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October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you have done all you have been commanded,
say, 'We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to do.'



Holy Name Cathedral

Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am & 12noon (livestream)
Wednesday evenings at 5:15 PM

Saturday

8:00am (livestream) & 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),
12:30 PM, 5:15 PM

Saturday Reconciliation

8:00am to 11:00am

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

It is essential to welcome each day and season with a spirit of hope, faith, and an attitude of gratitude for all the gifts God has given us. I share with you what was recently sent to me.

Enjoy...and pass it on.

What Will Matter

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no days, no hours, or minutes.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame, and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or who owed you what.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, will your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from or on what side of the tracks you lived.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Your gender, skin color, and ethnicity will be irrelevant.

So, what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built;
What will matter is not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, and sacrifice that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you know, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories of those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom, and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstances but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

—Michael Josephson

May our point of reference in life be Jesus Christ — for Jesus gives all our lives meaning, purpose, and direction.

Jesus taught us how to live — and how to live for others.

And may we never lose perspective, balance in life, and a sense of humor...

The symphony was performing Beethoven's Ninth. In the piece, there is a long passage — about 20 minutes — during which the bass players have nothing to do. Rather than sit around that whole time looking stupid, some bassists decided to sneak offstage and go to the tavern next door for a quick one.

After slamming several beers in quick succession, one of them looked at his watch. "Hey! We need to get back!" "No need to panic," said a fellow bassist. "I thought we might need some extra time, so I tied the last few pages of the conductor's score together with a string. It'll take him a few minutes to get untangled."

A few moments later, they staggered back to the concert hall and took their places in the orchestra. At about this time, a member of the audience noticed that the conductor seemed a bit edgy and mentioned this to her companion. "Well, of course," said her companion.

"Don't you see? It's the bottom of the Ninth, the score is tied, and the bassists are loaded."

Fall blessings,
Fr. Greg

P.S. Even though I am a huge White Sox fan...Go Cubs!
Playoff baseball is here!



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Weekly Rector's Update
(delivered to your inbox every Friday)

Upcoming Events



Sunday, October 5

ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY FAIR	9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Children's Faith Formation (Opening Session)	9:15 AM
15-minute Cathedral Tour	9:30 & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:00 AM
Full Cathedral Tour – 1 hour	1:30 PM

Monday, October 6

Knitting & Crocheting Ministry	1:30 PM
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Tuesday, October 7

Men's & Women's Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM
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Wednesday, October 8

Fall Frassati Group	6:00 PM
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group	6:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Zoom	6:30 PM

Thursday, October 9

Thursday Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM
Making Rosary – Young Adults	6:00 PM
Young Adult Leadership Meeting	7:00 PM
Cathedral Concert Series	7:00 PM
The Lamb Supper Study	7:00 PM

Saturday, October 11

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 PM
Day of Service	9:00 AM
Padre Pio Prayer Group	9:00 AM
Fall Frassati Group 1 & 2	9:30 AM
Fall Frassati Group 3 & 4	11:00 AM

Sunday, October 12

15-minute Cathedral Tour	9:30 & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:00 AM
Ambassadors of Mary Reception	1:30 PM
Cathedral Filipino Network meeting	2:00 PM
Mass in Spanish	3:30 PM



Come to our Ministry Fair, the Closing Event of our 175th Anniversary Year!

This weekend, we will close our 175th year celebration at our annual parish Ministry Fair.

During the fair this Sunday, we will highlight and celebrate the various events — including our Cabrini statue gift for Pope Francis, Damian performance, the Road to Emmaus, Pilgrims of Hope Courtyard Mosaic, our new Sacred Heart of Jesus statue and International Living Rosary — from our anniversary year. Thank you to all who planned, volunteered or attended one of our events! Thank you for making this a memorable year!

We invite you to stop by before or after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5, between 9:30am and 2:00pm in the Courtyard for the Ministry Fair. There are opportunities to build upon this 175th Anniversary year for all parishioners to actively participate in the life of the parish community through our many busy ministries — whether in Worship, Service, Stewardship, Young Adults or Evangelization. Join us for refreshments and to celebrate the work of our Faith Community!

On the Cover

In honor of our anniversary, each week we will spotlight photos from our past 175 years on the bulletin cover. They'll offer a peek into the past of our Faith Community.

Photo by the Chicago Sun-Times photo archive. From Oct. 4, 1979. Pope St. John Paul II sits in Holy Name Cathedral's Cathedra next to Cardinal John Cody and attends a prayer service. The Holy Father made two visits to Holy Name during his three-day visit to Chicago. He also attended a concert with Luciano Pavarotti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at HNC.



Join Us for Our Annual HNC Ministry Fair

NEXT SUNDAY: Oct. 5, 9:30am to 2:00pm

We invite you to stop by before or after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5, between 9:30am and 2:00pm to our annual Holy Name Cathedral Ministry Fair. There are opportunities for all parishioners to actively participate in the life of the parish community through our many busy ministries — whether in Worship, Service, Stewardship, Young Adults or Evangelization.



Also this year at the fair, we'll highlight and celebrate the events of our 175th anniversary year as we wrap up our celebration. Join us for refreshments and to celebrate the work of our Faith Community.

Opportunities for you to get involved at Holy Name Cathedral include:

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| ✦ Bible Study – Wednesday Evening and Thursday Morning | ✦ Knights of Columbus | ✦ Padre Pio Prayer Group |
| ✦ Blessings in a Backpack | ✦ Knitting/Crocheting Ministry | ✦ Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) |
| ✦ Cabrini Ministry | ✦ Lifelong Formation | ✦ Stewardship |
| ✦ Cathedral Filipino Network | ✦ Liturgical Ministries — Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | ✦ St. Thérèse Garden Ministry |
| ✦ Chicago Shares | ✦ Liturgical Ministries — Lectors | ✦ Thursday/Friday Suppers |
| ✦ Daughters of Isabella | ✦ Liturgical Ministries - Ushers | ✦ Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) |
| ✦ Day of Service – Oct. 11 | ✦ Ministers of Care | ✦ Wedding Ministry (NEW!) |
| ✦ Faith & Fitness Ministry | ✦ Music Ministries | ✦ World Day of the Poor — Nov. 16 |
| ✦ Friends of Fr. Augustus Tolton | ✦ Mustard Seeds | ✦ Young Adult Ministry |
| ✦ Hospitality Ministry (NEW!) | | ✦ Young at Heart Ministry |



Catholic Illuminations

Opportunities Abound to Share Your God-Given Talents!

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

This Sunday, the Cathedral is hosting our annual Ministry Fair, highlighting the many ways one can use their God-given talents to build up God's kingdom in a tangible way here in this local community. Under the guidance of the Cathedral Worship Council, we invite you to consider joining one of our liturgical ministries: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), and Usher. A Lector proclaims the Word of God at Sunday liturgies. An EMHC assists the priest and deacon in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful at each Mass. An Usher helps people feel welcome during the liturgy and takes up the collection, supporting the Cathedral's mission in the world.

Other ministries within Worship that will be present at the fair are Music, which we are very blessed with a talented music department. Friends of Augustus Tolton, which promotes the cause of canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton, whom I wrote about a few weeks ago. The Daughters of Isabella, a female group focused on service, spiritual renewal and connection, along with their counterpart, the Knights of Columbus, will also be present.

One new ministry that has been placed on my heart over these years at the Cathedral is our Wedding Ministry. The Cathedral celebrates more than 125 weddings a year, under the direction of our dedicated wedding team, Martha Welter and JoAnn O'Brien. Martha does a fantastic job fielding the wedding inquiries and scheduling wedding dates and rehearsals throughout the year. JoAnn amazingly coordinates the wedding logistics and runs rehearsals the night before the wedding, and is present on the 'day of' to coordinate with the couple from lining up the bridal party to sometimes pinning the boutonniere on the groomsmen.

In conversations with JoAnn and Martha, we are looking to expand our wedding ministry. A volunteer in this ministry would work with JoAnn and me to receive training in running



wedding rehearsals on Thursday or Friday evenings and assist with the day-of needs for the couple. Responsibilities include working with wedding planners and photographers/videographers during rehearsals and wedding liturgies.

Weddings are always a happy occasion. Whether you have seen your own child get married or you are interested in helping couples ensure they have a smooth wedding day here at the Cathedral, please pray over the decision to join our new Wedding Ministry. You will not need to be in direct communication with the couple or their planner; instead, you will need to be available on-site at the Cathedral on a Thursday/Friday evening for rehearsal and on a Friday afternoon or Saturday for the wedding.

Hopefully, with enough interest, one volunteer can be responsible for one wedding each time. Weddings are celebrated on Fridays at 2:30pm and 4:00pm and on Saturdays at 11:00am, 1:30pm, and 3:30pm. This new Liturgical ministry will enable more people to utilize their gifts of encouragement, organization, and friendliness to support the couples and families who begin a new chapter here in this Cathedral.

St. Paul tells us that there are different gifts but the same Spirit (cf. 1 Corinthians 12). This Sunday, join us in the Courtyard from 9:30am to 2:00pm to discover how you can share your gifts to expand God's kingdom here in the Cathedral and within the larger community.

Cathedral Tours After 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 Masses Today

This Sunday, we have three opportunities for tours of Holy Name. **Every Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**, Docents will give quick 15-minute tours. Also, Docents will give **full Cathedral tours after the 12:30 p.m. Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month**, including this Sunday, Oct. 5. The full tours last approximately 45 minutes. These free tours will begin immediately after Mass and will start at the front of the main, center aisle. No reservations needed!

Faith in Action

Sign Up for Annual Parish Service Day

THIS SATURDAY, Oct. 11, Starting with Special 9am Mass at Lawson House

Join us this year, our Annual Day of Service will be held at Lawson House, 803 N. Dearborn, just a block from the Cathedral. The Lawson House is the new home for over 400 residents who previously faced homelessness. As they settle into their new homes, we will have a variety of service projects around the building to support their successful transition.

We are starting at 9:00am with a special Mass onsite at the Lawson House with Fr. Greg and Fr. Andy. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity for tours of the restored Art Deco building and begin our service projects



to beautify the property and engage with the residents.

Lunch will be provided, with Fr. Louis J. Cameli as our lunchtime speaker. Scan the QR code to register for the event.



Annual Pre-Marathon Mass

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm

Running in the Marathon? Pre-Marathon Mass on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm. As is our Cathedral tradition, all runners are invited to receive a special pre-race blessing at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm. As in the past, all marathon cheering squads and friends are encouraged to join in this special Mass.



All are Invited to Our Next Masses in Spanish

You are invited to our next Masses in Spanish at the Cathedral on Sundays, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at 3:30 P.M. After Mass there will be a gathering with snacks in the FXW school cafeteria, as well as free clothing and other household items for families in need. We hope you can join us.

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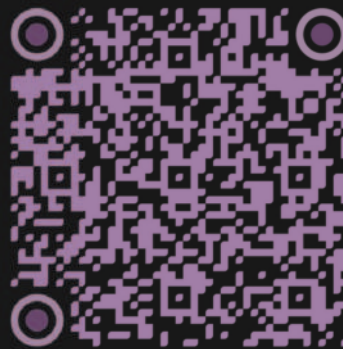
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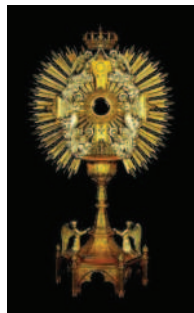
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Monthly Holy Hour: Praying for Vocations

Wednesdays: Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 at 5:15pm

Pope John Paul II, once said, “From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.” Inspired by his words, we invite you to join us for this Monthly Holy Hour dedicated to praying for vocations. Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12 in the Cathedral. The schedule is as follows:



- ✠ **5:15pm Mass:** at Holy Name Cathedral
- ✠ **6:30pm to 8:00pm:** Adoration and Rosary in the Chapel
- ✠ **8:00pm to 9:00pm:** Dinner and Fellowship

Come and pray with us for the renewal of hearts and a deeper response to God's call.

Congratulations to our Christifideles Winners!

The Christifidelis Award is bestowed annually upon an individual layperson who has demonstrated the personal and ministerial renewal called for by the Papal Exhortation, *Christifideles*



2025 Christifideles winners (with Fr. Greg Sakowicz): Claire Gregoire (left), Julie Yacopino and Dennis Goodman, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Laici. Congratulations to our 2025 winners: Dennis Goodman, Claire Gregoire and Julie Yacopino. These individuals demonstrated years of leadership for our Faith Community to gather in service, stewardship and faith formation. We are blessed to have these heart-filled and tireless lay leaders in our parish. Cheers to the winners!

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National Vocation Awareness Week VOCATION PANEL FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults 21–40 are invited to begin **National Vocation Awareness Week** with an evening of prayer, community and conversation about God's call. The night will include Mass, dinner, a panel of men and women sharing about their vocations, and time for fellowship and discussion.

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Holy Name Cathedral – Club Room, 735 N. State St. (enter through the courtyard)

Mass:	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Food/Dinner:	6:20 – 7 p.m.
Panel:	7 – 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship and Discussion:	7:30 – 9 p.m.

This event is free for all attendees. We kindly ask you to RSVP for food planning purposes:
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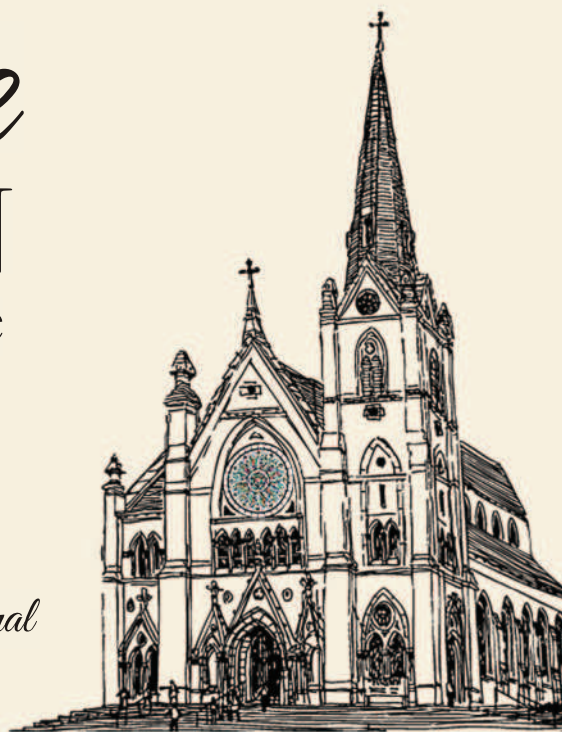
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Holy Name Cathedral **150th** Anniversary Celebration Mass
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Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton - Grand Ballroom - Chicago
2:00pm | 160 East Pearson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611

Luncheon Tickets are **\$175**/person

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Please register
by Nov. 15



We hope to see
you at this exciting
beginning of the

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Honoring Our Loved Ones

Ministers of Care Available to Visit You with Communion

What is the Ministry of Care? It is a group of people who have been trained and commissioned to visit with, pray with, and bring communion to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend mass; those who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. We have several Ministers of Care available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Email us at mycathedral@holynamcathedral.org or call us at (312) 787-8040 and one of our Ministers of Care will be in touch.

Wedding Banns



- I Juliana Melby & Leo Milano
Camille McCutcheon & Jacob Anderson
- II Natalie Gandy & Xavier Medina
Rosemarie Fortune & Connor Purk
Maira Gonzalez & Fidel Castaneda
Lauren Konopka & Cameron Hillocks
- III Matthew Wapinski & Amber Lanz
Julian Espinoza & Natalie Espinoza
Anthony Vivero & Chloe Cavida

In Memoriam



- ✠ Billy McEssy — devoted son of Bill & Lois McEssy, and beloved brother of Cheri McEssy
- ✠ James Lacher — beloved husband of Sally
- ✠ Jeff Klenken — committed team member of Blessings in a Backpack
- ✠ J. B. Heaton — beloved son of Jim Breckenridge Heaton

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a prayer is an important Catholic tradition. It would be our honor to have one of our priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code at right to complete the form.



Mass Intentions

Colored dots represent the priest's vestment color

○ Monday, Oct. 6 (St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher)

- 7 AM + Angei Heaton
- 8 AM Juliana Montella
- 12 PM + Charles "Chuck" Smead

○ Tuesday, October 7 (Our Lady of Rosary)

- 7 AM Robert Davis
- 8 AM + Frank Kloht
- 12 PM + Brian Bongat

● Wednesday, October 8 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7 AM + Robert & Dolores Benson Family
- 8 AM + Nida P. Moss
- 12 PM + Loreta M., + Michael S. Morse
+ Richard T. Godfrey, + Carl Dunning
+ Jack C. Oberhart Jr., + Eric & Jenny Tensuan
+ Don Minucciani, + Mary Lemoine, + Ann Belter
Margaret Dunning Moore
- 5.15 PM + Elizabeth Gastelli

● Thu., Oct. 9 (St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi)

- 7AM + Barbara Kosiek & Deborah Daro
- 8AM + Michael S. Morse
- 12PM William O' Brien

● Friday, October 10 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7 AM + Emmett Foley
- 8 AM + Nick Peter Marino, + Luis Diaz De Leon
+ Jacqueline Marie Layer, + Paul Joseph
+ Joanne T. Jurkovic, + Marianne Wood
+ T. Dennis & Beatrice Duffy, + Paul Galvin
+ Julie & Greg Cooper, Rizalina Claravall
- 12 PM + Vito Scafiezzo

● Saturday, October 11 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 9 AM + David E. Remo

A Little Humor from the Rector



**“I’ve been barking for
20 minutes and you keep telling
me to be quiet and ignoring me...
Anyway, your car is gone.”**

Sunday Offertory Giving

Although Holy Name Cathedral receives funding from appeals and fundraisers, our major source of income is the Sunday Offertory Collection. If you are a parishioner who does not donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection, we ask that you consider becoming an active contributor.

To sign up for recurring Sunday giving or to increase your current giving, please go to tinyurl.com/HNCgiving or scan the QR code below. We also have yellow envelopes which can be found in the back of the Cathedral. You can fill out,

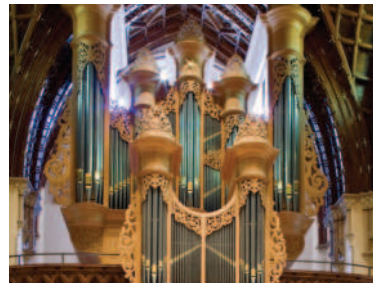


enclose your desired donation and leave with an usher as you exit the Cathedral, or take home to complete and mail back to us at your convenience. Thank you for your generosity.

Opening of 2025/26 Cathedral Concert Series

Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00pm

Join us for the opening concert of the Cathedral Concert Series’ 2025-2026 season on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00pm when we feature Dr. Thomas Fielding, Director of Music, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. A graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Dr. Fielding has taken first prize at the national Arthur Poister performance competitions and played recitals throughout England and the Netherlands, including two appearances at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London.



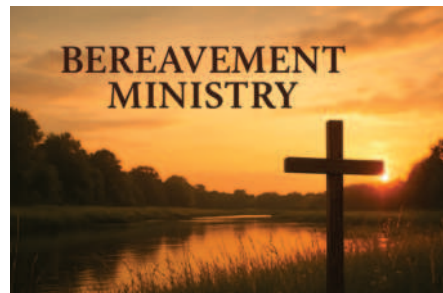
**Dr. Thomas
Fielding**

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Starts Wednesday, Oct. 8

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join our six-week support group, held Wednesdays

from Oct. 8 through Nov. 12, 6:00–8:00pm in the Rectory. Rooted in our Catholic tradition, the program offers God’s consolation through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and the sharing of faith within a supportive community. Come and find comfort, hope, and healing in Christ. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



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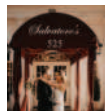


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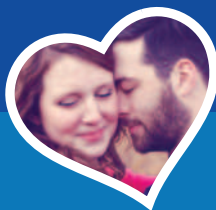
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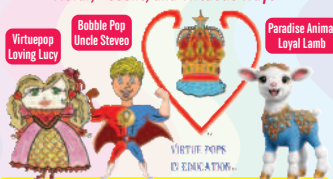
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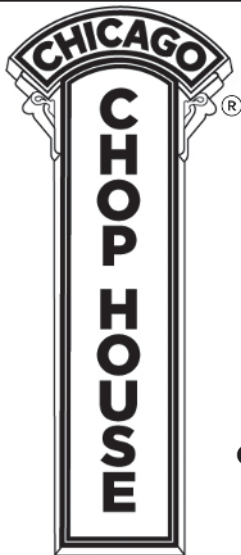


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Prelude (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Prelude in A minor

James Nares

Entrance Hymn

We Walk by Faith #674

Gloria

Mass of St. Ann (Sat. 5:15pm; 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.)

Ed Bolduc

Congregational Mass (all other Masses) #324

First Reading #1189

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7c, 7d-9

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation #328



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Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Offertory Hymn

If You Have Faith #719

Holy, Holy

Mass for the People of God #290

Memorial Acclamation

Mass for the People of God #293

Amen

Mass for the People of God #294

Lamb of God

Mass for the People of God #295

Communion Antiphon

**My soul aspires after your salvation, I hope in
your word.**

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body #931

Communion Motet

O Lord, Increase My Faith (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Orlando Gibbons

Recessional Hymn

A Living Faith #676

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Fugue in A Minor

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