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**Fourth Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Bulletin for December 23 & 30, 2018**



"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." ~ *Isaiah 9:6*

From Father Rich

Today's bulletin covers two weekends, and four feasts: the 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas, Holy Family, and New Year's/Mary, Mother of God. The complete schedule was mailed to every registered parish household, and also is in this bulletin.

In observance of the holidays and to give everyone a chance to spend time with family and loved ones, the Rectory office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th, and the day after Christmas, December 26th. And it will be closed New Year's Day, January 1st, and the day after New Year's, January 2nd.

Please note there will **not** be a 10:30 am (Gym) mass on Sunday, December 30th. The 10:30 am (Gym) mass will resume its regular schedule the following Sunday, January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Merry Christmas to you and all those who are dear to you! The entire Parish Staff joins me in wishing you a holy and happy holiday season, with time spent with those you love and hearts and souls open to God's love revealed in extraordinary ways in these glorious feasts!

Please welcome and invite any neighbors, friends or family members who would enjoy celebrating any or all parts of these feasts with us. We are always happy to welcome those returning from school or visiting home, as well as those looking for a place they might feel welcome and included. In the birth of God's Son, God has made his home with us. Let us share our home with all those looking for a family, a community to which they will be welcomed.

The **Feast of the Holy Family** in its title and in its reality reminds us that there is no such thing as a "perfect family." Every family has its unique crises, problems and challenges. But how we deal with those opportunities is the key to holiness. Forgiveness is a huge part of any holy family. It is the necessary foundation in any loving relationship. Just as Christmas each year reminds us that God is making all things new, true forgiveness of one another is the exact same dynamic. Whenever we forgive from our hearts, we are starting over, refusing to be chained to the failings and failures of yesterday. What offer of forgiveness might I offer to my relatives or members of my family of choice? What steps might I take to open a door to changing a relationship that is frozen and locked up? Rarely do these things happen in an instant. Can I give myself some time to at least begin a healing process? There is nothing more valuable in our lives than the gift of love. How might I strive to renew that gift with those who are important to me, even if our relationship has become strained? The only foolishness in seeking reconciliation is the foolishness of the Cross! Love is worth everything!

Our secular feast of **New Year's** is accompanied by the church feast of the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. On the day the whole earth celebrates the passing of one year and the opportunities and challenges of the newly beginning year, we pray for peace in our world, and celebrate the human being, the woman whose "Yes" to the angel bringing her the message from God, caused her to become the Mother of God! It is such an unbelievable outcome, it is clear only God could have imagined such a possibility! What might our "Yes" to God mean in this coming year? In what ways might we respond positively to God's many invitations? Always we will be met with a response from God which will far exceed our own imaginations -- if we but let go and place our trust in God. A Happy and Blessed New Year to you!



~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith

The image I have in mind as we approach Christmas morn is the birth of a child—not a very original Christmas image, right?

Of course, we are quite literally celebrating the birth of a child. There had to be a moment when Jesus was born of Mary—why not December 25th? Let's celebrate this light coming into the world! Let's be joyful. The happiest days are when babies come! Remember what it is like to be in the presence of a newborn—and smile.

What lingers with me is the image of what happens in the household when baby comes. Sure, it's a bundle a joy, but the arrival of the new baby is also disruptive, a little chaotic. Life now and henceforth is not without its difficulties. Everything is changed and will never again be as it was. In fact, there are few events in life that so distinctly mark a change – where today is different from yesterday, where the beckoning future marks out a completely different trajectory from the path we'd glimpsed just

yesterday. There is simply no way to go back to how it used to be, but then who would want to?! No one would trade this joy, even with all its challenges, for life “BC” - before children!

So it is with Christ entering human history, and with our own baptism into Christ. Christmas morning reminds us of that. The Before and After. The moment of joy - the disruption, the challenge, the delight of being called as Christians, called to strive for peace on earth, good will toward men. The demands of love in seven words. But who would trade it for anything else?! Merry Christmas!

~ Madeleine Philbin for
Growing in Faith



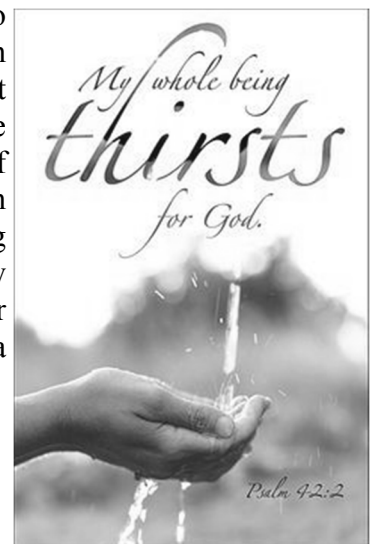
Advent 2018, Week 4: My Soul is Thirsting for You, O Lord

On this 4th Sunday of Advent we encounter **Mary**. This young woman is the great prophet who not only announces the coming of the Messiah into our world, but her complete agreement to God's will also makes her the vessel through which this will be accomplished—she will give birth to a son who will be the Savior of the world. Mary, along with the other great prophet of Advent, John the Baptist, are the bridges between the Hebrew Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament) and the New. Ever-faithful to their Jewish faith, they usher in the fulfillment of God's promise and prepare the people for His arrival.

Advent, and our preparations for Christmas, often catch us short on our patience! If what we are ordering online can't be here tomorrow, we get a little impatient! That stands in juxtaposition to the hundreds of years between the prophecies of the coming of the Messiah and His actual appearance. And for all those hundreds and hundreds of years, God's people waited and remained faithful! Talk about patience!

Mary's activities in today's Gospel are an invitation to all of us to consider how we are handling our final preparations for Christmas. Upon being told that not only is she to bear a child, but also her cousin, Elizabeth, is expecting, she immediately rushes to be of whatever help she can be to Elizabeth. How might we be of help to one another in these final hours? What might we do to reduce tensions, lessen anxieties, and truly assist the celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace? We have been thirsting for the coming of the Lord. Let us now welcome Him into our lives and our world in a more complete way.

~ Fr. Rich



Palm 42:2

Christmas Mass Schedule



Please join us for Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

Monday, December 24 ~ *Christmas Eve*

- 5:00 pm ~ Family Mass
- 8:30 pm ~ Christmas Carols in Church
- 9:00 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 25 ~ *Christmas Day*

- 8:00 am ~ Mass
- 9:30 am ~ Mass at St. Gert's East (Sacred Heart)
- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (There will be no Mass at 10:00 am, 10:30 am in the Gym, or 11:30 am.)

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 23

- No Religious Ed classes/KidsWord.
- There will be no 10:30 am Gym Mass.
- After the 11:30 am Mass ~ Christmas pageant dress rehearsal in Church

Monday, December 24 ~ *Christmas Eve*

- The Heart to Heart office closed (until Thursday, January 3.)
- 7:30 am ~ Mass
- 2:00 pm ~ Rectory will close.

Tuesday, December 25 ~ *Christmas Day*

- The Rectory will be closed.

Wednesday, December 26

- 7:30 am ~ Mass
- The Rectory will be closed.

Sunday, December 30 *Feast of the Holy Family*

- No Religious Ed classes/KidsWord.
- There will be no 10:30 am Gym Mass.
- The usual Mass schedule in Church will be held - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am. Mass will be at 9:30 am at St. Gertrude East.

Monday, December 31 ~ *New Year's Eve*

- 7:30 am ~ Mass
- 12:00 pm ~ Rectory will close.
- 5:00 pm ~ Mass (Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, January 1 ~ *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day*

- 10:00 am ~ Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
- The Rectory will be closed.

Wednesday, January 2

- 7:30 am ~ Communion Service
- The Rectory will be closed.

Sunday, January 6 *Feast of the Epiphany*

- 8:30 am ~ Religious Ed classes/Kids Word resumes.
- 3:00-6:00 pm ~ Commonweal Discussion Group in the Ministry Center

Monday, January 7

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal parent preparation class in the Rectory

Sunday, January 13

- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by 6th graders and their families
- 12:30 pm ~ Parent/teen summer service trip info meeting in the Ministry Center

Thursday, January 17

- 7:00 pm ~ Parent/teen summer service trip info meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, January 20

- No Religious Ed classes.
- NCA open house

Parish News

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Info: There will be a dress rehearsal today, Sunday, December 23 after the 11:30 am Mass in the Church. Kids and parents should come to the Rectory at noon to dress in their appropriate costumes. The dress rehearsal will last for about one hour. Please contact Mary Clare Barker with any questions at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

Gym Mass Info: There will not be a Gym Mass today, Sunday, December 23, or Sunday, December 30. The Gym Mass will resume on Sunday, January 6.

Christmas Mass Info: On Christmas Eve, there will be a Family Mass at 5:00 pm, featuring a Nativity Pageant starring children from our parish during the Gospel.

There will also be a Christmas Vigil Mass at 9:00 pm, with a Christmas concert beginning at 8:30 pm featuring St. Gertrude's choir, solo vocalists, and wind instrumentalists. The congregation is invited to join in the fun and sing carols from the pews. We hope you will come early and enjoy lovely seasonal music from our talented musicians.

On Christmas Day, Mass will be held in Church at 8:00 am, at St. Gertrude East at 9:30 am, and a Combined Mass held at 10:30 am, in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am (Gym), and 11:30 am Masses.

Heart to Heart Office Closed: The Heart to Heart office will close for the holidays from Monday, December 24-Wednesday, January 2. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 3.

Rectory Closing: On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, the Rectory will close at 2:00 pm. The Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26. The Rectory will close at noon on Monday, December 31, and will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1 and Wednesday, January 2.

Religious Ed and Kids Word Schedule: There will be no Religious Education class or Kids Word on Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30. Religious Education classes and Kids Word will resume on Sunday, January 6.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, January 7 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Family Mass: Sixth grade parishioners and their families will host the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 13. Hospitality will be offered after Mass.

RCIA: On Sunday, December 16, we celebrated two Rites of Initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for their Baptism) and the Rite of Welcoming (for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.)

The following catechumens celebrated the Rite of Acceptance:

- Vu Truong
- Brittiany Clark
- Freuz Urazaliev

The following candidates celebrated the Rite of Welcoming:

- Rebecca Hembel
- Justin Svoboda

A very special thanks to all who helped in any way with the celebration. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Commonweal Conversation

The Commonweal Discussion Group will host a Three Kings Day Social on Sunday, January 6 in the Ministry Center from 3:00-6:00 pm. We will meet in the dining room for appetizers and dessert; please bring a favorite appetizer.

This gathering will be a capstone to the holiday season and an opportunity to meet other parishioners from various ministries of St. Gertrude who are also invited. And we will also continue our on-going Commonweal discussions at the intersection of our Christian faith and political and social concerns. Come to enjoy, but hope to leave with fruitful reflections for the New Year!

A Note from Cardinal Cupich

December 25, 2018

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The birth of Jesus is framed by two important journeys. *Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...with Mary...* (Luke 2:4-5) *Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt...* (Matthew 2:14)

There is the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Holy Family to Egypt as refugees from the violence of King Herod.

These journeys mirror our world and our own lives. Especially in this season, we journey to contemplate the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us at his birth. We are also aware of the perilous journeys of so many who flee violence or who must live surrounded by it. May this season of renewal help us to set our sights on the Lord's promise to bring us safely home as we make our way to him. May that promise renew our joy and our hope.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Card. Blase J. Cupich

Cardinal Blasé Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Care for our Common Home



With the Child we find Mary, “the Mother who cared for Jesus, [and] now cares with maternal affection and pain for the wounded world,” Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si’*. With her is Joseph “who was proclaimed custodian of the universal

Church. He, too, can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.” (par. 242) Let us learn from them how to care for our common home as we celebrate this special time.

The NCA Green Team wishes everyone a blessed and joyful Christmas Season and New Year!

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

The Parish Council met on Thursday, November 29 to finalize a discernment process begun at the previous parish council meeting. In recent months, the Council has been looking to refresh its role and leadership. The council also reiterated its role in supporting building a vision for this parish and for being the ears to the needs of all parish members.

After prayer, individual reflection, group discussion, and more discernment, the council arrived at these decisions regarding Council leadership:

- Chair: Gail Smith
- Co-Vice Chairs: Dominic Guagenti and Donna Whalley
- Secretary: Colleen Fulkerson

The next meeting is Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. A link to the meeting minutes can be found at the home page of the parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

~ Colleen Fulkerson

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve*

- 7:30 am Joseph "Terry" Shields †
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gertrude
 9:00 pm Living and deceased mothers and fathers
 of St. Gertrude parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 *Christmas Day*

- 8:00 am Lillian † & Michael Nyderek †
 9:30 am Wally Koegler †
 10:30 am Francesco † & Angela Emanuele †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 7:30 Mary "Lolly" Bradley †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 7:30 am Nancy Kelly Kohl †
 5:00 pm Jenny † & Austin Wyman †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 *Feast of the Holy Family*

- 8:00 am Mildred Turner †
 9:30 am Joseph "Terry" Shields †
 10:00 am Betty Taylor †
 11:30 am Grace Cabrera †

† Indicates
 person listed
 is deceased.

Altar Servers

Please contact Steve Monti for the Mass schedule.

Eucharistic Ministers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 pm Kathy Dunne, Rose Marie Anichini, Sarah
 Millar, Brad Koch, Candace Koch
 9:00 pm William Mitchell, Debra Novak, Patrick
 Robinson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Peter Morin, Mary Wyler,
 Marty McDermott
 9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
 10:30 am Carlos Barragan, Kathy Wall, Rafael
 Melendez, Steve Monti, Jana Ashbeck

There will be a Christmas Day Combined Mass held at 10:30 am, in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am (Gym), and 11:30 am Masses.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 5:00 pm Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington, Patricia
 Norcik, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 *Feast of the Holy Family*

- 8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, Mary Wyler, Sr.
 Kathryn Stimac, William Mitchell, Rob
 Sierzega
 9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
 10:00 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Gail Smith,
 Rafael Melendez, Rose Marie Anichini,
 Mary Donlan, Debra Novak
 11:30 am Steven Monti, Chris Lincoln, Troy
 McMillan, Karen Griebel, Sharon Brown

Ministers of the Word

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 5:00 pm Sarah Millar, Pat Reardon
 9:00 pm Debra Novak, Patrick Robinson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott
 9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
 10:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Rafael Melendez

There will be a Christmas Day Combined Mass held at 10:30 am, in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am (Gym), and 11:30 am Masses.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 5:00 pm Pat Reardon, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 *Feast of the Holy Family*

- 8:00 am Rob Sierzega, Mark Kollar
 9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
 10:00 am Ann White, Bob Backis
 11:30 am Amanda Robertson, Steven Monti

Readings for December 24-30

Readings for this week can be found on page 9.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 *Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude
5:00 pm Geraldine Clennon †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/Holy Day of Obligation*

10:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30 am Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 am Maria Dung N. Nguyen †
5:00 pm Francis Anthony † & Angela Emanuele †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 *Feast of the Epiphany*

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Phan That Thoai †
9:30 am Living and deceased mothers and fathers
of St. Gertrude parishioners
10:00 am Patricia D'Elia †
10:30 am Carol McRaith †
11:30 am Brenda Lang-Kapp †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Ministers of the Word

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 *Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

5:00 pm Hallie Burhoe, Victoria Healy

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Steve Matre

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Clarisse Chonka

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 *Feast of the Epiphany*

8:00 am Marty McDermott, David Sullivan
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Sarah Millar, David O'Donnell
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Victoria Healy, Troy McMillan

Readings for December 31-January 6

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Eucharistic Ministers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 *Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

5:00 pm Hallie Burhoe

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Peter Morin, Michelle
Kuehlhorn

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Brad Koch, Candace Koch,
Patricia Norcik, John Sullivan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 *Feast of the Epiphany*

8:00 am Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Johnny
Outlaw, Mary Wyler, William Mitchell
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Carlos Barragan, Christine Curran,
Teresita Zdunek, Nancy Merrill, Sarah
Millar, Amy Bessette
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Karen Griebel, Chris Lincoln, Troy
McMillan, Steven Monti, Michelle
Kuehlhorn

Altar Servers

Please contact Steve Monti for the Mass schedule.

Milestones



Weddings

Interested in getting married at St. Gertrude? Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to ask for more info.



Baptisms

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to make arrangements to have a child baptized.

Readings for December 24-30

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] *Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 --2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Mary Ann Collins, Director of Parish Social Services
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Amanda Kvasnica, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

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Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464.
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center