

# *St. Gertrude*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • April 21, 2019**

**Easter Blessings to you and  
your loved ones!**



## *From Father Rich*

Happy Easter!

In the tradition of some of the Eastern churches, believers greet each other with a special Easter greeting, “Christ is Risen!” And the other person responds, “He is truly Risen!” In that simple exchange is contained the joy, the wonder, and the surprise of our salvation. It is almost more than we can bear, more than we dared to believe.



In such human moments of inexpressible joy, we often turn to two very different strategies. Sometimes the enormity of what we are experiencing leaves us dumbstruck—incapable of speaking because what we are processing goes beyond any words we know. And the other option is that we find others sharing the same experience and with whom we sing and cry out and shout in gladness about our good fortune. Easter summons both reactions from us. In quiet moments, we contemplate what it means that our sins are forgiven, our lives are already caught up in God through Christ Jesus, and we will spend eternity with the God who loves us beyond words or even imagination. Which is also what we do in voice as we sing joyous Alleluias and make wonderful noise unto the Lord in Glorias and other songs of rejoicing.

One of the great truths of Easter is that this gift is for everyone—regardless of how well their Lenten observance was carried out—if at all! It is for those who believe deeply as well as those who struggle with their faith. It is for the wealthy as well as for the poor - and everyone in between. It is for family and friends and neighbors, as well as sworn enemies and those we fear and mistrust. It is for children and for senior citizens and for every age. It is for those that are LGBTQ and every other parsing of the human experience. It is for those successfully married, for those who are divorced, for those living together without marriage, and for those trying to figure out just what their relationship is. It is for the employed, unemployed, underemployed, and retired. It is for students in pre-school, post-graduate school, and all levels of education. It is for the healthy and the sick, for able-bodied and disabled, for the athletes and the nerds, the short and the tall, the fat and the fit. It is for the weak and the strong, the articulate and inarticulate, the hard of hearing and deaf, and those who can hear a pin drop. It is for those with 20/20 vision and those with glasses or contacts and the blind. It is for those with children, those without children, and those who are children.

God’s love knows no bounds. So the Resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus, cannot be limited to those who think they can draw those limitations. It doesn’t depend upon those who agree with me or you or the Church or anyone. God’s love is here for everyone.

Always, in the end and in the middle and in the beginning, it is all about God’s love for us. As we sometimes say in our prayers, “As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen!”

May you feel God’s love in your life and in your heart. May you share that love with all those you encounter. For today we celebrate the greatest truth of our faith: Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!



~ Father Rich

## Growing in Faith

“Practice resurrection.” It is with this simple, yet powerful phrase, that Wendell Berry concludes his poem, *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer’s Liberation Front*. When I first read these words, I reacted physically. They touched something deep inside me, and I instinctively felt that this is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ—to “practice resurrection” over and over again throughout the course of our life journey. This is what it means to experience conversion, not just once in a lifetime, but continually, as we embrace the mystery of a God who becomes known in the moments of our own “unknowing”, when we are invited, called, or compelled to allow ourselves to fall into the deep mystery of resurrected life.

As sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, the Risen One, washed in the waters of Baptism and anointed in power of the Spirit, we, in faith, proclaim that, ultimately, there is no form of death that can lay hold to us. We are mandated to be witnesses of this in our

lives as individuals and as a community of disciples - to be about the work of proclaiming the Reign of God where the blind see with fresh eyes, those crippled by injustice and the burdens of life can walk, those who are excluded and marginalized are welcomed, and those whose lives have been deadened are raised to new life.

We live our lives *now* immersed in the resurrected life of Jesus. We “practice resurrection” as we proclaim with our own lives that the power of death in all its forms has been shattered. On this Easter Day we shout “Alleluia!” in praise of the God who, in the resurrected Christ, proclaims the Good News of ever-lasting life.

~ Bob Backis  
for *Growing in Faith*



## Parish Calendar

### Monday, April 22 *Easter Monday*

- The Rectory will be closed.

### Friday, April 26

- 6:30-9:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude Women’s Club movie night in the Ministry Center Chapel

### Saturday, April 27

- 8:30 am-12:00 pm ~ ECRA/Green Team participation in the Edgewater Community Springtime Clean and Green Day

### Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 am ~ Last Religious Ed classes of the 2018-2019 school year
- 6:00-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens gathering in the balcony of the Gym

### Monday, May 6

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory. (Registration is required)

### Wednesday, May 8

- 6:30 pm ~ First Communion rehearsal in Church

### Saturday, May 11

- 10:00 am ~ Sacrament of First Communion (Children should be brought to the NCA cafeteria by 9:30 am.)

### Sunday, May 12

- Mother’s Day
- 10:30 am ~ Combined Family Mass and May Crowning (in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:00 am Masses)

### Sunday, May 19

- 10:00 am ~ Last Kids Word session until September

### Friday, July 26 - Sunday, August 4

- Teen summer service trip

Please visit our newly redesigned parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org!](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org!)  
Find out about upcoming events, make an online donation, or learn more information about our ministry and community life.

*Together We are St. Gertrude*

St. Gertrude is a parish that is truly dedicated to helping others. Whether it be through providing comfort to sick or bereaved parishioners with visits and hand-knit lap blankets, reaching out to teens through W.O.W., making sandwiches for the neighborhood shelters, finding coats for new members of our community, collecting food for Care for Real, providing help with our Heart to Heart ministry to older adults, or the Refugee Ministry, our community of faith shows love to others every single day.

Great churches don't just happen, they are created and nurtured by active, engaged, and generous parishioners. We appreciate you sharing your time at Church, your talents and helping hands at our fundraising events, stewardship, and your prayers. We are grateful to have you as part of our St. Gertrude family! Happy Easter!



*Welcome to our Faith Community!*

At the Holy Saturday Evening Vigil, we welcomed the 2019 RCIA class into our faith community.

Congratulations to Vu Truong, Lauren Le, Brittany Clark, Feruz Urazaliev, Rebecca Hembel, and Justin Svoboda!



*Pictured: Justin and his wife, Kelly (above), Feruz and his wife, Alena (top left), Rebecca Hembel (top right) Brittany and her son (bottom left), Lauren, Vu, with their mother/fiancée, Mimi (bottom right).*

## *An Easter Message from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich*

Easter 2019

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord Jesus,

As we walk on our life journeys in this world, we may often feel overwhelmed. Struggle and suffering can mark our lives because of health issues, job insecurity, family concerns, or the painful loss of a loved one. The world itself, in Saint Paul's words, "has been groaning" (Roman 8:22), as it struggles with wars, violence, ecological degradation, economic injustice, and natural disasters. And as we are keenly aware this past year, the Church herself has struggled mightily with the shameful legacy of abuse and its mismanagement.

It seems that the landscape of our lives is entirely shaped by struggle and suffering. And that might seem to be the sum and substance of it all, but, in faith, we know that it is not. Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection in this Easter season opens our eyes beyond this desperate landscape to a new and hope-filled horizon. There is more to the story than our struggle and suffering. In the Resurrection of Jesus, we can begin to see a new life ahead of us that God offers to us.

As we go forth in this Easter season, I am reminded of the great Psalm 118 that the Church so often prays: *I was thrust down, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; and has been my savior. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.* (vv. 13-15)

May this Easter season renew within you and your loved ones the conviction that God is your helper and an abiding awareness of your victory in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich,  
Archbishop of Chicago

### *Almoner's Program*

There are so many stories that I have been told about the power of almsgiving via the Almoner's program. The combination of the human contact to feed the soul and the gift card to feed the body has deepened our relationship with our community and to our God.

I am grateful so many parishioners chose to participate in our program! Hundreds of McDonald's gift cards were distributed to those in need, and more importantly, those receiving the cards were seen as individuals and kind words were shared.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit!

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate

#### **Almoner's Program**

Cards distributed April 6-7:	239
Total collected April 6-7:	\$1,056.79
Total cards distributed:	979
Total collected:	\$5,582.05

*Due to the early bulletin deadline for Easter, these numbers reflect donations made through April 6.*

## Parish News

**Rectory Closed on Easter Monday:** The Rectory will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22.



**St. Gertrude's Women's Club:** Ladies, time to relax and have fun! All women over 18 are welcome to join us at our next Friday Movie Night, April 26, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm in the Ministry Center Chapel. We'll screen *On the Basis of Sex*, a drama based on the early life of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Please RSVP to Laurie Jacob via email at [jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net). Pizza will be ordered. Bring a drink, snack, or a dessert to share...and feel free to bring a friend.

**W.O.W. Gathering:** Teens are welcome to attend our next W.O.W. get-together on Sunday, May 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the balcony of the Gym.

**Baptismal Class:** The next baptismal prep class will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up for the class.

**First Communion Information:** The Sacrament of First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 am. Children making their Communion should be brought to the NCA cafeteria by 9:30 am. A rehearsal for the event will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in Church.

**Religious Ed & Kids Word for the School Year Comes to an End:** The Religious Education program will meet for its final session on Sunday, May 5. The last Kids Word session for the 2018-2019 school year is Sunday, May 19.

**Combined Mass on Sunday, May 12:** On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Family Mass and May Crowning in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:00 am Masses.

## Teen Summer Service Trip 2019



## 2019 Summer Service Trip for Teens in the Parish *Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota* July 26 - August 4, 2019

Join us for a jam-packed week of service, friendship, fun, and so much more!

Teens currently in 8th grade to high school seniors are eligible to participate!

Contact Jim Potthast for more information at [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Green Team/ECRA Event

The Edgewater Community Springtime Clean and Green Day will be held on Saturday, April 27. This year, members of the Edgewater community Religious Association (ECRA) have committed to participating, as will several students on the NCA Green Team.

ECRA participants will gather by 8:30 am at the Ismaili Center's parking lot just north of 6259 N. Broadway. The Center will then host a breakfast for all. Cleaning will then take place from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at selected sites throughout Edgewater. After noon, there will be a thank you lunch at the 48th Ward Streets and Sanitation yard. Pivot Arts, Red Moon, and ESSP are planning a special social event, also at the Streets and Sanitation yard.

Please contact Allen Stryczek at 773.973.3637 or [astryczek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:astryczek@sbcglobal.net) for more information, or to volunteer to help coordinate this endeavor.

Green Team members will meet in front of NCA, 6216 N. Glenwood, at 9:00 am. Afterward, Green Team members are invited to have lunch at Senn High School. If you have questions or plan to participate, please contact George Tully at [georgetully82@gmail.com](mailto:georgetully82@gmail.com).

## Heartbeats

The Lending Closet is now accepting unopened packages of medical supplies including gloves, gauze bandages, alcohol wipes, bed pads, adult briefs, Q-Tips, and disposable wash clothes. Items can be dropped off at the Heart to Heart office, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., during normal business hours.

To access our Lending Closet for durable medical equipment or supplies, please be sure to schedule an appointment with the Heart to Heart office beforehand at 773.973.5464.

Please note, we have a new email address! We can be reached at [heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org).

~ Jane Callahan Moore, Heart to Heart

## Parish Stewardship

*"Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."*  
~ 1 Corinthians 5:8

We have journeyed through Lent with fasting, abstinence, and prayer. During Holy Week, we welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, shared in the Last Supper, and witnessed Jesus's death on a cross. And now it is Easter. The tomb is empty. The Resurrection is at hand.

Easter calls for new beginnings. Let us celebrate the new yeast within us rising to make new bread. Let us celebrate rising with Christ.

Sunday Collection April 6-7	\$7,670.79
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$54.21</b>

## Domestic Violence Film for Teens

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a screening of *The Hunting Ground*, an award-winning documentary about college campus sexual assaults.

It will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Norbert's Church Hall, 1809 N. Walters Ave. in Northbrook. Junior and senior high school teens and their parents are encouraged to attend.

## NCA News

NCA's Board of Specified Jurisdiction is looking for candidates from our community. We are especially in need of insight from those with experience in facilities management, architecture and construction, education, and marketing and admissions.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Brian Pavona at [brian.james.pavona@gmail.com](mailto:brian.james.pavona@gmail.com) and Sarah Millar at [sbm618@gmail.com](mailto:sbm618@gmail.com).

~ Shakira Morrissette, NCA

## Our Parish at Prayer

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 am Johnny Outlaw †

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 am Josephine & Nicholas Kamp

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 am Communion Service

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 am Living and deceased mothers and fathers  
of St. Gertrude parishioners

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 am Joseph "Terry" Shields †

3:00 pm Kuhn/Parrish wedding

5:00 pm William Grant, Jr. †

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Maria Y-Nhu Tran †

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

10:00 am Elaine Kreamsreiter †

10:30 am Giulia & Matteo Nichele †

11:30 am Michael P. Shields †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

## Ministers of the Word

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Norm Bowers

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Steve Matre, Marty McDermott

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Jacklyn Meier, David O'Donnell

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Victoria Healy, Steven Monti

## Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Donations may be made at

[https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/  
event/12645](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;  
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9;  
Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;  
Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-  
24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;  
Jn 20:19-31

## Eucharistic Ministers

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (with Mary Cook  
assisting), Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall,  
Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, William  
Mitchell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Carlos Barragan, Amy Bessette, Kathy  
Dunne, Rafael Melendez, Sarah Millar,  
Gail Smith, Teresita Zdunek

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Karen Griebel, Sharon  
Brown, Troy McMillan, Lina Peon

## Altar Servers

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:00 pm Carter Dant, Jonathan Elue, Chris  
Agunloye

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

10:00 am Ellie Fulkerson, Nate Fulkerson, Bridget  
Fulkerson

11:30 am Kayla Malloy, Leah Malloy, Julia Berry



*Milestones*



*Please Pray  
for Our  
Parishioners  
and Friends*

Geraldine Clark

Helen Stryczek

Maria Hertl

Ed & Ester Bugler

Mary Fitzgerald

Joan Harrington

Mary Ferguson

Maggie Callaway



*New  
Parishioners*

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of our parish community, please consider registering.

Applications to register as a parishioner are available in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org).

*Parish Information*

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
 Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff  
 Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
 Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities  
 Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services  
 Kevin Chears, Pastoral Associate  
 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  
 9:30 am 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:**

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621  
 Website: [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)  
 E-mail: [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org)  
 Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660  
 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  
 Email: [heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org)

**PARISH SCHOOL**

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://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. This schedule will change in the summer months. 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](http://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