

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe November 23, 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 ARE WE CELEBRATING?

This Thursday November 27 is Thanksgiving Day. It is a much beloved national holiday remarkably free of commercial exploitation. Because it is so focused on family gatherings, it may have done more than all the politicians combined to reopen the government and get the flight schedules back to normal. President Lincoln established the Thanksgiving Holiday in 1863 and it has been celebrated every year since. As I read the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation, I find it extraordinary for what is there and for what is not there.

First, the timing was extraordinary. A day of thanksgiving was proclaimed when our country was engaged in a civil war, a war that turned brother against brother, threatened the identity of our nation, and cost the lives of 500,000 Americans. Yet in one of the darkest years of our history, the President told us to be thankful: "In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gift of the Most High God, who while dealing with us for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

The President reminds us that we can always find reasons to be grateful, even in the darkest of times. But I think he was also aware of something else about gratitude. When the war was over, it would be grateful people who would rebuild the nation. Grumbling people would only complain about how awful things were and not lend a hand. It is still true today. When we think about our life, our family, our city, our country, our church, our world, our sports teams, we can easily find grounds for grumbling. But let us resist the temptation and count our blessings and see if that does not bear fruit in making life better around us. At the family table this year, try to appreciate the uniqueness of each guest. They are all reflections of the marvelous creativity of God—regardless of their political opinions!

And, by the way, what is missing from Lincoln's Proclamation of 1863? Any reference to Indians, Pilgrims, and the First Thanksgiving. As much as we think that our Thanksgiving celebration is based on a celebratory meal in 1621, it really is not. Yes, there was a celebratory meal shared by Pilgrims and Indians, but it happened almost by accident. The Pilgrims were having a feast. It was not a thanksgiving meal, because in the Pilgrim tradition, thanksgiving meant prayer and fasting. As part of the celebration, some men engaged in target practice. Nearby Wampanoags heard the gunfire, thought it might be their enemies, the Narragansetts, and arrived with their weapons loaded. There was just enough trust between Pilgrims and Wampanoags for them to lay down their arms and have a meal together.

Historians tell us the Story of the First Thanksgiving was largely the invention of White Anglo-Saxon Protestants in the North in the late nineteenth century. The focus on friendly Indians and hospitable colonists was meant to serve as a criticism of the way Indians were treated in the West and Blacks were treated in the South. Worried about an influx of immigrants from southern and eastern Europe who were Catholic or Jewish, the Thanksgiving Story was a way of asserting the cultural and religious superiority of the first settlers and a warning about the new immigrants, who because of their religious beliefs and lack of sophistication, represented a threat to traditional American values.

So, enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration and focus on giving thanks to God, who loves all people equally.

Fr. Joe

BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH

Assumption is collecting frozen turkeys this Sunday morning November 23 for Our Lady of the Angels Mission on the West Side.

Drop-off times in front of church are **7:15 to 9:15** and **10:15 to 12:30pm** only.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This doctrine holds that Mary was free from sin from the first moment of her existence. Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception is our national feast day. It is celebrated on December 8 and is always observed as a holy day. Masses on Monday December 8 will be at 7:00, 12:10, and 6:00pm.



PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE AUCTION

Auction Items

Nashville Trip--\$2300
Symphony--\$350
Blackhawk Tickets--\$425
Cookies--\$500



Reverse Auction Items:

Altar Candles : Goal=\$2300, Raised=\$2700
Outdoor Nativity: Goal=\$999; Raised=\$2400
Christmas Poinsettias: Goal=\$1000; Raised=\$2450
Easter Flowers: Goal=\$1600; Raised=\$2300
Garden Upkeep: Goal=\$5000; Raised=\$4900
Assumption Shares Coupons: Raised=\$8830

Thanks again for your generosity!

ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS

Assumption Young Adults is for those in their twenties or thirties, married, single, or coupled. They sponsor a number of social, service, and spiritual activities during the year. AYA's next event is 'No More Turkey,' a gathering for food and drink following the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday November 30. For more information, email assumptionaya@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." It is the primary reason we come to Mass. How appropriate to begin your family celebration of Thanksgiving by attending Mass. Masses will be at 7:30 and 10:30 on Thursday November 27, Thanksgiving Day. The 311 Garage will be open for the 10:30 Mass. A collection will be taken up for Assumption Shares food vouchers.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Season of Advent prepares us not just for the celebration of Christmas but for Christ's return at the end of time, and the Christ we encounter in the midst of daily life. Your experience of Advent will be enriched by a study of the Advent Sunday Scriptures. A Scripture Study (based on materials from Renew) will meet on four Mondays from 6:00 to 7:15pm, beginning November 24. To sign up, email beth.schuman@gmail.com.

HATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Assumption is collecting knit caps for the needy and unhoused who are served by Chicago Help Initiative. Place your donation in the box at the front of church next to the Vatican flag. The hat drive ends Dec. 14.

OUR PARISHIONER'S MOVIE

Maura Smith, an Assumption Parishioner and an adjunct faculty member at Columbia College, has directed a movie about her late husband, internationally famous photographer Steve Schapiro. The film, entitled *Steve Schapiro: Being Everywhere*, will be screened at the Gene Siskel Theatre, 164 N State, on Friday evening December 5, Sunday afternoon December 7, and Wednesday evening December 10. Maura will be present.

HYMNS: #717, #490, #210, #724 (except 5pm Sunday)

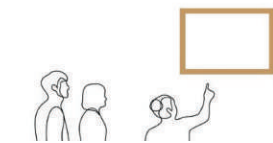
WEDDINGS:

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SPENCER WENZLOFF & KAITLYN CLANCY
MICHAEL HETTMAN & GWEN GRONOWSKI

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

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Sat	22nd	5:00 † Francisco & Cornelia Pestanas
Sun	23rd	7:30 Garvey Family
		9:00 Dubuque Family
		10:30 Joshua Romaniuk
		12:15 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Families
		5:00 † Edward & Dorothy Brennan
Mon	24th	7:00 Assumption Parishioners
		12:10 Special Intention
Tues	25th	12:10 † Mary Virginia Huguelet
Wed	26th	12:10 † Leo & Lillian Pusateri
Thurs	27th	10:30 † Charles & Marion Joachim
Fri	28th	12:10 Matthew Dubuque (b'day)
Sat	29th	7:30 Special Intention



ART INSTITUTE TOUR: Blessed Mary is a favorite subject in many styles of religious art. Join in a one-hour tour of select depictions of her in paintings and sculpture at The Art Institute of Chicago. The tour at The Art Institute will be led by art historian Karen Barzman on Thursday, December 18th (*a free entry day!*) at 6:00 pm and, afterwards, we will continue with libations and discussion nearby. Space is limited and will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. Email or call the parish office to register (312-644-0036) or parishoffice@assumption-chgo.org.

ADVENT CALENDAR: To help you through the season of Advent, an Advent calendar will be posted on Assumption's homepage and Facebook page, beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30. There will be a different reflection and challenge for each day.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: In light of expanded Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations 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 home 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.

<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 cocopazzochicago.com Celebrating 30 years</p>	<p>If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. - Mother Teresa</p> 	<p>ADVERTISE HERE</p> <p>Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.</p> <p>Give us a call! 800-783-1623</p>
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