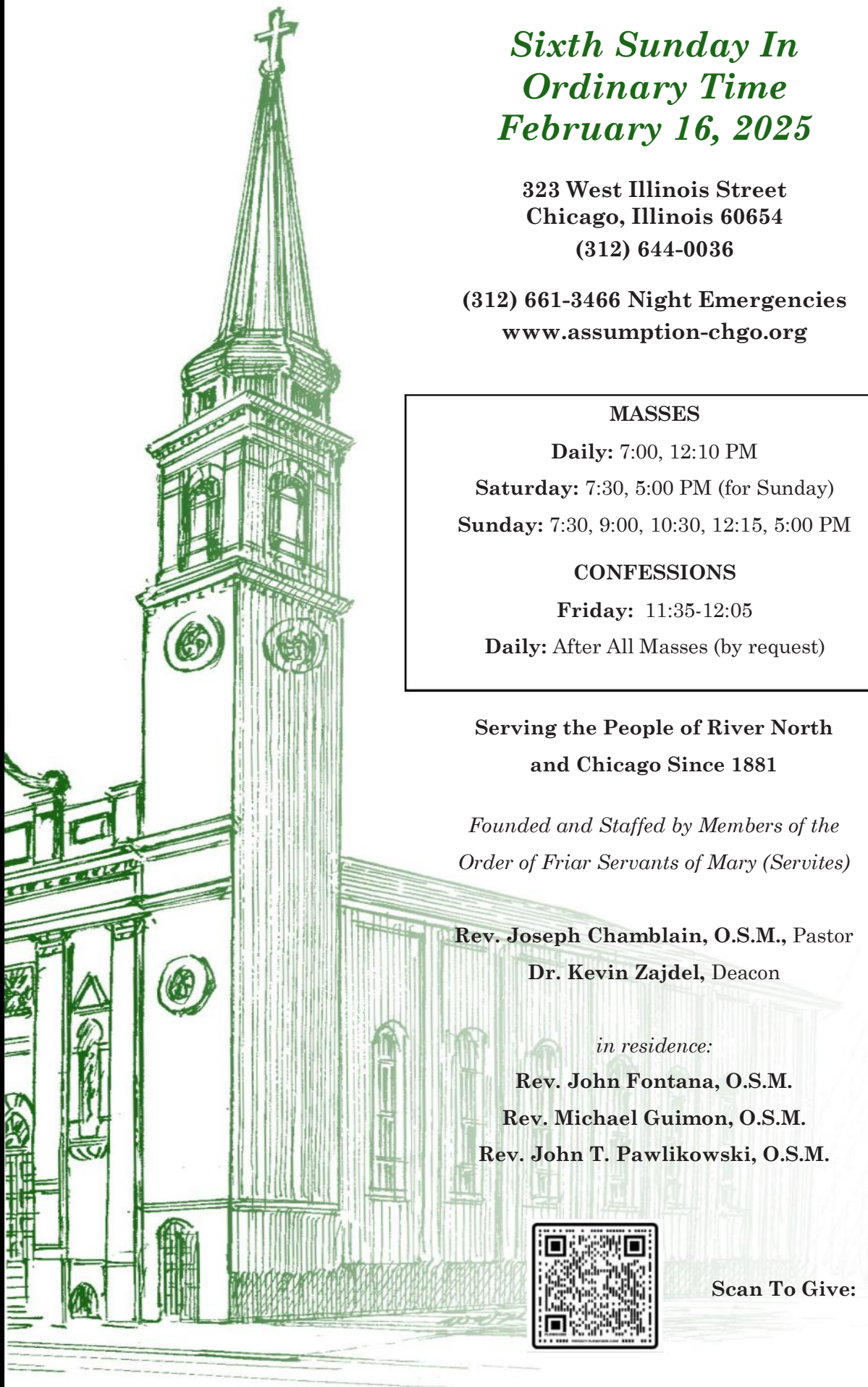


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## *Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 16, 2025*

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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

Daily: After All Masses (by request)

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## TOGETHER WE BRING HOPE

An on-line dictionary defines “parochial” as “related to the border of a church parish or government entity.” For most Catholics, that means our local church. Once upon a time in a more Catholic Chicago, parishes were almost universally accepted geographical markers. People not of the faith understood what you meant when you said, “I’m from St. Jerome’s.” But there is a word related to parochial that has negative connotations. “Parochialism” means a “narrowness of viewpoint or perspective.” In our devotion to our parish, we are always in danger of becoming too parochial. One of the qualities we strive for as Catholics is to be actively engaged in our own church, without sinking into parochialism, forgetting that we are part of a universal or “Catholic” church. In spite of all the differences of opinion within the Catholic Church, we are still one universal church, and that is a powerful symbol in our world today.

This weekend we begin active solicitation for the Annual Catholic Appeal, our financial commitment to the ministries, services, and parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago which cannot support themselves. But at a deeper level, the ACA gives us the opportunity to pull back the curtain and remind ourselves that many of our brothers and sisters in the archdiocese and around the world are in greater need than we are. The ACA is an annual antidote to parochialism.

Because we have been able to raise the funds we need to operate, we may not be aware that 30% of the parishes of the archdiocese, parishes which provide a vital role in economically stressed areas, would not be able to survive without a subsidy. Because our parish school closed in 1945 and the issue of Catholic education may be far in the past or way in the future, we may not realize that without support from the archdiocese, Catholic education would become almost exclusively the domain of the wealthy. Because our own immigration status is not in question, we may not realize how active the Archdiocesan Immigration Ministry is right now in advising, advocating for, and supporting migrants. Because we may not have a family member incarcerated, we may not even know about Kolbe House ministries to the imprisoned and to their families. Because we were born and raised Catholic and have continued to attend Mass, we may not realize how vital the Office of Evangelization is in jumpstarting parish renewal and outreach and equipping us to remain relevant to a new generation. Because Chicago has not faced a massive natural disaster, we may not realize that part of the funding for Catholic Relief Services comes from the ACA. While we do serve the needy and homeless within our parish boundaries, the ACA asks us to see how many people are in need in so many ways all around us in Cook and Lake Counties and throughout the world. The ACA enables the Catholic Church to be present to those who are most vulnerable.

The Theme of this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal is *Together We Bring Hope*. This theme echoes the recent Synod on Synodality in Rome, with its theme of walking together and listening to the Holy Spirit, and this year’s Holy Year theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. The word “hope” reverberates so much in our conversation today, because we live in a world so much in need of hope. The ACA helps translate hope into concrete actions. Real human needs are met through the ministries funded by the ACA. And the ACA only works if we work together—if we pool our resources together. By ourselves we may not be able to do much. Together we can accomplish a great deal.

Many of you who have contributed to the ACA in the past have already received pledge materials in the mail. Please return your pledge envelope as soon as possible. The rest of us will be guided through the pledge process next weekend. It is important to remember that once we reach our goal of \$42,557 (or 7% of last year’s collection) 90% of funds received in excess of that amount is returned to us at Assumption. Every year that I have been at Assumption, we have exceeded our goal by a significant amount. In fact, the amount rebated to us by the ACA is typically our largest fundraiser of the year. So, supporting the ACA is a win/win proposition. The archdiocese receives what it needs from us to continue many vital ministries, and Assumption receives what we need to support our ministries. I give to the ACA. I hope you will too. *Together We Bring Hope*.

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 include pizza buffet, salad, dessert, wine, beer, and pop. Pizza will be served promptly after the 5:00 Mass. Buy tickets online or through the Parish Office. Look for sign-up sheets to bring salad or dessert. To volunteer that evening, email [events@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:events@assumption-chgo.org).

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Lent is a little more than a month away. We invite you to participate in one of two weekly guided studies and discussions of the Scriptures assigned for the Sundays of Lent. We have two separate groups meeting this Lent; one in the daytime and one in the evening. The daytime group will meet on Fridays at 10:00am beginning March 7. The evening group will meet on Mondays at 6:00pm, beginning March 3. To sign up, please email [bible@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:bible@assumption-chgo.org).



**LENTEN FISH FRY**

Back by popular demand, the Men’s Group Lenten Fish Fry is slated for Friday, March 14 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. It’s \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Meal includes fish, three sides, salad, dessert, and beer, wine, or soft drink. Reservations are necessary and may be made on-line, Volunteers are needed that evening. If you can help, email [mrpani@handler.law](mailto:mrpani@handler.law).

**PROMOTING LIFE**

During Lent the Knights of Columbus will conduct a fund drive in support of The Well of Mercy, a charitable organization that provides transitional housing, spiritual nourishment, and other support services to women with unplanned pregnancies who choose to carry their baby to term. On the weekend of March 1-2, the Knights will hand out empty baby bottles. Bring the bottles back full of cash and change by April 6.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

If you have received a pledge envelope through the mail, please return it as soon as possible Those who did not receive an envelope through the mail need have no fear of missing out. You will have the opportunity to complete your pledge in church next weekend.

**HYMNS:** #576, #619, #520 (except 5pm Sunday)

**JANUARY DONATIONS**

Sunday Collection -	\$47,179
Mary, Mother of God (January 1) -	2,638
Sharing Parish -	2,015
Little Sisters of the Poor -	5,988
<i>(includes electronic giving)</i>	

**A VISIT FROM BLEST ART**

Representatives from Blest Art will be at Assumption the weekend of March 1-2. You will have the opportunity to purchase hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Blest Art raises funds to support Christian families in the Holy Land. Visit their display in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Our next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) of infants to be baptized is Monday evening March 10 from 7:00 to 8:15. This session is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a baptism session. Call the parish office to register. Baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:15pm and on the first weekend during Mass.

**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.

**PRAY FOR THEM:**

Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Carolina Gomez, Willie & Mary Priego, Michael Graul, Mike Foster, Peter Lammer.

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

Sat	15th	5:00	Katie Kennicott (RIP)
Sun	16th	7:30	Leo & Helen Dillon (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
Mon	17th	7:00	Ryne Sandberg
		12:10	Terry Deneen (RIP)
Tues	18th	7:00	The Dubuque Family
		12:10	Rickey Henderson (RIP)
Thurs	20th	7:00	David Klawinski (RIP)

**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.

**CATECHISM 101**

Is your knowledge of the Catholic faith a little fuzzy? Are you an OCIA graduate who would like to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the religion you have chosen? Has your own spiritual journey led you to a deeper hunger for knowledge and understanding of our Catholic heritage? For these and many other reasons you may want to join Deacon Kevin for a course on Catholic beliefs, using *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. Sessions are every other week and are ongoing. Contact [AssumptionDeacon@gmail.com](mailto:AssumptionDeacon@gmail.com).

**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.

**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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