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July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will open my mouth in parables; I will announce
what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world."



150th
Anniversary
AS THE Cathedral
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral

A CORNERSTONE TO 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*; Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am* & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation:
8:00am to 11:00am

*livestreamed Mass

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God

Summer is moving much too quickly!
Please take the time to read this
powerful story and pass it on...

Real Love Gives You Roots

I almost filed for divorce last Tuesday.
I was sitting in my car, staring at the
divorce paperwork, convinced that “the
spark” was gone. I felt numb. I drove to

my parents’ house instead--seeking a place to hide, or maybe
just looking for an excuse to delay the inevitable--my divorce.

My parents, Margaret and Jimmy, have been married for 52
years. They are the kind of American couple you see in old
photos: he is a retired foreman who speaks in grunts; she’s a
retired nurse who runs the house with quiet efficiency.

While Dad was out back tinkering with his old truck, I sat at
the kitchen table and asked Mom the question that had been
burning a hole in my chest. “Mom,” I whispered, watching her
fold laundry. “After fifty years, are you actually still in love
with him? Or are you just used to him?”

She stopped folding. She looked at me with an expression
I couldn’t quite read — somewhere between pity and
amusement. She didn’t answer immediately. She just patted
my hand, smiled a tired, knowing smile, and went back to the
towels.

I left an hour later, frustrated, feeling like she didn’t
understand the modern need for “connection” and “passion.”
But when I got home, my phone buzzed. It was a long email
from my mother. She isn’t tech-savvy, so seeing her type this
much was a shock.

I sat in my driveway and read it. By the end, I was weeping.
Here is what she wrote:

“My darling girl, You asked me today if I still love your father.
I didn’t answer you then because love isn’t a soundbite I can
explain while folding sheets. But I want you to know the truth.

It makes me smile that you ask this. Not because it’s a silly
question, but because the answer is complicated. Do I love
him as I did in 1972? No. If you are looking for butterflies in
the stomach, or the nervous energy of a first date, or the
fireworks of a Hollywood movie...then no, I don’t have that.

But that isn’t love. That is adrenaline. Love, after a lifetime
together, isn’t the explosion. It is the roots. It is no longer the
feeling that shakes you up; it is the certainty that holds you
down when the world tries to blow you away. It doesn’t make
my heart race anymore; it calms my soul.

It doesn’t make my hands tremble; it gives me the strength to
get out of bed when my arthritis flares up. In this house, there

are no big surprises anymore. We don’t do grand romantic
gestures. We have something better. We have rituals.

It’s the coffee pot starting at 6:00am exactly, because he
knows I need it hot. It’s the small, silly arguments we have
about how to load the dishwasher or who left the porch
light on. It’s the way he instinctively pulls the blanket over
my shoulder when I cough in the middle of the night. These
seem like boring, trivial things to your generation. But they
are everything.

At this stage of life, I don’t need a man to buy me diamonds
or take me to Paris. I need a man who listens when I say my
back hurts. I need a man who just hands me a tissue when
I’m crying over the news, without asking why. I need a man
who doesn’t leave the room when I’m depressed and don’t
even like myself very much.

And your father? He does that. Without fanfare. Without
asking for a ‘thank you.’ He is simply there.

Loving someone for fifty years isn’t like the romance novels.
It’s more like developing a secret language that no one else
on earth speaks. It’s a way of looking at each other across
a crowded room and knowing exactly what the other is
thinking, because you have shared the same bills, the same
worries about the kids, the same grief when we lost friends,
and the same stubborn will to keep going.

So, to answer your question: Yes, I am still wildly in love
with him. But not with the boy I met at the diner in ’72. I am
in love with the life we built. I am in love with the peace that
comes from knowing that, no matter how crazy this country
gets or how hard the storm blows outside, he is my shelter.
Don’t look for the fireworks, honey. Look for the person who
becomes your home.”

I turned off the car. I tore up the divorce papers on the
passenger seat. I walked into my husband, who was sitting
on the couch, looking just as tired as I felt. Do you want some
coffee?” he asked. “Yes,” I said. “I’d love that.”

It starts with the butterflies. But it survives on the roots.

The Lord Jesus is with us every step of the way we call the
journey of life. Don’t quit! God is always with us.

Summer blessings,
Fr. Greg

P.S. Join Fr. Andy and me at our VIRTUAL Cornerstone
Campaign Gathering on Sunday, July 26 following the
end of the 10:30am mass! Hear more about the Cathedral
Cornerstone Campaign, envision the future of
our Cathedral, and ask your questions during
our moderated Q&A. I promise to keep jokes
to a minimum! Register today by scanning the
QR code at right.



Upcoming Events



Sunday, July 19

Chicago Shares	8:00 AM
15-minute Cathedral Tour (after Mass)	9:30 & 11:30 AM
Friends of Fr. Augustus Tolton Meeting	12:00 PM
Full Cathedral Tour — 1 hour	1:30 PM

Monday, July 20

Stewardship Advisory Council Meeting	6:00 PM
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Tuesday, July 21

Classical Music Chicago Rush Hour Concert	5:15 PM
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Wednesday, July 22

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Rectory	6:30 PM
Young Adults-Summer Frassati Group	6:30 PM

Thursday, July 23

Thursday Morning Scripture Study Ministry	10:00 AM
Adult Evangelization Session	6:00 PM

Saturday, July 25

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Young Adults-Summer Frassati Groups	9:30 & 11:00 AM
Young Adults-Beach Cleanup Service Day	1:00 PM

Sunday, July 26

Knights of Columbus — Coffee & Donuts (in Courtyard)	11:30 AM
15-minute Cathedral Tour (after Mass)	9:30 & 11:30 AM

Mass Intentions

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the priest's vestment color

● Monday, July 20 (Saint Apollinaris)

7 AM	+ Richard A. Webster
8 AM	+ Alvin Amschler
12 PM	+ Dr. Manuel Tantoco

○ Tuesday, July 21 (Saint Lawrence of Brindisi)

7 AM	+ Caitlyn Schaffer
8 AM	Olivin & John Heffer
12 PM	+ Rita H. Kasmirs

○ Wednesday, July 22 (Saint Mary Magdalene)

7AM	+ Karen Diloreto
8AM	+ June Hodge
12 PM	+ Rosario Caudillo Hernandez, + Louis J. Nicastro + David Cassorla, + Carol Demeulenaere + John Puthumana, + Krystyna Pienkowska John Prince, The Hartigan Family Gloria Montenegro, Sussy & Clever Poor Souls In Purgatory
5:15PM	+ Ellsworth Davis & Brenda Benson

○ Thursday, July 23 (Saint Bridget)

7AM	+ Milagros Nepomuceno
8AM	+ Ilija Jovanovic
12 PM	+ Bray Bryant Kerr, + Dave Gilmour + Mike Greco, & Ruthie Walling

○ Friday, July 24 (Saint Sharbel Makhlūf)

7 AM	+ Lucille Z. Christopher
8 AM	+ Gail Bitsko, + Rachel R. Hanna, + Isabel Fraga + Aurora Punzalan, + Reynaldo Querubin + Amado & Saturnina Flores, Fr. Jean Paul Chesca Bacusa
12 PM	+ Tom Poehls

● Saturday, July 25 (Saint James)

8 AM	+ Felisa Inlong
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Wedding Banns



- I Reiner Vetter & Pierina De Sousa
Brendan Zdunek & Natalia Kasprzyk
Eduardo Esparza & Kimberly Graciano
Keenan Sanchez & Rachel Bentivenga
- II Edmund Chinchar & Portia Pride
Carmelo Luppino & Dana Alkhouri
Tyler Pacha & Jenna Urbanski
James Ang & Karla Zara
Sebastian Podgorni & Rebecca Schumacher
- III Luc Quaranto & Alaina Bergamini
Caleb Smith & Nicole Maes
Rigo Ferreira & Noemi Aguirre
Jake DiBenedetto & Colleen Caulfield
Thomas Arner & Sophia Knebelkam

On the Cover

Construction and capital projects aren't new for Holy Name Cathedral. From June 14, 1929, here's a look at the construction of Holy Name's Rectory, viewed from the corner of Superior and Cass Streets. (before Cass became Wabash Ave.). Learn more about our current Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign on page 4.



Capital Campaign Update: July 19

Campaign goal:
\$12 Million

Raised:
\$10,502,281
(88%)

Left to be raised:
\$1,497,719

Register for Virtual Campaign Gathering with Fr. Greg and Fr. Andy

Sunday, July 26 After the 10:30am Mass

Join Fr. Greg Sakowicz and Fr. Andy Matijevic at our VIRTUAL Cornerstone Campaign Gathering on Sunday, July 26 following the end of the 10:30am Mass! Hear more about the Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign,



envision the future of our Cathedral, and ask your questions during our moderated Q&A. Silly priest jokes and laughs are guaranteed! Register by scanning the QR code.

Visitor Envelopes in Pews – Be Part of Something Lasting

We're glad you're here! If you're visiting today, you'll find **green visitor envelopes** in the pews to make it easy to take part in our Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign. Every gift — large or small — will help preserve our Cathedral's beauty and mission for years to come.

Envelopes can be dropped in the Collection baskets or any of the five wooden collection boxes in the Cathedral. We're grateful for your presence and generosity! Learn more at tinyurl.com/hncornerstone.



If you have not already done so, please consider a donation or five-year pledge to help preserve the Cathedral for another 150 years. Visit tinyurl.com/HNcornerstone or scan the QR code.

Mission Cooperation Plan

Second Collection – This Weekend!

Each summer, the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago facilitates the Mission Cooperation Plan, an opportunity for about 86 foreign mission dioceses, religious orders and organizations working around the world to share their stories and invite support from our faith communities.

We will soon be hosting a missionary visitor! The summer Missionary Cooperation Plan is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, support and be inspired by the work of missionaries ministering in another part of the world. Our speaker and second collection will be at all Masses on July 18 and 19.

Please pray for missionaries worldwide who empower local leaders to form and nourish communities of faith where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained. If you are able, place a donation to support this mission cause in the second collection basket.

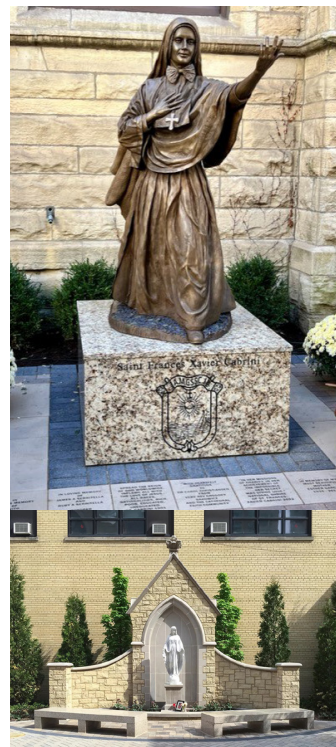
Honor A Loved One with a Mother Cabrini or a Courtyard Paver

**Next Order Deadline:
Sept. 11**

The Mother Cabrini Garden and Holy Name Cathedral's Courtyard offers pavers for engraving. Memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, or commemorate a significant event through the purchase of a paver.

Forms can be found on our website: holynamecathedral.org/special-intentions

If you would like to order an engraved paver, the next deadline for ordering is Sept. 11. For more information contact Regina Zielinski at 312-573-4432 or rzielinski@holynamecathedral.org.



Solemnities, Feasts & Memorials — What's the Difference?

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

As I mentioned last week, I taught a course on liturgical preparation and training to a group of master's students at the seminary during the first week of July. As I focused on how the liturgy invites and requires our full, conscious, and active participation, it was a good reminder to me personally how the liturgy calls us into that reality. And one way the liturgy does that is through the various liturgical celebrations of solemnities, feasts, memorials, and "normal" days of the liturgical calendar year.

The difference between solemnities, feasts, and memorials is very particular. Solemnities take the most importance on our calendar and are reserved to mysteries of our faith, such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Immaculate Conception, and some saints such as Peter and Paul. Every Sunday is considered a "mini-Easter," and so every Sunday is highly regarded in our liturgical life. A feast honors an event or title in our Lord's life, in reference to the Blessed Mother, or saints of significant importance to the universal Church, such as the Apostles or early martyrs. A memorial is a simple reminder of a saint or an event in our Lord's life. Some memorials are even optional to celebrate.

We all have our favorite days to celebrate, and also our favorite saints, should we know their feast day. With every saint having a story, they have also had a deeply personal encounter with Jesus Christ that shaped their lives and set them on the path of holiness. This week, we celebrate



St. Mary Magdalene on Wednesday, July 22.

On June 3, 2016, Pope Francis raised the celebration of St. Mary Magdalene from a memorial to a feast day, meaning her life and witness are foundational to the Church, as with the 12 Apostles, and that she was crucial to spreading the Gospel message. By becoming a feast rather than only a memorial, the Gloria is added to the liturgy as an additional element of praise to God that is not found in a memorial or optional memorial liturgical celebration.

By simply taking time this week to reflect on her life, Mary Magdalene teaches us many things. Being a woman in 1st-century Palestine, her witness of the Resurrection would have been overlooked simply because she was a woman. Additionally, many false or unclear depictions of her as a prostitute would not have aided her in her proclamation that Jesus is risen from the dead.

Since Mary Magdalene has been regarded throughout our history as the "Apostles of the apostles" and the first evangelist proclaiming Jesus is risen from the dead, it makes sense that July 22 has been raised to a Feast Day, giving her equality with the 12 Apostles and the Evangelists.

As we once again celebrate her feast day this Wednesday, let us take this opportunity to reflect on our lives as disciples, that no matter who we are or what we have done in the past, God's grace is everlasting and by encountering him, our lives can be changed and we can proclaim the Risen Christ to those we meet on the journey. By encountering the Risen Christ in the liturgy in Word and Sacrament, we too should go out and boldly proclaim to the world, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18)

Help the Hungry, Chicago Shares on Sale This Weekend

Chicago Shares will be available for purchase in the Cathedral lobby on Sunday, July 19, before and after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Chicago Shares vouchers, sold in \$5 booklets of five \$1 vouchers, are a safe and convenient way to give one-to-one help to needy people you may encounter on the street. These vouchers are a respectful alternative to "throwing coins in a cup." The vouchers can be used for food and necessities at Jewel-Osco stores as well as at a nearby Subway shop – never for alcohol or tobacco. Questions? Ask us in the Cathedral lobby or go to chicagoshares.org.





Encounter Jesus Through the Eyes of Those Who Knew Him

Watch 'The Chosen' with Us! Weekly Summer Faith Experience Starts Aug. 6

What would it have been like to walk with Jesus, hear His voice, witness His miracles, and experience His compassion firsthand?

The Chosen is a groundbreaking series that brings the Gospel stories to life through the experiences of those who encountered Christ. Through engaging storytelling, viewers are invited to see Jesus not only as a historical figure, but as the living Son of God who continues to call, heal, teach, and transform lives today.

We'll be watching *The Chosen* on Thursdays starting Aug. 6 to Sept. 24 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Club Room. This parish-wide series offers an opportunity for adults of all ages to gather in community, reflect on Scripture, and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Each evening includes selected scenes from *The Chosen*, reflection on the Gospel message, small-group conversation, and practical connections to everyday Christian living.

Come and experience the Gospel in a fresh and inspiring way. Whether you attend one evening or the entire series, you are invited to encounter Jesus Christ, grow in faith, and connect with others on the journey of discipleship.

Registration required. Light refreshments will be served. Invite a friend and join us!



Spanish Speaking Volunteers Needed to Serve Latino Migrant Families

Cabrini Ministries at Holy Name Cathedral is accompanying Latino migrant families as they navigate a new beginning — and we need caring volunteers who speak at least intermediate Spanish to help us do this ministry with love and dignity.

- ✝ Offer encouragement and spiritual support
- ✝ Help families access essential resources
- ✝ Serve with compassion in a Christ-centered environment

Your presence can be a blessing to someone who feels far from home. The application with a list of volunteer roles can be found by scanning the QR code at the right.



Save the Date!

Volunteers Needed for School Supplies Drive

Help underprivileged students by volunteering for our School Supplies Drive before and after all Masses on Aug. 15 and 16.

As adults, we remember our own days of going back to school with new supplies to start a new school year. The difficulty is that many students don't have the ability to own the basic tools needed to be successful in the classroom. So many teachers try to supplement the many missing school supplies by using their own money to buy needed items for their classroom and students. And now with inflation, those funds don't go as far as usual. They need our help! During all weekend Masses on Aug. 15 and 16, we will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations and we need your help.

Volunteers Sign Up Here!

If you are interested in assisting with the drive, we can use your help! Your participation is an invaluable part of the success of the drive. We are looking for volunteers to donate your time during our six Masses. You will need to arrive 15 minutes before Mass starts and stay 15 minutes after Mass ends. We also need volunteers to sort the donated supplies and pack them up. Further details will be provided. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



A Little Humor from the Rector



“I went to the bookstore and asked the salesperson, ‘Where’s the self-help section?’ She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose!”

Join HNC Canasta Club!

Looking for a fun way to meet new people, build friendships, and enjoy time together across generations? Holy Name Cathedral is excited to launch a new Canasta Club, open to adults of all ages and experience levels! Whether you have been playing Canasta for years, have not played in a long time, or have never played before and would love to learn, there is a place for you at the table.

Help us choose the best day and time! Please complete our short interest form and let us know what works best for you. The form will remain open for two weeks, and we will select the meeting day, and time based on the availability of most respondents. Scan the QR code at left to fill out the interest form. We anticipate holding our first Canasta Club gathering at the end of July.



Complete the Interest Form today and help us launch the Holy Name Cathedral Canasta Club! For more information, contact: Marta Stepniak, Director of Lifelong Formation, mstepniak@holynamecathedral.org



Summer Rush Hour Concerts

Weekly Concerts on Tuesdays at 5:45pm at HNC

Make summer nights classic with concerts featuring Chicago’s best classical musicians and ensembles. Rush Hour Concerts are the perfect way to relax after a workday and soak up some beautiful music in a short but lovely format.

THIS WEEK: (July 21) of Summer’s Rush Hour Concert Series we present “Through the Looking Glass” with the Merida Trio.

- ✦ Jennifer Jolley — The Lives & Opinions of Literary Cats
- ✦ Johannes Brahms — Trio No. 1 in B major, Op. 8

Performers: The Merida Trio — Charlene Kluegel, violin; Jean Hatmaker, cello; Katherine Petersen, piano

Doors open at 5:00pm, followed by a pre-concert talk at 5:15pm. Concerts take place from 5:45pm–6:30pm. All are invited. Free parking; no advance registration is required.

Welcome! Make Holy Name Your Cathedral.

We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting Chicago, visiting our parish, or looking for a parish to join. Through your presence and active participation, we can offer rich, spiritual renewal every day. There are many ways to get involved. Join one of our ministries or attend an upcoming event featured in today’s bulletin. Or become a new member of our Faith Community! Just scan the QR code to register as a new parishioner.



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Ministers of Care Available to Visit You with Communion

Our Ministers of Care have been trained 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. Email Ken Henriksen at khenriksen@holynamecathedral.org or call us at (312) 787-8040 and one of our Ministers of Care will be in touch.

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident 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 to complete the request form.



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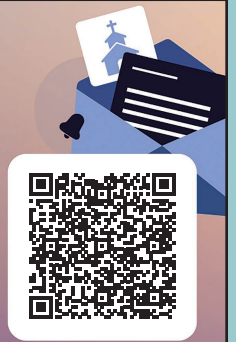
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Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and shows
me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine
gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me
and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this
short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm
once more that I never want to be separated from you, no
matter how great the material desires might be. I want to be
with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that
end and submitting to God's
Holy will, I ask from you. (Mention your Request)
Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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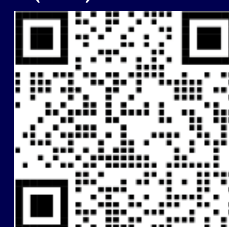
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Tiento de falsas de 5° Tono

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Entrance Hymn

The Reign of God

#722

Penitential Rite

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#320

First Reading

#1154

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation

#326

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Matthew 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

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Seek Ye First

#663

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#365

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#366

Amen

Mass of Creation

#367

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Communion Antiphon

**You will accept a sacrifice of righteousness,
placed on your altar, O Lord.**

Communion Hymn

Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephan

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

#939

Recessional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#616

Postlude

Tiento de mano izquierda 6° Tono

Juan Cabanilles

Cathedral 150th Anniversary Prayer

God of abundant goodness, compassion and mercy, we give you thanks for the 150 years of Holy Name Cathedral.

May this church be seen as a welcoming Faith Community open to all people, a place of praise, petition, and thanksgiving, a place of comfort, healing, and inspiration for the young and old to live the Gospel and together love this world back into life.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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