



St. Gertrude Chicago

E-Bulletin for Sunday, August 1

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Click [here](#) to see a print-friendly PDF of our new, abbreviated bulletin that will be distributed in church this weekend.

St. Gertrude Mass times are:

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

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From Father Rich

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We have entered into a five-week period of scripture readings focused on the image of the Bread of Life -- what we usually refer to as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. We have this liturgical period every three years as part of the scripture cycle of Sunday readings. These five weeks provide us an opportunity to consider how we are nourished and how we nourish others and how God nourishes us all.



Summer Mission Appeal - August 7-8: Helping Children

Over 25 years ago, when I was pastor of a parish in Berwyn, I needed to improve my Spanish abilities in order to minister to that parish, which was transitioning from monolingual and monocultural to bilingual and bicultural. So I responded to an invitation of a classmate who was working in Mexico at the orphanages of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers & Sisters) and spent 10 weeks at the main home in Miacatlan, Mexico to study Spanish in Cuernavaca and to practice with the children in the home. One of the great blessings of living in the orphanage while studying Spanish was

that the children had no problem letting me know the right word or tense when I was stumbling. A few years later, I returned to the home in Miacatlan for three months to give retreats to all the orphans at the bacchillerato level (about equivalent to our high school years) and to the workers and volunteers at the homes in Miacatlan and Cuernavaca.

My connection to the homes of [NPH USA](#) remains strong to this day. Unlike most orphanages, NPH requires that when children enter into their home, it must be all the children in the family (unless they are already legally adults) coming together because NPH becomes their new home, their new family. And no one is adopted out of the family.

NPH provides all the children in the nine countries in which they operate homes with safety, health care, food and shelter, education, and a way out of poverty. One of the ancillary programs that most moved me was an outreach to the families living on the garbage dump outside Cuernavaca. When driving between Cuernavaca and Miacatlan, everyone passes the dump. As is true in poorer countries, many families live on the garbage dump to scavenge what they can to provide enough to live on. But the biggest problem was that the children from this area were not being educated. So NPH reached out to those families and began to provide daily bus service which picked up the children in the morning, brought them to the orphanage where they showered, got into clean uniforms, gave them breakfast, and then went to school. After their afternoon meal, they were taken back home, which was the dump, to help their parents scavenge.

After speaking with many of these children over some weeks, they wanted me to come and visit their home. So, one day I joined them on the bus at the end of their school day. As we walked up what was now an enormous hill, they were delighted to show me their homes and introduce me to their

parents. As we climbed this mountain of compressed trash, I was surprised that two young boys were pushing broken bicycles up with us. I couldn't figure out what was going on since the bikes had no chains. It wasn't until we got to the top of the hill it became clear. You only need a chain on a bike if you are going up. But once you are up there, you can coast all the way back down!

For many years, I was on the fund-raising board of NPH-USA, working to provide the funds necessary to house, feed, clothe, and educate all the children in the NPH homes.

NPH is fully supporting more than 3,600 boys and girls in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru. An additional 3,900 community children receive scholarships, meals, health care, and other support. More than 81,000 services were provided through community outreach programs in 2020.

I encourage you to be generous to the Summer Mission Appeal whose collection, this year, will benefit the homes of NPH. Your gift will help raise these children from poverty, provide them with an education, and change their lives forever.

Thank you for your consideration and prayers for this impactful ministry.



Pancake Breakfast - Welcome/Welcome Back!

On Sunday, September 12, we will celebrate welcoming everyone back to church, and a special welcome to new members from the former St. Ignatius Parish, at the 10:30 am Mass, followed by a Pancake Breakfast. I hope you can join us.

As our slogan for this event states, “Pandemics come and go. Our faith is forever!” Please consider volunteering in the planning of this event, in the setting up and taking down, in the cooking and serving, and in the games for kids. There are sign-up sheets on the tables at the church door. Thanks for considering this request!



Growing in Faith

I can relate to the Israelites in our first reading today. Those who know me well have probably heard some similar “grumblings” of mine. The Israelites were just freed from slavery in Egypt; the Red Sea had just parted -- “BUT NOOOO!” (quoting Steve Martin), Moses and Aaron still led them into the desert to starve!

How many times do I experience some great joy—seeing a child’s success, witnessing wonder in nature, or learning about a fantastic opportunity to grow— and then shift gears almost immediately to a sense of worry or fear? Fortunately, God heard the Israelites’ grumbling and responded with manna in the desert. And, like the crowd in the Gospel reading, sometimes I’m looking for signs and wonders in “all the wrong places” when right in front of me stands the Bread of Life.

How do I know? I have a loving family and dear friends who feed my soul. I have a rich community through my parish, neighborhood, and work at Misericordia. I enjoy access to music, literature, and daily runs along the lakefront. Lucky me! This is my daily bread. God is with me through it all—the joys and the worries— and never leaves, despite my occasional grumblings. So how do I share my bread with others? Perhaps we become bread for each other! The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for “thanksgiving.” Maybe gratitude for these gifts, our daily bread, or manna in our lives is a good place to start.

~ Mary Ann Goode for Growing in Faith



Please Welcome our New Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry.

In July, Eloy Escamilla accepted the position of Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry here at St. Gertrude. Eloy will be joining the parish staff on Monday, August 2.

Eloy comes to us after six years in a similar position at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish on the southeast side of Chicago. He has received both a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.



All Hands on Deck Needed for *Welcome Back Sunday*

As Fr. Rich mentioned in this bulletin, on Sunday, September 12, we will have a ***Welcome Back Sunday***.

In the survey that many of you filled out, it was stated, "We need to find ways to reconnect and connect with each other here at St. Gertrude's. As pandemics come and go, our faith lives on." In response to this, we will start by having a Welcome Mass on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 am, followed by breakfast, music, and games.

We need you! We need volunteers for everything, from planning, set-up, take down, cooking, organizing, coordinating games for the kids, and a musician to entertain us.

Sign-up sheets are located at the back of church starting this weekend, or you can contact the Rectory office by phone at 773.764.3621 or via email at stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org.



Care for Real's 50th Anniversary

Fifty years ago, in 1971, the Edgewater Clerical & Rabbinical Association Episcopal (precursor to today's ECRA) and member congregations such as the Episcopal Church of the Atonement and Emanuel Congregation came together to organize emergency assistance to residents of Edgewater whose homes had been destroyed by a series of fires. Meant to be a short-term solution to an urgent crisis, it soon became clear that food insecurity went far deeper into the community. Our neighbors needed a safety net, and that safety net evolved into Care for Real.

Fifty years later, the number of clients Care for Real serves is only increasing, in both Edgewater and at the new Rogers Park pantry. At this pivotal moment, they need your support to realize their vision for a thriving community where all have access to healthy food and feel supported, respected, and deserving of care.

To honor their anniversary and build resources to serve our neighbors in new and better ways, Care for Real is launching a campaign to raise \$50,000 in 50 days, starting July 12 and running through August 31. Please consider supporting this effort!

St. Gertrude has been a strong supporter of Care for Real since 1970, providing annual financial support to help Care for Real's goals of providing loving support for our neighbors and acting as a safety net for the entire Edgewater community.

Donate to Care for Real



St. Gertrude's Women's Club Summer Potluck - New Parishioners Welcome

Ladies, what a blessing it is to just be able to gather! Please join us for our Summer Potluck on Thursday, August 12 from 6:00-8:30 pm. This time, we will meet in the lovely new garden space by the Ministry Center. A very special welcome is extended to any new parishioners.

Bring a drink/dish/or dessert to share (one item is plenty). Please RSVP to jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net if you plan to be there.

~ Laurie Jacob



Resurrection Compost Garden: Another Harvest!

We're delighted to report our Resurrection Garden is thriving! The above veggies were given to St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen last week. Additional squash and herbs were sent to Care for Real.



Wanted: Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ministers of the Word

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Masses, including ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and ministers of the word.

If you are interested, please email Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.



Heart to Heart News: Workshop by the Center for Disability and Elder Law to be Hosted at St. Gertrude On Friday, August 6

The Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL) provides free legal services to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.

Attorneys from CDEL will host a workshop at St. Gertrude on Friday, August 6. They will assist participating parishioners with creating Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and Wills.

Please call 312.376.1882 to schedule services and be sure to mention your interest in an in-person appointment at St. Gertrude Parish.

Due to the pandemic, in-person activities will be restricted to small interactions by appointment only. Documents will be completed prior to the meeting and finalized at the in-person appointment.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact me at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate



Looking for a New Job? Career Transition Center has Upcoming Workshops

On Thursday, August 5 from 9:30-11:30 am, Career Transition Center (CTC) will host a free online workshop. Titled *Networking: an Essential Tool for Career and Life*, the seminar will address best practices and techniques in the cultivation of networking, a stressful but necessary professional skill.

CTC also other upcoming free sessions, including one on discovering, developing, and communicating your natural talents on Friday, August 27.

[Click here to view all CTC events](#)



Readings and Music for Sunday, August 1

- [Link to readings for Sunday, August 1](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, August 1](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from Breaking Bread Hymnal:
 - Entrance: *Rain Down*, #600
 - Psalm 78: *The Lord gave them bread*
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Mass of Endless Mercy*, Steve Angrisano
 - Offertory: *I am the Bread of Life*, #325
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Creation*, #883
 - *Agnus Dei*: chant
 - Communion: *Take and Eat*, #357
 - Recessional: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, #545
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors and musicians are:

- Saturday, July 31 at 5:00 pm - Kate Hibbs Davis
- Sunday, August 1 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, August 1 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, July 31 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington, Kathy Wall
- Sunday, August 1 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 1 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Carlos Barrigan, Debra Novak

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, July 31 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, August 1 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 1 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis



Baptisms

- Anthony Edward Axel Guzzo, child of Anthony and Holly Beth Guzzo
- Zachary Wyatt Martin, child of Josh and Nicole Martin
- Ada Jane Werner, child of Matthew and Rebekah Werner



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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.

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 esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



[County Tax Bill Update](#)

According to a statement by Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, property tax bills will be mailed in late August and posted to cookcountytreasurer.com in mid-August. The anticipated due date is October 1, 2021.

Visit the above website for information on:

- Homeowner Exemptions
- Senior Citizen Homestead Exemptions
- Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemptions
- Persons with Disability Exemptions
- Home Improvement Exemptions
- Property Tax Relief for Military Personnel
- Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemptions
- First Responder's Surviving Spouse Tax Abatements



[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, August 2: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 3: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 4: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-2

Thursday, August 5: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday, August 7: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 8: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, August 2: 7:30 am - John Sullivan+

Tuesday, August 3: 7:30 am - St. Gertrude parishioners

Wednesday, August 4: 7:30 am - Frank Joyce+

Thursday, August 5: 7:30 am - Communion Service - Greg Wall+

Friday, August 6: 7:30 am - Maria Y-Nhu Tran+

Saturday, August 7: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Victor Strubbe+, CFD

Sunday, August 8: 8:00 am ~ Joanne Knoch Strong+; 10:30 am - Claire O'Connor+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mary Grover
- Felipe Hall and Family
- Lucia Hall
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Art Lyons
- Sr. Terri McKenzie
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Bernie O'Connor
- Tina Piemonte
- Braedon Rimpson
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel Viray
- Norma E. Viray

- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl

- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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