

# EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## The 2026 Cycle of Prayer for The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

*INCLUDING PRAYERS FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESES,  
FOR USE ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS IN THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
DURING THE EUCHARIST IN THE DESIGNATED WEEKS*

### **The week of January 4, 2026**

*Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:*

St. David in Aurora; Trinity in Aurora; Calvary in Batavia

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Juan Evangelista in Acayucan; St. Matthew Cathedral in Renk

### **The week of January 11, 2026**

*Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:*

Incarnation and, St. Luke's Philippine Independent Church in Bloomingdale; St. Benedict in Bolingbrook; Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills; St. Andrew in Downers Grove;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Pedro in Veracruz; Glory Church in Renk

### **The week of January 18, 2026**

*Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:*

St. Mark in Geneva; St. Barnabas in Glen Ellyn; St. Mark in Glen Ellyn;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

St. Michael and All Angels in Cancun; St. James in Lathbior

### **The week of January 25, 2026**

*Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:*

Calvary in Lombard; St. John in Naperville; St. Charles in St. Charles; Trinity in Wheaton;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Juan in Chogota; St. Peter in Wun-Kur

*The Observance of Religious Life Sunday, January 25:* For all vowed religious orders and communities, that their witness may inspire faith and service in the church.

### **The week of February 1, 2026**

*Congregations in the Chicago-North Deanery:*

All Saints in Chicago; Ascension in Chicago; Atonement in Chicago; Cristo Rey in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Divina Providencia in El Camalotal; St. Andrew in Wadakona

### **The week of February 8, 2026**

*Congregations in Chicago-North Deanery:*

Church of Our Saviour in Chicago; St. Chrysostom in Chicago; St. Paul's Church-by-the-Lake in Chicago; St. Peter in Chicago; St. John in Chicago;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

Jesús de Nazaret near Tuxtepec; St. Mark in Jelhak

### **The week of February 15, 2026**

*Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:*

Brent House Campus Ministry at the University of Chicago; the Chapel at Montgomery Place in Chicago; Grace Episcopal Church in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Santa Cruz in Oaxaca; St. Peter in Geiger Centre

***The week of February 22, 2026***

*Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery*

Cathedral Church of St. James in Chicago; Messiah-St. Bartholomew in Chicago; St. Edmund in Chicago; Saints George & Matthias in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Marcos in Veracruz; St. Barnabas in Geiger South  
*Migration with Dignity Sunday, February 22, as observed in the Diocese of Chicago*

***The week of March 1, 2026***

*Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:*

St. Paul & the Redeemer in Chicago; St. Thomas in Chicago; Santa Teresa in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Ascención in Veracruz; St. Michael in Geiger Centre

***The week of March 8, 2026***

*Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:*

Trinity in Chicago; Holy Nativity in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Transfiguración in Oaxaca; Jarbanat Sub-Parish

***The week of March 15, 2026***

*Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:*

St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut

***The week of March 22, 2026***

For the spouses, partners and children of our bishops, priests and deacons, that their relationships would be strengthened and their own ministries to their families and the church be blessed by your Holy Spirit. Intercessions are offered by each congregation for its own corporate life, clergy and lay leadership, and its organizations; and for the city or town in which located and its civic leadership

***The week of March 29, 2026***

Intercessions are offered for the Diocese of Chicago and for our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, and for Archbishop Joseph Atem of the Upper Nile Province in South Sudan, and Bishop Simon Chuang Ayok of the Diocese of Renk

***The week of April 5, 2026***

*Congregations in the Elgin Deanery:*

St. Simon in Arlington Heights; St. Michael in Barrington; St. Mark in Barrington Hills;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Andrés in Veracruz; St. Michael in Paloch

***The week of April 12, 2026***

*Congregations in the Elgin Deanery:*

St. Philip in Palatine; One in Christ in Prospect Heights; St. Mary in Park Ridge; St. James in West Dundee;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Juan Bautista in Oaxaca; and St. Bartholomew in Thiangrial

***The week of April 19, 2026***

*Congregations in the Elgin Deanery continued:*

Redeemer in Elgin; St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin; St. Nicholas in Elk Grove Village; St. Columba of Iona in Hanover Park

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

St. Mark in Yucatán; St. Luke in Khor Adaar

**The week of April 26, 2026**

*Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:*

Canterbury House at Northwestern University; St. Andrew Pentecost in Evanston; St. Luke in Evanston; St. Mark in Evanston; St. Matthew in Evanston;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Francisco de Asís in Tuxtepec; Panomsit Sub-Parish

**The week of May 3, 2026**

*Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:*

St. Elisabeth in Glencoe; St. David in Glenview; Holy Comforter in Kenilworth; St. Giles in Northbrook;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Jorge in Tabasco; St. Matthew Cathedral

**The week of May 10, 2026**

*Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:*

St. James the Less in Northfield; St. Augustine in Wilmette; Christ Church in Winnetka;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

Santa María Virgen in Xalapa; Glory Church

**The week of May 17, 2026**

*Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:*

St. Joseph & St. Aidan in Blue Island; St. John the Evangelist in Flossmoor; St. Clement in Harvey; St. Edward and Christ in Joliet;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Juan Evangelista in Acayucan; St. James in Lathbior

**The week of May 24, 2026**

*Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:*

St. Paul in Kankakee; St. John in Lockport; St. Thomas in Morris;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Pedro in Veracruz; St. Peter in Wun-Kur

**The week of May 31, 2026**

*Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:*

Grace in New Lenox; Transfiguration in Palos Park; Holy Family in Park Forest; Grace in Pontiac

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

St. Michael and All Angels in Cancun; St. Andrew in Wadakona

**The week of June 7, 2026**

*Congregations in the Oak Park Deanery:*

St. Michael and All Angels in Berwyn; St. Helena in Burr Ridge; Our Saviour in Elmhurst; Grace in Hinsdale; Emmanuel in La Grange;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Juan in Chogota; St. Mark in Jelhak

**The week of June 14, 2026**

*Congregations in the Oak Park Deanery:*

Grace in Oak Park; St. Christopher in Oak Park; Christ Church in River Forest; St. Paul in Riverside; All Saints in Western Springs;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Divina Providencia in El Camalotal; St. Peter in Geiger North

**The week of June 21, 2026**

*Congregations in the Peoria Deanery:*

Grace in Galesburg, St. John's in Kewanee, St. James in Lewiston, Good Shepherd in Macomb

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

Jesús de Nazaret near Tuxtepec; St. Barnabas in Geiger South

**The week of June 28, 2026**

*Congregations in the Peoria Deanery:*

All Saints in Rock Island, St. Paul's in Peoria, St. Paul's in Warsaw

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Santa Cruz in Oaxaca; St. Michael in Geiger Centre

**The week of July 5, 2026**

*Congregations in the Rockford Deanery:*

St. Bride in Oregon; Emmanuel in Rockford; St. Anskar in Rockford;

*And in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Marcos in Veracruz; Jarbanat Sub-Parish

**The week of July 12, 2026**

*Congregations in the Rockford Deanery:*

Grace in Sterling; Christ Church in Streator; St. Peter in Sycamore;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Ascención in Veracruz; St. John in Melut

**The week of July 19, 2026**

*Congregations in the Rockford Deanery:*

Holy Trinity in Belvidere; St. Paul in DeKalb; St. Luke in Dixon; Grace in Freeport; St. Andrew's-in-the-Fields in Farm Ridge;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

La Transfiguración in Oaxaca; St. Michael in Paloch

**The week of July 26, 2026**

*Congregations in the Rockford Deanery:*

Grace in Galena; St. Peter Chapel in Grand Detour; St. Paul in LaSalle; St. Anne in Morrison;

*Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:*

Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. Luke in Khor Adaar

**The week of August 2, 2026**

*Congregations in the Waukegan Deanery:*

Holy Apostles in Wauconda; Christ Church in Waukegan; Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe in Waukegan;

St. Ignatius of Antioch in Antioch;

*Companion Dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk:*

San Andrés in Veracruz; St. Bartholomew in Thiangular

**The week of August 9, 2026**

*Congregations in the Waukegan Deanery:*

Trinity, McHenry (formerly St. Ann in Woodstock, St. Mary in Crystal Lake; St. Paul in McHenry); St. Andrew in Grayslake; Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee;

*Companion Dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk*

**The week of August 16, 2026**

*Congregations in the Waukegan Deanery:*

Trinity in Highland Park; Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest; Holy Family/Sagrada Familia in Lake

Villa; St. Lawrence in Libertyville; St. Gregory in Deerfield;

*Companion Dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk*

**The week of August 23, 2026**

*The Dioceses of Province Five:*

Intercessions are offered for the leadership of Province Five of the Episcopal Church.

*And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

**The week of August 30, 2026**

*The Dioceses of Province Five:*

Springfield; Missouri; Wisconsin; Southern Ohio; Ohio; Michigan;

*And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of September 6, 2026***

*The Dioceses of Province Five:*

Indianapolis; Northern Indiana; Northern Michigan; Great Lakes; Chicago

*And our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of September 13, 2026***

*The following bodies of the Episcopal Church:*

The General Convention; The House of Bishops; The House of Lay & Clerical Deputies; The Executive

Council

***The week of September 20, 2026***

*Diocesan Agencies:* Bishop & Trustees; Diocesan Council, Diocesan Foundation, Trustees of the Endowment Fund; Episcopal Charities; and Standing Committee

***The week of September 27, 2026***

*Commissions of the Diocese:* Commission on Ministry; Antiracism Commission

***The week of October 4, 2026***

*Bishop's Staff at St. James Commons*

*And staff of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of October 11, 2026***

*Diocesan Task Forces, Committees, and Ministries*

*And for our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and the Diocese of Renk*

***The week of October 18, 2026***

For all retired clergy in our diocese, and for surviving spouses of clergy.

*And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Renk*

***The week of October 25, 2026***

For the growth and vitality of our congregations

*And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of November 1, 2026***

*Diocesan Institutions and Organizations:* Brotherhood of St. Andrew; Daughters of the King; Episcopal Church Women; Brotherhood of St. Gregory; The Community of the Mother of Jesus; Sisters of St. Gregory; Community of Francis and Clare; and other religious life communities active in the Diocese of Chicago.

*And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of November 8, 2026***

*Diocesan Institutions and Organizations:* Episcopal Peace Fellowship; Jubilee Centers; Bexley-Seabury Seminary; St. Augustine College; St. Augustine Center for Native Americans; and the Union of Black Episcopalians

*And for organizations in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Geiger Primary School and Renk Bible School in the Diocese of Renk*

***The week of November 15, 2026***

For our annual Diocesan Convention

Clergy and lay delegates attending our Diocesan Convention

***The week of November 22, 2026***

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered today for the clergy of our diocese: our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and their ministries in parishes, as well as our clergy in specialized ministries such as chaplaincies, teaching and hospice care

*And for our relationship with our companion Dioceses of Renk, Sudan and SE Mexico*

***The week of November 29, 2026***

Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered today for the lay members and leaders of our Diocese: governing bodies and committees of our congregations.

*And for leaders in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of December 6, 2026***

*Organizations of Episcopal Charities:* Bishop Anderson House; ReVive Center; Lawrence Hall; Care for Friends; The Church Home at Montgomery Place; Primo Center for Women & Children; Youth Guidance;

*And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of December 13, 2026***

*Organizations of Episcopal Charities:* Ravenswood Community Services; Shelter Care Ministries; Holy Family School; St. Leonard's Ministries; Hopeful Beginnings; Waukegan to College; ElderCare Lake County

*And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk*

***The week of December 20, 2026***

*For the ecumenical relationships between the churches in full Communion with the Episcopal Church:* the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Church of North India; Church of South India; Church of Pakistan; Church of Bangladesh; the Old Catholic Churches; the Philippine Independent Church; the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar; and the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces.

***The week of December 27, 2026***

At this time of general rejoicing, the congregation is called upon to pray for those who, in the words of the Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP p. 392) "are the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression or are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble and for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy."

We pray for the youth in our cities and communities affected by violence, and the perpetrators of violence in our communities. May they find peace.