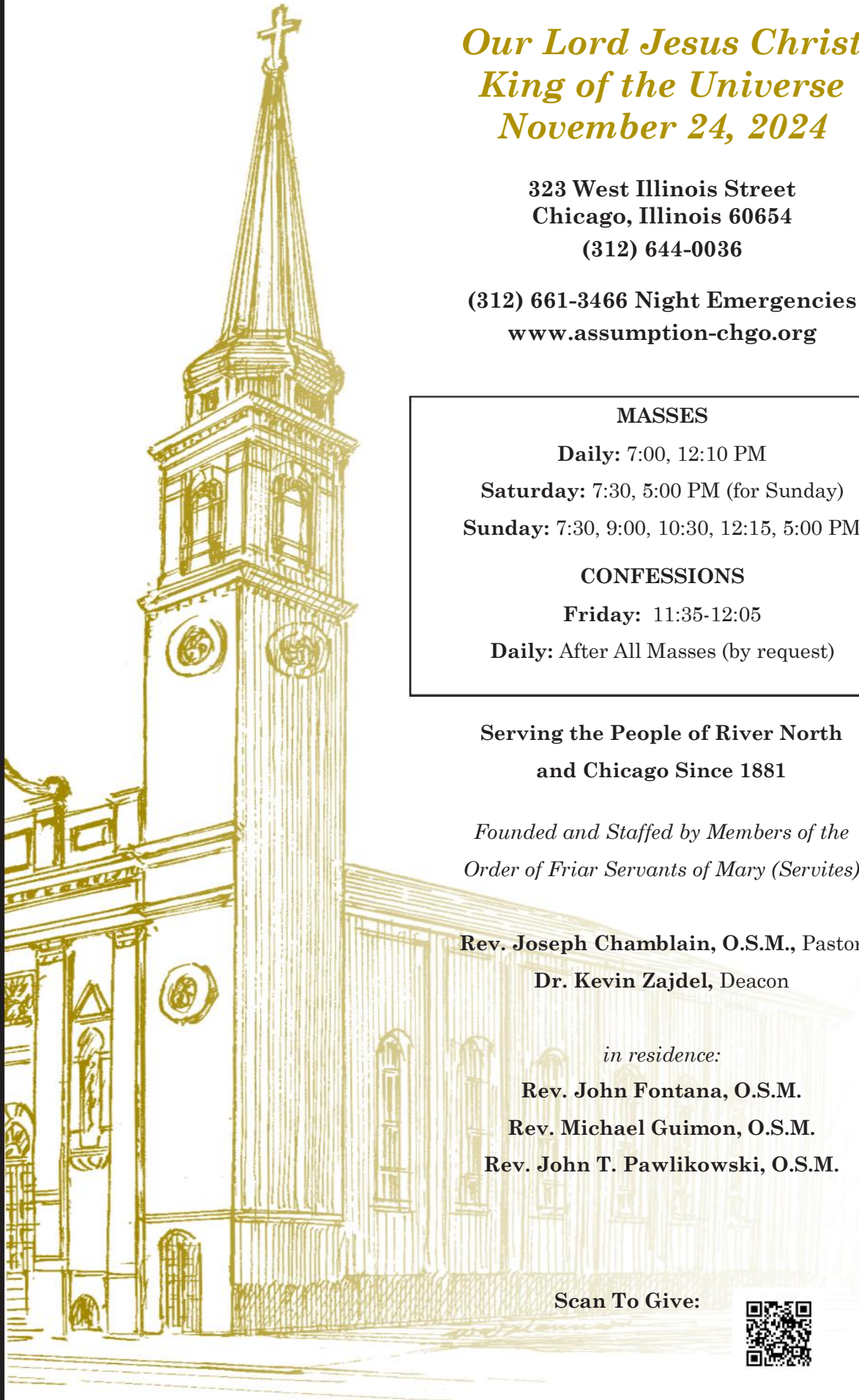


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Daily: 7:00, 12:10 PM

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

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WHY WE OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

One of our Servite Friars, now long deceased, was firmly opposed to celebrating the special Mass for Thanksgiving Day found in the altar missal. If the date of Thanksgiving fell on the Feast of St. Clement or St. Cecilia, he would celebrate the Mass of the saint rather than the special Mass prescribed for the people of the United States for Thanksgiving. As an historian he knew that the Pilgrims were strongly anti-Catholic and, therefore, believed that they should not be honored by the Catholic Church. There was nothing wrong with being thankful and nothing wrong with settling down to a good meal, but leave the Pilgrims out of it.

From the perspective of church history, he was certainly correct. Among the English Christians, the Pilgrims were among the most extreme. They considered the members of the Church of England to be a bunch of slackers for holding on to so many Catholic traditions. It was the Pilgrims who aggressively tried to destroy the remnants of Catholicism in England by throwing rocks through stained glass windows and beheading statues and wiping out other examples of “human vanity” parading as something sacred.

It now turns out that we may be right in ignoring the Pilgrims for another reason. In the beginning, our American celebration of Thanksgiving had little or nothing to do with Pilgrims and Indians sitting down to dinner together. In President Lincoln’s Proclamation establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863, he made no mention of them. His point was a simple one: In spite of the tremendous loss of life during the War Between the States, the people of the United States still have much to be grateful for, and we should stop and thank God for the way God has richly blessed the land in which we live.

So, how did that meal shared by the Indians and Pilgrims become the model for our Thanksgiving feasts? A few years ago, David Silverman wrote a comprehensive account of the troubled history between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians in the Plymouth Colony called *This Land Is Their Land*. Silverman devotes only a few pages in his five hundred page book to The First Thanksgiving, because, in the context of everything that went wrong in Plymouth Colony, it was a minor event and not a landmark occasion. In fact, he claims, the shared meal between the Pilgrims and the Indians came about by accident. It seems that the Pilgrims, now able to sustain themselves after a year in their new world, decided to hold a big harvest feast in the fall of 1621. This would not have been a thanksgiving event, because in the Pilgrim tradition, thanksgiving would have focused on prayer and fasting. Rather, it was a big party, with food, drink, and recreation. As part of the fun, some of the men engaged in target practice. Nearby Wampanoags heard the gunfire, thought that violence had broken out (perhaps an invasion by their enemies, the Narragansetts), and arrived with their weapons loaded. According to Silverman, there was just enough trust between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags at that point in history that all parties were willing to lay down their arms and for one day share a feast.

So, how did this minor incident reach legendary proportions and serve as the inspiration for countless school pageants, with children dressing up as Pilgrims and Indians? Silverman says that the Thanksgiving Story was largely the invention of White Anglo-Saxon Protestants in the North in the late nineteenth century. The focus on friendly Indians and hospitable colonists was meant to serve as a criticism of the way that Indians were being treated in the West and former slaves were treated in the South. Worried about the influx of Catholics and Jews from the European mainland, the Thanksgiving Story was a way of asserting the cultural and religious superiority of the original English settlers and a warning about the new immigrants, who, because of their religious beliefs and lack of sophistication, represented a threat to traditional American values. Not surprisingly, the Indian Nations have become increasingly vocal in their objections to the way we have interpreted the origins of Thanksgiving Day.

While some of our American legends may be just legends, this takes nothing away from our need to be thankful, and not just on one day of the year but on every day of the year. An attitude of gratitude and being thankful to God is at the heart of our faith and is the inspiration for much that we do in service to others. So, join us if you can, for Mass on Thanksgiving Day and then chow down gracefully and gratefully to God, who has blessed us in this life and has invited us to the eternal thanksgiving banquet of heaven. As President Lincoln reminded us in 1863, even in the worst of times, we have reasons to be grateful.

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of Mary’s Immaculate Conception is our national feast day and is normally observed as a holyday of obligation on December 8. This year December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, which takes precedence. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on Monday December 9, but there is no obligation to attend Mass that day.

THE ADVENT CALENDAR



This year’s Advent Calendar focuses on care for creation. For each day of Advent, there are reflections to ponder and actions to take to prepare us to celebrate the Feast of a God who loved us enough to take human flesh. The Advent Calendar will go “live” next weekend. Find it on our homepage (assumption-chgo.org) and our Facebook page.

HELPING ASSUMPTION WITH YOUR IRA

If you have an individual retirement account and have reached the age of 70 ½, you can direct your IRA custodian to transfer up to \$100,000 per year to qualified charities, including Assumption. This transfer will count toward your minimum required IRA distribution, and you do not have to pay an income tax on the amount transferred directly from the IRA to charity.

A WARMER WINTER

Chicago Help Initiative has asked us to collect hats, gloves, and scarves for the unhoused and needy for Christmas. Please place your donations in the gold box by the Vatican flag in the front of church by December 15.



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. Contact mripani@handler.law for information.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



The four weeks of Advent are about much more than waiting for Christmas. Christ comes to us in moments of prayer, in the faces of the poor, and in the events of daily life.

Christ will also come again at the end of time. In the midst of the gift buying and the sometimes frantic party scene in December, Advent reminds us not to become so full of the world’s good that we are no longer holding open a place in our lives for Christ.

HYMNS: #736, #205, #367, #735

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Sat.	23rd	5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Sun.	24th	7:30 Garvey Family
		9:00 Dave McCarthy, Bob Raddatz & Terry Hansen (RIP)
		10:30 John McEneaney (RIP)
		12:15 Fr. Michael Doyle, O.S.M. (RIP)
		5:00 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Tues.	26th	7:00 Special Intention
Wed.	27th	7:00 Matthew Dubuque (b’day)
		12:10 John M. Biegel (RIP)
Thurs.	28th	7:30 Louis J. Pauly
		10:30 Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)



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: Looking for a way to enhance your Advent and make it more intentional? 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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