



## **St. Gertrude Chicago**

Sunday, April 11, 2021

*Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday*

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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!

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# From Father Rich

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

New life! Resurrection from the dead!  
Forgiveness of our sins!

And then there was doubt.

The second Sunday of Easter reminds us that at times it seems that being pessimistic is part of our DNA! When wonderful things surprise us and cause us to leap for joy at our good fortune, no sooner are our hearts lifted than we succumb to doubt and fear. In many cases, it is as if we are punishing ourselves, or being punished, for daring to hope.

The second Sunday of Easter is not just the Sunday of Thomas “the doubter” anymore. St. John Paul II also married this feast with the celebration of Divine Mercy. Pope Francis highlighted the importance of mercy a few years ago when he invited us all into a special holy year of mercy. This is so important because mercy is always undeserved, unearned, simply a gift freely given which offers the restoration of relationships that had been broken, even destroyed, and are now able to be reborn, renewed, and revived.

The temptation to despair and abandon hope will not be the victor. In Christ Jesus, hope will win! Because of Christ’s Resurrection, now hope always

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wins!

In the first readings from the Acts of the Apostles, which we read throughout the season of Easter, we hear the actual effects of the Lord's Resurrection upon the members of the early church. It begins when they are gathered in fear, hiding in the Upper Room for fear of their lives. The Risen Lord appears to them, even though the doors were locked. The symbolism could not be any clearer! Even when we have locked up our hearts, fearful of how our hearts might again be broken, Jesus comes to us and offers us the way out.

These stories continue as more and more believers gather around the disciples. They share everything in common, trusting in God and caring for each other. Their initial fervor does not disappear but becomes the foundation for their gatherings for Eucharist and reaching out (evangelization) to others in the community.

This Second Sunday of Easter is both an invitation and a challenge to all believers. We are always invited to the hope and new life and new love which is the gift of Easter. And we are challenged to trust God and let go of whatever hinders us from living as free human beings, living and sharing God's love with one another.

Happy Easter!

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## Growing in Faith

### **Second Sunday of Easter: What Does This Resurrection of Jesus Mean?**

A good investigator is always told to “follow the money.” “Where your treasure lies, there also is your heart.” Even more remarkable than the faith they professed and the words they spoke was the life that the first community lived out together - their goods were held in common, “There was no needy person among them.”

It seems that their radical sharing of their possessions was a real source of their being a community of “one heart and mind.” And the reading claims this was the “great power” that “bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord.”

I can say that in my own faith journey it has been witnessing a community’s care for each other, especially the least among them, that has been the most powerful and authentic evidence of God’s Kingdom. A Catholic Worker House’s work and life with the poor, a family’s welcome and love of children not even their own-- these are small but heroic pieces of evidence of the changed life that is possible for us, Christ’s Body. This Easter season calls us to live out that risen, radical change just like the first witnesses did.

How do we prioritize the needs of the least of those among us? And how do we embody and create a community, a society, that sees the just and compassionate care of others as the very essence of our human life?

*~ Jim Uhl for Growing in Faith*

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## Please Welcome the Newest Members of our Parish Community

On Holy Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Vigil, those in the RCIA celebrated the Easter Sacraments. Congratulations to Jessica Navarro, Corina Cleja, and Daniel Geihlsler on becoming members of the Catholic Church and our faith community!

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## 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!

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## Thank you to our Musicians and Cantors From Mary Clare Barker

A special thanks from the bottom of my heart goes out to all the cantors and musicians who contributed mightily all of Lent and most especially during Holy Week to our Music Ministry at St. Gertrude.

These people gave freely of their precious time and practiced hours to get everything perfect for our evening services. Their musical talents added a profound depth and helped us to pray better. We are indeed so blessed to have so many wonderfully talented musicians at St. Gertrude who are so willing to share their time and talents.

THANK YOU!

~ *Mary Clare*

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# COVID-19 Latest News

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## 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.

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# Registration for First Communion is Open

First Communion will be celebrated on the Saturday before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am. **Families of those students making their First Communion this year are asked to please register to attend the celebration by clicking [HERE](#) 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](#).

[Click here to register to attend First Communion](#)

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## Renew My Church Update

Last Tuesday, April 6, the first meeting was 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*

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## 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 3,000 people for vaccines in the Chicago area for free.

The team is working on booking anyone who is currently eligible to receive the vaccine; however, there are eligibility differences between Chicago and the rest of the state. The following form will have different eligibility options based on where you live.

Appointments generally book no more than a week in advance, and often only 1-3 days out. If you aren't available until a date more than a week away, please wait to sign up until you are available. 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!
- They CANNOT book appointments for anyone under the age of 18.
- **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](mailto:chicagovaccineangels@gmail.com). Call them at 312-600-8925.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Help

### Ayuda para Citas para la Vacuna COVID-19

**We are assisting seniors and people who need assistance using technology with booking appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations. There is no charge for these services provided by our volunteer network.**

Estamos ayudando a personas de la tercera edad y aquellas que requieren ayuda con la tecnología para vacunas de COVID-19. Somos voluntarios y no hay costo para este servicio.



To get started, simply email us at:

Para empezar, envíanos un correo a:

**[chicagovaccineangels@gmail.com](mailto:chicagovaccineangels@gmail.com)**

No access to email? **312-600-8925**  
 ¿No tienes acceso a email?



## Readings and Music for Holy Week & Easter

- [PDF of readings for Sunday, April 11](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, April 11](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
  - Entrance: *Sing a New Song*, #546
  - Sprinkling Rite: *O Healing River*
  - *Gloria*: from Mass of Renewal
  - Psalm: *Psalm 118* (This is the day the Lord has made.)
  - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, #897
  - Offertory: *Eye Has Not Seen*, #462 verse 3
  - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory*
  - Communion: *Ye Sons and Daughters*, #173 —start with verse 4
  - Recessional: *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* ( melody of *Ode to Joy*), #607



## Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

### List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
  - [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
  - [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
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## Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, April 11 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder

**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:

- Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, April 11 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, April 11 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, April 11 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, April 11 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 am - 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 Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



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

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through [smile.amazon.com](https://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](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org).

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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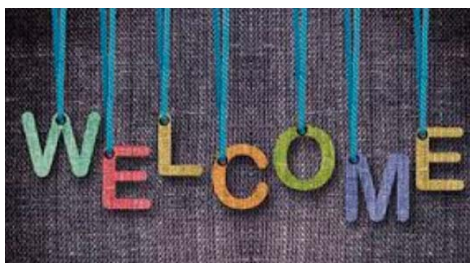


## Rest in Peace

Peter Hertl

Nancy Huddleston

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## New Parishioners



## 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 12:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday, April 13:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday, April 14:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 15:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday, April 16:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday, April 17:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday, April 18:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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## 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](#).

**Monday, April 12:** 7:30 am - For our newly Baptized and those Received into the Church

**Tuesday, April 13:** 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

**Wednesday, April 14:** 7:30 am - For all who feel unloved and forgotten

**Thursday, April 15:** 7:30 am - Communion Service - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak+

**Friday, April 16:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

**Saturday, April 17:** 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 5:00 pm ~ Paul Foley+

**Sunday, April 18:** 8:00 am - Kathleen McMullen+; 10:30 am - John+ and Mary+ Philbin

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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## 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
  - Natalie Indelli Gramata
  - Mary Grover
  - Diane Gulczynski
  - Lucia Hall
  - Gina Heidkamp
  - Maria Hertl
  - Bernice Kiedysz
  - Art Lyons
  - Mike Meier
  - Karey Myers
  - Tina Piemonte
  - Braedon Rimpson
  - Charley Scantlebury
  - Richard Seitz
  - Peggy Stoffel
  - The Sullivan family
  - Elinora E. Tolentino
  - Manuel Viray
  - Norma E. Viray
  - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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