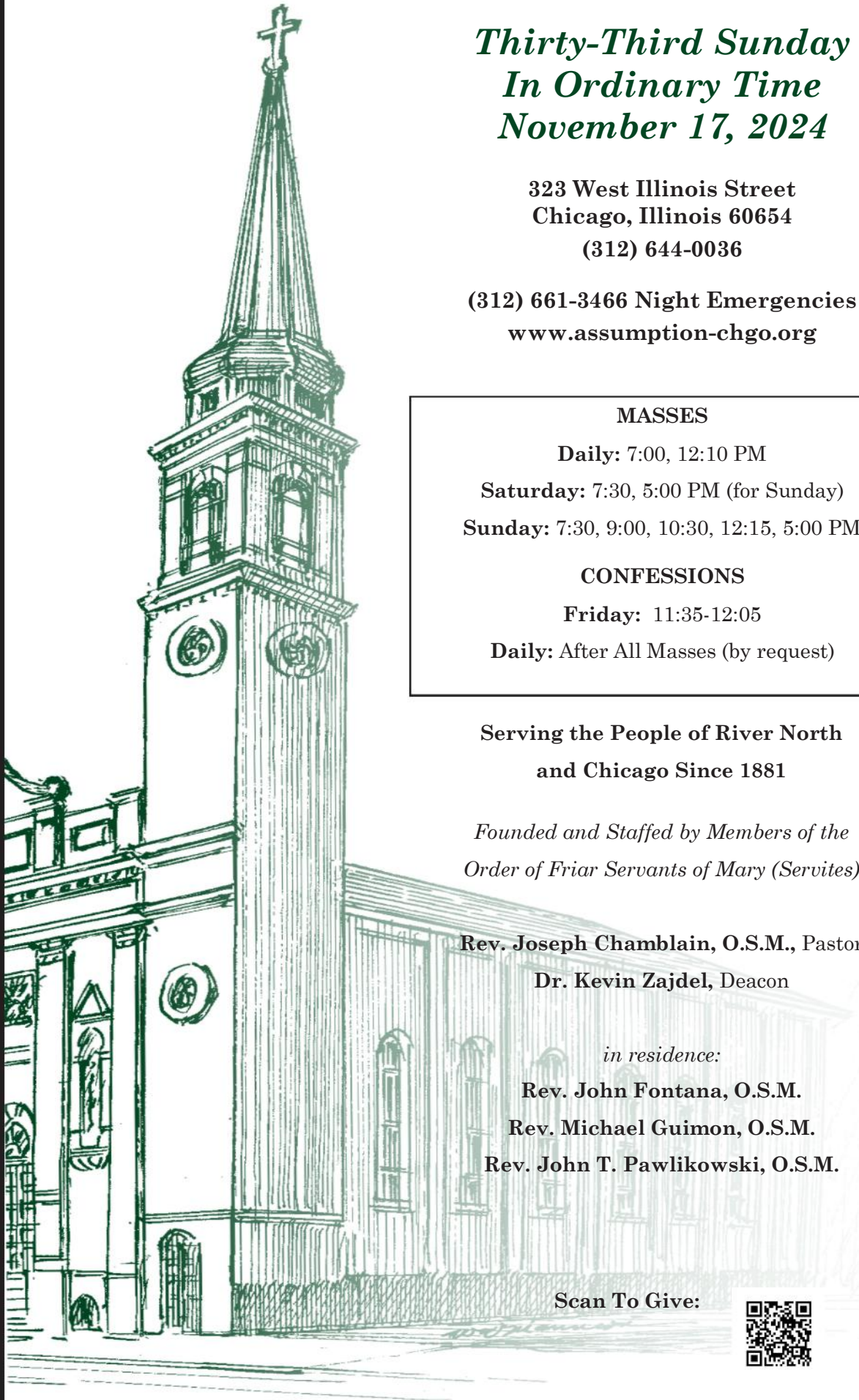


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MASSES

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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TRY TO REMEMBER

In an English class in high school, our teacher was asking us to explain the meaning of common English expressions taken from Latin. One of them was, “He gives twice who gives quickly.” I raised my hand and said, “When you give right away, people will forget that you already gave and ask you to give again.” My teacher was not impressed with my teenaged cynicism. She said, “It means that you and the recipient receive great satisfaction from the gesture and that you are an encouragement to others to give too.” Well, maybe I gave the wrong answer in class 55 years ago, but the other day I was partly vindicated by the head of a retail merchants association, who was being interviewed on the radio. He was asked about “holiday creep”: Why do Halloween displays now appear in August and Christmas displays in September? He said, “Because people who buy Halloween candy in August may forget they already have it and buy again right before Halloween; people who buy Christmas gifts and Christmas decorations early will likely spend more on Christmas later on.”

Forgetting is not just a malady of old age; it happens to everyone when our life moves in a different direction. What was on our mind in August gets buried under what is happening today. Forgetfulness may be an effective marketing strategy in retail, but it is not always good for us. So, I sat down early Monday morning and made a list of things that are important to remember right now, things that might get buried under the weight of daily life. You might want to add to this list.

First of all, we have a new president. As they campaigned, neither Donald Trump nor Kamala Harris were in alignment with Catholic teaching in some significant areas; and now that Donald Trump is President, we need to remember that. For over three decades, the Catholic Church has advocated for immigration reform. The Church does not support open borders or blanket amnesty. But the church does support a path toward citizenship for those already here. Massive deportations would not only rip apart families but damage our economy. People who are employed and contributing to the community would be deported—perhaps to an environment far more dangerous than Chicago. We also have to remember that acting to protect our environment now is not just the domain of “tree huggers”. We are feeling the effects of climate change in floods, hurricanes, and fires. Everything is becoming more extreme. Pope Francis’ prophetic words ten years ago about our suffering planet are even more pressing today. “Drill, baby, drill” cannot be our only answer to our energy needs.

There are other important things about our Catholic faith that we might forget—things that have nothing to do with who lives in the White House. For example, do we sometimes forget what a great gift we have in the Eucharist? Every time we come to Mass we have an encounter with the Risen Lord. Christ remains present in the Tabernacle after Mass ends. Only a small number of people attend the Monday evening Eucharistic Adoration. During this year of the Eucharistic Revival, we might attempt our own Eucharistic revival. We could make a greater effort to stay focused on what is going on during Mass. We could also find out why so many Catholics through the centuries have found so many benefits from spending a quiet hour with Christ present on the altar during Adoration. I suspect that many of us have forgotten about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is present here too; because Jesus is always about healing, reconciling us to God and one another. In Twelve Step spirituality there is a phrase, “You can always start your day over.” Just because we got off on the wrong foot does not mean that the whole day has to be a waste. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, not only can we start our day over; we can start our life over.

Time magazine recently had a cover story, “Why is everyone so rude right now?” Surely it does not have to be everyone. During times when people are tense, impatient, and short-tempered, we need to remember that God gave us two ears and one mouth. God apparently wants us to listen twice as much as we talk. Trying to do just that each day might lower the temperature of the conversation around us. And how about remembering to say “thank you” more often. If more people remembered to say “thank you” more often to teachers and police officers and public officials and social workers, we would surely not have so many good and dedicated people leaving these professions. Nobody is inspired to do their best job if all they hear are complaints (and rude complaints at that). Thanksgiving is too big a part of our faith-life to be confined to one family meal a year. And, maybe within the family, we could do a better job of saying “thank you” too.

Fr. Joe

THANKSGIVING DAY

The word “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving.” It is the principal reason why we come to Mass. How appropriate is it that we attend Mass on Thanksgiving, our nation’s day for giving thanks. Coming to Eucharist is a wonderful way to begin your family celebration of Thanksgiving. Mass will be offered at 7:30 and 10:30am on Thanksgiving, Thursday November 28. At these Masses there will be a collection for Assumption Shares, the food coupons we offer the unhoused and the needy once a month.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to explore the Sunday Scriptures of the Advent Season on Monday evenings at 6:00pm, beginning November 25. For more information, contact beth.schuman@gmail.com.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

As a parish we signed over 200 thank you cards to veterans, following the Masses on November 2-3. Those cards were delivered to the Jesse Brown Veterans Hospital, for distribution on Veterans Day and beyond. The cards were combined with over 300 hand knit hats, scarves, and gloves as a show of thanks for our veterans’ sacrifice.



CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

On the weekend of November 23-24, we will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the official anti-poverty program of the Catholic Church in the United States. Your donations help support community-led organizations in our city and across our country who are making a difference for the marginalized. Driven by faith, these organizations are working for peace and justice for all.

A NOTE FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS



“I want to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful parishioners of Assumption Parish for the generous sharing check. I and the parishioners of

Our Lady of Sorrows are deeply grateful. We will use the gift to continue our mission of bringing the Lord’s love to so many in East Garfield and beyond.

Assumption’s willingness to stand with us gives us courage to continue all that we do to proclaim Christ and Him crucified . . . Fr. Donald M. Siple, OSM, Pastor.”

OCTOBER DONATIONS

Sunday Collection -	\$36,512
Sharing Parish -	1,810
World Mission Sunday -	2,088
<i>(includes electronic giving)</i>	



DONATE A TURKEY OR A HAM

Would you be interested in helping a family have a happier Thanksgiving? Our Lady of the Angels Mission on the West Side is in need of frozen turkeys and

hams for needy families. The Men’s Group is coordinating a Turkey Drop to help meet this need. Bring a frozen turkey or ham to Mass on Sunday morning November 24. Drivers will be parked in front of church to receive the turkeys and rush to them to Our Lady of the Angels. Bring your birds to the 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 or 12:15 Mass. You can drop off your turkey beginning 15 minutes before Mass until 15 minutes after Mass has begun. Contact mripani@handler.law for information.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction Monday evening, November 18 from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

HYMNS: #599, #347, #432

WEDDINGS:

**DE’WHON GAVIN & TAYLOR EAHEART
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MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Sun.	17th	7:30 Danny Garvey (RIP)
		9:00 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		10:30 John McEneaney (RIP)
		12:15 Assumption Parishioners
		5:00 Lisa Callahan-Kay (RIP)
Mon.	18th	7:00 Anne Dubuque Jasper (b’day)
Tues.	19th	12:10 Special Intention
Thurs.	21st	7:00 Lisa Callahan-Kay (RIP)
		12:10 Cornelia & Francisco Pestanas (RIP)
Sat.	23rd	7:30 Special Intention



ATTENTION, LECTORS! The 2025 Workbook is now available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your book after Mass.

UPDATE ON OUR ADOPTED FAMILY: Thanks to our generous parishioners, Virginia and her six children will have coats and boots to face our Chicago winter. Members of our Refugee Assistance Team accompanied Virginia to shop for winter gear. The four oldest children are enjoying school. Her daughter Renata received high honors for advancement in her studies. Emiliano, who had a bone marrow transplant at Lurie Children’s Hospital, is receiving good reports from his doctors and may be cleared soon to attend school. The family is truly grateful for all the assistance with rent, food, transportation, and friendship that is being offered by our parishioners. Plans are underway to shop, cook, and help provide the family with a Thanksgiving feast. Would you like to join our Refugee Assistance Team? Email refugee@assumption-chgo.org.

THE MANY WAYS TO PRAY: Enhance your Advent prayer life! Assumption’s Leadership Group has produced a series of ten-minute videos on prayer. You can find them on our homepage (assumption-chgo.org) and YouTube (Assumption Catholic Church Chicago).

THE SERVITE ROSARY: The Servite Secular Order & Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided.

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.




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