

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time October 5, 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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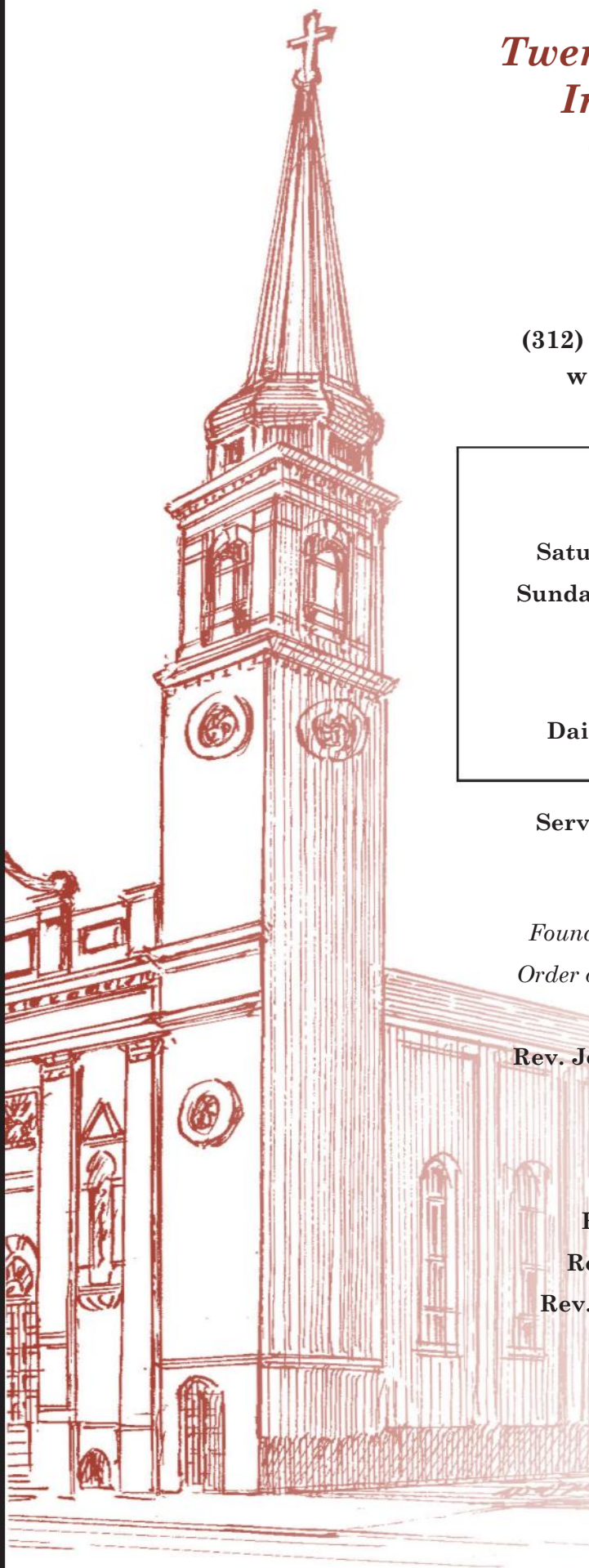
Rev. Joseph Chamblain, O.S.M., Pastor
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Rev. John Fontana, O.S.M.
Rev. Michael Guimon, O.S.M.
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THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE OF GRIEF

This past week I noticed that the tops of our trees in the garden have begun to turn golden—a sign that fall is indeed on the way, even if the weather in Chicago still shouts “summer”. For many people autumn is a time of looking back and letting go and remembering things lost. The change of seasons this year coincides with several incidents of violence that led to very public expressions of grief—the shooting of the two children at Mass in Minneapolis and the assassination of Charlie Kirk in Utah. The shooting in Minneapolis is one of many mass shootings lately (and not the only church shooting), but it touched us as Catholics more directly. Tens of thousands of people attended the public memorial service for the conservative commentator Charlie Kirk. Amidst the many political speeches that afternoon, Charlie Kirk’s widow stood up and said that she forgave Charlie’s killer because that was what Charlie would want her to do and something that Jesus told us to do. At that moment we were seeing something important and personal. We were seeing a woman of faith coming to terms with her grief and being vulnerable before God.

One of the unfortunate things about modern life is that there is little space for public or private grief. In the past, many cultures allowed us a period of mourning. We wore black garments as a way of letting others know that we were probably not ourselves right now and not to take our snappiness or our reticence to engage too seriously. The fact is that we need rituals in order to help us process the loss of a loved one. When I was in another city, I remember meeting with an engaged couple one evening, who had very clearly been having an argument on the way to church. What was the problem? The bride’s aunt was being waked at a nearby funeral home and her fiancé (a very logical person) did not want to go because “It’s stupid to go into a room and look at a dead body.” But going into a room and looking at a body in a coffin helps us come to terms with the reality that our loved one has passed into another dimension. During the darkest day of COVID, when we were only able to have cemetery services attended by only ten people, most families said they wanted a full Funeral Mass when that was permitted. Yet that almost never happened. When it did happen, it usually took a different form and served a different purpose than the traditional funeral. We need to have a funeral when our loved one has died—not nine months later. The spontaneous appearance of makeshift memorials (the flowers and candles by the side of the road where someone has died in a traffic accident or been shot) is a way of affirming the life of the person who had died, while also recognizing that we will not be able to experience their presence in the same way ever again. Such displays enable us to get what we are feeling on the inside to the outside and to find community with others who are grieving.

Catholic writer Jeannie Ewing has defined grief as “the comprehensive psychological, spiritual, and emotional response that we have to any devastating loss in our lives.” I like that definition for two reasons. First it recognizes that grief is a complicated process that we cannot rush, and because it recognizes that we can experience grief for reasons other than death. Jamie herself was finally able to recognize grief as the cause of her listlessness when her baby was born with significant physical challenges. She had to grieve the loss of the little girl that she had pictured in her mind.

In my first assignment in a small city in New Jersey, the town’s rabbi died suddenly, and because we had a very active interfaith group, many of the priests and ministers attended the funeral. I remember the rabbi’s brother standing up and pounding on the lectern and shouting, “I want everyone to know that I do not yet accept this death!” This is not something one would expect to hear at a Christian funeral; but it is very much in keeping with the Biblical tradition. When we read the psalms, we find all kinds of emotions being expressed, from joy and delight to regret, confusion, and even anger at God. I have noticed over the years that the illness or death of a loved one drives some people closer to God and drives other people away from God. I like to see both of those responses as one stage in a long process that leads us to a more complicated but more real relationship with God. In the meantime, we can support people in their journey but we have to allow them to move at their own pace. For this reason, repeating clichés like “Everything happens for a reason” is usually not helpful. Each of us must come to light and hope in our way.

Fr Joe

BLESSING OF RUNNERS



It's an Assumption tradition! During the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday October 11, the evening before the Bank of America

Chicago Marathon, we will offer a special blessing to all who will be participating. In the past, we have welcomed runners from all over the world. Runners, their families, friends, and fan club are cordially invited.

WELCOMING THE MARGINALIZED

On Thursday, October 9 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, Assumption is hosting the third in a series of presentations sponsored by the Archdiocesan Immigration Ministry on the spirituality of welcoming marginalized persons in our midst. The speaker will be Steven Millies, Professor of Public Theology at Catholic Theological Union and Director of the Bernardin Center, which is dedicated to finding and fostering common ground. The title of Dr. Millies' presentation is "Being Bridges: Friendship Amid Grief and Anguish, Joy and Hope." Free validated parking will be offered at MartParc, Orleans and Hubbard.

ONE OF THREE HUNDRED

This past January we initiated an appeal to find 300 people willing to donate \$10 a month to Assumption's charities. We have not yet met our goal. Three hundred such donors would fund our Saturday morning sandwich group, our refugee assistance ministry, and enable us to increase the value of the food coupons we offer the poor and homeless on the first Wednesday. To help us reach our goal, use the marked envelopes in the back of church or donate online to "Assumption Shares."



CATECHISM 101

Is your knowledge of the Catholic faith a little fuzzy? Are you an OCIA graduate who would like to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the religion you have joined? Has your own spiritual journey led you to a deeper hunger for knowledge and understanding of our Catholic heritage? For these and many other reasons you may want to join Deacon Kevin and the group making its way through *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. New members are welcome any time. Contact AssumptionDeacon@gmail.com

ASSUMPTION ITALIAN DINNER

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 6:00pm—9:00pm
Coco Pazzo, 300 W. Hubbard

Back by popular demand!

We are returning to Coco Pazzo for our annual event. Those on our email list received an invitation. Details and a link to buy tickets (\$125 each) are posted on our website. With limited space, this event will sell out. Tickets are going fast and must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 6, dinner at 6:45. Don't miss out on great food, fine wine, fabulous company and exciting auction items, including a Nashville stay!

THANK YOU, FR. MICHAEL

Fr. Michael Guimon, who has been splitting time this past year between Assumption and the Grotto (The National Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother), an outdoor shrine in Portland, Oregon, will officially take up full-time residence at the Servite Community in Portland this week. We thank him for his ministry to the people of Assumption and to travelers, as he has offered Mass on a rotating basis at Midway and O'Hare airports.

HYMNS: #386, #510, #331, #526 (except 5pm Sunday)

WEDDINGS:

CONOR MOONEY & ISABEL RAMOS
JOBIN NADAYIL & PATRICIA SOO
AUSTIN GUIDO & CHRISTINA GARGANO

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2025

Sat	4th	5:00 † William Carlson
Sun	5th	7:30 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		9:00 † John Chaffin
		10:30 † Fr. Michael Doyle, O.S.M.
		12:15 † Walter "Butch" Hufnagel
		5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Mon	6th	7:00 † Coley O'Brien
		12:10 † Kevin Hayes
Tues	7th	7:00 Rudy Giuliani (for healing)
		12:10 † Francisco & Cornelia Pestanas
Wed	8th	7:00 † Doug Jennings
		12:10 Beth Campbell
Thurs	9th	12:10 Hayes Family
Fri	10th	7:00 † Charles Kirk
Sat	11th	7:30 Katie Masterson (b'day)

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend's second collection is for our sharing parish, Our Lady of Sorrows.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: In light of expanded Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations in Chicago, it is important to know that, regardless of one's immigration status, all people are entitled to certain rights by the Constitution. If approached by an ICE agent, you have the right to remain silent and you do not have to sign any papers. If you are not being arrested or detained, you may walk away. ICE agents cannot search you or your home without your consent or a search warrant signed by a judge. You have the right to speak to an attorney and to have your lawyer with you at any hearing before an immigration judge.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday November 10 from 7:00 to 8:15pm at the Rectory. This program is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. It is not necessary to wait for the baby to be 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 during Mass.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: We pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided



<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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