



## **St. Gertrude Chicago**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

***Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd 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

Last weekend, Therese and Steve Laslo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a blessing at the 10:30 am Mass. The week before, we celebrated a funeral for Peter Hertl, who was married to his wife, Maria, for just under 60 years.

What a blessing to their families and to this community to have present among us such witness to the power of love and commitment in the sacrament of marriage! We are so fortunate to have many parishioners who have been married for many decades and continue to give witness to this gift every day of their lives!

These moments coincide with the [upcoming 60th-anniversary of the ordination of Fr. Bill Kenneally!](#) Fifty or sixty years was once considered a long time to live! Now it is an even more amazing gift when it is a lived commitment, made in love, that lets the love of God and power of God's grace shine through all these faith-filled witnesses!

We often refer to this Sunday in the Easter season as Good Shepherd Sunday because of today's gospel passage, in which Jesus makes the

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simple declaration, "I am the Good Shepherd." As such, he lays down his life for the sheep, he never abandons them, he knows them and they know him, he brings all the sheep together and willingly gives up his life out of love for them.

This is also Vocation Sunday. This celebration is not meant to be limited to religious vocations for priests and men and women religious, it is meant to be a celebration of all the vocations available to us for living our lives. This weekend is all about love and commitment. Whether or not that choice is as a vowed or ordained minister in the church, as a part of a loving, committed couple, or as a single person pursuing a life of service to others, living that call (vocation) in love and commitment helps us to be the person God has created us to be.

Length of time, of course, is not a guarantee of witness to such a relationship. It is usually a pretty good indicator if those achieving those kinds of anniversaries are also individuals and couples infused with a profound sense of joy and fulfillment, regardless of what they have had to deal with throughout their lives. When it is a couple in a relationship, it usually means they have learned that love only continues to grow when the commitment to each other encourages the regular practice of forgiveness. And that the relationship is not two-way, but three-way -- with God the third part of that relationship. Similarly, in single people sharing their love and life with others, they are never alone because God is always their partner.

Recently, I was meeting with three generations of a family who had come in to plan a memorial Mass for their husband, father, and grandfather. As we were wrapping up our planning, I felt it was important to say to the adult-children of the widow and her late husband that it was so fortunate for them that they had been gifted with such good parents. To which they

immediately responded that they knew how blessed they were. It was so obvious in the way they spoke with and to each other, in what is never a pleasant chore -- planning a funeral -- that they loved and respected each other and the most important gift their parents had passed on to them was the deeply rooted loving commitment which they were now able to share with their spouses and children.

I think the greatest indicator of a true vocation lived out as fully as possible is indicated by the profound sense of joy those with such a vocation exhibit every moment of every day, regardless of what things -- good or bad -- are going on in any given moment. And I have come to believe that no one thing better ensures the ongoing presence of that joy than living out the essential practice of love - which is forgiveness, commitment, and making the time to listen and be present to others.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, congratulations to all those who are living and celebrating their vocation! May you continue, with your lives, to inspire others to embrace their own vocation and share the loving commitment which makes God's love present among us! Thanks to all of you for your amazing witness!

Finally, the work of living out a vocation is always strengthened when family members, friends, and neighbors express support. Today would be a great day to tell someone you have admired how much it means to your own life that they are living their vocation so well. And it is always a good time to invite anyone -- but especially young people, to consider how they might best live out their lives in a loving and committed way.

### **Rectory Office Update**

You may remember some weeks ago we announced that our business

manager, Art Blumberg, was leaving to take up a new position as Director of Evangelization at his home parish, Holy Child Jesus, formerly St. Margaret Mary.

After completing a series of interviews with interested candidates, on Monday, Eduardo Soto began his work as our new parish business manager.

Eduardo comes to us from St. Mark Parish, where he is serving in this same capacity. Until June 30, he will continue to work for us and for St. Mark until that parish is closed on June 30 as part of Renew My Church.

I also want to publicly thank Fran Klus, who filled in as our interim business manager while the search played out. Fran retired as Business Manager of St. Josaphat a few years ago. I am most grateful she was able to balance her “grandma” duties with our business office responsibilities!



Growing in Faith

## Finding Courage

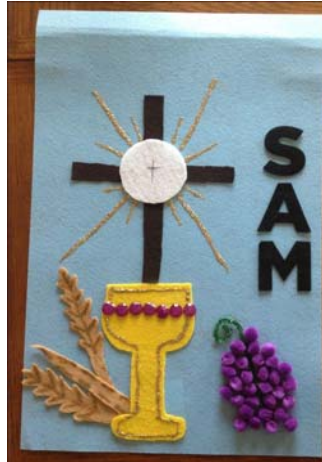
Peter, the once faint-hearted denier, in Sunday's reading shows astonishing courage. He fearlessly castigates the "leaders of the people and elders" for their role in the crucifixion of Jesus: "He is the stone rejected by *you*, the builders, which has become the cornerstone." (Acts 4:10). Even after being arrested and severely warned against teaching in the name of Jesus, Peter is undeterred, responding to their threats by saying, "You must judge whether in God's eyes it is right to listen to you and not to God." (Acts 4:19). Having experienced the resurrected Christ, Peter is not the man he was before.

I recently saw "A Hidden Life," a film based on the real-life story of an Austrian farmer, Franz Jägerstätter, whose lonely refusal to pledge loyalty to Hitler led to his incarceration and eventual execution. He takes his stand while everyone else in his village is willing, either from personal assent or fear of the consequences of refusal, to sign an oath of fealty to Der Führer. Even when pressed to comply by his bishop, Jägerstätter, being a person of faith, cannot ignore his inner voice. He simply states, "I cannot do what I know to be wrong." The church beatified him in 2008.

Peter and Franz, the most ordinary of persons in all respects, showed extraordinary courage of conviction when it counted. They left us an example. When called upon in everyday life or in "a moment of truth," I pray for some measure of their resoluteness and courage.

~ Bob Raccuglia for *Growing in Faith*

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## First Communion Key Dates & Banner Kits

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 that they be completed by Saturday, May 1.

On **Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 am**, Father Mike Gabriel will lead a Zoom meeting for kids and families. Fr Mike Gabriel will talk about the symbols of baptism and give the First Communicants a chance to talk about their banners.

There will be an in-person rehearsal for First Communion on **Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in the church**. Lasting about an hour, the kids will practice the processional, recessional, and how to come forward for Communion. Families are asked to bring the banner they made, it will be



hung on the pew reserved for your Communicant and family. The banners will stay at church until after the First Communion Mass.

Our First Communion Mass, celebrated on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am, is full. Please email Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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](#).

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## 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.

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.

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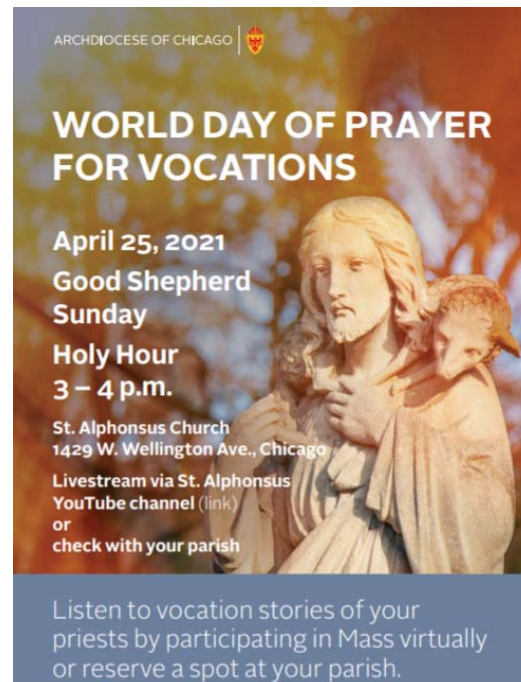
## Please Welcome our New Parish Business Manager, Eduardo Soto

Please welcome Eduardo Soto to our parish team! Eduardo began at St. Gertrude this week and will work 32 hours handling our parish needs, continuing to serve as the part-time business manager at St. Mark Parish until the parish closes on June 30.

On Thursday, July 1, he will be a 40-hour per week St. Gertrude employee, which will actually mean 32 hours per week for St. Gertrude and 8 hours per week for the former St. Ignatius Parish.

Our interim business manager, Fran Klus, will also work with him for a time for a smooth transition.

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations: This Sunday, April 25

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says in today's gospel, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The mission of Jesus culminated in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live. This is the great mystery of love present in the Eucharist. "This is my body, given up for you. This is my blood, poured out for you." Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church and in the

world.

This Sunday, April 25 from 3:00-4:00 pm, the Archdiocese will host an hour of adoration for vocations at [St. Alphonsus Church](#). You can also live stream the hour via [St. Alphonsus YouTube channel](#).

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## Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards for honoring living and deceased mothers during the Masses said on Mother's Day and throughout the year are available at the check-in table at Church. Please complete the information on the large (outer) envelope, place your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. Take the card and envelope with you to give to your mother or for your own remembrance.

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## 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 in the process of being united with family in the Chicagoland area.

Their director, Mary McCann Sanchez, is seeking math textbooks, especially for grade levels 3-8.

Please email Jim Manzardo at [jbmanz@att.net](mailto:jbmanz@att.net) or Mary McCann Sanchez at [mccannm@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:mccannm@maryvilleacademy.org) if you need more information or to arrange a donation of textbooks.



## Mental Health Help

As the beauty and renewed life of spring surround us, some among us

cannot respond because they suffer from depression or other forms of mental illness. Often at this time, their medications become less effective and need adjusting—a process that can take weeks. Many more are experiencing depression now because of the isolation that the COVID-19 restrictions have mandated.

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*

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## Renew My Church: Prayer for New Members

Lord, help us to welcome every guest as if we were welcoming you, delighting in their presence and ready to learn what good news they bring to us. Amen.

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## Wright College Virtual Career Fair: Thursday, April 29 - Register to Attend By Friday, April 23

The Wright College Career Planning and Placement Center is hosting a hiring event, the Wright College Spring 2021 Virtual Career Fair on Thursday, April 29 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

The event is free and open to all serious job seekers. For more information, please visit <https://prepare.ccc.edu/wrightvss/>. To RSVP, please email the following information to [wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu](mailto:wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu):

- Full Name
- Home Address

- City, State, and Zip Code
- Phone Number
- Email Address

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, April 23. If you have any questions, feel free to call 773-481-8527 or email [wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu](mailto:wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu).

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## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familyministries@archchicago.org) with any questions.

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## Readings and Music for April 25

- [Link to readings for Sunday, April 25](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, April 25](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
  - Prelude: *Take and Eat*, Tune: Michael Joncas, arr. by Mark Hayes
  - Processional: *Rain Down*, #600
  - Gloria: *Mass of Renewal*, #873 (sprinkling rite)
  - Psalm: #118, *This is the Day*, #805 (Michael Joncas setting-GIA)
  - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, #897
  - Offertory: *Christ the Good Shepherd*, #168
  - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory*, #899
  - Communion: *Like a Shepherd*, #606
  - Recessional: *Let Heaven Rejoice*, #570



## Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

### List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
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  - [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 24 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan, cantor; John Horan, guitar

**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 24 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar

- Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern, Peter Cashman, Sheila Cashman, MaryLou Carroll
- Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 am - Debbie Kern, Michelle Wielgosz, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, April 24 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, April 25 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.

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## 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).

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## New Parishioners

Karen Callan Sheriff and her sons, John Lansana and Madieu Liam

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## Rest in Peace

William Jesse, brother in law of Carol Ann Munro

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## 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 26:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday, April 27:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday, April 28:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday, April 29:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday, April 30:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday, May 1:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday, May 2:** Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 (53)

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## Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

**Monday, April 26:** 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish

**Tuesday, April 27:** 7:30 am - Nancy Huddleston+

**Wednesday, April 28:** 7:30 am - Thomas Joyce+

**Thursday, April 29:** 7:30 am Communion Service - Tom Backis+

**Friday, April 30:** 7:30 am - Barb Bolton Kohn+

**Saturday, May 1:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Alejandro & Aritania Eugenio+

**Sunday, May 2:** 8:00 am - Glenn+ & Mary Jo+ Martin; 10:30 am - Matt Bussey+

*(+ 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
  - Mary Grover
  - Diane Gulczynski
  - Lucia Hall
  - Gina Heidkamp
  - Maria Hertl
  - 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
  - Manuel Viray
  - Norma E. Viray
  - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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