation at the playground. We will plan events after other Masses to accommodate all families. We look forward to hearing from you!



PRAYER WALK JUNE 29

The Evangelization Team invites you to a Parish Prayer Walk this Sunday, June 29

after the 10:30 Mass. Prayer Walks are a centuries-old tradition that merge walking with prayer and contemplation of God's presence in the world. The walk will take approximately 45 minutes, traveling 1.3 miles or 3000 steps and involves crossing streets and walking up and down stairs. We will begin in the Garden after Mass and walk to three different locations nearby to pray and reflect on various intentions. Join the group for some fun, spiritual exercise!

NOW STREAMING—RECENT HOMILIES

You can now listen to podcasts of homilies from the 9:00am Mass. Visit our website and click on the title that inspires you.



SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence, which helps support the charitable work of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

COMING THIS FALL—ALPHA

Assumption will begin our next Alpha series this September. Alpha is a weekly gathering on Thursday nights, during which we watch a film about faith and life and then share food and conversation. Alpha is a place where people can safely explore the big questions of life. Alpha is for those who are curious about faith, those who want to grow deeper in their faith, and for those who are interested in discovering or rediscovering the basics of Christianity. All are welcome. Watch for more details.



BLESSING OF THE GARDEN

The annual Blessing of the parish garden on the west side of church will take place following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday July 6. Our garden is dedicated to the memory of Bridget Kennicott and also Katie Kennicott, the Garden Club's founder and long-time leader. There will be hospitality after the 9:00 and the 10:30 Mass next Sunday.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Friday, July 4, we celebrate Independence Day, a good time to reflect on our country's blessings and the challenges we face today. Mass will be offered at 7:30 and 10:30 on July 4. Come and pray for our nation.



MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, Fr. Michael Ogwenyo Yogo, C.P., will deliver the annual Mission Appeal. This is a program sponsored by the various dioceses in the United States to provide funds for religious congregations and dioceses in economically challenged parts of the world. The Passionist priests and brothers have been in Botswana, a landlocked country in Southern Africa, since 1962. About 7% of the people of Botswana are Catholic.

WEDDINGS:

TYLER WASHINGTON & FRANCES HARTNETT
PATRICK MARSHALL & MARISA PICKARD
BRIAN MATTESON & GINA RANDO
ANTHONY BIANCALANA & KAYLA MINNE

HYMNS: #219, #393, #709 (*except 5pm Sunday*)

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Carolina Gomez, Willie & Mary Priego, Mike Foster, and Mary Ann Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2025

Sun	29th	9:00 † Margaret Munster
		10:30 Joshua Romaniuk
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Mon	30th	7:00 Ron & Dee Tevonian (Anniversary)
		12:10 † Pope Francis
Tues	1st	12:10 Special Intention
Wed	2nd	7:00 The Dubuque Family
Thurs	3rd	7:00 † Fr. Brian Mullady

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ♦ July 6 - Garden Blessing, after the 9:00am Mass
- ♦ August 10 - Anniversary Picnic (dogs, brats, and beer) *(following the 12:15 Mass)*
- ♦ October 30 - Italian Dinner at Coco Pazzo

GENERATION TO GENERATION

If you have not yet returned your pledge form for *Generation to Generation*, please deposit it in the blue box in the back of church this weekend. *Generation to Generation*, distinct from the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, seeks to address long-term needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Just as we have been blessed by the generosity of past generations, so we can be a blessing to generations to come. 50% of pledged money received is returned to us at Assumption.

WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the official name for the process of becoming Catholic for those who were baptized in another Christian faith and want to explore becoming Catholic and for adults who were never baptized. It is also for baptized Catholics who never made their first communion and confirmation. It is a group experience that runs from September to May. This year we will also run a special OCIA group for those 8 to 18. Contact Fr. Joe for more information.

<p>HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION We can make a difference if we each take one small step every day to help save God's gift of creation. Let's embrace Laudato Si.</p> 	<p>Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province in your will.</p>	<p> Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES</p> <p>We Take Service Personally Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote. 630-261-0400</p>
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