



Today we give thanks for all the women who are nurturing and encouraging to others, whether they are mothers, step-mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends, caretakers, teachers, co-workers, or neighbors.

St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*Fifth Sunday of Easter * May Crowning * Mother's Day
May 10, 2020*

We will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 10, using Facebook Live! This week, Mass will include our annual May Crowning.

Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link [on our website](#).

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for the Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail. Prayers, responses, and music for our May Crowning can be found [HERE](#).

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From Father Rich

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers and all those women who have nurtured us in our lives. May you feel the love that is in our hearts throughout the year as we express it to you today!

On this Mother's Day, I am particularly aware of three women I have been privileged to know

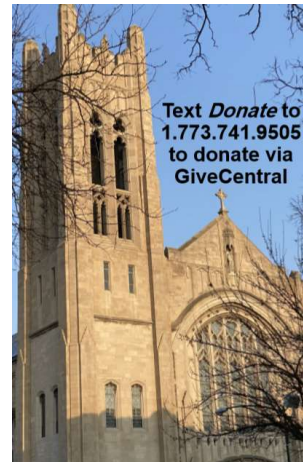
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who modeled, for me, what motherhood looks like at its best. One is my own mother, another was one of my aunts, and the third is the mother of a friend who died recently from COVID-19 in her 97th year!



What the three had in common was that they were all smart, well-educated women who were successful career women when that was an oddity. Because work, in those days, didn't allow women to hold certain jobs if they had a husband and a family, they ended up having to let go of their careers in order to be wives and mothers. They met their husbands, got married, and raised their (large) families. One of these women was one of the first flight attendants, and as was required in those days, she was also a nurse.



[Click to visit our COVID-19 Spiritual Help page.](#)

As I was growing up, like most kids, I had no idea what being a mother entailed. All the housework and cooking and laundry, etc. was pretty much considered what moms did. Only later, did I realize how hard these women were working. But there was never a sense of unfairness or regret for their choices or in their love for their families, even when they knew they could just as easily be doing the exact same work their husbands were doing. But what really caused me to marvel at these women was how they spent their lives after their children were all grown up.



[Click here for a list of online and televised Masses.](#)

The woman I mentioned earlier who recently died of COVID-19 spent her last years in a nursing home. When I would go to visit her, after the initial catching up on what was going on in the nursing home and in my life and in her life, she would then proceed, without a note in her hand, to tell me how every one of her grandchildren was doing, what they were doing, if they were in a serious relationship how that was going, and so on.

And I remember my aunt when we were at Yosemite for the wedding of one of her grandchildren. One morning, we had breakfast together and in the course of the conversation, she explained how she came to realize that if she wanted to have a relationship with her grandchildren, she knew she would have to reach out to them because their lives were so busy. So every month she reached out to one of her grandchildren and set up a lunch date downtown. She would then take the train downtown (at this point she was in her mid-to-late 80s!) and meet the grandchild for lunch. At an age in life when anyone would expect it to be the “job” of the grandchild to reach out to their grandparents, she wouldn’t be bothered with what was “correct” or expected.

It strikes me that what these women, and so many more like them, always understood in their deepest hearts, was that what mattered first, last, and always was that they loved their families. This was never a generic, “I love all of you.” This was truly a ‘calling each member by name and loving each member for their unique personhood’ kind of love.

As we honor all our mothers today, we also honor Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in our traditional May Crowning celebration. Besides this ceremony in church, I encourage every family to consider having a May altar in your own homes with a statue or representation of our Blessed Mother and a changing vase of whatever flowers are blooming throughout this wonderful month.

May is also **National Nurses Month!** How much more keenly aware we have become since we entered into this pandemic of the extraordinary work all nurses and other first responders and medical personnel are doing every day for our sake. Be sure to remember them all in your daily prayers.

Readings for Sunday, May 10

Reading 1: Acts 6:1–7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall

devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19

R. (22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;

praise from the upright is fitting.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;

with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,

and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death

and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading 2: 1 Pt 2:4–9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,

a cornerstone, chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,

and

A stone that will make people stumble,

and a rock that will make them fall.

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel: Jn 14:1–12

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”



PDF of Music for This Sunday's Mass and May Crowning, Cantor/Musician Information

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This Sunday, Mary Clare will be accompanied by cantor Michael Callahan and flautist Dana Sullivan.



Tara and Emmaline Reardon in December 2019

Growing in Faith Reflection

My wife Cathy is no shrinking violet, so, when I told her that I'd been asked to write the Growing in Faith column for Mother's Day, she said, "What?!?! You're not even a woman!"

True enough, although, in fact, I had a mother, I'm married to a mother, and my granddaughter Emma has a mother whom I admire — and love — a great deal.

"Good job, Emma," Tara said this morning as, via FaceTime, we watched

the little munchkin, with her huge bib on, finger tiny pieces of strawberry and pancakes — part of her still-new adventure with solid food. Emma's nine months old which means Tara's been a mother for nine months, but, given the skill with which she is raising her daughter, she seems to have been one forever.

"Good job, Emma," is a phrase that Tara repeats often. It's an important part of her calm, positive approach to child-rearing. She doesn't reserve this for when Emma does something spectacular. It's trotted out all the time, and, it seems to me, it's a good thing for a young one to hear all the time.

I also like how Tara hasn't tried to hog Emma to herself, how she lets our son David cuddle with, babble with, and fall ever and ever deeper in love with his daughter.

These are homey family blessings, but think about it: How was Mary as a mother? I suspect she was calm and gave her little boy a lot of encouragement.

Babies need that. Mothers, too.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*

In Remembrance

Visit <https://stgertrudechicago.org/in-memoriam> for a list of those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have passed away since the beginning of the stay-at-home order. We welcome all requests for prayers for those that are sick, those hurting and stressed, and those who have passed away.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." ~ John 11:25-26



Congratulations to Father Rich, Father Mike Bradley, & Father Mike Gabriel!

This month, Father Rich celebrate 41 years of priesthood, Father Mike Bradley celebrates 42 years, and Father Mike Gabriel celebrates 36 years! Thank you all, including Father Louis, whose anniversary is in January, for your loving service to our Church and our parish.

Prayer in the Month of May.

Inter-religious Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 14

Pope Francis has endorsed the call to “the believers of all the religions to unite together spiritually on May 14 in a day of prayer and fasting, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic.”

He also encouraged international cooperation to respond to the crisis, and emphasized the importance that scientific efforts to find a vaccine be put together in “a transparent and disinterested way” and that “the essential technologies be made universally available” so that every infected person may be able to receive the medical care needed.

Pray the Rosary with Pope Francis in the Month of May

May is a great time to pray the rosary individually and as a family! And in honor of all that is going on, Pope Francis, in encouraging us all to pray the rosary daily during May. In his monthly letter, Pope Francis encourages us to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home. He writes:

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

First Prayer

*O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.*

Second Prayer

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude, and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary, Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray

that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Religious Ed and Kids Word News

There will be one more large group Religious Ed sessions before we break for the summer on Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 am. We will not meet on Mother's Day.

Kids Word Live will continue through the summer. Normally, Kids Word ends in mid-May, but because of the extended shelter-in-place order, I will continue to hold them virtually until we are able to attend Mass in church. Please note, there is no Kid Word on Mother's Day or on Memorial Day weekend.

Below are the links for upcoming Kids Words:

Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72203313902?
pwd=bWdyZGRlVjQzQjJ5NXhYM2FRWmlpUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72203313902?pwd=bWdyZGRlVjQzQjJ5NXhYM2FRWmlpUT09)

Meeting ID: 722 0331 3902

Password: 022214

Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78371201731?
pwd=WTRHUEZ4OHVSZUpGZjN2NmtuTDh5QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78371201731?pwd=WTRHUEZ4OHVSZUpGZjN2NmtuTDh5QT09)

Meeting ID: 783 7120 1731

Password: 011177

~ Jim Potthast, Youth & Family Minister



Faith & Coping

We have compiled a list of ways to ease stress and anxiety during these unsettling times [on our website](#). They include tips from parishioner KC Conway, a psychotherapist at The Center for Grief Recovery, suggestions of music from Mary Clare Barker, our Minister of Music, and much more!

We'd love to hear from you if you have suggestions for prayers, articles, and music! Email stgerbulletin@yahoo.com to share your thoughts.



Domestic Violence Resources Available

Since the stay at home order was issued in Illinois, calls to local agencies that help those in abusive relationships have sharply increased to record highs. Data from other areas that have been on lockdown longer than Illinois indicate that these numbers of domestic violence incidents will continue to grow.

Where to Call

The Department of Family and Support Services is the lead agency for the [Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline](#) and works exclusively with [The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence](#), a local nonprofit, to ensure residents have access to domestic violence support resources 24/7/365 –

especially during this time of crisis. **The [Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline](#) (1.877.863.6338) is available 24/7 via call or text in over 240 languages.**

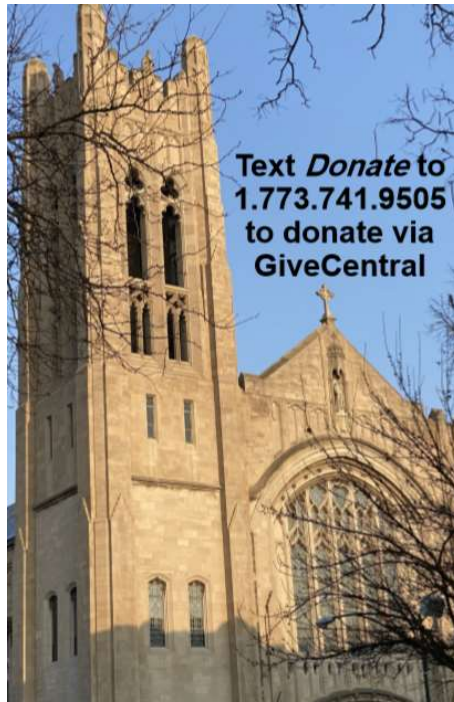
Uber/Lyft Rides Offer Free, Safe Transportation

The City of Chicago partnered with Lyft and Uber to offer free rides to people who have contacted the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.877.863.6338 in need of safe transportation. Ride requester's privacy will be protected by personnel at the hotline.

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website also has a [Domestic Violence information page](#) and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists specific information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
 - Organizations that Provide Housing
 - Legal Help
 - Spanish-Speaking Assistance
 - Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance
 - LGBTQ Help
 - Help for Teens & Young Adults
 - Help Securing the Safety of Pets
 - What Does Abuse Look Like?
 - How to Help a Friend or Family Member
 - Emotional Abuse
 - Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?
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St. Gertrude Parish Stewardship: Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, Facebook Fundraiser, and Amazon Smile

We thank everyone who participated in our *#GivingTuesdayNow!* campaign this week. We greatly appreciate your generosity, care, and love for St. Gertrude.

Ways to Help Our Parish During the Stay-at-Home Order

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word ***Donate*** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

We also have set up a [fundraiser on our Facebook page](#). All monies will go to support our parish's many ministries.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



[Info on Grab and Go Meals for Children and Families](#)

NCA is distributing free prepackaged breakfast and lunches from our lunch provider Aramark. These lunches are for our free and reduced lunch students, but also for any family with children between the ages of 2-18 in our community who could use some extra assistance in getting food for their children. We also provide milk with each of these meals.

Please let Fr. Rich know at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org if this would be helpful for your family and we will figure out the details.

Chicago Public Schools distributes meals to families Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Families may pick up three days worth of meals for every child in their household. Please click [HERE](#) to find the closest pick-up location near you or someone you know.



Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, May 11: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 13: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday, May 15: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 16: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for scheduled mass will be transferred to the private masses the parish priests (Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich Prendergast) will say during this time.

If those who requested/scheduled these Masses would prefer to have them

moved to a different date, please leave a message at the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- Monday, May 11 - Dennis Ginosi +
- Tuesday, May 12 - Living and deceased mothers and fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wednesday, May 13 - Deceased members of the Andrew Resch family +
- Thursday, May 14 - Pascual Gusmanos +
- Friday, May 15 - Tom Backis +
- Saturday, May 16 - Purgatorial Society, Teresita Ocular +, Donato Tolentino +
- Sunday, May 17 - Sue Kamp, Francesco and Angela Emanuele, +, Quinn Bringas +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz

- Karey Myers
 - Don Piven
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - David Sierzega
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Ruth Timmons
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
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Welcome to Our New Parishioners

The Rubino Family

Online registration is available. Please visit our website [HERE](#) to sign up!



Ways to Help/If You Need Help

Are you or a loved one unemployed, underemployed, or unfulfilled? [Career Transitions Center](#), founded by Catholic parishes, helps people get jobs. They are currently offering virtual training and support, including a virtual career coaching program.

Call4Calm, a new hotline from the State of Illinois to connect residents to Mental Health and other resources, was launched. Text "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552020 and a mental health professional will call you back. There are other keywords that can be texted to this number for access to other resources, including "UNEMPLOYMENT", "FOOD", or "SHELTER". This is a time of uncertainty, stress, and anxiety. Please do not keep your feelings bottled up, there is plenty of help available for neighbors who need it.

Looking for something to do? [Care for Real](#) is always in need of volunteers! Please reach out to Karen at volunteer@careforreal.org. She is overseeing scheduling and shifts available.

Our Heart to Heart Director, Jane Callahan-Moore, is also helping coordinate outreach to the elderly and shut-ins, including shopping and bringing food to those unable to get to the store. You can contact Jane by emailing her at jcallahanmoore@gmail.com.

Our Alderman, Harry Osterman, is coordinating local needs and service opportunities. His [website](#) has information on getting help during this crisis and giving help. Below are quick links to urgent community issues:

- [Community Response Fund](#) - Funds raised will help Care for Real purchase needed food and supplies for our neighbors in need, as well as help purchase medical supplies needed by our residents and care providers.
- [Volunteer to be a part of the 48th Ward Community Response Team](#)
- [Ask for daily check-in calls for yourself or a neighbor](#)
- [How you can receive support from Care for Real](#)
- [Get information on enrolling in emergency unemployment benefits](#)

[Lyrics Sheet for Mass on May 10, 2020,](#)
[Fifth Sunday of Easter](#)

Prayers, responses, and music for our May Crowning can be found [HERE](#).

Sing a New Song by Dan Schutte

REFRAIN: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Verse: Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. (to refrain)

Glory to God from Mass of Spirit and Grace by Ricky Manalo

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let Your Mercy Be On Us by Marty Haugen

Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

I Have Loved You by Michael Joncas

REFRAIN: I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine. (repeat)

Verse 1: Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace. (to refrain)

Verse 2: Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope. (to refrain)

Christ be our Light by Bernadette Farrell

Verse: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (to refrain)

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

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