



St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

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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

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This weekend and next, we begin implementing the tri-parish transition process as a result of the Renew My Church initiative. This Sunday, April 18, Fr. Noel Reyes from St. Jerome will preside at the Spanish language Mass at St. Ignatius at 11:00 am, followed by a gathering and Q & A opportunity for parishioners of St. Ignatius with parishioners and pastors from St. Jerome and St. Gertrude.

Next Sunday, April 25, I will preside at the 9:00 am English language Mass and all of us will again be available at a gathering for St. Ignatius parishioners after the Mass.

In the next few weeks, we will share some dates when we have invited St. Ignatius parishioners to visit St. Jerome and/or St. Gertrude parishes to see if they are interested in joining either parish.

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*Click [HERE](#) to
make a
reservation to
attend weekend
Masses in person!*

As we have been discussing since this initiative began, while we expect most of the Spanish-speaking parishioners to transition to St. Jerome and most of the English-speaking parishioners to transition to St. Gertrude, it is up to each parishioner to make their own determination. For parishioners with children, Religious Education may be a significant part of the decision-making process. Families may choose to join St. Jerome, where they have the option of a Spanish-language R.E. program and worshipping in Spanish. Or if they prefer an English-speaking R.E. program and worship in English, they may opt to join St. Gertrude.

Special thanks to the volunteers from the Parish Pastoral Council and Renew My Church groups who will be representing St. Gertrude at these initial gatherings and will be the coordinators of our hospitality for the St. Ignatius parishioners when they come to visit. This same group of volunteers will be part of a team composed of representatives from the other parishes, as well as representatives from Loyola University and the Jesuit Community at Loyola as we consider the possibility of a joint Mission Center involving the parishes and the university.

It was so great to see so many people in church for Holy Week and Easter! Many of these faces have not been able to be with us since everything was shut down back in March of last year. So we were all happy to be back together to share our prayers and best wishes! With each passing day and more people getting vaccinated, I hope our return to whatever the new normal isn't too far away! In the meantime, let's all keep following the advice of the people who know what they are talking about and keep wearing masks, sanitizing hands, and maintaining social distancing.



Growing in Faith

St. George, Pray for us!

On Friday, April 23, the Roman Catholic sanctoral calendar invites us to contemplate the courage of St. George, a Christian Roman military officer who literally lost his head in 303 AD when he refused to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. After his death, people told stories of this martyr and of the many other people who died in Roman persecutions.

Two centuries later, Pope Gelasius I recognized the faithful's growing devotion to this military man of conscience. They had come to venerate him as one of their holy patrons, protectors to whom they could turn in times of great need. The pope declared this martyr as being among those "whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to [God]."

St. George's skimpy biography has not deterred the faithful of many generations who have since venerated him as a man of conscience, a protector against evil. The legend of St. George and the Dragon may be the

only reference point for most of us since this saint is commonly depicted slaying that mythical creature on English flags, Orthodox icons, and medieval paintings.

Perhaps this week, though, we might take a moment to reflect on, to pray for, and to thank the dragon slayers in our midst today. May the unsung frontline and behind-the-scenes heroes of this pandemic “whose acts are known only to [God]” experience abundant blessings, support, and protection in their own times of need.

~ Eileen D. Crowley for *Growing in Faith*



Our First Communion Mass is Full/Pick-Up for First Communion Banner Kits Begins This Tuesday, April 20

Our First Communion Mass, celebrated on the Saturday before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am, is full. Please email Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org with questions.

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

First Communion Banners

Beginning **Tuesday, April 20**, First Communion families are asked to [stop by the Rectory](#) during office hours to pick up kits to make First Communion banners. The Rectory office is open from 9:00 am-2:30 pm Monday-Saturday, and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please call us at 773.764.3621 before coming.

These banners will feature each child's name and various First Communion symbols and will be hung on pews during the First Communion Mass. We ask they be completed by Saturday, May 1.



[Father Bill Kenneally's 60th Ordination](#)

Anniversary: Cards Requested

Father Bill Kenneally, pastor of St. Gertrude for 22 years, is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination this year on May 1. Currently, Fr. Bill is residing at St. Benedict's nursing home in Niles, a retirement home for priests, and has had a challenging year.

Anniversary greetings can be sent to him here:

Rev. Bill Kenneally
c/o Ascension Living St. Benedict Village
6930 Touhy Ave.
Niles, IL 60714

Please consider including a photograph with your name(s) on the back and date.



Seeking Donated Textbooks

One of the organizations with which our Refugee Committee has contact with is Jovenes Adelante, which is a part of Maryville Academy. They provide temporary shelter for children who have crossed the border and are

If you feel that you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate support, please consider calling Catholic Charities' Holbrook Counseling Center (312.655.7725). Or you may call your insurance company for referrals to professional behavioral health professionals. Good self-care is always God's wish for us.

~ Jane Callahan-Moore, Heart to Heart



Vicariate II Novena to St. Catherine of Siena: In-Person and Live-Streamed Thursday, April 20-Wednesday, April 28

Join Most Reverend Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate II, as we journey together to St. Catherine of Siena's Feast Day, on Thursday, April 29. This is the second Novena by Catholic laity to prayerfully unite the faithful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in healing and atonement for the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

The nine-day novena will be both live-streamed and in-person at nine

different locations. [Registration](#) for in-person attendance is required. To view the prayer service online, click on the "LIVE STREAM" links below:

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Holy Child Jesus Parish](#), 2324 W Chase, Chicago IL 60645 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00-8:00 pm: [St. Ita Catholic Church](#), 5500 N Broadway Ave., Chicago IL 60640 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Saint Clement Church](#), 642 W. Deming Place Chicago, IL 60614 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Friday, April 23, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church](#), 708 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Saturday, April 24, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Immaculate Conception-St Joseph Parish](#), 1431 North Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60610 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Sunday, April 25, 7:00-8:00 pm: [National Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini](#), 2520 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Sunday, April 26, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Saint Benedict Parish](#), 2215 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60618 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Monday, April 27, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#), 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 pm: [Sheil Catholic Center](#), 2110 Sheridan Rd, Evanston IL 60201 **[LIVE STREAM](#)**

[Register to attend the Novena](#)



Renew My Church: Prayer for New Members

Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.



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 4,000 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. The group asks that if you have tech-savvy, please attempt to schedule your own vaccine. Another option to consider is the [FEMA-operated site in Gary](#) that is available to all.

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!
- If you have received a J & J appointment, another appointment will not be booked for you. If you are scheduled to receive a J & J appointment, the vast majority of those vaccines have been switched out for Pfizer or Moderna.

- **No vaccine hunter should ever ask for your Social Security number or money.**
- If we book for a 16-17-year-old, a parent MUST accompany the teen to the appointment. Please note, most suburbs are allowing 16-17-year-old to be vaccinated if the Pfizer vaccine is offered. In Chicago, 16-17-year-old may receive a Pfizer vaccination after Monday, April 19. Most appointments indicate which injection they plan to give when booking vaccine appointments.
- 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.

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

No access to email? 312-600-8925

¿No tienes acceso a email?

Form to Request Help from the Chicago Vaccine Angels Team



Golden Wedding Anniversary
Celebration Planned for Sunday,
September 19, 2021

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate. Please note, this Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on-site.

With the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 virus will be this fall, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. More details on the Mass, including location and relevant COVID-19 precautions, will be available in early summer 2021. Couples interested in participating can register [here](#). Please contact familyministries@archchicago.org with any questions.



Readings and Music for April 18

- [Link to readings for Sunday, April 18](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, April 18](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:

- Processional: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, #179
 - *Gloria: Mass of Renewal*, #873 (sprinkling rite)
 - Psalm: *Lord, let your face shine us*, (from Respond and Acclaim)
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, #897
 - Offertory: *Seek Ye First*, #436
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory*, #899
 - Communion: *The Supper of the Lord*, #348
 - Recessional: *Lift Up Your Hearts*, #562
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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, Eucharistic Ministers, and Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, April 18 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan

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 17 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, April 18 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, April 18 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern, Carol Ann Munro, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 18 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 am - Debbie Kern, Michelle, Wielgosz, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, April 18 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, April 18 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 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 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 \(via our website\)](#)

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Rest in Peace

Natalie Indelli Gramata
John Heitz



Baptisms

Theodore Schwarz Thomas, child of Ryan Thomas & Lynn Merrill
Elijah Perry, child of Jennifer Clark



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 19: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 (50)



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 19: 7:30 am - Mickey Resch+

Tuesday, April 20: 7:30 am - Jack Williams+

Wednesday, April 21: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Thursday, April 22: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, April 23: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish

Saturday, April 24: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Antoinette Linke+

Sunday, April 25: 8:00 am - Galoney Strubbe family+; 10:30 am - William Grant Jr. +

(+ 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
- Mary Grover
- Diane Gulczynski
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Art Lyons
- Mike Meier
- Karey Myers
- Tina Piemonte
- Braedon Rimpson
- Lu Radzicki
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino

- Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Manuel Viray
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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