

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time November 16, 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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OUR PARISH SAINT

While many holy people have passed through the doors of all the Catholic churches around the world, very few churches can boast of having their own canonized saint. Yet that is what Assumption has. St Frances Cabrini, whose statue stands in first place on the east side of the church, lived and worked among the Italian immigrants who moved into our neighborhood in the late nineteenth century and prayed in our pews.

Frances Cabrini was born in a small town near Milan, Italy in 1850. She was two months premature and was in poor health all her life. Anxious to become a religious sister and a missionary to China, she applied to and was rejected by several religious congregations because of her poor health. However, the local bishop recognized her zeal for ministry and her commitment to Christ and her love for the Eucharist and encouraged her to begin her own religious congregation, which became the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. As the foundress and superior, she was commonly known as Mother Cabrini. In 1889 she petitioned Pope Leo XIII to begin missionary work in the Far East; but the Pope convinced her that the real need for her sisters was in America. Italian immigrants were facing discrimination in employment and housing and even by the Catholic Church, which was dominated by an Irish hierarchy. And, so, her primary mission for the rest of her life was in the United States: New York, Chicago, and Denver. In addition to her frail health, she almost drowned as a child and had a great fear of water; yet she crossed the ocean 27 times in pursuit of her mission. Such will and determination was very typical of her personality. She was an exacting boss and a shrewd business woman who rarely took “no” for an answer. During the 67 years of her life, she founded 67 different institutions (hospitals, schools, and orphanages), including Assumption School in 1899.

When Mother Cabrini died on December 22, 1917, she was supposedly engaged in making Christmas stockings for the children of Assumption School. She had insisted that no tuition ever be charged at Assumption School, and if the Servite friars ever tried to charge tuition, she would immediately withdraw her sisters. And no tuition was ever charged at Assumption School until it closed in 1945, a year before Mother Cabrini was canonized a saint. If you did not know: the Assumption school building still stands. It is a yellow brick building in the 300 block of West Erie and is now a condominium building.

The area around Assumption has changed dramatically over the past century, but Mother Cabrini’s concern for immigrants is ever relevant. Prayers are often offered to Mother Cabrini as The Patron Saint of Immigrants. In a video message in September, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso said, “During her lifetime of service, Mother Cabrini often faced great trials as an immigrant, a woman, and an advocate for the poor; but she never relented in her determination to build an empire of hope, sustained by her relationship with Christ in the Eucharist and the faces of those she served. . . . Mother Cabrini’s challenge and the challenges of those she served are not unique among the generations of Catholics and immigrants in general who have come to this land, and her witness can help in the present reality in the life of our church and our nation.” In imitation of Mother Cabrini, Bishop Seitz encourages all Catholics to “make an intentional commitment to live out the Gospel not in abstraction but through acts of solidarity that affirm the human dignity of every person.”

As a step in that direction, the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invites us to sign The Cabrini Pledge: To affirm in word and deed the inherent dignity of every person; to reflect on migration in light of Scripture and Catholic social teaching; to listen and learn about the circumstances facing migrants and refugees; to seek opportunities for encounter with those in need; to consider what it means to be a good neighbor and how I am called to reflect the love and hope of Christ to others; to encourage civic dialogue that places the human person and the sanctity of families at the center of policymaking; and to join with Pope Leo in praying for all migrants and refugees as fellow travelers on our journey to our true homeland. It is easy to sign the Cabrini Pledge. Go to “USCCB The Cabrini Pledge.”

Fr. Joe

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Members of our Parish Pastoral Council will be in the Parish Hall after each weekend Mass to listen to your ideas and suggestions for Assumption. Come down for a cup of coffee or a glass of iced tea and share your thoughts.



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.

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.



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.

BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH

Help a needy family have a happier Thanksgiving. Our Lady of the Angels Mission on the West Side is in need of frozen turkeys for the many families they assist. Assumption is coordinating a turkey drop to help meet this need. Please bring a frozen turkey to church on Sunday morning November 23. Drivers will be parked in front of church to receive your turkeys and transport them to Our Lady of the Angels. Drop-off times are 7:15 to 9:15 and 10:15 to 12:30 only. Volunteer drivers are also needed, Contact Karen at 773-587-0018 or salasblancas1@gmail.com. Please note: we are not accepting cash donations for turkeys. Cash donations will go to Assumption Shares, which provides food vouchers for those in need.

HYMNS: #412, #347, #594 (except 5pm Sunday)

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.

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.

RITE OF WELCOME

At the 10:30 Mass this weekend, the adults who are part of this year's OCIA will make their formal entrance into the catechumenate: Karen Barzman, Mollie DeBrunner, Alex Dryden, Alexandra Ford, Jonathan Gauger, Sydney Lewanovich, Conor Mooney, Connor Nichols, Kenia Reyes, Aryan Sheikhalian, Brayden Sims, Evelina Stronberg, Michelle Wick, and Hailey Williams. Keep them in prayer as they journey to the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.



WEDDINGS:

JAMES McMAHON & REBECCA GERKE
SEAN GARVEY & MADISON COOK
SPENCER WENZLOFF & KAITLYN CLANCY

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 15, 2025

Sat	15th	5:00 † Leonel Mejia
Sun	16th	7:30 † Danny Garvey
		9:00 † Antoinette Pareti
		10:30 † Mary Gnagni Tuffo
		12:15 Assumption Parishioners
		5:00 † Lisa Callahan Kay
Mon	17th	7:00 † Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
Tues	18th	7:00 Anne Dubuque Jasper (b'day)
Fri	21st	12:10 † Lisa Callahan Kay

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Bishops' social justice and anti-poverty campaign. Established in 1969, it provides seed money to low-income communities and organizations that address the root causes of poverty. The annual CCHD collection is on November 15-16.

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.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: We pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided

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.

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. 	Help care for aging Friars who served at Assumption. Remember The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, USA Province in your will.	 Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES We Take Service Personally Contact us today for a customized, reliable waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote. 630-261-0400
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