

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

The Most Holy Trinity June 15, 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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ARE YOUR GIFTS GATHERING DUST?

Last weekend during Mass for the Feast of Pentecost, we spoke about the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and invited you to take a small flame folder with the name of one of the gifts to focus on this coming year. These seven gifts live in all of us who have received the Spirit at baptism. But these seven gifts do not exhaust the gift-giving energy of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit provides many more gifts for the building up of the church community and the human community. St. Paul often reminded the faith communities he founded that the proper functioning of the church requires the active engagement of each of us, sharing our unique gifts.

What are those gifts and how are we supposed to use them? In churchy circles we use the word “discernment” to describe the process of listening to the call of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not likely to speak to us in a thundering voice in the middle of the night. More likely, the Spirit will speak to us through a line of scripture, the words of a friend or a stranger, or through our inner desire. Some of us grow up with the idea that whatever we want to do is the exact opposite of what God wants us to do. If that were true, God would be really stupid! Certainly not everything we want to do comes from God or is moral or legal. Yet God often works through our feelings and inclinations. If we are not drawn to something, we will ultimately abandon it. For example, my grandmother insisted that my mother take piano lessons as a child; but to my mother, it was nothing more than another class. As far as I know, she never played the piano as an adult, and in spite of heavy lobbying by my grandmother, my mother never forced me to take piano lessons.

I mention all of this, because I believe that there are many of us in the parish community who are not discerning the call of the Spirit. I say that because so many of our ministries are becoming depleted. Prior to COVID in 2020, we had an active Social Justice Group; we had enough ministers of the Eucharist to schedule three people each weekend, without scheduling the same people almost every week; we were able to schedule two lectors for each weekend Mass on a rotating basis; our choir had twice as many parishioners in it than it has now; and at most Masses there was a regular team of ushers. There was an active Men’s Group and Child Care was offered on Sundays during the 10:30 Mass. The Servite Secular Order has diminished, as had the number of people active in the Garden Club. The list could go on and on. While there have been a number of new initiatives that have brought a fresh spirit to our parish, we still need to take care of the basics of prayer and service.

Of course the challenges we are facing are not unique. When businesses and institutions began to reopen in the summer and fall of 2020, a persistent question was, “What happened to all the workers?” This was especially true in the retail and hospitality industries. The three months during which only “essential workers” were actually on the job gave everybody else the opportunity to rethink the work that they had been doing. Maybe I have enough saved that I don’t have to go to work right away when things are still risky. Those close to retirement or who were working past retirement age found this to be a good opportunity to make retirement official. Others drifted into other occupations. So it was at Assumption. Some people did not return to church; others saw the break as a good time to step away or retire from that ministry; others for health reasons continued to participate in Mass remotely. Others moved. Over the last three years the number of people coming to church has steadily grown, and we are now approaching our Pre-COVID attendance. Yet over this same period only a few people have joined our ministerial ranks. Perhaps you were always comfortable thinking that someone else would do what’s needed, but the “someone elses” are getting fewer and fewer.

Let me be clear. I am not looking for volunteers. I am not looking for people willing to help out. I am asking those of you who are not involved in any church activity or ministry to do some soul searching. Do I have a calling in one of these areas? Do people tell me I have a good speaking voice or a good singing voice? Do I have a great love for the Eucharist and would find it a humbling yet joyful experience to share the Body of Christ with others? Maybe you will look at your life and say “I am overcommitted now.” Maybe you are involved in charitable or justice work outside of church. On the other hand, God may give you a nudge to do something. To find out more about any ministry is easy. Pick up an “Opportunities to Serve” brochure in the back of church, which has all the contact emails.

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. 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!

PRAYER WALK JUNE 29

The Evangelization Team invites you to a Parish Prayer Walk on Sunday, June 29 after the 10:30



Mass. Prayer Walks are a centuries-old tradition that merge walking with prayer and contemplation of God's presence in the world. The walk will take approximately 45 minutes, traveling 1.3 miles or 3000 steps and involves crossing streets and walking up and down stairs. We will begin in the Garden and walk to three different locations nearby to pray and reflect on various intentions. Join the group for some fun, spiritual exercise!

GENERATION TO GENERATION

We are approaching the end of the active solicitation of pledges for the Generation to Generation campaign. Our parish has surpassed \$831,000 in pledges or 107% of our goal. The pledges are to be paid over a five year period. This weekend and next we are inviting those who have not yet participated to return your pledge card in church. This includes those new to the parish or not registered in the parish who did not receive an invitation in person or by mail. Generation to Generation seeks to address long-term needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Assumption Parish. 50% of the funds raised come back to us to support our Restoration Fund and faith formation programs.

BE PART OF THE JOY!

Make a couple's special day even more beautiful by serving as a Wedding Greeter—welcoming guests, guiding the wedding party, and sharing in sacred moments of celebration. For more info, contact wedgreet@assumption-chgo.org.

HYMNS: #215, #464, #701 (except 5pm Sunday)

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.



ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

Assumption Young Adults will gather in the Parish Hall after the 5:00pm Mass Sunday, June 22 for Chinese food. In addition to the meal, there will be time to plan service and faith formation activities.



The cost for dinner is \$15/person. Venmo @Rosana_Murphy or pay with cash that night. AYA is for anyone in their twenties or thirties, married, single, or coupled. Email assumptionaya@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS:

EMERSON JAMES MARK B MUNANSANGU

WEDDINGS:

**JUSTIN REDINGTON & GLORIA CORUJO
EDDIE BAVA & MAKAYLA MAY
MATEUSZ PIETRUSIAK & MICHELLE LEE
WILLIAM TACK & GRACE ALBER
TYLER WASHINGTON & FRANCES HARTNETT**

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 JUNE 14, 2025

Sat	14th	5:00	Assumption Parishioners
Sun	15th	7:30	† James Quinn
		9:00	† Owen Young
		10:30	† Charles & Marion Joachim
		12:15	† Mario Persichetti
		5:00	† Leo Pusateri
Mon	16th	7:00	Special Intention
Tues	17th	7:00	The Dubuque Family
		12:10	† Octavio Dotel
Wed	18th	7:00	† Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Thurs	19th	7:00	Special Intention
		12:10	† Betty Persichetti
Sat	21st	7:30	† Leo Dillon

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, we 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.

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.

<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> Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES</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 cocopazzo.chicago.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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