

# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

*A Roman Catholic Church*

MAY 17, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ,  
sharing God's gifts and building the Church together,  
through word, worship and service.*



## FROM FATHER SIMON



Two months ago, none of us imagined that our lives would be so drastically changed. Uncertainty and fear shadows us as we attempt to adjust to new realities. We are unable to do the things we used to – see our loved ones, visit with friends, dine out, invite our child’s friends to sleepovers or watch them at baseball or soccer - as we try to protect ourselves from an enemy that is invisible, deadly and knows no boundaries.

Uncertain of how long this will last and how much more will be demanded of us in terms of patience and accommodations made, some of us are beginning to feel its sting and wonder if it will ever get better or if there is any hope?

In the familiar passage from 1 Cor 13:13, St. Paul reminds us that three things endure forever: faith, hope and love. It is not hard for us to imagine faith. It is manifested in our desire to bring our children to the waters of baptism and celebrate life’s important moments like marriage and death in

the context of our faith. And so it is with love. Love is expressed in a kind word, a silent touch or an action that brings joy, light and life to others. Hope on the other hand is difficult to express or quantify. How do we sustain hope in the midst of everything going on around us?

What keeps the disciples going after the death and resurrection of Jesus? Initially, the disciples experience the risen Jesus appearing to them. This is the same Jesus who, in his risen state, walks, talks and eats with his disciples, who invites them to see and touch him. Yet, the risen Jesus does not seem bound by time and space in the manner of ordinary beings. He appears and disappears and sometimes he is not immediately recognizable.

However, what is recognizable is the manner in which the disciples themselves are empowered by these appearances of the risen Jesus. Their lives are changed from despair and cowardice to faith and courage. Jesus who was crucified is now somehow present to them in a new way. They begin to understand that his death is the source of life, peace and forgiveness for all.

However, the days in which the risen Jesus appears to his disciples, leading them from despair to hope are coming to an end. Jesus tells them he is returning to the Father but, he adds, “I will not leave you orphans.” In particular, he promises them he will send “another advocate” who is “the Spirit of truth.” More than an advocate who may plead our cause, this is the Holy Spirit, counsellor, comforter, enabler, divine lover, who comes from God and leads us to God. It is this Spirit who keeps us in relationship with the risen Jesus — and keeps us faithful to the mission he began.

The work and mission of Jesus continue in the life of the Church and the lives of Christians everywhere. We are constantly being called and sent to transform the world we live in. We do this by strengthening our personal relationship with Jesus, keeping our faith alive and being a sign of God’s love through our words and actions. It is faith and love that keep hope alive. It is my fervent desire, that as we approach the great feast of Pentecost, we will be once again empowered by the Spirit and be a beacon of hope to our battered world. Thank you for your faith and love that you show to one another.

Blessings!!

Fr. Simon

# PARISH NEWS

## *AN IMPORTANT UPDATE...*

On February 16, 2020 I informed you of an allegation made against a former teacher, Mr. Gordon Malis. Two investigations were conducted into the allegation, one by DCFS and a second by the Archdiocese. I have learned the allegation was considered unfounded by DCFS, and not substantiated through the AOC process.

We continue to hold all who are affected by this in prayer.

The Archdiocese of Chicago takes all allegations seriously and investigates them to the best of our ability. We encourage anyone who believes he or she has been the victim of abuse to come forward and receive the help and healing they deserve.

Thank you for your prayers for all involved in this situation.

Blessings!!

Fr. Simon

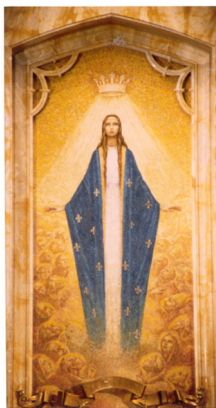
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## PEW PICTURES

We asked our parishioners to “fill” the church. You can email your pictures to [qasoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasoffice@qasparish.org) and “virtually join” Father Simon at Mass.

## THE MONTH OF MAY IS FOR MARY

The United States Catholic Bishops call upon all Catholics to re-consecrate the nation to the protection of Mary, the Mother of the Church. You can find the prayer by clicking: [prayer of consecration 2020](#). When you gather for Mass in your homes this weekend and throughout the month of May, please intercede with our Heavenly Mother and patroness to deliver us from this present danger. Holy Father Pope Francis also encourages us to pray the Rosary during this month of May and pray one of the two prayers he offers us in his letter to the people of God. The prayer and letter can be found at: [Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis](#).



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education 2020-2021 is now open!

The QASRE program begins at kindergarten and goes through eighth grade. Our program focuses on building a relationship with Christ as your children grow in their discipleship.

Students wanting to participate in the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation must attend a minimum of two years of Religious Education as per the archdiocesan requirement. First Reconciliation and Communion preparation begins at 1st grade. Confirmation preparation begins at 7th grade.

Information and registration forms can be found at <http://qasparish.org/religious-education/school-of-religion.html>.

If you have any questions please reach out to the Office of Religious Education at [qasreoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasreoffice@qasparish.org).

## FIGHTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS



DV hotline calls have increased. Check on those who may need help during this crisis. Experience and data tell us that financial crises, home confinement and prolonged stress exacerbate the frequency and intensity of domestic violence. It is no surprise that the Covid-19

pandemic has made life more dangerous for many already at risk in our country. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline reports that calls for help have increased 50% in March, from 60 to 90 a day. Some victims were about to leave their abuser, but now the abuser is home all the time, and they have less opportunity to free themselves. Some are in counseling, but now in-person services are unavailable. Some abusers are more angry by loss of work or home quarantine and thus more threatening to their partners.

If you know or suspect someone is a victim, please check on them! If they are in immediate need, help them call 911. Victims, as well as concerned family members, friends or neighbors can call the National DV Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline, 877-863-6338 can also be called, as well as any other reputable DV resource to help victims connect with support and services.

FREE. 24/7. CONFIDENTIAL  
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
**HOTLINE**  
1(800) 799-7233

## A CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION

As people all over the world struggle to cope with the COVID -19 Pandemic, it has never been clearer that we (and the rest of God’s creation) are all connected. Back in January, when members of the Social Justice Ministry and the Youth Ministry met to plan for QAS’ Second Annual Earth Day Celebration, we had no inkling of what was to come. And yet it seems particularly apt that the pandemic and Earth Day would intersect, as both call us to address the needs of our local neighbors and communities, while joining with people throughout the world to solve our common problems.



The scale of our work is daunting. Where do we as Catholics find “food for the journey?”

Catholic Climate Covenant, formed in 2006 with the help of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), invites you to participate in “Hope for Creation,” a virtual celebration of both the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th anniversary of Holy Father Pope Francis’ groundbreaking encyclical, “Laudato Si’.” From now until May 24, Catholic Climate Covenant will be posting prayers, meditations, visual art and songs that “lift up our love and hope for God’s great creation” for use between Earth Day and “Laudato Si’”week. If you would like to submit an entry for consideration (yours or someone else’s) or would simply like to read the offerings of others, visit:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/hope-creation>

HOPE FOR  
Creation

A virtual celebration of Earth Day and  
Laudato Si'

Catholic Climate Covenant  
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.



# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness



**Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.**

**Who we are:** Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to **accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need** for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

**What we offer:** A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

**312.741.3388** [praywithme@calledtoprayer.org](mailto:praywithme@calledtoprayer.org)

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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May 8, 2020

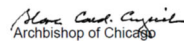
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Five years ago, Pope Francis issued the groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*. "I urgently appeal," he wrote, "...for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." These words continue to resonate during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the deep interconnectedness of the relationship between our society and our common home continues to be emphasized.

Later this month, during the week of May 16-24, Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to participate in "Laudato Si' Week" to mark its fifth anniversary. Pastors are encouraged to preach on the importance of caring for God's creation and promoting an integral ecology and include intentions for the healing and restoration of our common home. I also encourage all the faithful to contact their Congressional representatives in support of H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation aimed at alleviating climate change by reducing national carbon emissions. This legislation has been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Our Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity has provided resources and learning opportunities online at [www.archchicago.org/creation](http://www.archchicago.org/creation) to help your family and community care for our common home during Laudato Si' Week and beyond. You, your families and our common home are certainly in my prayers during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

# HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

National Alliance on Mental Illness Helpline:  
800.950.6264

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.8255  
[GetHelp@catholiccharities.net](mailto:GetHelp@catholiccharities.net)

Catholic Charities Cook County: 312.655.7700  
Catholic Charities Lake County: 847.782.4000  
Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line:  
312.948.6951

Greater Chicago Food Depository for Health Insurance, Medicaid, SNAP and food: 773-843-5416

CPS Grab & Go Meals are available Monday–Friday at Edgebrook School and Taft High School.

Lincolnwood Residents can call Social Worker  
Elise Pullen at 847-745-4755.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know is in need of food, here are some area resources:

St. Cornelius, Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1-2pm  
5205 N. Lieb, Rectory Rear Entrance.

St. John's Lutheran, Wednesday at 5pm  
4939 W. Montrose, in back by the playground on Laverne.

New Hope Community Food Pantry, (with the Greater Chicago Food Depository) on Tuesday 9:30-11:30am, 7115 W. Hood, they do service the 60646 zip code.

*Please remember to bring an ID with you.*

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# UPP 2020

## SPONSORSHIPS

- ◆ Sponsorships are a generous way to directly support the mission of Queen of All Saints.
- ◆ These donations are tax deductible.
- ◆ Donations are accepted online, or you can fill out the form below and return it to the rectory.

ARCHANGEL

\$15,000

ANGEL

\$10,000

FLEUR-DE-LIS

\$5,000

DIAMOND

\$2,500

PLATINUM

\$1,000

GOLD

\$500

SILVER

\$250

BRONZE

\$100

GrateFUL!  
MiNdFUL!  
HopeFUL!

I would like to be a United Parish Program sponsor!

ARCHANGEL \$15,000

ANGEL \$10,000

FLEUR-DE-LIS \$5,000

DIAMOND \$2,500

PLATINUM \$1,000

GOLD \$500

SILVER \$250

BRONZE \$100

OTHER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Queen of All Saints or charge your credit card.

VISA  MC  DISCOVER CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please email [upp@qasparish.org](mailto:upp@qasparish.org)





## Queen of All Saints UPP Raffle

Parish Goal – 3,500 Tickets Sold

**Grand Prize of \$5,000  
Two \$2,500 Prizes**

**Additional cash prizes  
when we meet our goals!**

**Donation  
\$30/ticket  
Pack 10/\$300**

**Early bird drawings** are still happening! Each with a chance to win **\$500!**  
Remaining Early Bird Raffle Dates are May 15, June 19 & July 10. Our winners to date are:

*Ann Ingles, Kristine Saldana, Mike Wojcik & Carolyn Turner!*

**Over 1,500 raffle tickets** (\$45,000+) have been sold to date, giving our school students an **Out of Uniform/Pajama Day** in the fall!

**Raffle Ticket Grand Prize - \$5,000**

2nd Prize - \$2,500

3rd Prize - \$2,500

4th prize - \$2,500, if 3,500 tickets are sold!

5th prize - \$2,500 if 3,850 tickets are sold!

**MORE cash incentives!** Buy/sell a **PACK 10** (10 tickets/\$300) and you are automatically enrolled in the **PACK 10** raffle to win **\$1,000** cash.

**Purchase tickets now** at [www.events.org/upp2020](http://www.events.org/upp2020). Questions, email [upp@qasparish.org](mailto:upp@qasparish.org).

 **GrateFUL! MiNdFUL! HopeFUL!**

# WE NEED YOU! WAYS TO GIVE ...

## SIGNING UP ON GIVECENTRAL

- Go to [qasparish.org](http://qasparish.org) and click on the GiveCentral icon on the left side of your screen
- On the GiveCentral site (shown here to the right), click on “Sunday Offering” or whatever category to which you wish to contribute
- It will take you to “Make A Contribution”
- Enter an amount, choose frequency, if this will be ongoing or custom
- Click Add to my “Gift Basket”
- You will see the message “successfully added”
- Click “Check Out” then continue
- Click either “Complete Profile” or “Give as Guest”
- You will be prompted to enter your name, address and payment option. Please fill in accordingly
- Check “I Accept The User Policy” box
- Click “Confirm Gift”
- You will then see a pop-up box confirming your gift



## TEXT TO GIVE

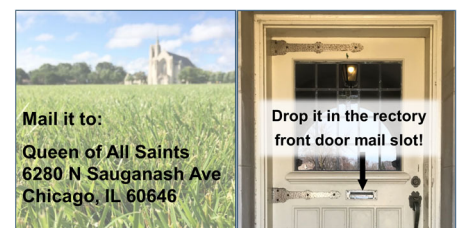
- If you currently have an active GiveCentral account, you may use the cell phone registered to your account to give by text.
  - The phone number to give by text is 773-661-4683.
  - To make a Sunday donation send a text with the keyword “*sundayqas*” followed by an amount (e.g., to **make a \$100 donation to Sunday collections, text: *sundayqas 100***). To make an Easter donation text “easter” followed by the amount. Leave a space between the keyword and the amount.
  - If you do not have a GiveCentral account, you may still text the same way to the same number which will then return a link that will allow you to enter your contact and payment information for your donation.
- At this time, donations may only be made to Sunday and Easter using Text to Give.

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

If GiveCentral isn't for you, feel free to

- donate online through your bank account
- mail your donation to QAS, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave, Chicago, 60646
- take a walk and drop it off through the slot in the rectory front door!

Also, does your employer make matching donations? Check their policies to see if they can match your gift to Queen of All Saints.



*Finally, to all who already signed up for electronic giving,  
mailed your donations in or dropped your donation at the rectory  
THANK YOU!*





# STEWARDSHIP

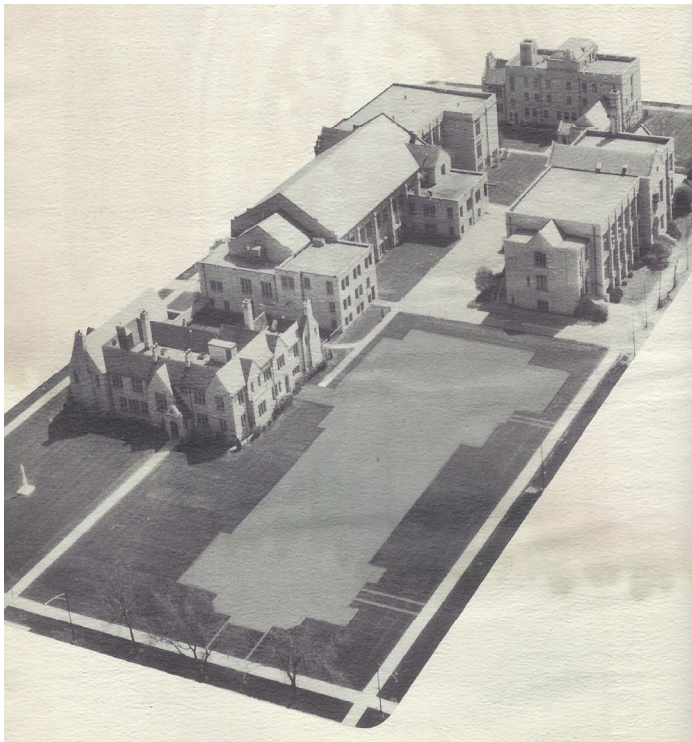
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## Stewardship in Time of COVID-19

Here is what our parish campus looked like in 1955, when all our buildings had been erected except for the new church. Doesn't it look and feel like something very essential is missing?

Today again we are missing the most important part of our parish life, the sacred space for our shared worship, the sacraments and other important ceremonies of our parish lives.

Your financial support is essential to our parish while we await that joyous time when we can all again gather together in the basilica.



*We welcome those who can drop off their weekly envelope at the rectory or mail their weekly envelope to 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, or arrange some form of electronic giving. The best way for electronic giving is to arrange regularly scheduled donations through our GiveCentral portal. Please go to our parish website at [qasparish.org](http://qasparish.org), click on the Give Central logo and follow the easy prompts.*

## Today's Readings

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." - 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS MAY 1 TO MAY 6, 2020

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$8,609.00	112
Loose Donations	0	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$14,519.33	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,128.33</b>	
<b>Fiscal YTD Total</b>	<b>\$1,186,234.90</b>	

## A New Option - The Blue Envelope

We've announced our drive to replenish our endowments by \$5 million. The bi-monthly mailing of Offertory envelopes will now include blue envelopes which can be used to make direct contributions to our parish endowments, in addition to our usual Sunday giving.

For further convenience the blue envelope is also available as a GiveCentral electronic giving option.

Please visit the Queen of All Saints website  
[www.qasparish.org](http://www.qasparish.org)  
for church bulletin and online giving information.

Queen of All Saints Church  
Env. # 1234  
Mr. & Mrs. John Smith  
1234 Church Lane  
Chicago, IL 60646

For direct deposit into the  
Queen of All Saints  
Parish Endowment Fund

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Offering  
*To all engines  
our shared parish future.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Sunday, May 17 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish

## Monday, May 18 (St. John I)

School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, David Stefani, Alma and George Brown, Francis and Margaret McCormick, Joan Crosbie Planek

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

## Tuesday, May 19

Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, Cesar Garcia, Richard Martin, Dr. Clifford H. Miller

Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

## Wednesday, May 20 (St. Bernardine of Siena)

Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Gaspar Erdelyi, Ria Erdelyi, Richard F. Scheuer, Dr. Edward A. Piszczek

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

## Thursday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes)

Bonifacia M. Landicho, Vanessa Gomez, Peter J. Sklodowski, Thomas E. McCaig

Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

## Friday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)

Helen and Jerry Martin, Margaret Zoeller-Kappes, Jan-Michael Madamba, Warren Valsa, Luz Pahati, Mark Cahill

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

## Saturday, May 23

Anthony DD. Rodriguez, John Folker, Marco R. Luzuriaga

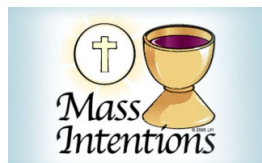
Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

## Please Pray for All Recently Deceased

Kate Meeker  
Stella LiPomi  
Al John Angeles

## MASS INTENTIONS

Have you wanted to request a Mass intention? They are still listed in our bulletins. Email us your request at [qasoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasoffice@qasparish.org) with the date and name and it will be added. Mass Intentions are taken for all morning Masses which include Monday - Friday, 6:30 and 8:30am and Saturday, 8:00am. There is no set fee for a Mass intention. You may mail in your donation or drop it off in the rectory door slot.



## EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

If you would like to receive Fr. Simon's weekly newsletter by email, or need to update your email in our records, email us at [qasoffice@qasparish.org](mailto:qasoffice@qasparish.org).

## WEEKDAY MASS

During this difficult time, it is particularly important that the faithful have access to the grace and comfort of weekday Mass. Listed below is the link for week day Mass from St. James Chapel.

<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>



# QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

## Pastoral Staff

Pastor.....	Rev. Simon Braganza
Pastors Emeriti.....	Rev. Msgr. John Pollard Rev. Msgr. Wayne F. Prist
Associate Pastor.....	Rev. Walter Cheboi
Residents.....	Rev. Michael Cronin Rev. Edward D. Grace
Director of Faith Formation .....	Erika Tate
Coordinator of Religious Education.....	Jenna Patitucci
Director of Music.....	Dr. Kenneth Sotak
Director of Liturgy.....	Paul Scavone
Youth Minister.....	Morgan O'Leary

## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30am-4:00pm

## Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	773-736-6060
Parish FAX.....	773-736-6099
School/Preschool.....	773-736-0567
Religious Education Office.....	773-286-1939

## Accounting Office

Business Manager.....	Gerald Farrell
Project Manager.....	Deb Bolash
Accounting Assistant.....	Kate Dombrowski

## Rectory Office Staff

Parish Secretaries.....	De Anne Glomski Pam Hautzinger Mary Morley
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## Buildings and Grounds

Ralph Meschewski, Bobby Brooks, Jonathon Hernandez,  
Eric Martinez, Victor Miranda, Ken Skokowski

## Queen of All Saints School

Pre K-3 through Grade 8

Principal.....	Emily Carlson
Assistant Principal.....	Amy Moore
Administrative Assistant .....	Ida Segreti
School Secretary.....	Janet Santicola

## Visit Our Website

Queen of All Saints Basilica.....	www.qasparish.org
Queen of All Saints School.....	www.qasschool.org
Facebook.....	<i>Queen of All Saints Basilica - Chicago</i>
Instagram.....	@qasbasilica

## Contact Info

Address.....	6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago, IL 60646
Rectory phone number.....	773-736-6060
Rectory fax number.....	773-736-6099

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil .....	5:00pm
Sunday.....	6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am, 12:30pm

## Daily Mass and Rosary

Monday-Friday.....	6:30, 8:30am
Saturday.....	8:00am
Rosary.....	Daily after the 8:30am Mass

## Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....Monday, 7:00pm  
Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

## To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated at 1:30pm two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A baptismal preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

## The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

# OTHER NEWS

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** - The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** - Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** - Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18).

**Gospel** - I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21).

*Please join us online for Sunday Mass at [gasparish.org](http://gasparish.org)  
Once there, click on "Queen of All Saints Mass"*

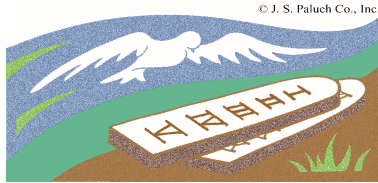
### THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

"What is the reason for our hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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