



# St. Gertrude Chicago

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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Meet our new Pastoral Associate, Eloy Escamilla!



Hello! My name is Eloy Escamilla, and I am the new Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry here at St. Gertrude Church. I am from Pachuca, Hgo., Northeast of Mexico City. I obtained a Master of Arts in Theology, majoring in Scriptures (New Testament) and a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. I am so excited and thankful to God to be a new member of the staff!

It is always exciting to come to a new place and learn new things, get to know new people, and share our talents so together we can all build up the Kingdom of God that Jesus would always talk about.

Teaching Religion is one of my passions, so I am looking forward to meeting with our students who attend Religious Education classes. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with catechists/teachers and parents who share their faith with our students. And of course, I am looking forward to meeting you all!

I am always going to try to do my best with a big smile!

Prayers!

~ Eloy Escamilla

### Registration Open for our 2021-2022 Religious Ed Classes

Are you interested in signing your child/children up for our 2021-2022 Religious Education classes? Applications are available online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>. Completed forms should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).





## Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education This School Year

We are looking for catechists to teach in our parish's Religious Ed program! Catechists are usually not professional teachers, just willing parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and want to help them grow in a personal

relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.764.3621.

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## Growing in Faith

### *The Assumption of Mary*

Although not defined in the Catholic Church until 1950, the Assumption of Mary is an ancient feast in the Church. In the East, her "dormition," or "falling asleep," only later became known as the Assumption—belief that after she died she was taken up to heaven, body, and soul, to await the resurrection. These beliefs were part of the Apocrypha, manuscripts of questionable authenticity that provided imaginative accounts of the life of Jesus and Mary. Although not in scripture, these beliefs sometimes became traditions of the Church, e.g., the names of Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary.



In the US, our first bishop, John Carroll, SJ, was consecrated on the Feast of the Assumption in 1790. He dedicated the new country to Mary and named his Baltimore Basilica *The Assumption of Mary*. Devotion to Mary rose greatly after World War II; Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption in 1950. Theologian Richard McBrien suggests that "In the aftermath of two world wars and the horrors of the death camps at Auschwitz" this was, "An acknowledgment of the dignity of the human person and faith in bodily resurrection."

As with the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded that Mary is the one person who never put up any obstacle to the love of God in her life. May we pray to imitate her in that regard.

*~ Mary Christine Athans, BVM, for Growing in Faith (A friend and neighbor of St. Gertrude Parish, Christine Athans, BVM, was a university professor of theology and noted author of In Quest of the Jewish Mary. She wrote this reflection in 2013 and passed away in December of 2019.)*



## Help Needed for *Welcome Back Sunday*

As a way to reconnect as a parish and to welcome new parishioners from St. Ignatius, we will host a *Welcome Back Sunday* on Sunday, September 12.

We will have a Welcome Mass at 10:30 am, followed by breakfast, music, and games.

We need help! We need volunteers for everything, from planning, set-up, take down, cooking, serving food, organizing, coordinating games for the kids, and musicians.

Sign-up sheets are located at the back of church starting this weekend, or you can contact the Rectory office via email at [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) or by phone at 773.764.3621. Thank you!

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## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.



Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

### **Wanted: Ushers, Greeters, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers**

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Masses, including ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and Ministers of the Word. If you are interested, email Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org). Thank you!

## Newly Updated COVID Mandate: Masks Required Again for Both Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Visitors

Per the new recommendations of the CDC, please wear masks when at Mass, stopping by the Rectory office, or when visiting other indoor Archdiocese spaces. This is required of both vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors.



Visit <https://bit.ly/August2021CovidUpdate> or the parish website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org) to read the July 30, 2021 communication from the Archdiocese.

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## Additional Openings Available for our Resurrection Compost Garden Program

There are several openings for people interested in participating in our compost garden program.

Parishioners that wish to join in this program will lease a 5 gallon Resurrection Compost bucket for \$10 and can deposit appropriate materials in the bucket to St. Gertrude's deposit compost bin, which will be used to

fertilize our vegetable garden that feeds patrons of Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen.

Please read the Do's and Don'ts Composting sheet for information on what can actually be composted on our website here: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/resurrection-compost>.

Interested people should speak with Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, after any of the weekend Masses or send her an email at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org).

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## Care for Real's 50th Anniversary

To honor their 50th anniversary and build resources to serve our neighbors in new and better ways, Care for Real has launched a campaign to raise \$50,000 in 50 Days by August 31. St. Gertrude has been a strong supporter of Care for Real since 1970, providing annual financial support to help Care for Real's goals of providing loving support for our neighbors and acting as a safety net for the entire Edgewater community.



**care for real**  
FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

Please consider supporting this effort! To donate, visit <https://careforreal.org/donate-2/>.



## Heart to Heart Needs Wheelchairs

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595.9992 Monday through Friday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

## NCA Accepting Students for 2021-2022 School Year

At Northside Catholic Academy, we believe no education is complete without addressing the whole child: mind, body, and spirit, providing a rich educational experience rooted in values of inclusion and service for PreK-8th.

Northside Catholic Academy has persevered despite the countless obstacles the pandemic has presented.

We not only have kept students academically progressive but have successfully met students' social and emotional needs during this difficult time.

We still have seats available for the 2021-2022 school year.

For more information, please go to [NorthsideCatholic.org](http://NorthsideCatholic.org). If you would like to schedule a private tour, please email Shakira Morrissette at [smorrissette@ncaweb.org](mailto:smorrissette@ncaweb.org) or give us a call at 773.743.6277 ext. 207.



## This Weekend's Cantors, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

### Cantors:

- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarenne, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Carlos Barrigan, Bob Backis

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 16: 7:30 am - Ethan Seitzer+
- Tuesday, August 17: 7:30 am - Edward Ryan+
- Wednesday, August 18: 7:30 am - Norman Linke+
- Thursday, August 19: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, August 20: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Baby David Fadonougbo
- Saturday, August 21: 7:30 am - Gloria Amparo Franco+; 5:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude parishioners
- Sunday, August 22: 8:00 am ~ Michael Leonard+; 10:30 am - Calero Family+  
*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

## Baptisms

- Alex Ayala, child of Miguel Ayala and Ana Barragan

## New Parishioners

- Alonzo Martin

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Ann Collins Dole       | • Bernie O'Connor      |
| • Helen Banta             | • Mary Grover            | • Tina Piemonte        |
| • Jean Bautista           | • Felipe Hall and Family | • Braedon Rimpson      |
| • Walter Bradford         | • Lucia Hall             | • Charley Scantlebury  |
| • Sharon Brown            | • Gina Heidkamp          | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Connie Bueck            | • Maria Hertl            | • Peggy Stoffel        |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Bernice Kiedysz        | • The Sullivan family  |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • Art Lyons              | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Sr. Terri McKenzie     | • Manuel Viray         |
| • Geraldine Clark         | • Molly Morris           | • Norma E. Viray       |
| • Connie Cool             | • Karey Myers            | • Ken & Vyes Yoza      |

## Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)

Email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

*Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.*

## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart  
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate  
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry  
Margie Guadagno, Office Manager  
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff  
Tracy Shields, Communications  
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management