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GUIDE

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A Gift from God: Walking Together in Faith

Un Regalo de Dios: Comenzando Nuestro Caminar Juntos



BY FATHER SERGIO DE LA TORRE

I am truly grateful to be here with you and would like to share a little about myself as we begin this journey of faith together.

I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, and came to the United States at the age of eleven. I grew up in Cicero, where I attended local public schools and later Morton East High School. After high school, I took courses at Morton College while working in different places experiences that deeply shaped my understanding of life, family, and faith lived in everyday moments.

In 2001, I entered St. Joseph College Seminary and Loyola University Chicago, where learned a bachelor's degree with a major in History and Spanish Literature, and minors in Philosophy and Latin American Studies.

Me siento muy agradecido de estar aquí con ustedes y deseo compartir un poco sobre mí, mientras comenzamos juntos este camino de fe.

Nací en Guadalajara, México, y llegué a los Estados Unidos a la edad de once años. Crecí en Cicero, donde asistí a las escuelas públicas del distrito y más tarde a la Preparatoria Morton East. Después de la preparatoria, tomé algunos cursos en Morton College mientras trabajaba en distintos lugares, experiencias que marcaron profundamente mi manera de comprender la vida, la familia y la fe vivida en lo cotidiano.

En el año 2001, ingresé al Seminario Colegio San José y a la Universidad Loyola de Chicago, donde obtuve una licenciatura con especialidad en Historia y Literatura Española, con subespecialidades en Filosofía y Estudios Latinoamericanos.

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 Ángeles en Español

QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH

Iglesia Reina De los Ángeles

2330 W Sunnyside Ave

Chicago, IL 60625

SAINT MATTHIAS CHURCH

Iglesia San Matías

2310 W Ainslie St

Chicago, IL 60625

In 2005, I entered Mundelein Seminary, completed my Master of Divinity, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in May 2010. After ordination, I lived at Casa Jesús while completing a Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University Chicago. I served as an associate priest at Good Shepherd Parish in Little Village from 2011 to 2012, and later at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Desplaines, in 2013. In 2014, I was appointed administrator of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Cicero, where I served until 2021. From 2021 to 2025, I had the privilege of serving as administrator of Mary Queen of Heaven and Our Lady of the Mount, which were unified under the name Our Lady, the Mystical Rose.

As part of my ongoing commitment to pastoral accompaniment, I recently completed a Certificate in Family and Couples Counseling at Northeastern Illinois University (2022–2025), further deepening my desire to walk with individuals, couples, and families with compassion, faith, and understanding.

Before coming here, I was on family medical leave to care for my mother during her illness. She passed away a few months ago, and now I find myself beginning a new year, in a new place, with a grateful and hopeful heart.

As I shared with you at my first Mass and again last Sunday, there is a quote from Kung Fu Panda: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift that is why it is called the present." I truly believe this to be true: you are God's present to me. Each one of you is a beautiful gift from God, and I welcome this gift with joy. I am thrilled to journey together in our faith and to continue discovering the many ways God loves us ways that are sometimes easily overlooked or dismissed.

I look forward to encountering Christ through you and to sharing Christ's love through our daily interactions, our prayer together, and especially through the celebration of the sacraments. Please know of my prayers for you and your families, and I humbly ask for yours as well. In Gratitude, Hope & Peace.

En 2005, ingresé al Seminario de Mundelein, donde completé la Maestría en Divinidad, y fui ordenado sacerdote para la Arquidiócesis de Chicago en mayo de 2010. Después de mi ordenación, residí en Casa Jesús mientras realizaba una Maestría en Consejería Pastoral en la Universidad Loyola de Chicago. Serví como vicario parroquial en la Parroquia del Buen Pastor en La Villita, de 2011 a 2012, y posteriormente en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Desplaines, 2013. En 2014, fui nombrado administrador de la Parroquia María Reina del Cielo en Cicero, donde serví hasta 2021. De 2021 a 2025, tuve el privilegio de servir como administrador de las parroquias María Reina del Cielo y Nuestra Señora del Monte, las cuales se unificaron bajo el nombre de Nuestra Señora, la Rosa Mística.

Como parte de mi compromiso continuo con el acompañamiento pastoral, recientemente completé un Certificado en Consejería Familiar y de Pareja en la Universidad Northeastern Illinois (2022–2025), lo cual ha fortalecido aún más mi deseo de acompañar con compasión, fe y cercanía a personas, parejas y familias.

Antes de llegar aquí, estuve en licencia médica familiar para cuidar la salud de mi mamá durante su enfermedad. Ella falleció hace algunos meses, y hoy me encuentro comenzando un nuevo año, en un nuevo lugar, con un corazón agradecido y lleno de esperanza.

Como compartí con ustedes en la primera misa y el domingo pasado, hay una frase de Kung Fu Panda: "El ayer es historia, el mañana es un misterio, pero hoy es un regalo; por eso se llama presente." Y verdaderamente lo creo: ustedes son el presente de Dios para mí. Cada uno de ustedes es un don hermoso que Dios pone en mi camino, y este regalo lo recibo con alegría. Estoy muy contento de iniciar este caminar juntos en la fe, de seguir descubriendo las distintas maneras en que Dios nos ama, incluso aquellas que muchas veces pasan desapercibidas o son fácilmente olvidadas.

Espero encontrar a Cristo en cada uno de ustedes y compartir su amor a través de nuestro caminar diario, la oración en comunidad y, especialmente, en la celebración de los sacramentos. Cuenten con mis oraciones por ustedes y sus familias, y humildemente les pido que recen también por mí. En Gratitude, Esperanza y Paz,

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES**Sunday, January 18 12:30 PM**

Lord of Esquipulas Mass celebrating Jesus in the Guatemalan tradition

Saturday, January 24 5:00 PM

Santo Nino Mass celebrating Jesus in the Filipino tradition

PRÓXIMAS MISAS ESPECIALES**Domingo, 18 de enero 12:30 PM**

Misa del Señor de Esquipulas en honor a Jesús según la tradición Guatemalteca.

Sábado, 24 de enero 5:00 PM

Misa del Santo Niño celebrando a Jesús según la tradición filipina.

**Queen of Apostles Bereavement Group
DROP – IN - SESSIONS**

We are holding DROP-IN-SESSIONS for bereaved members of the parish and invite them to join us for “Coffee and Chat”, we will meet on the last Monday of the month at 4:30 to 5:30pm, at the parish center.

It is to provide a supporting, sharing, social afternoon for those wishing to attend. The sessions are not intended to provide any form of formal counselling.

Our first session will be on Monday, January 26th at 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Please feel free to bring a friend if you wish. We look forward to seeing you!

**Grupo de duelo Reina de los Apóstoles
SESIONES SIN CITA PREVIA**

Estamos organizando SESIONES SIN CITA PREVIA para los miembros de la parroquia que han sufrido una pérdida y les invitamos a unirse a nosotros para «Tomar un café y charlar». Nos reuniremos el último lunes de cada mes, de 4:30 a 5:30 p. m., en el centro parroquial.

El objetivo es ofrecer una tarde de apoyo, intercambio y convivencia a quienes deseen asistir. Las sesiones no pretenden ofrecer ningún tipo de asesoramiento formal.

Nuestra primera sesión será el lunes 26 de enero, de 4:30 a 5:30 p. m. Si lo desea, puede traer a un amigo. ¡Esperamos verle!

**2nd Sunday: Community Meal**
2do domingo: Cena Comunitaria

As we celebrate Christmas and begin a New Year, we remember Jesus' call to welcome and care for those in need: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). To follow His example, we provide a hot meal and a to-go bag of food for up to 100 adults on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Volunteers are needed in**Holy Family Hall on Feb 8 and March 8.**

Sign up through Sign-Up Genius or call Jim Hohner at 773-315-1231.

Donations may be made through the St. Vincent de Paul Society—Queen of Apostles Conference via GiveCentral or the poor boxes at Queen of Angels Church.



Al celebrar la Navidad y comenzar un nuevo año, recordamos el llamado de Jesús a acoger y cuidar a los necesitados: «En cuanto lo hicieron con uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, conmigo lo hicieron» (Mateo 25:40). Siguiendo su ejemplo, ofrecemos una comida caliente y una bolsa de comida para llevar para un máximo de 100 adultos el segundo domingo de cada mes.

Se necesitan voluntarios en el Salón Sagrada Familia el 8 de febrero y el 8 de marzo.

Inscríbese a través de Sign-Up Genius o llame a Jim Hohner al 773-315-1231.

Puede hacer donaciones a través de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl - Conferencia Reina de los Apóstoles a través de GiveCentral o en las cajas de caridad de la Iglesia Reina de los Ángeles.

Curious about faith?

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian Faith. Everyone is 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**



Spring Alpha at Queen of Apostles

Looking for a welcoming, low-key way to connect with others and explore faith? Spring Alpha is coming to Queen of Apostles.

Alpha is a simple, welcoming experience that includes a great meal, time to get to know others, and a short video on a faith topic — no pressure and no commitment.

Spring Alpha begins **Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 PM** and takes place in **Holy Family Hall, located beneath the church.**

Scan the QR code in the bulletin for more information or to register.

Questions? Contact Moises at moi.mong2002@gmail.com



Alpha de Primavera en Reina de los Apóstoles

¿Buscas una manera acogedora y sencilla de conectarte con otros y explorar la fe? El Alpha de Primavera llega a Reina de los Apóstoles

Alpha es una experiencia simple y acogedora que incluye una buena comida, tiempo para conocer a otros y un breve video sobre un tema de fe — sin presión y sin compromiso.

El Alpha de Primavera comienza **el martes 24 de febrero a las 6:00 PM** y se llevará a cabo en el **Salón de la Sagrada Familia, ubicado debajo de la iglesia.**

Escanea el código QR en el boletín para más información o para registrarte.

¿Preguntas? Comunícate con Moises en moi.mong2002@gmail.com

Senior Social Club

Club Social para Personas Mayores

Senior Club Breakfast on Jan. 21 at 9:00 at Savanna's (4322 N. Western)

Desayuno del Senior Club será el 21 de enero a las 9:00 en Savanna's (4322 N. Western).

Senior Club Movie on Jan. 28 at 10:30am parish center conference room.

Película del Senior Club será el 28 de enero a las 10:30 a. m. en la sala de conferencias del centro parroquial.

Senior Club Happy Hour. Pizza and drinks at Ricochet's (4644 N. Lincoln) on Jan. 29, from 5-6:30pm.

Hora feliz del Senior Club. Pizza y bebidas en Ricochet's (4644 N. Lincoln) el 29 de enero, de 5 a 6:30 p. m.



Queen of Angels Trivia Night is Back ** NEW DATE ******

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Queen of Angels Guild Hall/Gym
Doors Open at 6:00pm.
First Question at 6:30pm.

Come join us for ten rounds of team trivia! Gather up your team of eight, your provisions, and get ready for a night of fun!

Follow the link for details and reservations:
<https://qofatrivianight2026.eventbrite.com/>

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Sunday, January 25

Mass at St Matthias Church at 8:00am
 Mass at Queen of Angels Church at 9:00am

Open House 10am to 11:30am Open House 9am to 11am

Why Catholic Schools

In Catholic Schools, We Believe

We believe excellent learning happens in spaces that emphasize academic, spiritual and emotional development. We believe encouraging and nurturing communities provide the necessary elements for student success. We believe our students draw strength from shared faith.

We Believe Challenging Academics Prepare Students for the Future

In Catholic schools, students embrace their intellectual curiosity through nationally recognized academic programs, preparing them for success in high school and beyond.

We Believe Belonging Fosters Student Wellness

Catholic school communities are welcoming and nurturing. Our teachers cultivate a sense of belonging that allows students to fully engage, learn and grow.

We Believe Faith Fuels Success

Catholic schools ensure a spiritually and emotionally uplifting environment for all students. Understanding that God and Jesus are present in our lives provides perspective and emboldens confidence.

We Believe Moral Courage is a Shared Value

Catholic school students develop a moral compass that is equally important to academic pursuits. The qualities of integrity, honesty, kindness and trustworthiness are essential to success in school and in life.

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL
WINTER TOAST



Save the Date
Saturday February 28
Burning Bush Brewery
7-10pm

Sponsorships Open

If you or your business would like to sponsor winter toast or donate an auction item or gift card, please visit our site with the QR Code or contact

Liz Tyrell
 tyrrell.liz@gmail.com

or Alaina Becker
 alaina.murley@gmail.com

INTENTIONS & PRAYERS | INTENCIONES Y ORACIONES

Monday, January 12

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish

Tuesday, January 13

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish

Wednesday, January 14

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish

Thursday, January 15

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Isolde Walkowiak

Friday, January 16

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish

Saturday, January 17

8:30am Morning Mass
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish
 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am Mass in English at St. Matthias
 † Deceased Members of Our Parish
 9:00am Mass in English
 Jeffrey Thomas - healing & blessings
 † Michael McCann
 † Doris Delgado
 † Alicia Tus
 11:00am Mass in English
 † Arnulfo Salinas Dheming
 † Jacqueline DeLeon - Birthday
 12:30 Mass in Spanish
 † Tomas D Reyes - Anniversary of Death

PLEASE PRAY | POR FAVOR REZA

Jim & Donna Baker	Brandon Vazquez	Colette Athans
Fr. Ted Bokczuk	Marge Kaepflinger	Romelia Navarrete
Pamela Suenkens	Phyllis Ramseth	Ramirez
Anthony Sikorski	Monica Hohner	Julian Camargo
Don Dilberto	Patricia Cornwell	Bob Donovan
Sulplicia Maleza Lim	Orlando Dura	Steve Ramos
Tug Gillingham	Dorothy Yassan	Dr. Laura Gerbec
Bonnie Baboorian	Maureen O'Donoghue	Joan Garber
Teresa Witvoet	Darlene Keane	Susan Becker
Maria Cervantes	Maria Thomas	Kitty Phelan
Janett Pawloski	Rodolfo Villareal	Juli Omahen
	Monica Ortega	Jeffrey Thomas

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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 QdeA Givecentral



The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully? Our next meeting is January 15th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

El Bautismo del Señor

Después de que Jesús fue bautizado, vio al Espíritu de Dios descender como una paloma y se oyó una voz que decía: «Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias». Al ayudar a los pobres, nosotros también podemos escuchar estas mismas palabras.

¿Ha considerado unirse a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl para vivir su Bautismo de una manera más plena? Nuestra próxima reunión es el 15 de enero a las 7 p. m. en el centro parroquial.

UPCOMING EVENTS | PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
12 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm CS Webelos HFH 6:30pm OCIA PC-1 6:45pm Confirmation Prep Class 7:00pm Reunion de Servidores HFH-SC 7:15pm Troop 894 HFH	13 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm Liturgy Commission PC-1 6:30pm Alpha Planning PC-2 7:30pm A.A meeting PC-MH	14 8:30am Daily Mass 5:30pm CS Lion Den PC-1 6:00pm GS Cadette PC-MH 7:00pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting HFH 7:00pm Rehearsal-St. Cecilia Singers HFH	15 8:30am Daily Mass 8:30am Early Childhood Prayer Service (StM) 1:00pm Scripture Hour PC-1 6:00pm GS Brownie PC-MH 7:00pm Circulo de Oracion 7:00pm SVDP meeting PC-2	16 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 A.A Friday Meeting PC-MH	17 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Confessions 9:20am SoulCore HFH 10:00am Spanish Prep Class/zoom 5:00pm Vigil Mass 5:00pm Set Up for Señor de Esquipulas	18 Mass at 8 am (StM) 9 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm (Esp) 10:15am Religious Education 2:00pm English Baptisms 8:00pm Men's Club Basketball PC-MH
19 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm CS Bear Den HFH 6:30pm OCIA PC-1 7:00pm Reunion de Servidores HFH-SC 7:30pm Rehearsal	20 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm Webelos Den CS PC-1 7:00pm SPRED Catechist Prep Session PC-SPRED 7:00pm Chicago Soundings-Organ 7:30pm A.A meeting PC-MH	21 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm GS Daisy PC-MH 6:30pm Pack 3894's Wolf Den PC-1 7:00pm SPRED Catechist Prep Session PC-SPRED 7:00pm Rehearsal-St. Cecilia Singers HFH	22 8:30am Daily Mass 8:30am Early Childhood Prayer Service (StM) 6:00pm GS Junior PC-MH 7:00pm DVO Ministry PC-2 7:00pm Circulo de Oracion 7:00pm SPRED Catechist Prep Session PC-SPRED	23 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 A.A Friday Meeting PC-MH	24 8:30am Daily Mass 9:00am Confessions 9:20am SoulCore HFH 10:00am SPRED catechist Prep Session PC- SPRED 11:30am 1 st reconciliation with RE 5:00pm Santo Nino Fiesta Mass 6:00pm Santo Nino Devotion 7:00 pm Fellowship Santo Nino HFH	25 Mass at 8 am (StM) 9 am, 11 am and 12:30 pm (Esp) 10:15am Religious Education 2:00pm Bautismos en Español 8:00pm Men's Club Basketball PC-MH

STEWARDSHIP



Our partner for secure donations
 Nuestro socio para donaciones seguras

January 3 & 4, 2026
Envelopes \$2,248.00
Loose: \$2,396.45
Give Central: \$4,058.50
Weekly Total: \$8,702.95
Weekly Goal: \$10,000
% to Goal: 87.03%

Register today at
qofachicago.org/how-to/donate

- Set 1-time or recurring gifts
- Receive end of the year summary for tax-benefit
- Contact parish office with questions

Regístrese hoy en
qofachicago.org/how-to/donate

- Establecer obsequios únicos o recurrentes
- Reciba el resumen de fin de año para el beneficio fiscal
- Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si tiene preguntas

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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Support the Church in Latin America

uscgb.org/latin-america

COMPARTE TU FE

Apoyar a la Iglesia en América Latina

Request Your 2025 Donation Statement

If you are preparing your 2025 Income Taxes and would like to receive a statement of tax-deductible gifts to Queen of Apostles Parish in 2025, please contact the parish office at 773-539-7510 or at parish@qofachicago.org to request your statement.



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 en Español *

*Mass also livestreamed at qofachicago.org
 *La misa también se transmitirá en vivo en 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

BAUTISMO EN ESPAÑOL
 1º Sábado a las 12pm
 4º Domingo a las 2pm

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