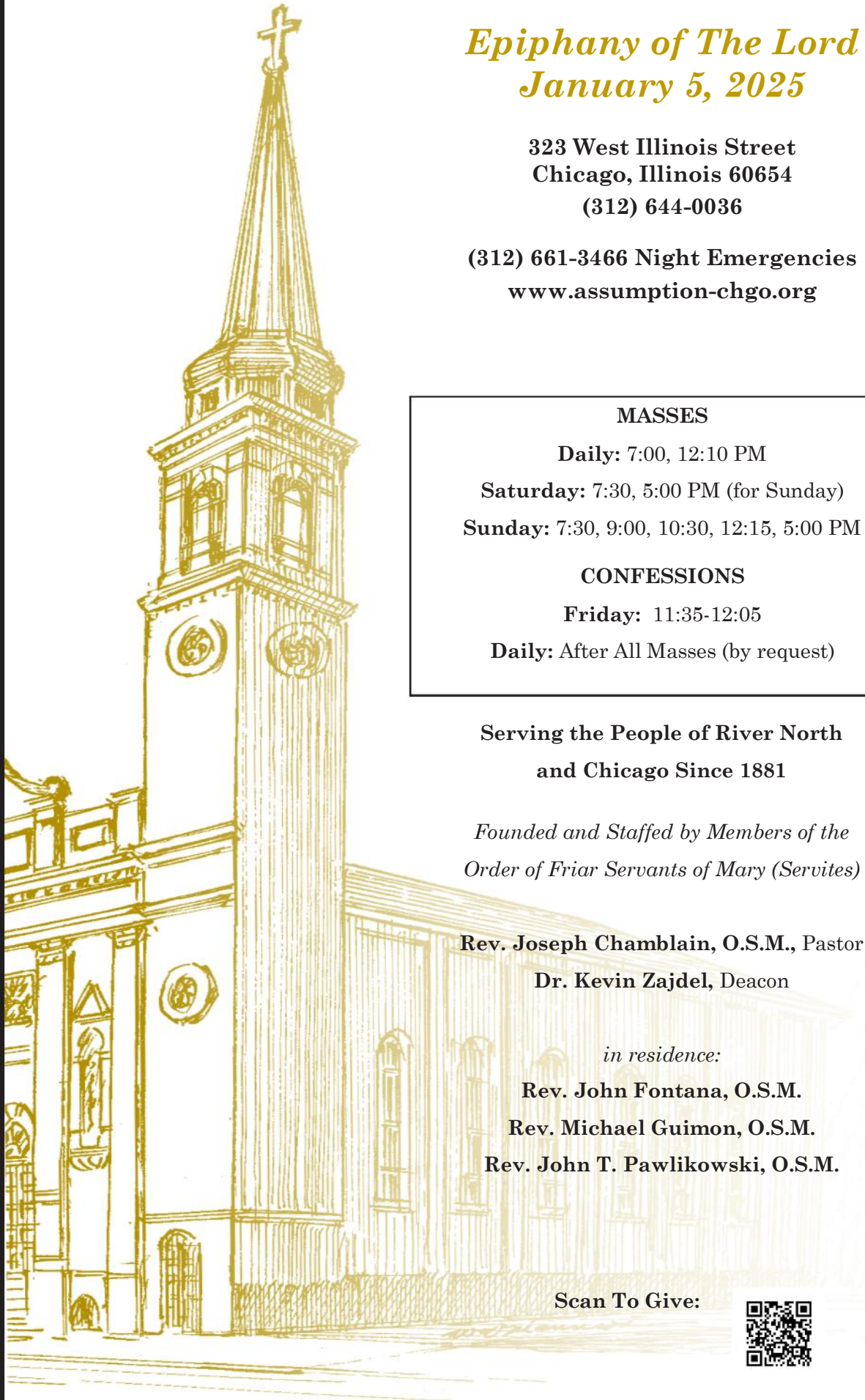


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## *Epiphany of The Lord January 5, 2025*

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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

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Friday: 11:35-12:05

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## A SEASON OF EPIPHANIES

This weekend we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany means a bursting forth or a manifestation. We sometimes use the word epiphany to describe something that was previously unclear or confusing that suddenly becomes clear. A light goes on, and we understand something that we had not previously understood. Today's Feast of the Epiphany spotlights only one of many epiphanies described in the Scriptures this time of year. In fact, the liturgical season of Christmas might better be described as the Epiphany Season. Christmas is one day, but the epiphanies just keep coming.

Christmas itself is one of those epiphanies. Thanks to some very gabby angels, Christ is revealed to shepherds keeping watch in the fields near Bethlehem. Shepherds, because of their rough ways, generally did not make great houseguests. They were at the bottom of the social ladder. Yet the "good news of great joy" was revealed to them first. The shepherds and Mary and Joseph represent all the poor but faithful people of Israel. They are honored with this first epiphany.

On today's Feast of the Epiphany, Christ is revealed in a limited way to the Gentiles. The Magi came from a foreign land, but on their journey they stopped in Jerusalem for direction. This suggests that Gentiles should come to know and appreciate the Jewish tradition that lies behind our Christian faith. In the Epiphany Gospel, Christ's identity is also revealed in the gifts the Magi bring. The gifts are hardly suitable for an infant, but very appropriate for God come to earth. Gold is an appropriate gift for a king and incense is offered to a god. Myrrh is the most mysterious gift. Myrrh was the ancient equivalent of embalming fluid. It was symbolic of Jesus' ultimate mission, to save us from death. Jesus' death and burial would lead to new life for us all. Jesus' deepest identity would only be revealed after he had overcome death on Easter morning.

Next weekend is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is also an epiphany, because at his baptism a voice from heaven is heard saying "This is my Beloved Son." Up to that point, Jesus had been leading a low-key life in Nazareth, working as a carpenter or construction worker. Now his identity is revealed to the world. Spiritual writers have seen a parallel between Abraham's beloved son, whom he was prepared to sacrifice and the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. So, the title "beloved son" also reveals his identity as redeemer. And it is through our baptism, that we are incorporated into the dying and rising of Christ.

Although in the present church calendar, the Christmas season officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, traditionally the season did not end until February 2—and for good reason. There are two more epiphanies to follow! Prior to the changes in the liturgy in the 1960s, when a three-year cycle of Sunday readings was introduced, the Gospel for the Second Sunday after Epiphany was always the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Now we hear that Gospel on that second Sunday following Epiphany every third year—including this year. When Jesus changes water into wine, he effectively inaugurates his public ministry. The Gospel notes that as a result of this "sign" his disciples began to believe in him. Jesus himself associates the miracle with his final redemptive act when he says, "My hour has not yet come." In the Gospel of John, Jesus' "hour" refers to his passion, death, and resurrection. The Miracle at Cana is a sign pointing to the ultimate transformation of death into new life. In other words, we have another epiphany. Jesus' true identity is revealed to the world.

On February 2 the Church observes the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. February 2 is a Sunday this year and we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation at all weekend Masses. February 2 is forty days after Christmas, paralleling the forty days of Lent. In the Gospel for this Feast, the elderly prophets Simeon and Anna welcome the infant Jesus, and Simeon proclaims him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." His identity is once more made known. Here we not only bring the epiphany season to a close, but we also come full cycle. Simeon and Anna, like Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, are the faithful of Israel. Simeon and Anna, like the shepherds give witness to the revelation they have been privileged to share. The Good News continues to spread.

In our culture Christmas ends very quickly. The trees, the decorations, the music come to a halt once the shopping season ends. But the Christ event is one of infinite richness, only gradually revealed to us over time. Take time to savor all these revelations of Christ's identity.

Fr. Joe

PS - I will be out of town from January 8-15. Please be generous to the Little Sisters' collection next weekend.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next preparation session for parents (and, if possible) godparents of infants to be baptized will be Monday January 6 from 7:00 to 8:15pm at the Rectory. Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and during Mass on the first weekend of the month.

**UPDATING OUR EMAILS**

One of the benefits we anticipate from our new information system *Breeze* is better communication with parishioners. We were amazed when our first attempt at using *Breeze* for the weekly online bulletin mailing resulted in a nearly ten percent failure rate. Many of these email addresses had not been verified for years. If you did not receive an email from Assumption these past three Fridays (and did not opt out of the mailing), then we do not have your email in the new system. Here is how you can help. Go to our website at <https://www.assumption-chgo.org> and click REGISTER. We'll use your entries to fix our records, and we promise not to bother you with a lot of "junk" mail.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO BE 1 OF THE 300?**

Thanks to all who responded so generously to Susan Gold's Assumption Shares appeal in November. Shares are the food coupons we offer the unhoused and needy on the first Wednesday of the month. But the mission is ongoing. Our numbers are growing and we need to increase the size of our gift from \$10 to \$15. If we have 300 people willing to make a sustaining donation of \$10 a month, then we will be able to adequately fund not only Assumption Shares, but also the Saturday sandwiches we make for Chicago Help Initiative and the monthly grocery bill for the migrant family of eight that Assumption helps support. \$10 a month is a very small amount that will go a long way if we have the participation we need. And your monthly gift is easy to set up electronically. Just go to our website ([assumption-chgo.org](http://assumption-chgo.org)), click the DONATE button on top of our homepage. The first option in the dropdown menu will be Assumption Shares. Complete the other information required (if you are not already giving electronically) and you will be one of the 300! Sometimes we feel frustrated that we cannot do more to ease poverty. By becoming one of the 300, your small amount will help feed hundreds of people.



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

On the weekend of January 11-12, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The Sisters operate over 170 homes for the elderly poor in 31 countries, including St. Mary's Home, only a few miles north of Assumption. Your generosity to the second collection that weekend will enable the Sisters to continue their mission of caring for the elderly poor in a spirit of joy and dignity.



**THE MINISTRY OF GREETER**

Would you like to see our parish community grow? Do you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome? If so, consider becoming part of our Greeter Ministry. This would involve, among other things, arriving at Church fifteen minutes early to welcome people to Mass. To find out more about the ministry of greeter, email [greeters@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:greeters@assumption-chgo.org).

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Assumption has a prayer service in honor of St. Peregrine, the cancer saint, following the 12:10 Mass on Monday. St. Peregrine was a fourteenth century Servite Friar who was miraculously healed of cancer after spending a night in prayer before an image of Christ crucified.

**WEDDINGS:**

**JOE LINGINFELTER & ELIZABETH HEDRICK**

**PRAY FOR THEM:** Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Carolina Gomez, Willie & Mary Priego, Michael Graul

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2025**

Sat.	4th	5:00 Frank & Mary Deneen (RIP)
Sun.	5th	7:30 Charles Louis Smead (RIP)
		9:00 Assumption Parishioners
		10:30 Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
		12:15 Fr. Michael Doyle, O.S.M. (RIP)
		5:00 Edward & Dorothy C. Brennan (RIP)
Mon.	6th	7:00 Teri Garr (RIP)
		12:10 Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Tues.	7th	12:10 Paul Douglas (RIP)
Wed.	8th	7:00 The Bare Family
Thurs.	9th	7:00 The Dubuque Family
Fri.	10th	7:00 Gerry Faust (RIP)
Sat.	11th	7:30 The Dubuque Family

**HYMNS:** #113, #111, #115, #105 (except 5pm Sunday)





### ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

AYA is for those in their twenties or thirties, married, single, or coupled. They participate in a number of spiritual, social, and service activities during the year. Find out more by emailing [assumptionaya@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionaya@gmail.com).



### GETTING MARRIED AT ASSUMPTION

It is not necessary to be a registered member of Assumption to have your wedding at Assumption. You do have to fulfill the requirements the Catholic Church has for marriage and participate in a marriage preparation process. Contact Beth Schuman in the Parish Office for more information.




### 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](http://assumption-chgo.org)) for practical ideas and helpful links.



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