

St. Gertrude Chicago

E-Bulletin for Sunday, August 15

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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Meet our new Pastoral Associate, Eloy Escamilla!

Hello! My name is Eloy Escamilla, and I am the new Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry here at St. Gertrude Church. I am from Pachuca, Hgo., Northeast of Mexico City. I obtained a Master of Arts in Theology, majoring in Scriptures (New Testament) and a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. I am so excited and thankful to God to be a new member of the staff!

It is always exciting to come to a new place and learn new things, get to know new people, and share our talents so together we can all build up the Kingdom of God that Jesus would always talk about.

Teaching Religion is one of my passions, so I am looking forward to meeting with our students who attend Religious Education classes. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with catechists/teachers and parents who share their faith with our students. And of course, I am looking forward to meeting you all!

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August 15, 2021



Eloy can be reached via [email](#) or by phoning the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

I am always going to try to do my best with a big smile!

Prayers!

~ Eloy Escamilla



Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education This School Year

We are looking for catechists to teach in our parish's Religious Ed program! Catechists are usually not professional teachers, just willing parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and want to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.



Registration Open for our 2021-2022 Religious Ed Classes

Are you interested in signing your child/children up for our 2021-2022 Religious Education classes? Applications are available online [HERE](#). Completed forms should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org. (Please note, last week this email was listed incorrectly.)

Religious Education at St. Gertrude is for children in grades 1-8 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools and provides a faith community for children and their families as they awaken, nourish, and deepen their awareness of God's presence in all things.

The goal of the Religious Education program at Saint Gertrude is to teach children to listen for and respond to God's invitation to love.

In class, students and teachers work to:

- Understand that everyone is loved and treasured by God.
- Live the lessons of Jesus Christ - loving God with your whole heart and loving your neighbors as yourself.

- Build a deeper personal relationship with God through prayer and reflection.
- Learn to pray as an individual and as part of a community.
- Discover ways to love and serve others in our day-to-day lives.
- Appreciate what it means to be part of a welcoming, loving community that cares for and respects people from all walks of life.
- Deepen their knowledge of the Catholic tradition.

This school year, fees are \$200 for one child and \$225 for two or more children. An additional sacramental fee of \$60 is required for children making their First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. Religious Education class fees and sacramental fees can be paid online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/30788>.

More information about this year's classes, including the start date and whether they are in-person or online, will be shared later this month.

Registration Form for Religious Ed



Growing in Faith

The Assumption of Mary

Although not defined in the Catholic Church until 1950, the Assumption of Mary is an ancient feast in the Church. In the East, her “dormition,” or “falling asleep,” only later became known as the Assumption - the belief that after she died she was taken up to heaven, body, and soul, to await the resurrection. These beliefs were part of the Apocrypha, manuscripts of questionable authenticity that provided imaginative accounts of the life of Jesus and Mary. Although not in scripture, these beliefs sometimes became traditions of the Church, e.g., the names of Anna and Joachim, the parents of Mary.

In the US, our first bishop, John Carroll, SJ, was consecrated on the Feast of the Assumption in 1790. He dedicated the new country to Mary and named his Baltimore Basilica, *The Assumption of Mary*. Devotion to Mary rose greatly after World War II; Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption in 1950. Theologian Richard McBrien suggests that “In the aftermath of two world wars and the horrors of the death camps at Auschwitz” this was, “An acknowledgment of the dignity of the human person and faith in bodily resurrection.”

As with the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded that Mary is the one person who never put up any obstacle to the love of God in her life. May we pray to imitate her in that regard.

~ *Mary Christine Athans, BVM, for Growing in Faith*

A friend and neighbor of St. Gertrude Parish, Christine Athans, BVM, was a university professor of theology and noted author of [In Quest of the Jewish](#)

Mary. She wrote this reflection in 2013 and passed away in December of 2019.



Newly Updated COVID Mandate: Masks Required Again for Both Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Visitors

Per the new recommendations of the CDC, please wear masks when at Mass, stopping by the Rectory office, or when visiting other indoor Archdiocese spaces. This is required of both vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors.

Click [here](#) to read the July 30, 2021 communication from the Archdiocese.



Care for our Common Home: Let's Take a Green Vacation!

Planning some time off? Consider local ecotourism as a way to Care for our Common Home. Ecotourism is travel intended to support conservation and wildlife, and it is steadily increasing in popularity. Here are a few ways to practice that locally: visit the [Chicago Botanic Garden](#), kayak down the [Chicago River](#), or hike (or bike!) on one of the trails in our [local forest preserves](#).



Additional Openings Available for our Resurrection Compost Garden Program

There are several openings for people interested in participating in

our compost garden program.

Parishioners that wish to join in this program will lease a 5 gallon Resurrection Compost bucket for \$10 and can deposit appropriate materials in the bucket to St. Gertrude's deposit compost bin, which will be used to fertilize our vegetable garden that feeds patrons of Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen. Please read the [Do's and Don'ts Composting sheet](#) for information on what can actually be composted.

Interested people should speak with Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, after any of the weekend Masses or send her an email at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.



Help Needed for *Welcome Back Sunday*

As a way to reconnect as a parish and to welcome new parishioners from St. Ignatius, we will host a Welcome Back Sunday on Sunday, September 12.

We will have a Welcome Mass 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.



Northside Catholic Academy Accepting Students for 2021-2022 School Year

Northside Catholic Academy is a Blue Ribbon School. This honor is awarded to the top 50 private schools in the country that demonstrate exemplary high performance. We believe no education is complete without addressing the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. This guiding principle allows us to create a uniquely unified academic experience. We elevate classroom learning and movement practices by attending to matters of the spirit, providing a rich educational experience rooted in values of inclusion and service for PreK-8th.

Northside Catholic Academy has persevered and prevailed despite the countless obstacles the pandemic has presented. We have provided a safe learning environment with zero Covid transmissions within the school. We not only have kept students academically progressive but have successfully met students' social and emotional needs during this difficult time.

As America continues to fight the new Delta variant, we will do our part and continue to provide the safest and best academic experience for every student. We still have seats available for the 2021-2022 school year. Do you know a family that could benefit from private education?

For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org. If you would like to schedule a private tour, please email Shakira Morrissette at smorrissette@ncaweb.org or give us a call at 773-743-6277 Ext. 207.



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



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 Ministry Looking for Wheelchairs

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm, when she is in her Ministry Center office or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595-9992 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.



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



Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned for September

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary can learn more about the Mass and register [here](#).



Readings and Music for Sunday, August 15

- [Link to readings for Sunday, August 15](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, August 15](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from Breaking Bread Hymnal:
 - Entrance: *Immaculate Mary*, #201
 - Psalm: #45: *The Queen stands at your right hand*
 - Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Endless Mercy: *Alleluia* by Steve Angrisano
 - Offertory: *Litany of Mary* (sung to the *Litany of Saints* by John Becker)
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Creation*
 - *Agnus Dei*-chant
 - Communion: *Hail Mary: Gentle Woman*, #694
 - Recessional: *Hail Holy Queen*, #200
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors are:

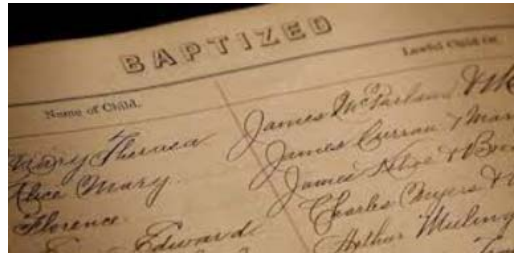
- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarenne, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Carlos Barrigan, Bob Backis

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, August 14 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, August 15 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson



Baptisms

- Alex Ayala, child of Miguel Ayala and Ana Barragan



New Parishioner

- Alonzo Martin
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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)

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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, August 16: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 21: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 22: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, August 16: 7:30 am - Ethan Seitzer+

Tuesday, August 17: 7:30 am - Edward Ryan+

Wednesday, August 18: 7:30 am - Norman Linke+

Thursday, August 19: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, August 20: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Baby David Fadonougbo

Saturday, August 21: 7:30 am - Gloria Amparo Franco+; 5:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude parishioners

Sunday, August 22: 8:00 am ~ Michael Leonard+; 10:30 am - Calero Family+

(+ 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
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - 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
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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