

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

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NOT FROM THE SKIES

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.

—Anonymous

MARTYRDOM

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb

With Profound Gratitude to Almighty God The People at Queen of Peace Parish Invite you to a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving Commemorating:
The Fifteen Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish
The Thirty-Fifth Ordination Anniversary of Father Merold
The Completion of the Pastorate of Father Merold
Sunday, May 28 at 1pm
Queen of Peace Church
Reception and Dinner to follow after Mass.
R.S.V.P 1-847-473-4079 x 104
by May 12
On the weekend of May 27/28 this will be the ONLY Mass

NORTH CHICAGO SENIORS

The Greater North Chicago Senior Citizens Club will hold its Annual Memorial Service for departed members on Wednesday, May 3 at 11am at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be luncheon in the Parish Center following the memorial service and tickets are available for members and their guests. The Greater North Chicago Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 1pm at the Foss Park District Community Center, 1730 S. Lewis Avenue in North Chicago. All residents of the District, 55 years and older, are invited to attend.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As May begins, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, "Marry in Lent and you're soon to repent," is amplified by another warning: "Marry in May and rue the day!" Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter's introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital "T" has to do with Christ's miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community's feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise rabbi once said that "tradition is not wearing your father's hat; tradition is having a child." Don't let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans!

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3. The tapes will be submitted to **Waukegan Cub Foods** at the end of each quarter.

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