

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

The Ascension of The Lord *June 1, 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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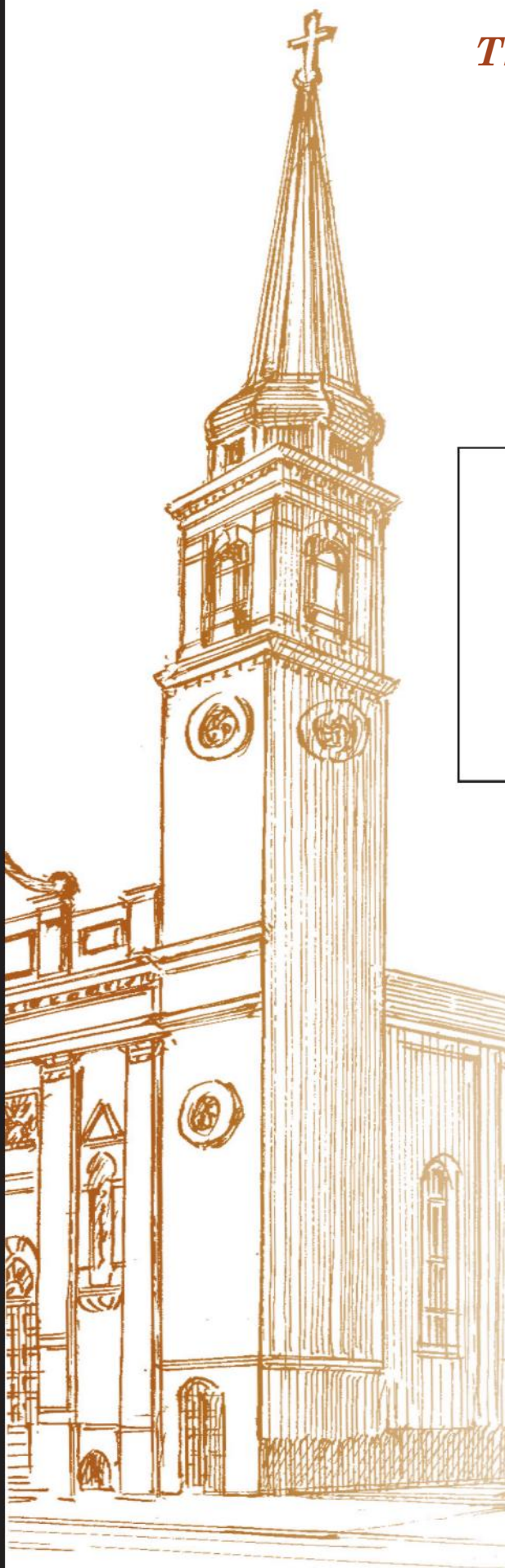
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JESUS NEEDS TO GO AWAY

Towards the end of Jesus' long speech to his apostles at the Last Supper, he says, "I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away" (John 16:7). Naturally the apostles are filled with panic and grief: How can that possibly be true? What are we going to do without you? Indeed, that is the very point. We know what would have happened had Jesus not gone away. They would have continued to follow him around, nursing their own dreams and ambitions, and picking up some useful tidbits from their teacher. The School of the Rabbi Jesus would have closed when Jesus died of natural causes. If they themselves were not too old by then, some of them could have gone back to fishing. Instead, Jesus entered into what the Church calls The Paschal Mystery: the passion, death, resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus, which culminates in the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is because Jesus entered into the Paschal Mystery and the Holy Spirit descended upon them that the apostles were able to assume their role as teachers, shepherds, and missionaries. It is because Jesus entered into the Paschal Mystery that we are part of this community of faith. Yes, truly, it was better that he went away.

The word "paschal" is taken from the Hebrew word for "Passover." Jesus' pass-over from death to new life parallels Israel's escape from Egypt, when the angel of death "passed over" the homes of the Children of Israel. It was during the annual Passover Festival in Jerusalem that Jesus had his Last Supper with the Apostles. A mystery of faith is not a problem to be solved but something that is beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Scriptures describe how Jesus was different after he rose from the dead; they offer a visual description of his ascension; and they recount the impact of the descent of the Spirit; but our Scriptures cannot fully explain the event itself. In church we have been celebrating the Paschal Mystery for the past six weeks, since the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17. This weekend is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Next weekend we complete the paschal cycle with the Feast of Pentecost. Yet at every Mass we renew our belief in the Paschal Mystery. We experience once more Jesus' Last Supper and in communion we receive the Body of the Risen Lord. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth on mission, guided by the Spirit of Pentecost.

The Paschal Mystery, though, is not just about what happened to Jesus or what happens in church. It also describes our own experiences of loss and grief, with the hope that we will discover something new that will outshine what we lost. We speak of losing a loved one, but we believe that they are not really lost. Our hope is to be reunited with them in a better place. In smaller ways, we also experience the Paschal Mystery. As parents, we can experience a sense of loss when our teenagers go away to college or move out of the house. Our hope is that the college experience will lead them to discover their path in life and that will ultimately be good for them and for us. We do not want them to return home after college and live in our basement for the next thirty years. The aging process also offers us the opportunity to live out the Paschal Mystery. Can we let go of some of the physical freedom we once had to embrace a more reflective and more carefully chosen life open to us now? Professional athletes are considered "old" at 35. Can we find a new identity and purpose in "retirement" when most people our age have not yet reached the prime of their career?

It has often been said that change is inevitable while growth is optional. Sometimes we resist letting go of something that has served us well in the past but is not working for us anymore. We become the fifty year old still living in our parents' basement because we are afraid to take flight. We are the forty year old athlete still trying to revive his or her career. We stay fixated on one dream we had for our life in our youth and overlook the blessings of the life we now have. We are the addict whose life is so centered on drinking or drugging or shopping or gambling or pornography or eating that we cannot even picture what life would be like without alcohol or drugs or sports betting or porn sights or amazon or ebay or Big Macs. As in so many things, Jesus shows us the way. We can let something die; grieve its loss; let it go; and open ourselves to something that is better for us now. We can enter into the Paschal Mystery and wait, as the apostles did, for a new Spirit. As we look forward to Pentecost next weekend, what new spirit do we need?

Fr. Joe

ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES

We are planning a new Young Family Group at Assumption. If you are a family with children under the age of 10 and are interested in joining, we'd love to hear from you. Please email ayf@assumption-chgo.org to express interest. We'll follow up to learn more of what you would like to see within this group and what Mass your family normally attends. For our debut event, we will meet in the Garden after the 10:30 Mass on June 29 and walk over to Ward Park (a ten minute walk) for playtime and for conversation at the playground. We will plan events after other Masses to accommodate all families. We look forward to hearing from you!

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

We welcome Bob Gordon, Conora Shaw, and Bill Ladewski to our Parish Pastoral Council. Our thanks to Michael Griffin, Kathryn Moery, and John Riordan who have completed their three-year term.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

This campaign designed to insure the long-term financial viability of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Assumption completes its active phase on June 30. If you received a pledge envelope through the mail, please return it as soon as possible. To those who have already pledged, "Thank you very much."

JOIN THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Love coffee, donuts, and fellowship? We're looking for friendly faces to join our Hospitality Ministry and help organize, host, and enhance Hospitality Sundays. Whether you're a seasoned host or just love connecting with people, we'd love your help and fresh ideas. If you are interested, contact Danielle at hospitality@assumption-chgo.org.

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF CREATION

All are invited to attend an ecumenical prayer service on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 at 3:00pm at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral (1017 N LaSalle) as Catholic Bishop Lawrence Sullivan and other Christian leaders gather to celebrate the Mystery of Creation as the foundational event in salvation history. The Service also marks the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, which stated definitively the Christian belief in God's salvific, creative act. A reception will follow immediately after the service.

HYMNS: #179, #372 #195 (except 5pm Sunday)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This Sunday, our usual hospitality offerings following the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses will be enhanced with ice cream (hopefully in the Garden).



WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS

It is not too early to be thinking about being part of the OCIA Class of 2025-26. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those over the age of 18 who were never baptized, never made their first communion, or who are baptized in another Christian religion and want to explore becoming Catholic. It is a group experience that meets on Sunday mornings from September to May. This past year we had a separate OCIA group for those 8 to 18 and we will have it again if there is a need. Contact Fr. Joe for more information.

CATCH UP ON YOUR CATECHISM

You are welcome to join Deacon Kevin's Catechism Group any time, as they make their way through the *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. The group meets twice on month on Wednesday evenings. Contact catechism@assumption-chgo.org.

WEDDINGS:

CLINT SMALLEY & KATIE McNAMEE
JOHN BUCKENTIN & ERIN BROOKS
VINCENT LUONGO & SAMANTHA LACSAM
JUSTIN REDINGTON & GLORIA CORUJO
EDDIE BAVA & MAKAYLA MAY

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Carolina Gomez, Willie & Mary Priego, Mike Foster, and Mary Ann Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF MAY 31, 2025

Sat	31st	5:00 Assumption Parishioners
Sun	1st	7:30 Al & Murrieal Orendorff
		9:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		10:30 † Fr. Michael Doyle, O.S.M.
		12:15 Matthew & Guadalupe Replogle
		5:00 James Woods
Mon	2nd	7:00 The Dubuque Family
		12:10 † Dave Adkins
Wed	4th	12:10 † Dorothy C. Brennan
Thurs	5th	7:00 Special Intention
		12:10 † Fr. Arul Carasala
Fri	6th	12:10 † Mario Persichetti
Sat	7th	7:30 Special Intention

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ♦ July 6 - Garden Blessing
- ♦ August 10 - Anniversary Picnic (dogs, brats, and beer)
- ♦ October 30 - Italian Dinner at Coco Pazzo

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE GROUP: Assumption's Refugee Assistance Group has partnered with Catherine's Caring Cause, an organization that assists families who have sought refuge in the United States. For almost a year, our parish has been helping with rent, food expenses, and transportation for a family who have come to Chicago as humanitarian parolees. For the second year in a row, Assumption supported the women and children of Bethany House by contributing funds to host a Mother's Day party. The Refugee Assistance Group welcomes participants and ideas for projects. For information, email refugee@assumption-chgo.org. Donations are always welcome and can be made on Assumption's online giving platform. Donations should be directed to Project Refugee.

A WAY TO HELP THE CHURCH: Our printed bulletin is supplied free to us as long as we maintain a minimum level of advertising. Right now we could use some more paid ads. By advertising in the bulletin and supporting those who do advertise, you are helping supporting the church. Ads run not only in the printed bulletin, but in the online version as well.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Our next preparation session for parents (and, if possible, godparents) will be Monday, June 23 from 7:00—8:15pm in the Rectory. This session is for new parents and for those who have never before attended a preparation session. Call the parish office to register. Infant baptisms normally take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:15pm and on the first Sunday of the month during Mass.

<p>HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION We can make a difference if we each take one small step every day to help save God's gift of creation. Let's embrace Laudato Si.</p> 	<p>Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province in your will.</p>	 <p>We Take Service Personally Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote. 630-261-0400</p>
 <p><i>Coco Pazzo</i> 300 W. Hubbard • 312.836.0900 cocopazzochicago.com Celebrating 30 years</p>	<p>If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. - Mother Teresa</p> 	
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