

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 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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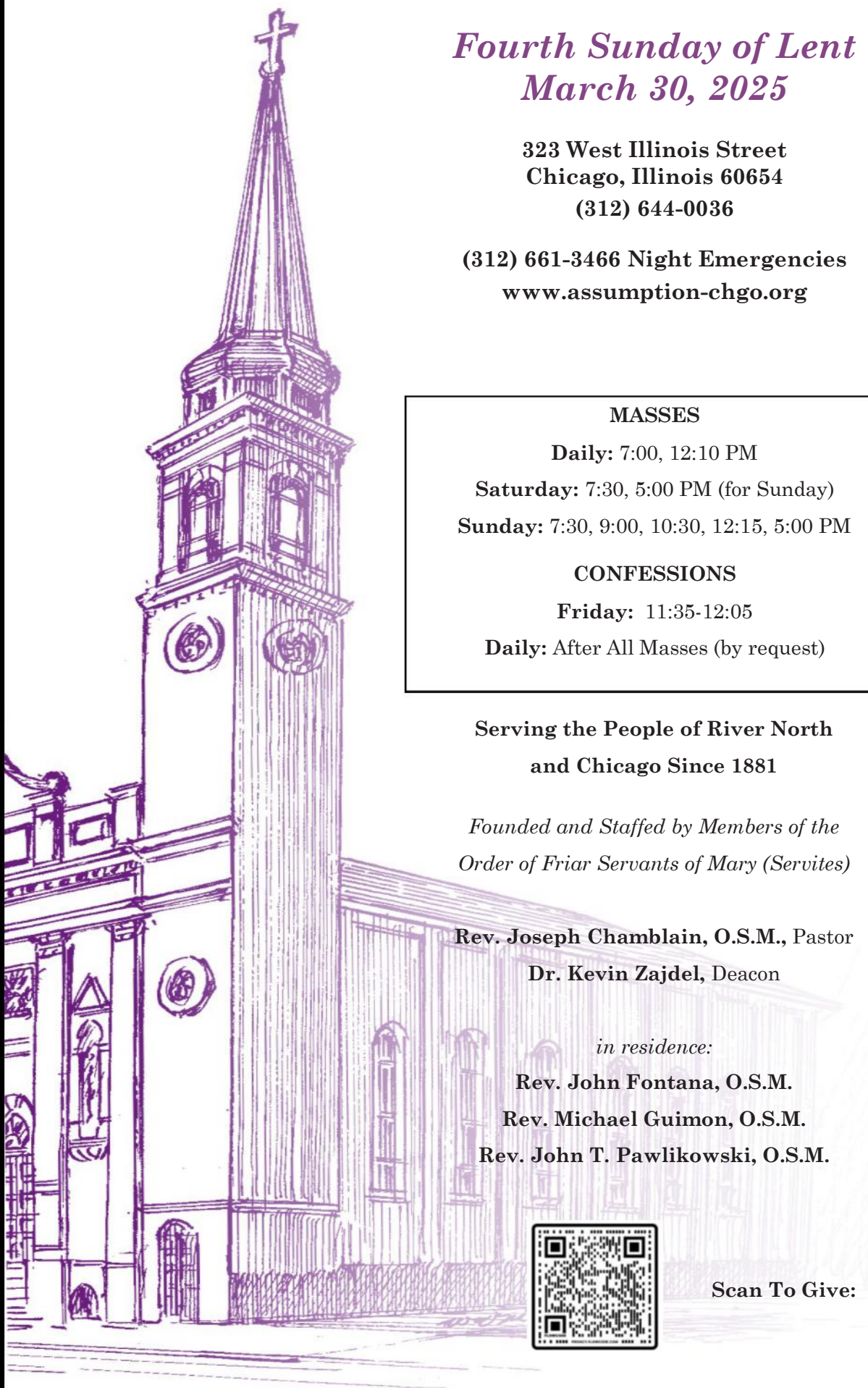
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THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ACTION

This past Sunday afternoon we held our first Leadership Summit. It was an attempt by the Pastoral Council to bring together the leaders of the various organizations and ministries that are affiliated with Assumption. Much information was shared and common concerns were identified. One of the goals of this gathering was to engage each of our groups in the *Renew My Church* process. So much of *Renew My Church* has focused on the merging of parishes and the closing of churches, because that is what creates news. Interview a couple of parishioners and film a scene of the “last Mass” at this church and you have a very neat two- minute segment for the local news.

Renew My Church, though, was never meant to focus on endings. It was meant to generate energy for new beginnings. The parishes that remain were challenged to become more mission oriented. We have to accept the fact that in a secular culture, many people will choose not engage with church, and the baptized Catholics who are here may not stay engaged. So, the various organizations and ministries have an important role in keeping people connected with church through roles of service and helping them grow as disciples of Christ. This touches on something that I have mentioned before, but something that bears repeating because I think it is essential to the renewal of our parish community. That word is vocation.

Most often when people talk about vocations, they are talking about priests, sisters, and brothers. Those are most definitely vocations, and we will have Fr. Sebastian Mulu come one weekend this summer to talk about vocations to the Friar Servants of Mary, the religious order that has staffed Assumption since its beginnings in 1881. Priesthood and Religious Life is a special calling, but it is not the only calling. In fact, one of the persistent themes in St. Paul’s writings was that a well-functioning church is like a well-functioning human body. Every part of the body is offering its unique contribution to the whole. This presumes that each of us has taken some time for prayer and reflection. How have I been gifted by God and how are those gifts being called forth right now? Instead, what we have too often done is simply ask for volunteers. Who is willing to help with this project? Who is willing to be part of this ministry? The result is that some very generous people volunteer to help in many areas and end up getting burned out. Their generosity with their time is admirable, but they may not have the gifts that are well suited to a particular ministry. When noses step forward because a call went out for ears, the body is not going to reach its full potential. A nose is never going to hear as well as an ear, and there may be “ears” out there in the pews who can then excuse themselves from getting involved because someone else has stepped forward. As parish activity has grown at Assumption over the past fifteen years, I have had to lean on people who are good at things for which I am not gifted. If I felt obliged to micromanage every group, growth would have been much slower, and some of the ministries and groups would be very poorly run! Almost all of the ministry leaders said they could use more people. Pick up one of the Opportunities to Serve brochures in the back of church. Read over what is out there; but, please, also spend time reflecting on your gifts and your calling before you step forward. Take your own vocation seriously.

This leads to two other aspects in the renewal of our parish organizations. If our groups are truly involved in the mission of the church, then they must be outward looking and open to changes in the way the organization or ministry has operated. How creative can we be in engaging people and how open are we to the new ideas that they bring? Being connected to a group or ministry is one of the ways of keeping people connected to the church. If we are involved in service, we have a sense of ownership in what takes place. If nobody knows that I am here in the first place, no one will miss me if I disappear. That leads to the second challenge that our groups face: to build up the sense of community within the organization itself. Can we find ways to come together to socialize, to pray, and to discuss new ideas? One very concrete suggestion offered by the Creation Care Committee was for each organization to look at its practices and the way it uses stuff and how well these practices reflect the Pope’s teaching on caring for the environment.

As we enter the final weeks of the Lenten Season, you might incorporate some of this in your own Lenten prayer routine. Easter is about new life and new beginnings. How might the new life of Easter energize your own identity as a disciple of Christ and the activities in which you participate?

Fr. Joe

EVENINGS OF FAITH: Every Wednesday during Lent we will have Mass in Church at 6:00pm, a Lenten meal in the Parish Hall at 6:30, and a speaker or Lenten ritual from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Here is our schedule for this year:

- March 12 - Homelessness In America (*Doug Fraser*)
- March 19 - The Christmas Story for Adults (*Fr. Joe*)
- March 26 - The Roots of Our Faith (*Fr. Lou Cameli*)
- April 2 - The Way of the Cross for Today
- April 9 - The Seasons of Life (*Mary Worden*)
- April 16 - Lenten Reconciliation Service

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR TODAY

It began as an actual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to retrace the steps that Jesus took from Pilate's Courtyard to Mount Calvary. In the late Middle Ages, the Franciscans, who have charge of the Shrines in the Holy Land, were authorized to erect Stations of the Cross at shrines and churches for those unable to travel. The Way of the Cross is a Lenten devotion familiar to many Catholics. Over the centuries various prayers and meditations have been composed to accompany the fourteen stations. This is what inspired our Adult Faith Board six years ago to compose a contemporary set of prayers and meditations that relate to the pain, suffering, and hopes of people today. On Wednesday April 2, for the fourth of our Wednesday *Evenings of Faith* we will pray these Stations of the Cross in Church, following a brief introduction to their significance and sources of inspiration.

Every Wednesday in Lent there will be Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a meal in the Parish Hall at 6:30 and our ritual or speaker at 7:00pm. Reservations are required only for the meal. Reservations may be made online, by phone, or by signing the list in the back of church.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time for new beginnings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us an opportunity to let go of

past sins of commission and omission, and to be empowered once more as a disciple of Christ. Confessions are heard upon request after each Mass and between 11:35 and 12:05 on Friday. There will be a Reconciliation Service with opportunity for private confession on Wednesday of Holy Week,

HYMNS: #571, #331, #550 (*except 5pm Sunday*)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13

Mass at 5:00pm Sat, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00pm Sun
(Procession with Palms at the 10:30 Mass)

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, April 14-15

Mass at 7:00am and 12:10pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16

Mass at 7:00am, 12:10pm, 6:00pm
Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm.

Holy Thursday, April 17

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, April 18

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 12:10pm and 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Easter, April 19-20

Mass at 8:00pm Saturday; 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, 1:00 Sunday

BAPTISMS:

AVERY MARIE D'AMICO

WEDDINGS:

DAVID JONES & AMANDA MIKOLAJCZAK

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2025

Sat	29th	5:00 † Angela Van Dyke
Sun	30th	7:30 Assumption Parishioners
		9:00 † Eileen Hoffman
		10:30 † John McEneaney
		12:15 Elise Campbell
		5:00 Kailyn Bare
Mon	31st	7:00 Priests & People of Assumption
Tues	1st	7:00 † Michael Slavin
Wed	2nd	7:00 † Susan Walsh Miller
		6:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
Thurs	3rd	7:00 Dubuque Family
Fri	4th	12:10 † Frank Scalise

GENERATION TO GENERATION: Generation to Generation is a capital campaign which benefits the Archdiocese of Chicago and Assumption Parish. When you are approached about making a pledge, please respond generously.

HAPPENING AT HOLY NAME: Stations of the Cross: a Native American Catholic Journey of Healing and Reconciliation will take place Friday April 11 at 4:00pm at Holy Name Cathedral. This Service is sponsored by the St. Kateri Center of Chicago.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by the fast may take only one full meal, and eating solid food between meals is not permitted.


ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: During Lent, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary will be prayed every Sunday morning at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Way of the Cross will take place following the 12:10 Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

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We can make a difference if we each take one small step every day to help save God's gift of creation.
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