



St. Gertrude Chicago
Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent
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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

Ice Damage to Parish Buildings

After the big snow comes the big leaks! Like many of your homes, the church buildings are old and because they are also large, they hold a lot of snow which now is in a cycle of thawing/re-freezing/thawing. The water leaking through the roof and walls has caused us to have to close down some doors and pews and cover certain areas with plastic to try to contain the water and the damage.

We have similar problems in the Rectory. And I expect, before it is all over, we will have issues in the other buildings.

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make a
reservation to
attend weekend
Masses in person!*

Until the weather is moderate and the snow is melted, there is not much more that can be done. For now, sorry if your pew is one of the off-limits pews!

Auction 2021 - Thank You!

Last Sunday, we wrapped up the St. Gertrude Parish Auction 2021. This was our first try at a parish auction and our first try at a virtual fund-raiser! Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Silent and Live auctions. With still a little more accounting to come, it looks like we cleared about \$28,000. Which is great for our first event of this type. And truly great in reducing our deficit this year!

Special thanks to the Auction Committee: David Sullivan, Laura Pigozzi, and Kathy Krokhar for all their hard work in planning the auction and guiding us all through it! Thanks to our Auctioneer, Greg Pierce, and our musician, Mary Clare Barker, for the Live Auction guidance! Special thanks also to our Rectory office team, Laurie Hasbrook and Margie Guadagno, for their hard work and support to make the Auction a success.

Thanks to all those who made donations for the Auction, and to all those who solicited businesses, relatives, neighbors, and friends for items for the Auction. Special thanks to our top donor/solicitor, Dorothea Tobin, who was tireless in reaching out to others for donations! And to all those who helped in any way to make this a success, THANK YOU!



Growing in Faith

“Beloved.” This simple word, filled with so much meaning, encompasses how Jesus was immersed in the limitless love of the One who affirmed him in the experience of transfiguration on the mountaintop. “Beloved.” This simple word holds all that can be said about us, disciples of the Risen One, who walk in his footsteps. As Henri Nouwen says: “Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence.”

In our Lenten journey, taking place within the seemingly endless sojourn in the valley of death in this time of pandemic, we are invited and challenged to walk with the assurance that every single one of us, and all our sisters and brothers, are beloved of God and held close in God’s compassionate embrace. As St. Paul exclaims: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

We walk by faith, not by sight as we come down from the mountaintop with Jesus, knowing that following him is risky business, not for the faint of heart, knowing, as Cardinal Bernardin said: “When Jesus invites us to follow him, the cross is embossed at the center of the invitation.”

In these difficult and challenging times, it is so easy to become fearful and paralyzed. But Jesus says if we wish to experience the power and glory of

the Resurrection if we wish to experience what “rising from the dead” means, our faith factor must be greater than our fear factor. Washed in the waters of Baptism, anointed with the power of the Spirit, and nourished with the Bread of Life, we are invited to boldly proclaim: “I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.”

Beloved. Believe it.

~ Bob Backis for *Growing in Faith*



St. Gertrude Auction 2021 Fundraiser: Thank You for Supporting Our Parish Auction

We are so grateful for the overwhelming support of our parish's Auction 2021! As of Tuesday, February 23, we have raised more than \$28,360 - exceeding our target of \$25,000!

There were so many people that helped make the Auction a success. Dorothea Tobin worked so hard to get donations for our auction, Mary Clare generously shared her incredible musical talent with us, and Greg Pierce served as our auctioneer at our live event. We are equally grateful for Margie Guadagno, Laurie Hasbrook, and Kevin Cheers, some of our amazing Rectory staff, who put in so much time to make the Auction happen.

Thank you to everyone that donated items, placed a bid, and joined in our Live Auction. We are so grateful that so many people helped and participated!

If you did bid on an item and win, it is available to pick up at our Rectory office, 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 and observe the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#).

If those times do not work for you, please call the office or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org to make alternative arrangements.

Watercolor Class Offered - Proceeds Benefit the Parish

Master watercolor teacher Kathy Kelly is offering a virtual workshop for one and all on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00- 2:30 pm. No previous experience is necessary as Kathy will walk and paint you through a simple landscape step-by-step. Relax, have fun and let your creative self emerge. A simple and inexpensive supply list will be emailed to you, as will a Zoom link.

Kathy is kindly volunteering her efforts in honor of her late Mom, who grew up in St. Gertrude parish. The cost is \$30 per person and Kathy is donating

all class fees to the parish. Please email
auction21@stgertrudechicago.org if you are interested.



Letter to the Parishioners of St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and St. Gertrude

To the faith communities of St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and St. Gertrude
parishes

We, the three pastoral leaders of the Rogers Park-Edgewater Catholic
community, want to share our thoughts to assist the transition of the three
parishes into two parishes this summer. For St Ignatius parishioners, the
loss of their parish weighs heavily on their minds and hearts. Working
together with all the members of the three parishes, we hope to be able to

develop strategies that can move us forward in creating a renewed parish life in Rogers Park and Edgewater.

We hope that your Lenten season has begun prayerfully and well, especially during this ongoing pandemic time. In the second reading of Ash Wednesday, St. Paul urges us to be “ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.” It reminds us that Lent is not only a time for personal renewal, but also for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. In this time of transition, we all need to become ambassadors for Christ as we seek to build new relationships across “parish boundaries”. This is the hoped-for essence of the Renew My Church process.

We three have begun to meet regularly to discuss the implementation of the decision, particularly the winding down of St. Ignatius as a parish and the welcoming of parishioners to the parishes of St. Jerome and St. Gertrude. The Renew My Church Organizational Transformation team will be assisting our parishes as part of that process.

From now through Easter, we will be working together to plan activities to invite our sisters and brothers of St. Ignatius to join St. Jerome or St. Gertrude as their new parish homes. In the Easter season, we envision pastoral leaders and lay members of St. Gertrude and St. Jerome visiting St. Ignatius for worship and conversation on how we can support one another and welcome new members.

Representatives from all three parishes will begin discussions to explore potential opportunities for a Mission Center in the neighborhood. This planning will also engage Loyola University, the local Jesuit community, and possibly other community partners.

Once we have walked with Jesus on his Pascal journey and celebrated his Resurrection, the level of our activities in these and other areas will expand. We encourage you to share your ideas or questions about this time of transition. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Our emails are noted below. We ask that you pray to determine how you can be an ambassador in the formation of a renewed church in Rogers Park-Edgewater.

~ Deacon Chris, cmurphy@archchicago.org, Fr. Rich Prendergast, rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, Fr. Noel Reyes, nreyes@archchicago.org



Lent 2021: Let It Go...Trust God!

Second Sunday of Lent

Even before we get to the story of the Transfiguration in today's gospel passage, we have that extraordinary opening line in the Epistle reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, "Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?" This profession of faith puts everything into perspective. So we should not be completely surprised when, in the gospel reading, we read of Jesus taking a few disciples up the mountain where he was

transfigured before their eyes, and with him appeared Moses and Elijah.

Like every moment of every day since the first Easter, even before the actual event happened, the grace of Easter was already being realized. Some scripture scholars call the Transfiguration a “misplaced resurrection account.” Perhaps “anticipatory” is a better description. But whatever we might title it, the effect is the same. We will always live in a world where the power of God’s love has already been seen and where Our Lord has gone, we are sure to follow.

When we speak of the Christian virtue of hope, this is what our hope is based upon. Through God, His Son was born into our world and lived among us, loving us and suffering and dying for that love which then became the source of everlasting life when he was raised from the dead. Where he has gone, we are certain to follow.

At this time of the liturgical year, I am reminded of the quote from Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa who, during the darkest days of apartheid, rallied the people by reminding them, “Don’t give up on hope. I’ve read to the end of the book. We win! We win!” It seems to me the Transfiguration is the embodiment of that hope. Even before the disciples had to face the horror of the cross, Jesus has strengthened them with this experience.

Having begun Lent with Jesus going into the desert, we now see where this journey will take us. Even though repentance is always challenging, creating within us uncertainty about what we might face if we change our behaviors, we are reminded to “Let it go....trust God.” God always is watching over us, loving us, leading us to eternal life.

~ Father Rich



RCIA Events

At this Sunday's 10:30 am Mass, Jessica Navarro, part of this year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group seeking entrance into the Catholic faith, will go through the Rite of Sending before heading down to Holy Name Cathedral in the afternoon for the Rite of Election.

There, she will be presented to Bishop Grob and recognized alongside other catechumens (unbaptized) in the final weeks of their preparation for entering the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Please keep her, Corina Cleja, and Daniel Geihlsler, our other RCIA candidates (who have already been baptized), and the RCIA team in your prayers in these final weeks of this important faith formation process.

Over the next three weekends at one of the Sunday Masses, the RCIA group will undergo the Scrutinies where they will be examined about their own desires to turn away from sin and embrace the gospel of Jesus. These Rites invite all of us "old Catholics" to do the same in our lives, as we share the common goal of being ready for the celebration of Easter. The schedule is:

- First Scrutiny - Saturday, March 6 at the 5:00 pm Mass
 - Second Scrutiny - Sunday, March 14 at the 8:00 am Mass
 - Third Scrutiny, Sunday, March 21 at the 10:30 am Mass
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Lenten Events and Schedule: Stations of the Cross, Lenten Reconciliation Service, Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church. During the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, the priest/minister will not invite any of those in church to walk with him/her. Everyone else must remain in their pew while the minister moves from Station to Station.

No registration is necessary to attend. Please check-in at the greeter table using the door on Granville.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 pm in church. Registration is available [here](#) or in the link below.

Holy Week

Due to COVID-19, all the Holy Week Services have new protocols. The Palm Sunday Processions, Holy Thursday's Washing of Feet, Lighting of the New Fire on Holy Saturday, and other portions of the rituals have either been removed or greatly simplified. **Registration for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter will open on Monday, March 1.**

Palm Sunday Masses

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (live-streamed)

Weekday Masses During Holy Week

Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31 - 7:30 am Mass

There are no 7:30 am Masses offered on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)

(Church is open until 10:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration.)

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion (live-streamed)

Holy Thursday, April 1

7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)

(Church is open until 10:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration.)

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion (live-streamed)

Holy Saturday, April 3

11:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass (live-streamed)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 am ~ Mass

10:30 am ~ Mass (live-streamed)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 am ~ Mass

10:30 am ~ Mass (live-streamed)

[Click here to register for the March 14 Reconciliation Service](#)



Our Lenten Almoner's Program

Previously, our Almoner's Program distributed \$5 gift cards to McDonald's

to parishioners after Mass. They were then asked to share the card with someone in need and take the opportunity to have a brief and humane conversation with the other person, affirming them and wishing them well.

This year, we have adjusted our program due to COVID and have opted to collect donations to purchase McDonald's gift cards for two local ministries that serve those in our community who are in need - [The Night Ministry](#) and [Care for Real](#). Both organizations have seen a dramatic rise in people needing help since the beginning of the pandemic.

The Night Ministry

[The Night Ministry](#) was created by local clergy and faith communities in 1976 to address the crisis of homelessness for teens and young adults. Its mission is to compassionately provide housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty, and loneliness. They strive to lovingly accept individuals as they are, particularly those in the LGBTQ community who have been ostracized from their families, and offer support as they seek to improve their lives.

Using a bus as a mobile medical clinic, the Night Ministry provides free health care, survival supplies, food, winter wear, and hygiene kits to individuals who have the most difficulty accessing traditional services. Their team regularly visits encampments, expressway viaducts, and street corners across the city, first addressing immediate health needs, then link individuals to case management and medical homes.

They have also created youth housing programs—the Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (RAPPP); the STEPS Transitional Living Program; the Crib, an emergency overnight shelter for young adults ages 18

to 24; and Phoenix Hall, a residence for North Lawndale College Prep High School students experiencing homelessness.

Care for Real

Care for Real's mission is to help neighbors in the Edgewater community by providing food, clothing, and counseling services to those in need. They accomplish this through on-site food pantry, deliveries to the homebound, a free clothing closet, a pet pantry, a job readiness program, and a case-management program to help clients connect with other services they may need.

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.

Donations to our Lenten Almoner's Program can be made via GiveCentral online HERE or placed in the collection box on the Lenten resource table when attending Mass. Please be as generous as you can!

Donate to our Almoner's Program!



Recruiting Ministers of Praise

Interested in joining a special ministry that has no required meetings, no dues, or outside responsibilities? Yet its participants have a valued connection to our parish life. You can enrich your life by praying for others every day.

Here's how it works: we provide our committed participants (you) with a monthly guide sheet reflecting some of the prayer petitions taken from St. Gertrude Church's Prayer Wall. You then refer to this guide every day as you pray. As one of our prayer angels, you become an unseen blessing to so many.

We welcome your interest in this caring Ministry of Praise. Please contact Jane Callahan-Moore by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.



Northside Catholic Academy- Primary
School Open House Scheduled for
Saturday, March 6, Coming Fundraisers
- Wildcat Roaring Races, a Stan's
Donuts & Coffee Van, & NCA Trivia
Night

Northside Catholic Academy- Primary School Open House

Join us for our Primary School Open House on Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Families must RSVP before arriving.

We are an award-winning academy committed to providing our students with an exceptional educational experience that includes intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social development. We offer a well-rounded and rigorous curriculum for PreK-8th grade. Families will have the opportunity to tour our Primary Campus with our admissions director.

All families must wear a mask, receive a temperature check at the door, and

schedule a tour time before attending the open house. Please click the link [HERE](#) to schedule your tour time.

For questions, please email Shakira, our admissions director, at smorrisette@ncaweb.org.

Wildcat Roaring Races- Become a Wildcat Winner!

Join our Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group! Wildcat Roaring Races is Northside Catholic Academy's virtual fundraiser. The races are held, and the prizes are posted on the Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group for anyone to win. You will have a 1-25 chance to win every race you enter. There are lots of GREAT prizes posted every week!

Here's how it works; items are posted with a picture, description, and line price in the Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group. If you are interested, you will click on the link provided in the group, and the link will direct you to order and pay for your races. Races are hosted via Facebook Live in the Facebook group on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please invite your family and friends to join our private Facebook group. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to win a variety of prizes!

Tell your family and friends and click the link [HERE](#) to join our Wildcat Roaring Races Facebook group today!

The Stan's Donuts & Coffee Van is headed to Northside Catholic Academy!

ALL ARE WELCOME! Invite a friend and stop by the Primary School's gated parking lot (6216 N. Glenwood Ave) on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm! Stan's Donuts and Coffee will be slinging 12 different

kinds of individually-wrapped donuts, and they'll also have their Van Special, which includes three of each of the following donuts for \$25:

- Chocolate dipped
- Vanilla sprinkled glazed
- Glazed
- Cinnamon Sugar

Purchase onsite or pre-order. We strongly recommend you place a pre-order so you're able to get the donuts you desire. There are vegan and gluten-free options. Check out their menu today!

(A portion of the proceeds goes to NCA) **Click the link below to place your pre-order:** <https://foodtruck.pub/?id=5068>

If you post on social during the event and tag @stansdonutschicago, you'll have the chance to win a \$25 app credit. Stan's Donuts and Coffee is excited to share their delicious donuts outside their delivery area, meet new [#StansFans](#), and support a great cause!

NCA Trivia Night- March 6 at 7:00 pm!

Did you think a pandemic was going to stop our trivia fun?! NO WAY! Northside Catholic Academy is having a Virtual Trivia Night! Buy your ticket and grab your cocktail because this is one Trivia Night you don't want to miss!

The NCAPO will be hosting the Virtual Trivia Night on Saturday, March 6. Organize your team of 2-8 people (we recommend keeping teams to no more than 8 people to make it more enjoyable) and register at the following link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ncatrivianight2021>.

Tickets are \$25 for single players/\$50 per couple.



Commonweal Dialogue: Zoom Event
Planned for Sunday, February 28 at
2:00 pm

**The Promise of Vatican II Fifty Years On: The
Synod on Synodality**

In October 2022, Pope Francis will host a synod among Bishops at the Vatican on the topic of synodality—on how Catholic laypeople may participate in discerning the Church's path forward in the twenty-first century.

From early in his papacy, Pope Francis has stressed the need for a greater practice of "synodality" in the Church. Such synodality is rooted in the fundamental equality of all Christians on account of their baptism. It literally means "walking together." It recognizes that all members of the church are endowed with a wisdom that needs to be expressed and heard by everyone

in the church. "When the dialogue among the people and the bishops and the Pope goes down this road and is genuine," Francis says, "then [the church] is assisted by the Holy Spirit."

Steve Bevans, Professor Emeritus at Chicago Theological Union, will explain the promise and meaning of synodality and the upcoming Synod. He will also answer questions on how we can make our voices heard as bishops prepare for the Synod in the coming months.

The forum will last for about one hour, including time for discussion. All are welcome.

The link for the Zoom forum is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699252556?pwd=bjZESURqem1zRjBtTnlQb1lSYU5UZz09>

If convenient, please join via your desktop computer. This will let you see more of the "roomful" of guests. If your computer does not have a camera or microphone, you can join simultaneously via smartphone, allowing you to use the smartphone's camera and microphone alongside your desktop computer.

Here's how to join via smartphone (or landline phone):

- [+1 312 626 6799](tel:+13126266799) US (Chicago)
 - Meeting ID: 856 9925 2556 #
 - Participant ID: #
 - Passcode: 960581 #
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Readings and Music for Sunday, February 28/Explanation of Lenten Music Choices

- [PDF of readings for February 28](#)
- [PDF of lyrics, music, and copyright info for February 28](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Entrance: *In These Days of Lenten Journey*, #123
 - *Kyrie*: Barker
 - Psalm Response: #25: *Your ways O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant* (from Spirit and Psalm)
 - Gospel Acclamation: Barker-*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory*.
 - Offertory: *Transfigure us O Lord*, #503
 - Mass parts: *Schubert Deutsche Mass*
 - Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* -chant
 - Communion: *Christ be Our Light*, #587
 - Meditation: *Sacred Silence*, #547
 - Recessional: *Rain Down*, #600



Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, and Musicians Planned for This Weekend

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; Jim Szmurlo-violin

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, February 20 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, February 21 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, February 22 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern, Carol Ann Munro, Peter Cashman, Sheila Cashman
- Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 27 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, February 29 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 Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



Now Open: Special Health Insurance Enrollment Period

As the global pandemic continues, millions of Americans are facing new health concerns and also remain underinsured or uninsured and still need affordable health coverage. That's why President Joe Biden signed an executive order calling for a Special Enrollment Period so you and your families can apply and enroll in the coverage you need.

Up until March 15, 2021, you can purchase, change, or renew your health care plans under the Affordable Care Act for coverage starting on the first of the next month.

Visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to learn about the options that are available to you and your family.

Most people using [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) qualify for financial assistance and in 2019, 2 in 3 people found plans for \$10 per month or less. Access to affordable health coverage is more important now than ever. Don't go uncovered. Go to [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) and find a quality affordable plan that works for you.

Chicago Religious Leadership Network: Sanctuary Working Group Winter Appeal



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Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America

Sanctuary Working Group

You can be part of communities temporarily supporting immigrant and asylum seeker needs by giving to the Immigrants' Emergency Fund.

If you, as an individual or a congregation, can provide housing or gift cards for food and other necessities to an immigrant or asylum seeker, OR if you have questions of how to support, contact jchernandez@crln.org.

CRLN's Organizing Committee convenes a Sanctuary Working Group to identify ways that congregations and individuals can provide temporary housing and accompaniment for immigrants released from detention and sponsorship support for asylum seekers. The Group also reaches out to link these individuals with case managers and counselors, when requested. In 2020, Wellington Avenue UCC, University Church, and Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church answered the call to provide housing and/or sponsor asylum seekers and immigrants. CRLN set up an Immigrants' Emergency Fund to help congregations meet the additional costs—food, clothing, transportation, household supplies--of supporting immigrants and asylum seekers as they transition into supporting themselves.

If you cannot provide housing, you can help by **scanning the QR Code below** or donating here to the Immigrants' Emergency Fund: tinyurl.com/iefund

Please give from your hearts to support those who have already endured detention and mistreatment merely for lack of documents or for seeking safety.





New Parishioners

- Jessica Albert and her daughter, Adaline
 - Evelyn Rubino and her son, Dion Rubino
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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, March 1: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 5: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 6: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 7: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29),

or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)



Mass Intentions/Mass Book for 2022 Opens March 10

The Mass Intentions book for 2022 will open on Wednesday, March 10 at 9:00 am. 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](#).

Sunday, February 28: 8:00 am - Isabelle Lackowski+; 10:30 am - Kathleen McMullen+

Monday, March 1: 7:30 am - Regino Torres, Jr. +
Tuesday, March 2: 7:30 am - Joseph Thu Nguyen+
Wednesday, March 3: 7:30 am - Peggy Malone+
Thursday, March 4: 7:30 am - Communion service
Friday, March 5: 7:30 am - Marlene Ziel+; 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 6: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Eileen McGuire+
Sunday, March 7: 8:00 am - Evanzuela Manuel+; 10:30 am - Noone McGuire+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Martha & Massielle Ojeda
- Braedon Rimpson
- Mickey Resch

- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Lois DiFruscio
- Diane Gulczynski
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel Viray
- Norma E. Viray
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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