



“There is Hope for the Broken”

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Thousands to Walk and Pray for Peace in Chicago with Broken Statue of the Virgin Mary

CHICAGO — On **Friday, May 31st** thousands will pray for peace along Chicago Avenue to the historic Chicago Water Tower carrying a broken statue of the Virgin Mary, under the title of “Our Lady of the Broken.” The message is simple: **we are broken and in need of healing.**

Legendary Chicago radio personality Kevin Matthews found the statue of the Virgin Mary broken and lying next to a dumpster. The moment changed his life.

The statue was broken in half, dirty and chipped. Kevin Matthews took the statue home and restored it—but not to be new and perfect again. The cracks and chips remain.

“Her statue is broken, just like me. We all are broken and in need of repair. She represents the broken,” says Kevin Matthews.

The statue has brought hope and healing to the poor, sick, dying, those struggling with depression and addictions, in hospitals, prisons, schools, and churches all over the United States.

The event begins at **7:00 pm** at **St. John Cantius Church** (825 N Carpenter Street), where Kevin Matthews will tell his compelling story of hope and healing. After the talk, the statue will be taken in a 1.5 mile candlelight procession east along Chicago Avenue, where a brief prayer service will be held for peace, restoration and healing.

This event, expected to draw thousands, is a collaboration of Chicago radio personality Kevin Matthews, the World Apostolate of Fatima, and the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry.





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About Kevin Matthews: Kevin Matthews is a well-known ABC and CBS radio personality from Chicago. As the drive-time radio host for seventeen years on AM 1000 The Loop and ABC and CBS radio, and also the voice of his sports commentator, Jim Shorts, and other characters, Matthews entertained ten million listeners weekly, sold out every appearance in the Midwest, and performed in front of 65,000 fans at Grant Park. He traveled around the world, met the famous, had babies named after him, and helped countless charities. He entertained hundreds of thousands of people inside army bases, prisons, and backyards. His promotions included comedy jams, a band, barbeque throw downs, and golf outings. Matthews was diagnosed in 2008 with multiple sclerosis. His life took a dramatic turn in 2010 after finding a broken statue of the Virgin Mary. He has written about this in his new book, "Broken Mary."

