



St. Gertrude Chicago

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

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St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office schedule can be found [HERE](#). Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#) and call before you come! **The Rectory office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5.**

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From Father Rich

Happy Easter!

With the celebration of Easter and the arrival of spring, the great seasons of hope have returned! After over a year in pandemic mode, we probably have a much greater appreciation of the opening line in today's gospel, "On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb."

Aren't we in a similar situation, still living under

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Click [HERE](#) to
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the pandemic protocols, with great signs of renewal and hope happening all around us?

*attend weekend
Masses in person!*

But, as so many of the scientists and medical professionals keep reminding us, our return to a new reality is not going to happen immediately, but rather unfold over some yet-to-be-determined period of time.

In the gospel readings of the Easter season, we experience time and time again profound and intimate moments between the risen Christ and his disciples and followers. He has changed so much that no one recognizes him at first -- until He speaks to them or makes himself known in other ways. This is probably how we will be experiencing the post-pandemic possibilities. It will start in small ways, with those who are near to us, vaccinated and still cautious, finding our ways once again to profound and intimate exchanges of greetings, of hesitant meals, of small gatherings, all reconnecting us to our deepest hopes.

Just as the lock-down forced us into consideration of how we were living, how much we were working, how connected or disconnected our family life had become, how often we were not seeing injustices and inequalities all around us, so now we have a new invitation to see our own lives and our own situations anew with God's presence surrounding us. This Easter invitation is to see the power of God's love which is always forgiveness practiced between us. What we had thought was dead and not worth pursuing instead has the power to revive in us the best of former relationships and patterns of healthy living. Easter is not just about the life we will receive when this life is ended. It is equally important to look around right now to the new life God brings us through the Lord's Resurrection.

It is so important that we not shy away from hope out of fear we might again

be disappointed. Hope is not the guarantee nothing will ever again go wrong. Hope is the guarantee that no matter what happens next, we have lived fully in this moment, with God providing possibilities we hadn't even known were right in front of us. And each of these always points the way to the great gift of eternal life we will all one day share.

As I am reminded each year in this season, it is no accident that Lent is forty days, but Easter is fifty days! Our period of preparation and penance can never equate with the gift of new life that is Easter. Celebrate not only today but find some way to honor each of the fifty days of Easter with the hope God has delivered. Happy Easter!



[Holy Week Schedule/All Easter Sunday Masses are FULL/ How to Watch](#)

Easter/Holy Week Services Online

**All Easter Sunday Masses are at Capacity/Registration to Attend Easter Masses In-Person is CLOSED
Extremely Limited Space Available at ALL Holy Week Evening Services**

Holy Week - Limited Spots Available/Easter Masses are Full

Due to COVID-19, our Holy Week services [have new protocols](#). Click [HERE](#) to register to attend our Holy Week services. **Please note, there are a limited number of seats remaining to attend ALL of our Holy Week evening services.**

All of our Easter Sunday Masses are at capacity. Registration to attend Easter Masses in-person is CLOSED.

Click [HERE](#) to register to attend Good Friday's Stations of the Cross.

How to Watch Easter/Holy Week Services Online

We live-stream from St. Gertrude Church using Facebook Live, beginning five to ten minutes before the scheduled start of the service. Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link on the [home page](#) of our parish website.

The following Masses will be live-streamed:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - 7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

- Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion
- Holy Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday, April 4 - 10:30 am ~ Mass

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

- 7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register
- Church is open until 10:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration.
- There is no 7:30 am Mass.

Good Friday, April 2

Due to the pandemic, Good Friday this year will not feature Living Stations of the Cross. Instead, it will offer scripture readings and music. Attendees will be asked to remain in their pew, while the priest/minister moves from Station to Station. Please register to attend and check-in at the greeter table using the door on Granville.

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross - click [HERE](#) to register
- 7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register
- There is no 7:30 am Mass.
- The Rectory is closed.

Holy Saturday, April 3

- 11:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets (enter the church via the Granville entrance - no prior registration is needed)
- 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register
- There is no 7:30 am Mass.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 4 - All of our Easter Sunday Masses are at capacity. Registration to attend Easter Masses in-person is CLOSED.

- 8:00 am ~ Mass **FULL**
- 10:30 am ~ Mass (live-streamed) **FULL**
- 12:00 pm ~ Mass **FULL**

[Click Here to Sign up to Attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday Services In Person. Easter Masses are FULL.](#)

[Click here to sign up for Good Friday's Stations of the Cross](#)

The Rectory office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5.



Growing in Faith

Easter is a kind of Fourth of July, a celebration of freedom. In the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, “O death, where is thy sting?” The resurrection of Jesus is a sign to all of us that, though we will die, death isn’t the end.

But, even more for us in the here and now, it’s a sign that living is more than just what we see — more than what we can touch, more than what we can understand, more than what we can imagine. That living can rise above fear and hatred and violence.

The responsorial psalm for Easter Sunday is the joyous Psalm 118, and its ecstatic refrain is: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Life is filled with sorrow. Life is filled with pain and tragedy, with unfairness and mean-spiritedness. The psalm doesn’t deny this. Neither does the resurrection. Jesus did die. We do suffer in life, and we will die.

The message of Easter and of Psalm 118 is that life is also filled with joy, and, when approached the right way, life is about joy. It’s about wonder. It’s about beauty. And, above all, it’s about love.

Yes, this is the day to rejoice and be glad. But Jesus didn’t arise for one day. Each day is his resurrection. And each day is the day the Lord has made.

Each day, despite all that is wrong in the world and in our lives, is a day to rejoice and be glad.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for Growing in Faith



RCIA: Celebrating the Easter Sacraments

On Holy Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Vigil, those in the RCIA will celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Please keep Jessica Navarro, Corina Cleja, and Daniel Geihlsler in your prayers during this Holy Week, and consider coming to the Easter Vigil, surrounding them with love and rejoicing as they become members of the Catholic Christian community or are Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Below are bios of Jessica Navarro, Corina Cleja, and Daniel Geihlsler.



Meet Jessica Navarro

Hello, my name is Jessica! I am a 30-year-old Texas native, and I lived in Michigan for about seven years to complete both my bachelor and graduate studies in speech-language pathology. It has been about three years since my move to Chicago.

My grandmother was a Jehovah Witness and my parents took me to Protestant churches growing up. We did not attend church on a weekly basis, and I always hoped to join a church I felt comfortable in. My partner is Catholic, and I decided to attend mass with him one day. He attends mass in various churches throughout Chicago. After attending mass a couple of Sundays, I felt the peace and spiritual connection I was longing for. I then decided I want to be baptized in the Catholic faith.

St. Gertrude is a minute walk from my apartment, and I was happy to join RCIA. Over the past few months, I have learned so much about the Catholic beliefs and practices, and I am looking forward to my baptism and strengthening my faith at St Gertrude!

~ Jessica Navarro



Meet Corina Cleja

My name is Corina Cleja and I am a member of the RCIA at St. Gertrude. I grew up in Romania in the Orthodox faith. A friend introduced me to the Catholic religion, She taught me how to pray the Rosary, we went to pilgrimages together, and I started to attend Sunday Catholic Masses by myself.

In my heart, I was feeling already Catholic when I moved to the US a few years ago. When I discovered the RCIA program, I enrolled without hesitation. It is helping me get the foundation and the structure I need, and a better understanding of the Catholic faith.

~ Corina Cleja



Meet Daniel Geihlsler

As a Chicagoland native, I grew up in the western suburbs and moved to the city to attend Loyola University. Several years later, my wife and I have found ourselves back on the north side just down the street from St. Gertrude Parish.

Raised with a Lutheran father, and a Catholic mother, I spent time at both churches growing up, and although I was baptized Lutheran, I've always seen more similarities than differences between the two traditions.

My wife Kelly is Catholic and a current member of St. Gertrude's. As we think about growing our family, it was important to us to call the same church home.

It's been great meeting with the current RCIA group, learning more about the Catholic tradition, and growing in our faith this year. I look forward to being a part of this community!

~ Daniel Geihlsler (pictured above with his wife)



Easter Message from Cardinal Cupich

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Once again this year we celebrate Easter in the midst of a pandemic, in a time of social unrest, and in a period of natural disasters that seem to be consequences of climate change. So, our mood may be somber or even sad. Still, there are reasons for hope and optimism. The vaccines are addressing the pandemic. Our commitment to justice for all people can reshape our life together. And each of us can do our part in making a difference to forestall climate change. But there are even stronger foundations of hope for us as people of faith and followers of Jesus.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, we begin to share in the victory of life over death, grace over sin and hope over despair. In faith, we know the direction of our future. Although we cannot and ought not to deny our struggles, we move forward through them with a resilient confidence rooted in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

At the Easter Vigil during the lighting of the Paschal candle from the new fire, I pray in your name: “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the

darkness of our hearts and minds.” And I will continue to raise that prayer to God for all of us in this holy season. Join me in that same prayer and lift up your petition with a confident and trusting heart.

May God bless, keep, and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



Thank You to Our Parish Volunteers!

The past few weeks have required extra time and energy from so many of our volunteers in order to rehearse and then serve at all the services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter! This year was particularly a challenge because of all the pandemic protocols which have been unique for all these services. Our wonderful and generous corps of liturgical ministers and Covid protocol volunteers greeting and cleaning church after each service has done a magnificent job!

As I have mentioned before, we have been so blessed by the generosity of

all these ministers which have not only helped us pray with reverence and grace, but also make it possible for our church to be open and welcoming to everyone. THANK YOU!

~ *Father Rich*



How the Pandemic Will Affect Holy Week & Easter Services This Year

As you are probably already aware, the protocols for the services of Holy Week and Easter will have a significant effect this year. While we are in a better position than last year -- when we didn't have any services -- it will still seem different than what we have been used to.

First -- as is true for all services in church, everyone must make a reservation no less than one full day before the service you wish to attend. In some cases, you would be wise to make any reservation as far in advance as possible. The need for at least a day is to give the office staff time to prepare the various clipboards with the listings and maps that are filled out at every service. Please make a reservation [here](#) or phone the rectory office to make your reservations.

Second -- Because we are still limited to 15-20% of capacity for services,

we may have to add an additional Mass if the other Easter Sunday Masses reach capacity, as we did at Christmas. Currently, we think the likely additional Mass for Easter, if there is one, would be at 12:00 pm.

What follows is a brief description of the changes in each of the services throughout Holy Week and Easter:

Holy Thursday: There is no washing of hands/feet this year. There is no “formal” dressing of the altar -- it will be dressed before the Mass begins. After Communion, the procession to the Repository is very simple, with only the presider and a few adult servers going to the Repository.

Adoration will be available after Mass -- but only until 10:00 pm. There are to be no “pilgrimages” or the traditional visits to seven churches that many have done in the past. The 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper will be live-streamed.

Good Friday: Because Living Stations are not allowed, we will have the usual Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm. Only an adult server with the processional cross will process. No members of the congregation are allowed to walk along with them. There is no Adoration of the Cross.

The Service of the Lord’s Passion begins at 7:30 pm, as usual, with a short procession with the presider lying prostrate in the center aisle while the congregation kneels in place. The scripture readings, including the reading of the Passion, will be done as usual. The Veneration of the Cross is only done ‘en masse’ -- that is, the presider holds the cross while all kneel for a few moments of silent veneration. There is NO individual veneration, no touching or kissing of the cross. The 7:30 pm Service of the Lord’s Passion will be live-streamed.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass: There is no lighting of the new fire at the front porch of church. The Paschal Candle is prepared and lit ahead of time and comes in a simple procession from the sacristy. The Preside intones, “This is the light of Christ” three times, then places the candle in its stand as the Exsultet is sung by the cantor. Scripture readings are done as usual.

The baptism and Rite of Welcoming for the RCIA candidates takes place as usual -- but with a large, glass bowl of water instead of a pool. There are no individual candles for members of the congregation. Baptismal promises will be renewed and the blessing of the congregation with the holy water will take place. After the Mass, there is no reception for the newly welcomed members. The 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass will be live-streamed.

Easter Sunday: The Masses on Easter Sunday will look pretty much as they usually do. But, as we have been doing since we reopened, there is no congregational singing, only singing by the cantor. There is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of the congregation with holy water. The 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass will be live-streamed.



COVID Protocols Update

Shortly before Holy Week, we received notice from the Archdiocese that there was hope that at least some of the protocol restrictions on how many people could be in church, etc. might be either lifted or expanded. But with the current surge we are experiencing here in Illinois (and in many parts of the nation), the officials who make those decisions left everything in place.

Nevertheless, we remain hopeful that as soon as the surge winds down and less people are hospitalized and more people are vaccinated, we will begin to see some easing of the protocols. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for helping to keep St. Gertrude a safe and healthy environment by respecting all the protocols.



Registration for First Communion Begins Tuesday, April 6

First Communion will be celebrated on the Saturday before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am. **Beginning Tuesday, April 6, families of those students making their First Communion this year are asked to**

register to attend the celebration by visiting the [St. Gertrude website](#) and following the posted First Communion registration link or by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.

Immediate family from the same household, up to eight people, can sit together. If other family members attend, they will need to register separately. Reservations will be accepted until we hit capacity.

As always, attendees will need to wear masks and follow our COVID protocols, including using the Granville entrance to the church, checking in, having temperatures taken, being shown where to sit, and maintain safe-distancing protocols by observing the markings on the floor and in the pews which give directions for spacing and traffic flow.

Please note, this Mass will be live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#) then posted on [our parish's YouTube channel](#).

**Please visit St. Gertrude's homepage to register beginning
Tuesday, April 6**



Renew My Church Update

This Tuesday, April 6, the first meeting will be held of a tri-parish group working on the specific plans of extending welcome and hospitality to the parishioners of St. Ignatius from St. Jerome and St. Gertrude. Each parish is represented by a small team of parishioners who will both brainstorm the best strategies and then work together to implement them. This same group will also then engage with Loyola University and the Jesuit Community on the possibility of a Mission Center in which we would all participate.

I met with members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Renew My Church Team a few weeks ago and asked for a small group of volunteers for this ministry. Special thanks to Denise Goodman, Kim McInerney, Gail Smith, Allen Stryczek, and Mike Tobin for taking on these responsibilities. We will be hearing more on this initiative as it moves forward.

~ *Father Rich*



Chicago Vaccine Angels Will Help
Seniors and Essential Workers
Schedule a Vaccine

If you or a loved one aged 65 and over are having difficulty finding a vaccine, or have trouble using a computer to book one, a group called [Chicago Vaccine Angels](#) will help you. Started by an Evanston teen in February, the group has booked over 1,200 people for vaccines in the Chicago area for free.

The team is working on booking those people in PHASES 1A/1B ONLY - seniors and essential workers (without the chronic condition expansion just yet). Please fill out [this google form](#) for help.

Please note the following:

- The group will not re-book appointments that were made - if you have significant schedule or location constraints, please ensure they are marked in the form!
- **No vaccine hunter should ever ask for your Social Security number or money.**
- You cannot request one vaccine brand over another.
- Due to the nature of the current pandemic, there is no assurance that they will be successful in booking your appointment.
- Your personal information shall be accessible only to the volunteers that are a part of the Chicago Vaccine Angels. Your personal data will not be sold. De-personalized data may be used by us to enhance the efficacy of this program.

If you have any questions, please email chicagovaccineangels@gmail.com. Call them at 312-600-8925.

Form to Request Help from the Chicago Vaccine Angels Team



Lenten Almoner's Program Update

Our Almoner's Program donated a total of 750 McDonald's gift cards, divided evenly between [The Night Ministry](#) and [Care for Real](#), with a value of \$3,625.00. These organizations were so grateful and both indicated that the gift cards will greatly augment their ability to serve the teens and young adults in their programs.

We are so thankful to everyone that made a donation via GiveCentral or placed funds in the collection box while attending Mass. Thank you again for your generosity!



Recruiting Ministers of Praise

Interested in joining a special ministry that has no required meetings, no dues, or outside responsibilities? Yet its participants have a valued connection to our parish life. You can enrich your life by praying for others every day.

Here's how it works: we provide our committed participants (you) with a monthly guide sheet reflecting some of the prayer petitions taken from St. Gertrude Church's Prayer Wall. You then refer to this guide every day as you pray. As one of our prayer angels, you become an unseen blessing to so many.

We welcome your interest in this caring Ministry of Praise. Please contact Jane Callahan-Moore by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.



Readings and Music for Holy Week & Easter

- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's](#)

Supper

- [Click here for a link to read Holy Thursday's readings online](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Good Friday's Service of the Lord's Passion](#)
 - [Click here for a link to read Good Friday's readings online](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil](#)
 - [Click here for a link to read Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil readings online](#)
 - [PDF of readings for Easter Sunday](#)
 - [Click here for a link to read Easter Sunday's readings online](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Easter Sunday](#)
 - Easter music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Prelude: *Easter Alleluia Medley for Trumpet and Piano*
 - Entrance: *Jesus is Risen, #178*
 - Gloria: *Mass of Renewal*
 - Psalm Response: *This is the day the Lord Has Made; Let us rejoice and be glad.* Tim Schoenbacher
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory, #897* (Easter verse 6)
 - Renewal of Baptismal Vows: *Healing River*
 - Intercessions
 - Offertory: *Crown Him with Many Crowns, #720*
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory, #899 Holy, We proclaim your death (#900), Amen, Lamb of God*
 - Communion: *I am the Bread of Life, #325*
 - Recessional: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, #179*
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
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Lectors, Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm - Susie O'Toole Corbett, James Casey (violin)
- Good Friday, April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, Denise Goodman (clarinet)
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm - Matt Heimer, Scott Baker (trumpet)
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 am - Jay Lamb, Scott Baker (trumpet)
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan, Scott Baker (trumpet)
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon - Jon Blake, Scott Baker (trumpet)

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm - Patrick Robinson, Debra Novak
- Good Friday, April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm - Patrick Robinson, Tim Harrington
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm - Patrick Robinson, Tim Harrington, Debra Novak
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Marty McDermott
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am - Kathy Wall, Bob Backis
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon - Tim Harrington

Our readers this weekend are:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm - Bob Backis, Hallie Burhoe
- Good Friday, April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm - Debra Novak, Patrick Robinson
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm - Debra Novak, Patrick Robinson, Troy McMillian
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon - Troy McMillian

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Good Friday, April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Holy Thursday, April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Good Friday, April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at noon - TBA

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and

not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Chears at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



Collections on Holy Thursday and Good Friday

The collection from Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 1 will support both [Bonaventure House Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry](#) and [Catholic Charities'](#) efforts to help those living with and affected by AIDS. Donations can also be made [HERE](#).

The collection on Good Friday is in support of the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that

comes to them from this worldwide collection.

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is part of a worldwide network of [Commissariats of the Holy Land](#) which function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world. The Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C., coordinates this vital support for the work of the Franciscans who work in the Holy Land.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the “Living Stones,” the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Donations can be made [HERE](#).



[Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile](#)

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.

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.

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.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Click here for PayPal \(via our website\)](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



Rest in Peace

Mickey Resch



Daily Scripture Readings

Click [HERE](#) for the daily readings for Masses. Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, April 5: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



Mass Intentions/Mass Book for 2022 Now Open

The Mass Intentions book for 2022 is now open. Intentions are limited to one per Mass. There is a \$20 suggested offering. Please note that the dates for intentions are subject to change.

If you plan to come to the rectory, please observe the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#).

Please note, the Rectory office is closed on Monday, April 5.

Monday, April 5: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Tuesday, April 6: 7:30 am - Past and present priests who have served St. Gertrude Parish

Wednesday, April 7: 7:30 am - Jason Borst+

Thursday, April 8: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, April 9: 7:30 am - Harry Baran+

Saturday, April 10: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Joan Harrington+

Sunday, April 11: 8:00 am - Maria Y-Nhu Tran+; 10:30 am - Brian Dunne+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Art Lyons
- Mike Meier
- Karey Myers
- Tina Piemonte
- Braedon Rimpson
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel

- Natalie Indelli Gramata
 - Mary Grover
 - Diane Gulczynski
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Manuel Viray
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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