

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024

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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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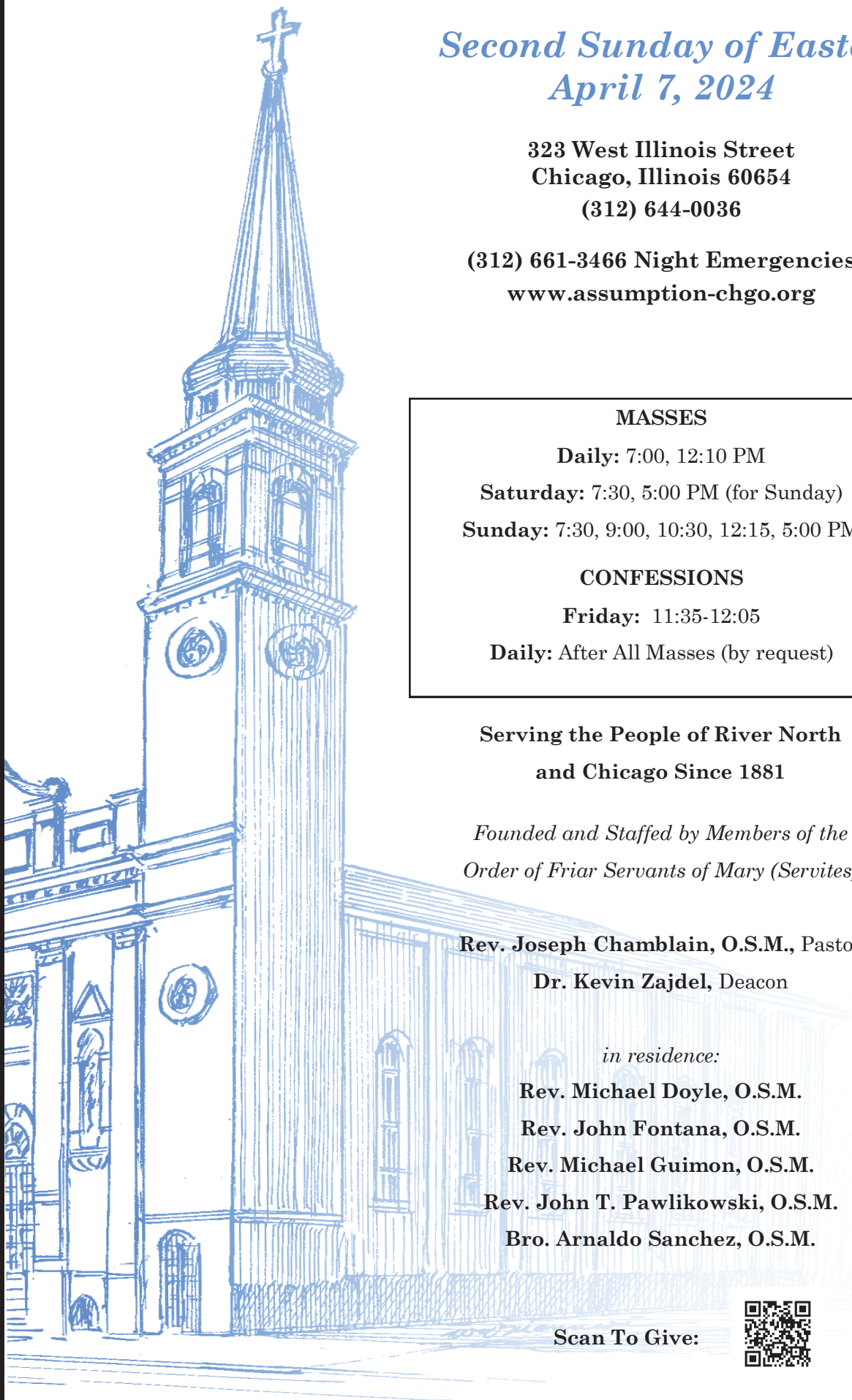
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A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

Anyone reading this has survived Lent. Congratulations! Hopefully we have done more than survive. Hopefully we have done more than prove that we could do without something or stick to some prayer ritual or some charitable work for forty days (with Sundays excluded). Hopefully we have grown into a better person, less attached to comforts and conveniences and more attached to God's reign. Attendance at our Lenten Bible Study and Evenings of Faith held steady, and clearly more people were attending Sunday Mass and daily Mass too. Now we are in the Easter Season. Just as we are called to do penance for the forty days of Lent; so we are now called to celebrate the fifty days of Easter.

There are a number of parish events coming up during the next couple of months—some of them just round the corner. This weekend the Lectors are hosting Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 and 10:30 Mass. It is nice to see this first Sunday of the month tradition get new life. Hang around and meet somebody new!

The following Saturday, April 13, we have an event planned for couples married at Assumption or who completed their marriage preparation at Assumption. The morning's gathering is focused on couples who were married during the past five years; but we are inviting all couples who were married at Assumption to a noon Mass and brunch. Our *Renew My Church* theme is "Welcoming, Accompanying, Sending." This is an attempt at "accompanying." All of the couples who marry at Assumption participate in a marriage preparation program; but we have no formal outreach to these couples after their wedding. Some express a desire to get back to regular church attendance after their wedding, but never get around to taking the first step. So, this is an effort to invite them back to church, to offer them spiritual support and encouragement, and in some case, to give them a chance to celebrate their wedding, since some of them were married under strict COVID restrictions. We sent out a formal "evite" to the morning session, but for the Mass and brunch, just call the parish office this week and let us know that you are coming. We will invite you to renew your vows at the Mass. Whether it has been ten years, thirty years or fifty years since your wedding, there is a real grace in renewing your marriage covenant.

The following Saturday evening, April 20 from 6:00 to 8:00pm, we are having a Pasta Party in the Parish Hall. Our friends at Stefani Catering (who cooked the Italian Dinner in our kitchen in the days of yore) are providing trays of lasagna, Gene and Georgetti's is providing salad, and Gonella Bread is providing (you guessed it!) bread. Come for the 5:00 Mass and then come for dinner. Buy your tickets on Give Central or by calling the parish office.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, which marks the end of the Easter season, the ice cream social returns in the Garden. Based on the philosophical principle that it is never too early in the day to eat ice cream, we will start serving after the 9:00 Mass and continue after the 10:30 and 12:15 Masses. Since May is traditionally Mary's month, we will also slip in a crowning of the outdoor statue of Mary.

Beyond the Easter season, our Events Committee is planning an indoor/outdoor picnic for the Parish Feast Day on August 18. Hopefully this event will grab the essence of the Homecoming Picnics that we had under the tent on Illinois Street up to 2019. People still ask about this event, but it simply became cost prohibitive and too difficult to obtain permission to close Illinois Street for the afternoon. This event will take place on our own property. And looking further ahead, the Italian Dinner is slated for November 7. It will take place at Coco Pazzo at Hubbard and Franklin this year. The restaurant will close for the evening and the entire 150 seat restaurant will be ours.

Celebrating Easter, of course, is not just about socializing. More important, it is about letting other people see the change in you. Jesus should not be the only one showing signs of new life at Easter. Just as people close to us know our sins and failures, so they ought to see the new life starting to sprout from our Lenten practices. The new life we show and the joy that we exhibit in serving the Lord is the best advertising there is for our faith community.

Fr. Joe

FOUR GREAT DAYS

Thanks to all who ministered, assisted, decorated, offered hospitality or provisions for the Easter Triduum, beginning on Holy Thursday and ending on Easter afternoon. Thanks to all who came to worship, and a special thanks to those who came to our Easter Vigil Mass and welcomed our eight new members.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.” The Feast is primarily about God’s mercy made present in the peace and forgiveness Jesus offered his disciples after rising from the dead, and which is still available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Feast also highlights special prayers and devotions associated with St. Maria Faustina, whose private revelations were a primary inspiration for this Feast. Assumption will have a Holy Hour next Sunday April 7 from 3:00 to 4:00pm with Divine Mercy prayers. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available between 2:45 and 3:15pm.

WERE YOU MARRIED AT ASSUMPTION?

Come for a special Mass, blessing, and renewal of vows at 12:00 Noon Saturday, April 13, followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. Just let us know you are coming by emailing assumptionchurchchi@gmail.com or calling the parish office at 312-644-0036.

OUR NEW ADOPTED FAMILY

Our Refugee Assistance Group is happy to announce that Assumption will be paying the next year’s rent for a family who recently arrived from Mexico as humanitarian parolees. It is a single mother with six children. One son, who is 4, is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. One of his brothers is donating bone marrow. A generous parishioner has offered to pay 50% of the year’s rent, and we welcome additional donations. The family lives near 116th and Ada, but must vacate this home by May 31. They would like to stay in the West Pullman neighborhood, so the children will not have to change schools. Help finding them a new home is also appreciated. To donate go to GiveCentral and select Project Refugee.

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

REST IN PEACE: Anna Januszek, Brian Grady, Brian Masterson, Barbara Jones

PARISH PASTA PARTY

Italian food returns to the Parish Hall! Join us on Saturday, April 20 following the 5:00pm Mass (or from 6:00 to 8:00pm) for a simple meal of lasagna, salad, fresh baked bread, and dessert, wine, beer, or soda. Tickets are \$50 each, \$25 for children under 12. Reservations are required; so, get yours soon. Purchase tickets on GiveCentral or call the Parish Office. If you have a large group, let us know so that we can seat you together. This will sell out!



ELECTRONIC GIVING

It’s the twenty-first century way to support your church. Go to our homepage (assumption-chgo.org) and click on DONATE. That will take you to GiveCentral, where you can set up your giving profile. Then a designated amount will be transferred from your bank account or charged to your credit card each week.

PLAN ON HANGING AROUND

Coffee, juice, pastries, and conversation will be served in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses this Sunday, April 7. The Lectors are sponsoring & hosting this month—be sure to proclaim your thanks to them!



ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

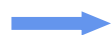
AYA is for those in their twenties or thirties, single, married, or coupled. AYA schedules a number of service, social, and spiritual activities during the year. Join their email list at assumptionaya@gmail.com.

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2024

Sat.	6th	5:00	DeAndrew Tavares Hill (RIP)
Sun.	7th	7:30	Leo & Helen Dillon (RIP)
		9:00	Henry James Behan (RIP)
		10:30	Dan Schuman (RIP) (b'day)
		12:15	Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		5:00	Dorothy Brennan (RIP)
Mon.	8th	12:10	Souls in Purgatory
Tues.	9th	7:00	Special Intention
Thurs.	11th	7:00	Special Intention
		12:10	Patrick & Allison Reisch
Fri.	12th	7:00	Caroline Dubuque Bausinger (b'day)

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GETTING MARRIED AT ASSUMPTION: You do not have to be a registered member of Assumption to have your wedding at Assumption. Find out more by calling our parish office or by exploring the “weddings” tab on our homepage (assumption-chgo.org).

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.

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


Upcoming events at Assumption that you won't want to miss!

- ◆ April 20—Parish Pasta Party
- ◆ May 19—Ice Cream Social
- ◆ August 18—Assumption Feast Day Event in the Garden
- ◆ November 7—Italian Dinner

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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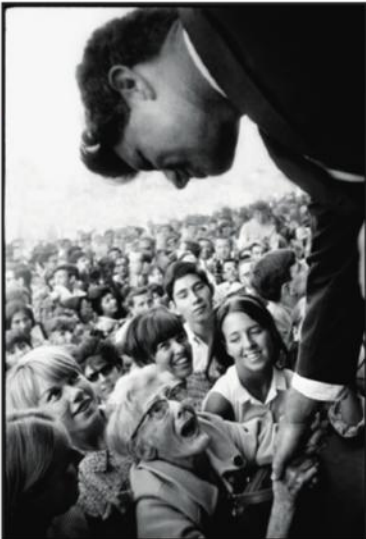
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