



# THE GUIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

## The Alpha Encounter *El Encuentro de Alpha*



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In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph think they are bringing the infant Jesus to the temple for a routine ritual prescribed by the divine law given through Moses to the Israelites. Like other families of their times and like modern families bringing a young child for Baptism into our Catholic Christian family of faith, Mary and Joseph were bringing young Jesus to their place of worship, making a sacrifice (a donation), and experiencing a ritual of purification and consecration to God.

But what Mary and Joseph did not expect to find in the temple was other people recognizing that there was something special about this young boy child – that Simeon and the prophetess Anna would see in Jesus

En el Evangelio de hoy, María y José creen que están llevando al bebe Jesús al templo para un ritual de rutina prescrito por la ley divina dada a través de Moisés a los israelitas. Al igual que otras familias de su época y como familias modernas que traían a un niño pequeño para el bautismo en nuestra familia de fe cristiana católica, María y José llevaban al bebe Jesús a su lugar de adoración, hacían un sacrificio (una donación) y experimentaban un ritual de purificación y consagración a Dios.

Pero lo que María y José no esperaban encontrar en el templo era que otras personas reconocieran que había algo especial en este niño: que Simeón y la profetisa Ana verían en Jesús el cumplimiento de la promesa de

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

8:30 AM Queen of Angels

#### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM Queen of Angels

#### SUNDAY | DOMINGO

8:00 AM St. Matthias

9:00 AM Queen of Angels

11:00 AM Queen of Angels

12:30 PM Reina De los Angeles en Español

#### QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

Iglesia de Reina De los Angeles

2333 W Sunnyside Ave

Chicago, IL 60625

#### SAINT MATTHIAS CHURCH

Iglesia de San Matías

2133 W Ainslie Av

Chicago, IL 60625

the fulfillment of God's promise to save God's people by sending the Christ, the Son of God.

In a similar way, all are invited to sign up for Alpha to experience a particular routine – a shared meal, a short video, and a conversation about faith. But what you might not expect to find there is the revelation of Jesus in the other people who surround you, participate in those conversations, and share those meals. This is what I have found in Alpha. The affirming voices of the members of my table group – patient and understanding when dealing with difficult topics, funny and convivial when celebrating -- have been the presence of Jesus to me as I have experienced and supported Alpha twice in the past year.

How does one recognize this holy presence in the midst of a busy life? Pope Francis writes in *The Joy of the Gospel* that “God’s presence accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find encouragement and meaning in their lives” (*Evangelii Gaudium* 71). Simeon and Anna felt that seeing the Christ child before they left this mortal life gave meaning to their long lives dedicated to prayer. So many of us are looking for meaning in our own lives. Let us open the invitation to experience Alpha not just to ourselves as people worshipping in Queen of Apostles Parish, but to all persons in our lives who may be looking for that encounter with the presence of God and searching for the meaning of their own existence. In Alpha, such questions are explored regularly.

As we look for the presence of Jesus at Alpha and in the interactions of our daily lives, let us be thankful for those who are serving as Table Hosts, Helpers, and Hospitality Team members for Alpha, as well as for those responding to the invitation to participate. The kindness of the community they will form together opens others to an experience of Jesus. They are an encouraging sign, as Simeon said to Mary, “so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Dios de salvar a su pueblo al enviar el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios.

De manera similar, todos están invitados a inscribirse en Alpha para experimentar una rutina particular: una comida compartida, un video corto y una conversación sobre la fe. Pero lo que quizás no esperes encontrar allí es la revelación de Jesús en las otras personas que te rodean, participan en esas conversaciones y comparten esas comidas. Esto es lo que encontré como parte de Alpha. Las voces afirmativas de los miembros de mi grupo de mesa – pacientes y comprensivas cuando se tratan temas difíciles, divertidas y amigables cuando se celebra – han sido la presencia de Jesucristo para mí, ya que experimenté y apoyé a Alpha dos veces durante el año pasado.

¿Cómo se reconoce esta santa presencia en medio de una vida ocupada? El Papa Francisco escribe en *La alegría del Evangelio* que “la presencia de Dios acompaña las búsquedas sinceras que personas y grupos realizan para encontrar apoyo y sentido a sus vidas.” (*Evangelii Gaudium* 71). Simeón y Ana sintieron que ver al Santo Niño Jesús antes de dejar esta vida mortal dio sentido a sus largas vidas dedicadas a la oración. Muchos de nosotros buscamos que significa nuestras propias vidas. Abramos la invitación a experimentar Alpha no solo para nosotros mismos como personas que adoramos en la Parroquia Reina de los Apóstoles, sino a todas las personas en nuestras vidas que puedan estar buscando ese encuentro con la presencia de Dios y el significado de su propia existencia. En Alpha, estas preguntas se exploran en cada sesión.

Mientras buscamos la presencia de Jesús en Alpha y en las interacciones de nuestra vida diaria, estemos agradecidos por aquellos que sirvan como Anfitriones de Mesa, Ayudantes y miembros del Equipo de Hospitalidad de Alpha, y también por aquellos que responden a la invitación a participar. La bondad de la comunidad que ellos formarán juntos abre a otros a una experiencia de Jesús. Son un signo apoyador, como dijo Simeón a María, “para que queden al descubierto los pensamientos de todos los corazones”.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Join us for a night of games, conversation, and a shared meal amongst friends old and new!  
All high school students are welcome to attend

**Fri Feb 7 at 6:30 PM at Mission Hall**  
4412 N. Western Ave.

**Email Joe Rosales for more info**  
[youthministry@qofachicago.org](mailto:youthministry@qofachicago.org)

## SPIRITUAL LIFE | VIDA ESPIRITUAL

# Join a conversation...

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts and hear from others



Curious about faith? Searching for something deeper? Join us for **Alpha at Queen of Apostles Parish**, starting this month! Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian Catholic faith through engaging videos, meaningful conversations, and a meal. Whether you're curious, wondering, or just looking for community, Alpha is for you. **Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Holy Family Hall (church basement) and include dinner.**

Alpha is a welcoming space for everyone—whether you're reconnecting with your faith or inviting someone else to begin their journey. Don't miss this chance to share, grow, and discover together.



Find more information and Register at [qofachicago.org/alpha](http://qofachicago.org/alpha)

Questions? Contact Beth at [bethkraszewski@gmail.com](mailto:bethkraszewski@gmail.com)

¿Tienes curiosidad por la fe? ¿Buscas algo más profundo? ¡Únase a nosotros para **Alpha en la Parroquia Reina de los Apóstoles**, a partir de este mes! Alpha es una oportunidad para explorar la fe católica cristiana a través de videos atractivos, conversaciones significativas y una comida. Ya sea que tengas curiosidad, te lo preguntes o simplemente busques una comunidad, Alpha es para ti. **Las sesiones se llevan a cabo de 6:30 a 8:00 p.m. en el Salón de la Sagrada Familia (sótano de la iglesia) e incluyen cena.**

Alpha es un espacio acogedor para todos, ya sea que estés reconectando con tu fe o invitando a alguien más a comenzar su viaje. No te pierdas esta oportunidad de compartir, crecer y descubrir juntos.

Encuentre más información e inscribese en [qofachicago.org/alpha](http://qofachicago.org/alpha)

Preguntas? Póngase en contacto con Beth en [bethkraszewski@gmail.com](mailto:bethkraszewski@gmail.com)

## OUTREACH | SERVICIO DE ASISTENCIA

### An Invitation from the Queen of Apostles Respect Life Committee

Please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, February 20 at 7 pm in the Voss Center, Conference Room 1. Our past Activities have included:

- The Loving Care Egg Basket, a Lenten Activity to benefit women in need at The Women's Center, the Well of Mercy and the Erie Helping Hands clinic.
- The Mother's Day Flower Sale to support women in crisis at the Women's Center
- The Baby Bottle Drive which collected loose change for the Women's Center
- The Father's Day Bake Sale for Committee expenses for materials and hospitality

We have also sponsored several annual prayerful services such as a Lost Children's Mass, a Found Families Mass and a Bilingual Holy Hour the first four Fridays in October for Respect Life Month. There is also a Respect Life Rosary said each Saturday after the morning mass.

There are many more options for participation proposed by the Archdiocese Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity and you are invited to share your views and interests in them.

Questions? Call Stella Peters (312) 843-4824

### Una invitación del Comité de Respeto a la Vida de Reina de los Apóstoles

Únase a nosotros para una reunión informativa el 20 de febrero a las 7 pm en el Centro Voss, Sala de Conferencias 1. Nuestras actividades anteriores han incluido:

- La Cesta de Huevos de Cuidado Amoroso, una actividad de Cuaresma para beneficiar a mujeres necesitadas en el Centro de Mujeres, el Pozo de la Misericordia y Manos que Ayudan de la clínica Erie.
- La venta de flores del Día de la Madre para apoyar a las mujeres en crisis en el Centro de Mujeres
- La colecta de biberones para el bebé, que recolectó monedas sueltas para el Centro de Mujeres
- La venta de pasteles del Día del Padre para los gastos del Comité en materiales y hospitalidad

También hemos patrocinado varios servicios anuales de oración, como una Misa de Niños Perdidos, una Misa de Familias Encontradas y una Hora Santa Bilingüe los primeros cuatro viernes de octubre para el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. También se reza un Rosario de Respeto a la Vida todos los sábados después de la misa de la mañana.

Hay muchas más opciones de participación propuestas por la Oficina de Dignidad Humana y Solidaridad de la Arquidiócesis y están invitados a compartir sus puntos de vista e intereses en ellas.

¿Preguntas? Llame a Stella Peters (312) 843-4824

## PARISH LIFE | VIDA PARROQUIAL



### QUEEN OF APOSTLES SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

#### Movie Club

Friday, Feb 7, 10:30AM  
Judas and the Black Messiah

Wednesday, Feb 26, 10:30AM  
Paint your Wagon

#### Club de Cine

El viernes, 7 de febrero a las 10:30 a.m.  
Judas y el Mesías Negro

miércoles, 26 de febrero, 10:30AM  
Pinte su Vagón



For more information  
Para obtener más información

Patrick Johnson 773-372-9535  
queens.senior.club@gmail.com

**Friday Night Dance Club**  
*Club de Baile de los viernes por la noche*



**For more information**  
*Para obtener más información*



**Dancing for everyone, create unforgettable memories together!**

Join the fun at our next event  
All ages welcome  
Friday, February 7th  
6pm to 10pm

\$15 individual / \$30 Family  
Benefits the Youth Ministry

**Bailando para todos, ¡creemos recuerdos inolvidables juntos!**

Únase a la diversión en nuestro próximo evento  
Todas las edades son bienvenidas  
Viernes 7 de febrero  
De 6:00 p. m. a 10:00 p. m.

\$15 individual / \$30 familiar  
Beneficia al Ministerio de Jóvenes

**Queen of Apostles Parish**  
*Men's Club*



**Men's Club 9-Hole Golf League** is fun way to meet members of the Queen of Apostles parish and enjoy some fellowship in a relaxed environment. It is a handicapped league, so all levels of golfers are welcome to play.

We play every other Tuesday  
April through September  
at Robert Black Golf Course

**Want sign up? Have questions?**  
Contact Steve Swanson  
2025 League Commissioner  
sds swanson@ameritech.net

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL

*Winter Feast*

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# INTENTIONS & PRAYERS | INTENCIONES Y ORACIONES

**Monday, February 3**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society

**Tuesday, February 4**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society

**Wednesday, February 5**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society

**Thursday, February 6**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society

**Friday, February 7**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society

**Saturday, February 8**

8:30am Morning Mass  
† Parish Remembrance Society  
9:00am Confessions  
5:00pm Mass of Anticipation  
† Tracy Greco

**Sunday, February 9-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Mass in English at St. Matthias  
† Parish Remembrance Society  
9:00am Mass in English  
† Parish Remembrance Society  
11:00am Mass in English  
† Geri McMahon- Birthday  
† Janet Nowak  
12:30 Mass in Spanish  
† Jose Ballesteros Tello  
† Teresita Flores Manriquez  
† Luis Soto Rivera  
Romelia Navarrete Ramirez- Salud y Curación

PLEASE PRAY | POR FAVOR REZA

Jim & Donna Baker	Mary Shea	Sister Carol Brunner
Fr. Ted Bokczuk	Erin Jimenez	Brandon Vazquez
Bernis Castillo Jr.	Sulpicia Maleza Lim	Marge Kaeplinger
Jim Nowinski	Leticia Garcia	Phylliss Ramseth
Anthony Sikorski	Karen Kileen	Monica Hohner
Pamela Suenkens	Nancy Brunner	Patricia Cornwell
Rosemary Summers	Tug Gillingham	John Peters
Sr. Maryann Zrust	Salvador Romero	Orlando Dura
Marina & Adela Luengas	Maria de Jesus Magana	Stefan & Piotr
John O'Malley	Juana Reyes	Dorothy Yassan
Lila Wolfram	Ariana Tello	Maureen O'Donoghue
Clare Poster	Maria Gayton	Darlene Keane
Debbie Wagner	Macrina Gaytan	Amy Widdell
Irene Biancalana	Macrina Salinas	Maria Thomas
Cara Tucker	Noelie Siavichay	Monica Ortega
Don Dilberto	Bonnie Baboorin	Colette Athans
Cameron Taft	Teresa Witvoet	Nick Vainisi
Rigoberto Conde	Angela Callister	
Jesus Oviedo	Marisa Cervantes	
Raul Perez	Janett Pawloski	
Debbie Somers	Andrea Moreno Juarez	

Please call the parish office to include your name or the name of a family member in our prayers. The name of the person will appear quarterly unless otherwise instructed.

Llame a la oficina parroquial para incluir su nombre o el nombre de un miembro de su familia en nuestras oraciones. El nombre de la persona aparecerá trimestralmente a menos que se indique lo contrario.



QUEEN OF APOSTLES  
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL  
OUTREACH MINISTRY  
MINISTERIO DE ASISTENCIA

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The Presentation of the Lord  
In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord.

En el Evangelio de hoy, nos enteramos de la primera espada en el corazón de María: el conocimiento de la muerte de su Hijo. Aunque muchos vivirían para siempre con miedo, María encontró valor en la fe en el Señor

Your gift for the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear, doubt, loneliness and dread.

Su regalo a los pobres puede traer el amor y la paz de Jesús a aquellos que viven en el temor, en la duda, en soledad y miedo.

## WEDDING BANNERS

**Michael James Adams and  
Mary Margaret Folan**

# UPCOMING EVENTS | PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10 8:30AM Morning Mass 6:00PM Reunion de Lideres at PC-3 6:15PM Cub Scout AOL at HFH 6:30PM OCIA at PC-2 6:45PM Confirmation Prep Class at PC-MH 7:00PM Commons at PC-1 7:00PM SPRED Catechist Prep at PC_SR 7:15PM Troop 894 B&G at HFH	11 8:30AM Morning Mass 7:00PM SPRED Total Community at PC-SR 7:00PM Evangelization Team at PC-1 7:00PM Alpha Team Training at PC-3 7:30PM AA at PC-MH	12 8:30AM Morning Mass 6:00PM Girl Scout Cadettes at PC-MH 6:30PM Cub Scout Lion at PC-1 7:00PM SPRED Total Community at PC-SR 7:00PM St. Cecilia Singers at HFH	13 8:30AM Morning Mass 1:00PM Senior Social Club Monthly Meeting at PC- 1& 2 6:00PM Girl Scout Brownie Troop at PC-MH 7:00PM Círculo de Oración at UC 7:00PM SPRED Catechist Prep at PC-SR 8:00PM Men's Club Monthly Meeting at PC-MH	14 8:15AM Weekday Mass at ST. Matthias 8:30AM Morning Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration at UC 7:30PM AA at PC-MH	15 8:30AM Morning Mass 9:00AM Confession 9:15AM SoulCore at HFH 10:00AM Spanish Baptism Preparation Class on ZOOM 10:00 SPRED Total Community at PC-SR 5:00PM Vigil Mass	16 Mass at 8AM (StM), 9AM, 11AM and 12:30 PM (Esp) 10:00AM Reception following Community Family Mass at HFH 10:15AM Religious Ed Class at QA School 2:00PM English Baptisms 8:00PM Men's Club Basketball at PC-MH/G
3 8:30AM Morning Mass 6:00PM Grief Ministry Winter Session at PC-SR 6:00PM Reunion de Lideres at PC-3 6:15PM Cub Scout Webelos at HFH 6:30PM OCIA at PC-2 6:45PM Confirmation Prep Class at PC-MH	4 8:30AM Morning Mass 6:30PM First Reconciliation Prayer Service at UC 6:30PM Cub Scout Bear Den, at PC-1 7:00PM SPRED Catechist Prep, 7at PC-SR 7:00PM Alpha Team Training at PC-3 7:00PM English Baptism Prep Class, Zoom Only AA at 7:30PM at PC-MH	5 8:30AM Morning Mass 6:00PM Girl Scout Junior, at PC-MH 6:30PM First Reconciliation at St. Matthias Church 7:00PM Estudio Bíblico at PC-MH SPRED Catechist Prep, 7:00 PM at PC-SR Rehearsal St. Cecilia Singers at 7PM at HFH	6 8:30AM Morning Mass Scripture Hour, 1:00pm at PC-1 4:00PM Little Knights Potluck Dinner at HFH 6:00PM Girl Scout Daisy Troop at PC-MH 7:00PM Círculo de Oración at UC SPRED Catechist Prep, 7:00 PM PC-SR	7 8:30AM Morning Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration at UC 10:30AM Senior Movie at PC-1 & 2 6:00PM Friday Night Dance Club at HFH 6:30PM Young Adult Ministry at PC-MH AA at 7:30PM at PC-1	8 8:30AM Morning Mass 9:00AM Confession 9:15AM SoulCore at HFH 10:30AM Lupus Spoons Hybrid Support at PC-2 12:00PM English Baptisms at UC 5:00PM Vigil Mass	9 Mass at 8AM (StM), 9AM, 11AM and 12:30 PM (Esp) 10:15AM Religious Ed Class at QA School 8:00PM Men's Club Basketball at PC-MH/G

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### Request Your 2024 Donation Statement

If you are preparing your 2024 Income Taxes and would like to receive a statement of tax-deductible gifts to Queen of Apostles Parish in 2024, please contact the parish office at 773-539-7510 or at [parish@qofachicago.org](mailto:parish@qofachicago.org) to request your statement



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stmatthiasschool.org  
Main Office: 773.784.0999

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY**  
8:30 AM Queen of Angels

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
5:00 PM Queen of Angels

**SUNDAY | DOMINGO**  
8:00 AM St. Matthias  
9:00 AM Queen of Angels\*  
11:00 AM Queen of Angels  
12:30 PM Reina De los Angeles  
en Español \*

\*Mass also livestreamed at [qofachicago.org](http://qofachicago.org)  
\*La misa también se transmitirá en vivo en [qofachicago.org](http://qofachicago.org)

**CONFESSION | CONFESIÓN**  
9-10am Saturday | sábado

**ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**  
9-10am on Fridays | viernes

**BAPTISM IN ENGLISH**  
2nd Saturday at 12pm  
3rd Sunday at 2pm

**BAPTISMO EN ESPAÑOL**  
1º Sábado a las 12pm  
4º Domingo at las 2pm

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**  
to arrange Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals  
and Anointing of the Sick or visit  
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**PARROQUIAL** para organizar  
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