

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 3, 2026 10:15 AM

Welcome to St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church!

Thank you for joining us for today's worship service. All visitors are welcome guests!

Please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate so we can get to know you!

The Soft Space at the front of the church has activities for our youngest members.

Restrooms are found via the front left doors of the Sanctuary and through the Cloister – follow the signage!

✠ CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II ✠

THE PRELUDE

Méditation

Louis Vierne

The People stand as the procession enters

HYMN 432

The Hymnal 1982

LAUDATE DOMINUM

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright-ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

The People sit

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

The Lector says A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be / put to shame; *
deliver me / in your righteousness.

Incline your / ear to me; *
make haste / to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my / stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead / me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, *
for you / are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my / spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O / lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your / hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who / persecute me.”

Make your face to shine upon your / servant
and in your loving-/kindness save me.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

The Lector says A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

ALLELUIA

Wonder Love & Praise

GELOBT SEI GOTT

The Cantor sings the Alleluia, all repeat it. The Choir sings the Verse, all repeat the Antiphon.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a melody line with lyrics underneath it. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" and "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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VERSE: *Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father

except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Ian Burch
Rector

The People stand

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Hear Our Prayer”

Jon White & Lisa Graves

The Celebrant says Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear us as we pray.

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ's resurrection; strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential; open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around; guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue; that the world might know his healing and love through our actions.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care; grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way; grant that they

might feel Christ's caring touch.

We pray for **Jan, Esther, Sam, Pam, Doug, Elizabeth, Marilyn, Emanea, Lynne, Diane, Vince, Lucinda, St. Leonard's Ministries** are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life; grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with The Rev.

Robert O. Wyatt and all the saints who have gone before.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best of us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

The People may be seated for the Welcome & Announcements

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary is encouraged to come forward

O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year.

Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace,

and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY



Offering baskets will be distributed to the congregation; please give as you're able in support of the mission and ministries of St. Chrysostom's. You may also give via QR Code, texting GIFTSTC to 73256 or at <https://onrealm.org/SaintC/give/offertory>

OFFERTORY

Greater Love

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

The People stand

THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship II

The People stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *The Hymnal 1982*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were

heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with John Chrysostom and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *said by all*

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Mason Martens

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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The Celebrant offers the following Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized people and all those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward, using the center aisle, to the altar rail at either the High Altar or the Crane Chapel, and return to your pew using the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

O quam suavis est

William Byrd

*O quam suavis est, Domine, spiritus tuus!
Qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares,
pane suavissimo de caelo praestito, esurientes repleas bonis,
fastidosos divites dimittens inanes.*

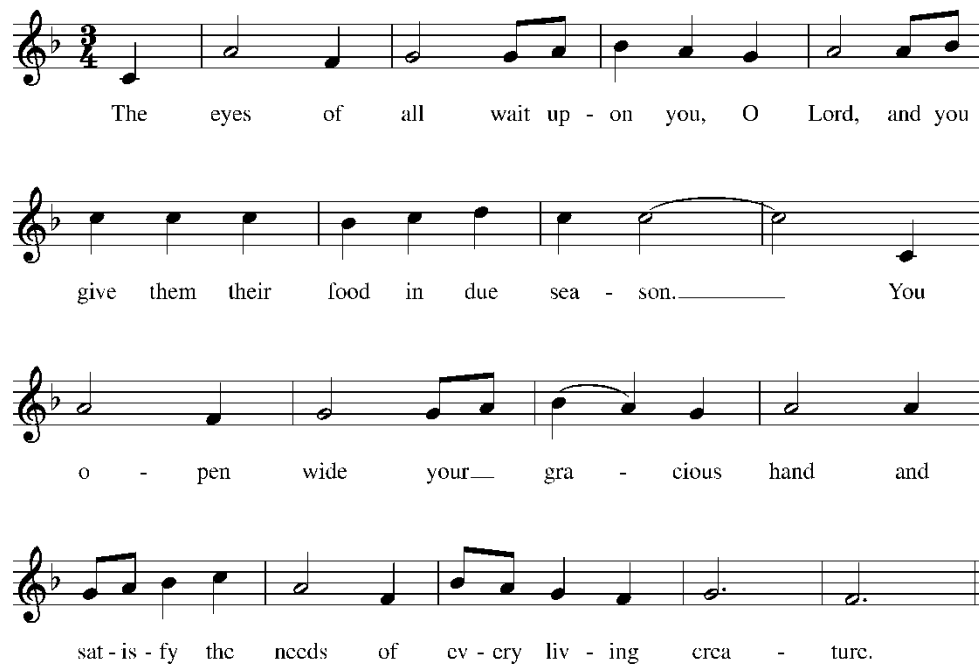
O, how sweet is thy spirit, O Lord.

To show thy loving-kindness you gave the Bread of Life from heaven.

You have filled the hungry with good things.

COMMUNION HYMN 820 *Wonder Love & Praise*

BAYOU



The eyes of all wait up - on you, O Lord, and you
give them their food in due sea - son. You
o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and
sat - is - fy the needs of ev - ery liv - ing crea - ture.

Words: Ps. 145:16-17 (BCP). Music: *Bayou*, Carol Doran (b 1936).

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the People stand

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *said in unison*

Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing upon the People

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 594

The Hymnal 1982

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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THE DISMISSAL

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Ministers and Choir process from the Sanctuary during the Postlude

THE POSTLUDE Prelude & Fugue, c minor Johann Sebastian Bach



PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Ian Burch, *Preacher & Celebrant*

The Choir of St. Chrysostom's Church

Richard Barrick Hoskins, *Director of Music & Organist*

Mike Sammon, *Verger*

John Covell and Tobin Richter, *Ushers*

Piers Dykstra, *Crucifer*

Suzanne Lisle and Deborah Alexander, *Altar Guild*

Robert Valente, *Intercessor*

James Elbaor and Michelle Harrington, *Lectors*

Jim Neaylon, *Chalice Bearer*

Judith Stockdale and Adrienne Arlan, *Flower Guild*

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Louis Vierne: Méditation
John Ireland: Greater Love
William Byrd: O quam suavis est
J. S. Bach: Prelude & Fugue, c minor *Arnstadt*

THE CHOIR

Patty Kennedy, Erica Schuller, Emily Thompson
Lisa Rogers Lee, Luke Lemmeier, Lili Schiller
Chuck Chandler, Charles Cooney, Jonathan Weyant
Ed Frazier Davis, Kevin Krasinski, Gabriel Reitemeier,

CARILLONNEUR

Jim Fackenthal

Louis Vierne was Organiste Titulaire of Notre Dame, Paris, from the early years of the 20th century until 1937. A student of both César Franck and Charles Marie Widor he expanded the French symphonic organ tradition with six *Symphonies* and many other works for organ, all highly imaginative in their use of the instrument and in harmonic development. The *Méditation* is from his *24 Pièces en Style Libre*.

John Ireland (1879-1962) began his musical career as one of Charles Stanford's students at the Royal College of Music, later joining the faculty there. He composed chamber music, concertos (violin and piano), piano and organ music, many songs, and choral music. Deeply influenced by the music of Ravel and Debussy as well as Stravinsky and Bartók, he wrote in an English Impressionist style, rather than the prevailing folk-song style. His most famous choral work, *Greater Love*, is a setting of several biblical verses, and is perhaps one of the most beloved choral compositions of last century. Sung by choirs everywhere, the anthem dramatically evokes the service of love and Christian commitment. The choral parts, solos and organ accompaniment all combine in the grand manner straight from Stanford, Parry - the 20th century's English tradition. Note the orchestral accompaniment, the stunning effect of the voices during the passages beginning with "Ye are washed...", and the grand sweep of the final page.

Byrd's elegant setting of *O quam suavis est* is written for four voices in a elegantly serene style. The text-painting is very subtle: notice the sonorities heard at the words "de caelo" (from heaven) and at "esurientes" (filling the hungry).

J. S. Bach's c minor *Prelude & Fugue (Arnstadt)* is an early work, exuberant and virtuosic. In its improvisatory style it highlights the organist's pedal skills and outlines a vigorous and imaginative fugue subject.

The descant to Hymn 432 is by Richard Hoskins.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S

Week at a Glance

Today – Bible Study **8:45am**, Coffee Hour **11:30am**, Youth Confirmation **4:00pm**

Tuesday – Rector's Bible Study **12:00pm**

Wednesday – Wednesday Lunches **7:30am**, Spoken Eucharist **6:00pm**

Thursday – Zoom Bible Study **10:15am**, WOSC Luncheon **11:30am**

Youth Lessons/Schedule

Nursery

Sunday School - Dorcas was a Good Neighbor

YCC - Society: Walking Humbly

Children's Sunday School is provided, beginning at 10:15 in Classroom 4 downstairs. Take the elevator to the ground level, and the classroom is just to your right as you exit. Nursery is provided next door in Classroom 5. Sunday School returns to the Sanctuary at the Peace.

Architecture Tours

St. C's is featured in the Chicago Architecture Center's North Dearborn Parkway tours, beginning the 2026 season in May. Certified docents conduct the 90-minute walks down four blocks of historic North Dearborn Parkway. Included are a stop in the church courtyard and a visit to the church sanctuary to discuss the history and architecture of the beautiful space.

The first tour of the season is scheduled for 2 p.m. Today. Tours continue May 14, June 12, July 12, August 11, September 13, October 2 and November 1. For questions, call parishioner Virginia Gerst, 312-771-7955. For times and tickets, visit www.architecture.org.

WOSC Spring Luncheon - May 7 at 11:30am

All women of the parish are invited to a festive lunch, program and brief WOSC Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 7 at the Casino Club at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. With Guest Speaker Verger Mike Sammon on "Behind the Scenes at St. Chrysostom's", and Election of New Officers.

Register through the QR code below or bring cash/checks to the office by **Tuesday, May 5.**



Children's/Youth Programming

Today's Sunday School lesson - Session 4: "Dorcas Was a Good Neighbor" tells the story of a Christian woman who did "good works and deeds of charity." At her death, the community sorrowfully showed Peter the clothing she had made for others. After praying, Peter raised her from the dead. (Acts 9:36-42)

Looking to sign up your kid for Confirmation, Sunday School, or other programming?

[Check out the newsletter here!](#)



There's lots of info on events, sacraments, family resources, and more! Most programming **is on Sundays** so make sure to check it out.

Questions? Contact Rev. Chana at chana@saintc.org

Other Upcoming Events

St. Chrys' Young Professionals Happy Hour

The Young Professionals group is hosting a get-together on Tuesday, May 12 at The Bad Apple (658 W Belden Ave, Chicago, IL 60614) **at 6 p.m.** Feel free to come and go as you please, and bring along any friends!



St Chrys Book Club

May 13 at 1:30pm: *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days: The True Story of the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Hitler* by Rebecca Donner (rescheduled from November)

Fusing elements of biography, real-life political thriller, and scholarly detective story, Donner (great-great niece of Mildred Harnack, the book's subject) brilliantly interweaves letters, diary entries, notes smuggled out of a Berlin prison, survivors' testimony, and a trove of declassified intelligence documents into a powerful, epic story, reconstructing the moral courage of an enigmatic woman nearly erased by history.

All are welcome to join, please contact Dee at rosebowl@mac.com for the zoom link.

Faith & Finances Coffee Hour

The Good Shepherds' Society is sponsoring coffee hour and conversation after the 10:15 Service on **Sunday, May 17, 2026** in The Guild Room. At 11:45, Baxter Wenlund and Nicole Bellino, senior wealth management advisors from The Northern Trust Company, will lead an interactive panel discussion on financial planning and charitable giving topics. All are welcome and RSVPs are encouraged to emily@saintc.org.

ST CHRYSOSTOM'S FABRIC ARTS CLUB

Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, or any other handwork you'd like to work on in a nice Sunday evening community. We will meet in the Rector's Study from **5-6:30pm** on the second Sunday of each month, the next one being **Sunday, May 10**. The church will provide coffee, tea, and cookies! Any questions or to RSVP, contact ian@saintc.org.

Ministry Opportunities

Looking for another service time?

Come join us on **WEDNESDAYS** at 6pm for our evening Eucharist!

This service is a short, spoken Eucharist with some time for contemplation in the middle of your week. Come to the John Chrysostom (Crane) Chapel on the left side of the sanctuary!

Mother's Day Flowers

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and if you would like to dedicate flowers for a loved one, please do so at the QR code below **by Wednesday, May 6**. You may also contact the church office to pay cash or check.



COFFEE CAPTAINS NEEDED I still need some coffee captains to help lead coffee hour on Sundays, specifically for the 10:15a service. If you're willing to make coffee, put out treats (the church will provide), and wipe down afterward, please contact the office (emily@saintc.org). My sense is that we would like this ministry to continue, though of course it can't without help from the pews. Ian+

Seeking volunteer to coordinate our Diocese's role in the Pride Parade this year on Sunday, June 28. This would involve participating in once-monthly meetings of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches and working with the rector and congregation of St. Peter's on Belmont in Chicago, which has become a welcoming space of respite for marchers and viewers. The Diocesan Peace & Justice Committee has been involved with this for years. To offer your help or simply to get more information, please contact Priscilla Read at read.priscilla@gmail.com.

Sunday Bible Study All are welcome to join the Sunday Morning Bible Study (8:45 - 10:00 am in The Guild Room and Zoom). For the next 7 weeks we will use the videos and written materials of the Yale Bible Study course on Reformation History, covering the evolution of the Medieval Bible during the Reformation, with a focus on Genesis, Psalms, Isaiah, and Daniel. Contact Mark Fisher, jmarkfisher53@gmail.com, to get on the weekly mailing list for materials and the zoom link.

ST. CHRYS'S CLOSET MINISTRY St. Chrys's Closet serves the huge population of migrants, refugees, and homeless who are our neighbors in the city of Chicago. **The Closet is very much in need of warm weather clothing, especially men's! We also need all household items, but especially pots and pans, baking items, flatware, lamps, back packs, luggage, strollers, and bikes. If you have any of these items, please contact Liz Kohlbeck at 920-254-4735.**

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities for you or your whole family, email Laurel at lpcravens@gmail.com or text/phone Liz Kohlbeck. Core drop off and volunteer hours are MTTW 9:30 to 2. Again, for additional drop off or volunteer hours, text/phone/email Liz and Laurel.

ST. CHRYS KITCHEN MINISTRY

Every Wednesday 7:30 and 9:00am **Bagged lunch drop off by parishioners and neighbors**

- ➔ Lunches are taken to our neighbors in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood and LaSalle Street Church's Breaking Bread Ministries.
- ➔ **DRIVERS NEEDED!** Please let Mike Sammon know if you are willing to help drive lunches to their destination.

Every third Tuesday of the month 4:30pm **Meal for neighbors in need**

- ➔ Liz Kohlbeck and the team start cooking all day in the kitchen and serve to anyone who needs some food.

Email Mike Sammon (mike@saintc.org) or Liz Kohlbeck (elizabethkohlbeck@yahoo.com) with any questions!

Fifty Days of Easter Donations

The Season of Generosity: The Good Samaritan Committee encourages parishioners to celebrate the Fifty Days of Easter by giving to projects with deep church involvement. In addition to the Season of Generosity, The Good Samaritan Committee funds a variety of community efforts supported by parish volunteers through funds it receives yearly from the church budget. Here are our requests for the Fifty Days: [Toiletries/items for Deborah's Place which can be dropped off at the church](#); [donations to purchase Chicago Shares vouchers](#), and [toiletries for St. Chrys's Closet Ministries](#). We partner with the Day School in this effort and are grateful for the backpacks they are filling with essentials for residents arriving at St. Leonard's Ministries. In the weeks ahead we will be telling you more about these gifts we would be grateful to receive.

Toiletries/items to donate for Deborah's place: Hair and bath products, deodorants, leggings and tops, single sheet sets.

Toiletries to donate for the Closet: all toiletries including toothpaste, hair products, and deodorants.

To donate financially towards Chicago Shares, please scan the QR code here.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bross (judycbross@aol.com) or Mike Sammon (mike@saintc.org).



Today we are focusing on Deborah's Place. DP is a decades long partner of St. Chrysostom's and a frequent beneficiary of our 50 Days of Easter efforts. Their programs focus on the chronically homeless who often have co-morbidities - physical and mental illnesses, substance dependency, victims of abuse, etc. We have furnished meals during that time for 25 women who live in two distinct permanent housing programs. Those ladies appreciate any support we are able to furnish for toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and the basics like socks and underwear. The staff reached out last week to add in a request for pizza pans and baking sheets as they provide 3 meals per day for all 25 in those permanent residency programs. There are also 39 efficiency apartments at that same location on Sedgwick. There are needs all year long for our support and opportunities to volunteer as well. Go to deborahsplace.org to learn a little more about their history, their current programs and learn about opportunities to support them with your time and talents. **Use the QR code here to link to a 50 days of Easter short List on Amazon or make a monetary donation to church and we will purchase items from their wish list for you.** 24 -



GRIEF SUPPORT CIRCLE St. Chrysostom's offers a Grief Support Circle that provides a deep level of care for the grieving person who is interested in dealing with the emotions of life stresses following the death of a loved one. Our goal will be to support and pray for one other as we move forward through the loneliness and isolation of grief. We meet at 9:00 AM the 4th Sunday of each month in the Campeau Room. Email Lynn Belding or Mike Sammon (mike@saintc.org) for more information.

CHIAPAS PROJECT UPDATE

Scan the QR code to read March's issue!



PARISH PRAYER LIST Each week in the service leaflet we publish the first names of those on our Prayer List, which are spoken out loud during the service. Names will remain on the list for one month, and may be re-submitted as needed! Please use the QR code at the right to submit a name to the Prayer List; names received by Thursday will be included in the following Sunday's prayers.



Join the WOSC board!

The Women of St. Chrysostom's are looking for new members to join their Women's board. If you have questions, or are interested, please contact Jean Leavengood at jeanregulaleavengood@gmail.com.

Estate Planning Corner with The Good Shepherds' Society

Who is eligible to act as an executor of a will?

This question is answered by the law of the state where the decedent resided at death. Illinois law provides that an executor must be at least 18 years old, is resident in the US, is not of unsound mind, is not adjudicated a disabled person, and is not a convicted felon. Note that under Illinois law, to be an executor a person need not be a US citizen, however the person must reside in the US, so a US citizen residing overseas would not be eligible to act as an executor under Illinois law.

If you're considering a planned gift to St. Chrysostom's, please contact the parish office or Mark Fisher (jmarkfisher53@gmail.com) who chairs our Good Shepherds' Society, St. Chrysostom's planned giving organization.

These estate planning tidbits are provided by the Good Shepherds' Society. Neither St. Chrysostom's Church nor any of its representatives intends to practice law by these short notes. Their sole purpose is to encourage you to think about your estate plan and to consult with your estate planning advisors.

SUBMISSIONS If you or your group or ministry at St. Chrysostom's would like to share news, updates, or upcoming events with our community through our communications, please email our Associate for Communications, Emily Birks (emily@saintc.org). She'll be glad to work with you on content, timeline, and which of our publication(s) are best suited to your announcement! Submissions must be received by noon on Thursday for inclusion in that week's communications.



STAY IN THE LOOP! Be sure you're on our email list so that you don't miss any news from St. Chrysostom's! Follow the QR code at left, contact the Parish Office at 312-944-1083, or email info@saintc.org and we'll be sure you're added. Find us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and on the web at www.saintc.org. Any of our clergy or staff will be glad to assist you!

LAY WEEDERS UPDATE After the winter hiatus, the Lay Weeders mobilized twice in March to complete a post-winter cleanup and, despite the early Easter, were able to find enough material to fill the planters near the church — just in time for Palm Sunday. During March we also arranged for mulch to be spread on the beds nearest to the buildings.

Cool weather in April further held back early planting but you will now see Pulmonaria (lung wort) around the Korean lilac, Siberian Bugloss under the dogwood; and in the parkway there is Pieris Japonica (dwarf andromeda) near the main entrance from the street and, to the south, red twig dogwood shrubs. Plantings will continue as we find material.

There has also been much pruning and weeding; doubtless this will all continue.

St Chrysostom's garden is the sign of welcome and respite. As we work, visitors regularly show up with comments and questions that often lead to tours of the church. Spring growth is a clear sign of rebirth and renewal.

If you are interested in joining a work session, please call Emily at the church office 312/944-1083; she will put you in touch with one of us. **The next session will be May 16th.**

Jeff Dykstra, Ryan Kin & Judith Stockdale

FLOWER GUILD MINISTRY & ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS The Flower Guild's ministry is to provide floral designs to enhance our worship experience, and we accept donations of altar flowers to partially defray the cost of floral arrangements. Altar flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a blessing or milestone.



To donate, please use the QR code at left, or contact the Parish Office (info@saintc.org). **A minimum donation of \$100 is requested.** Please note that at least one week's notice is needed for inclusion in any Sunday service leaflet. To learn more about the Flower Guild's work, please email Angie Yorath (mayorath@sbcglobal.net).

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