



St. Gertrude Chicago

E-Bulletin for Sunday, August 22

21st 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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Gregory Andre shows a photo of his brother Remossa Andre, who died during the earthquake in Camp-Perrin, Les Cayes, Haiti. AP Photo/Joseph Odelyn

Second Collection for Haiti This Weekend

The death toll is rising from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti on Saturday, August 14. Thousands are injured and many more have lost their homes and loved ones—while an unknown number are still missing.

Families in Haiti face tragedy from this devastating earthquake—while still recovering from the last one. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are on the ground, in the places most heavily hit in Les Cayes and Jeremie, working with partners and affected communities to identify the most urgent needs. Meanwhile, tropical depression Grace is threatening further devastation,

food is in short supply as stores and stocks have been destroyed and a landslide has blocked access. Timing is critical.

This weekend, a second collection will be taken for CRS and their work in Haiti. Donations can be made in church or directly to CRS [here](#). Your gift will help provide essential relief, likely to include clean water, sanitation, shelter, and emergency supplies, giving immediate aid to families affected. Please be as generous as possible.

Donate to Catholic Relief Services



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.



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!

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

Prayers!

~ Eloy Escamilla



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.



Growing in Faith

Last week's readings for the Assumption contained Mary's Magnificat which has always resonated very deeply in me: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." It also has the wonderful lines: "The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away."

You might notice that I'm using an older English version of Mary's prayer. I like its poetry. It speaks to me much more than recent renderings.

I mention this because, at times when there are aspects of the Catholic faith and church that are troubling, I find it helpful and spiritually rich to recall the Magnificat and other prayers and Bible verses that touch me deeply. These are wellsprings of my personal faith. They are the deep soil that has nurtured me as a believer.

I'd imagine that any Catholic — well, any religious believer of whatever sort

— would be able to call to mind such personally important spiritual touchstones. Perhaps, for you, it is the story of the Good Samaritan. Or the Beatitudes. Or Psalm 23. Maybe it's a novel, such as Muriel Spark's *Memento Mori*. Or a John Donne poem. Or a movie, such as *The Passion of Joan of Arc*.

Or maybe it's another of my favorites, *The Exsultet*, usually sung by a cantor on Holy Saturday, a 1,500-year-old song filled with wonder and awe, repeating the phrase "This is the night," including the lines: *This is the night/of which it is written:/The night shall be as bright as day,/dazzling is the night for me,/and full of gladness."*

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*



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.



[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.



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 hospitality and music.



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 Chears, Pastoral Associate



Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned for September - New Location Announced

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 pm at St John Brebeuf Parish, Niles, IL 60714. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate and can bring 1-2 family members. This Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on-site. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic.

Couples interested in participating can register [here](#).

Please contact familyministries@archchicago.org with any questions.



Readings and Music for Sunday, August 22

- [Link to readings for Sunday, August 22](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, August 22](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from Breaking Bread Hymnal:
 - Entrance: *Gather Us In* #303
 - Psalm: *Taste and See* by Marty Haugen-3 verses
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Mass of Endless Mercy: Alleluia* by Steve Angrisano (from Spirit and Psalm)
 - Offertory: *Love One Another*, #486; verse 3
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Creation*, #883
 - *Agnus Dei*-chant
 - Communion: *We Remember*, #493
 - Recessional: *Sing of the Lord's Goodness*, #561
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors and musicians are:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Cindy Lawson
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; Dana Sullivan-flute, Denise Goodman-clarinet

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti, Kathy Wall
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Carlos Barrigan, Patrick Robinson

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian



Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, 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.

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



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 23: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 27: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 29: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, August 23: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Mario Perez

Tuesday, August 24: 7:30 am - Rommie Villanueva+

Wednesday, August 25: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Renard Fatonubo

Thursday, August 26: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, August 27: 7:30 am - Vivian Shanahan+

Saturday, August 28: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Daniel Goodman+

Sunday, August 29: 8:00 am ~ Maggie Callaway, in Thanksgiving; 10:30 am - Richard L. Martin+

(+ 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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