

# ASSUMPTION CHURCH



## *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 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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## WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

Maybe you have heard. Last May in a declaration entitled *Spes Non Confudit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope. The year officially began in Rome with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, and in the rest of the Catholic World on December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family, when a special Mass was to be celebrated in all the Cathedrals around the world. While the ritual aspects of a Jubilee Year may be of marginal interest to many Catholics, what lies behind a Jubilee Year is quite central to our faith.

Jubilee Years have been part of our Catholic tradition since 1450. Traditionally they take place every twenty-five or fifty years, but sometimes more often. The concept of a Jubilee Year goes back to Biblical times, when God instructed Israel that every fifty years land should be returned to the family that originally owned it. One was free to acquire land from one's neighbor, but the price to be paid would be partly determined by how long one's family would have the use of it. Land that would be yours for 48 years would command a much greater price than land that would only be held for eight years. The Jubilee Year was based on the principle that the land was a gift from God, and the gift was meant for everyone and not just for a few rich landowners. To be in right relationship with one's neighbors was essential to being in right relationship with God. So, a Jubilee Year is not just an opportunity to slurp up some grace or go on a trip to Rome. It is a call to take an inner journey. To root out the things in our life that keep us from being in right relationship with God and neighbor. It is an affirmation of the rights and dignity of all human beings.

A Jubilee Year is also a time of pilgrimages. Going on a pilgrimage to a sacred shrine or church has an even longer history in the Catholic Church. English majors are all familiar with *The Canterbury Tales*, written by Geoffrey Chaucer in the fourteenth century. It is about the stories told by a group of pilgrims on their way to the Shrine of St. Thomas Becket in Canterbury. Going to the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Christ on the journey to Calvary was considered the greatest of pilgrimages. The reason that we have Stations of the Cross in churches is to make it possible for those unable to go to the Holy Land to go on what we would now call "a virtual pilgrimage." Today, many people have walked one of the pilgrimage routes to the tomb of the Apostle James in Spain. This practice has become so popular that it is in danger of becoming overly commercialized and secularized; but at least it retains the basic elements of a pilgrimage—that it takes effort and perseverance. Reaching the end of the pilgrimage tests your body and your soul. A pilgrimage is a way of stepping away from ordinary life and focusing on the divine. On the way, we become aware of how attached we can become to our creature comforts. Hopefully, we come away from the journey with a deeper commitment to the things that endure forever and extending the reign of God. When Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's, a pathway was set up for pilgrims to walk. Two dozen churches and shrines (including Holy Name Cathedral) have been identified as pilgrimage churches in this Archdiocese. To visit one of these churches, though, one should not just take an Uber! It should be a journey. If we cannot walk very far, we can at least spend part of the day in prayer and reflection before taking an Uber.

A third element of a Jubilee Year has a more checkered history in the Catholic Church. One may gain a Plenary Indulgence by visiting a pilgrimage church, going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. What is an indulgence? An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin. It is based on an understanding of the afterlife developed by St. Augustine in the fourth century. Belief in a time of continuing conversion or purgation after death was a common teaching among the Mothers and Fathers of the Church. Some believed more strongly in Purgatory than in Hell. Eventually, they believed, everyone would succumb to the love of God and be welcomed into heaven. St. Augustine's belief was that even though our sins are forgiven in confession, we are not absolved of the consequence. We still have to pay a price for our behavior. Indulgences either partially or totally took away the punishment that we would otherwise incur. Offering (and, for all practical purposes) the selling of indulgences was something often abused in the medieval Church and one of the causes of the Reformation. Whether we embrace this particular understanding of purgatory or not, seeking an indulgence still calls us to get right with God and our neighbor.

So, a Jubilee Year is a truly "a year of favor." It is a time to look honestly at our lives, change what needs to change, and then to look forward in hope, for hope will not leave us disappointed.

Fr. Joe



**PARISH PIZZA PARTY**

There is nothing like warm pizza on a cold night (or cold pizza on a warm night). Come join the crowd Saturday evening February 22 for the annual Parish Pizza Party. The Pizza will be provided by our neighborhood pizza restaurants. Tickets are \$20 per person (\$10 for children under 12) and includes pizza buffet, salad, dessert, wine, beer, and soft drink. Pizza will be served promptly after the 5:00 Mass. Buy tickets online or through the Parish Office. If you can volunteer that evening, please email [events@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:events@assumption-chgo.org).

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION**

February 2, forty days after Christmas, is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It recalls the elderly prophet Simeon declaring the infant Jesus to be a “light” to the Gentiles and the “glory” of Israel. Candles for home use will be blessed at each Mass next weekend.

**FEAST OF ST BLASE**

Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blase. St. Blase is the patron saint of diseases of the throat, because he is credited with dislodging a bone from the throat of a child who was choking. We will bless throats after the homily at the 7:00 and 12:10 Masses on February 3.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

In light of the more aggressive action anticipated by Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) agents 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 house 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. In a statement released this past Sunday, Cardinal Cupich said, “For members of faith communities, the threatened mass deportations targeting the Chicago area leave us with the searing question: ‘What is God asking of us at this moment?’ People of faith are called to speak for the rights of others and to remind society of its obligation to care for those in need. If the indiscriminate mass deportation were to be carried out, this would be an affront to the dignity of all people and communities, and deny the legacy of what it means to be an American.”

**HYMNS:** #538, #327, #382 (except 5pm Sunday)

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



If we have 300 people willing to make a sustaining donation of \$10 a month, we will be able to adequately fund not only the Assumption Shares coupons we offer the needy and the unhoused, 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. Use one of the special envelopes in the back of church or go to the “Donate” button on the top of our home page. The first option in the dropdown menu will be Chicago Shares.

**HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND**

Join the crowd in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses on February 2 for refreshments and conversation.

**THE MINISTRY OF GREETER**

Would you like to see our parish community grow? Do you enjoy meeting new people and helping them feel welcome? If so, consider becoming part of our Greeter Ministry at weekend Masses. Email [greeters@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:greeters@assumption-chgo.org) to find out more.



**WEDDINGS:**

**RUBEN VILLEGAS & MICHELE JUNE  
RICHARD HANBA & KATHRYN CONNELLY**

**BAPTISMS:**

**BRISTOL ANN MARREN**

**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 25, 2025**

Sat.	25th	5:00	Assumption Parishioners
Sun.	26th	7:30	Robin L. Brown (b’day)
		9:00	Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		10:30	John McEneany (RIP)
		12:15	Deceased members of OSSM: Katherine Malhas, Sheila Waldeck, Rosemary Reeves
Mon.	27th	12:10	Damien Wren (RIP)
Tues.	28th	7:00	Dubuque Family
Wed.	29th	7:00	Robert Landgren (b’day)
		12:10	John Biegel (RIP)
Thurs.	30th	12:10	Dr. Eileen Harmon Council
Fri.	31st	7:00	Hayes Family
Sat	1st	7:30	Campbell Family



### UPDATING OUR RECORDS

Thanks to all who have signed up on our new parishioner information & electronic giving system, *Breeze*. One of the anticipated benefits is better communication with parishioners. If you did not receive an email from Assumption over the past month or so, (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.

### 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.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Our Creation Care Committee, in collaboration with the Wellness Spirituality Center, is offering a three part series on caring for creation. The presentations may be viewed live at the Wellness Center, 1515 West Ogden in LaGrange Park or online, at either 9:30 am or 7:00pm on Wednesday January 15 (Where on Earth Is God), Thursday January 23 (The Cry of Earth and the Cry of the Poor), and Thursday January 30 (What Does Liturgy Have to Do with Care of Creation). The presentations will be recorded for future viewing. To view the presentation free online, please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/mp8k4wm4>

**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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