



## **St. Gertrude Chicago**

### **E-Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*February 6, 2022*

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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 in Church (The 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page.](#))
- Sundays at 10:30 am in the Gym

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## Thank You Note from Fr. Mike

Dear Parishioners of Saint Gertrude,

Your outpouring of affection for my retirement celebration was simply amazing! Thank you very much for all your thoughtfulness and kindness. Last weekend's celebrations were both uplifting as well as overwhelming! I will never forget your many expressions of love and appreciation. At some

moments over the recent days, I began to wonder if we were celebrating a retirement, or a organizing a petition for canonization! I assure you that I'll never be beatified or canonized, but your good wishes will echo in my heart forever no matter where I go. I hope that you enjoyed the cookies (baked at Misericordia), and I also hope that you'll wear the Saint Gertrude wristband with pride. Please keep me in your prayers, and I assure you that you are in my prayers.

There are so many people I have to thank for all your kindness shown to me, but let me mention especially Father Rich Prendergast, Father Mike Gabriel, Mary Clare Barker, Kevin Cheers, Tim Harrington, Dorothea and Mike Tobin, Jane Callahan-Moore, Eduardo Soto, Eloy Escamilla, and Laurie Hasbrook.

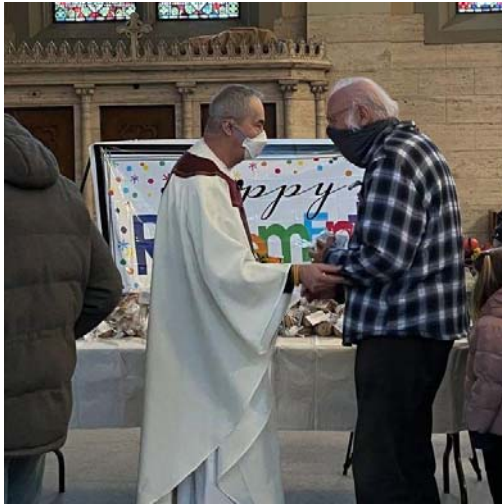
I am grateful to everyone for your incredible thoughtfulness and generosity. For everyone else whom I've not mentioned by name, please accept my heartfelt gratitude. A huge thank you to everyone!

*Father Mike Bradley*

P.S. My email address is [mbradley@archchicago.org](mailto:mbradley@archchicago.org).

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## Thank You for Coming Out Last Weekend to Honor Fr. Mike Bradley

We are so grateful to everyone who came out to bless Fr. Mike Bradley last weekend as he begins the next phase of his life - retirement! The entire weekend was wonderful, so filled with love and heartfelt memories.

We especially would like to thank Dorothea and Mike Tobin, the Confirmation class of 2022, all of our cantors and musicians, all those who wrote reflections, Rogers Park Florist, Tim Harrington, and Misericordia Bakery and for their assistance with making the celebration so beautiful.

Fr. Mike was so touched with the celebration and he leaves St. Gertrude knowing how much he was appreciated and loved. Thank you!

All images from last weekend can be found on the home page of our website, [stgertrudechicago.com](http://stgertrudechicago.com).

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Thank you for supporting  
the Annual Catholic Appeal



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## Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

*Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility*

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, training new Ministers of Care for our Heart to Heart Ministry of

outreach to the sick and elderly.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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## Growing in Faith

There's a wonderful image in this weekend's first reading which starts with Isaiah saying he's doomed because he is "a man of unclean lips." So, God sends an angel with an ember from the altar fire to cleanse Isaiah's lips. That sound like a pretty painful thing to undergo, and maybe it's a reminder that following God is no picnic.

But it's only part of the lesson, this cleansing of Isaiah's sin. The second part is God asking: "Whom shall I send?" Who will deliver God's message? And the prophet answers: "Here I am. Send me."

A common misunderstanding of saints is to think of them as perfect plaster statues. Not true, as anyone who's ever been called a saint will tell you. We're all sinners — you, me, and everyone else. We're all saints, too. Or, at least, we can choose to act like saints.

Peter knows how flawed he is when, in the gospel, he tells Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Paul, in the epistle, has the same message: "I am the least of the apostles."

Yet, Peter was the rock on which Jesus built the Christian community. And Paul was the one who travelled the world to share the good news.

When it comes to being a human being, flaws and imperfections and sin are part of the job description. Well, actually, the job description is to recognize these failings and to find a way to rise above them to do good in the world, to love and be loved.

*~ Patrick T. Reardon*

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## Midwest Workers Association Super Bowl Sunday Tamale Benefit - Place Your Orders This Weekend in the Back of Church

The Midwest Workers Association (MWA) is a free and voluntary membership association of low-income workers in the Chicago area. Members help other members meet survival needs while fighting to eradicate government policies that have led to job losses, poverty wages, home foreclosures, utility shutoffs and denial of health care.

The public health and economic crisis has forced thousands more low-income working families to face the untenable “choice” of heating their homes or feeding their children. We invite you to join MWA in helping to stop the winter death toll!

MWA's Super Bowl Tamale Benefit generates critical support for our Winter Survival Campaign. The campaign includes winter door-to-door membership canvasses, utility bill advocacy (to stop shutoffs and restore service for members), warm coat & blanket distributions, check-in calls to

members and more.

**MWA volunteers will be in the back of church this Saturday, February 5 evening and Sunday, February 6 after Mass to take orders. Tamales will be brought to St. Gertrude the following weekend, Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13 for pick-up after Masses.**

The suggested donations for the homemade tamales are \$10 for a half dozen and \$20 for a dozen, with all monies raised going to support their Winter Survival Campaign. There are three kinds to choose from and they come in half-dozen bags of a kind. Choices include chicken in a green sauce, vegetarian "queso y rajas" (cheese & jalapeno), and vegan black bean & cactus.

[Click here for a MWA Tamale Benefit Flyer](#)



[St. Blase Throat Blessing This Weekend](#)

The Feast of St. Blase is celebrated Thursday, February 3. We will use the St. Blase Throat Blessing at the Masses this weekend, February 5-6, as the final blessing.

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The **North Side Community Mask Drive** is a parent-and-community driven effort to ensure that the PPE needs of schools and communities are met.

**We are accepting donations of:**

- ▶ Child-sized N95/KN95/KF94
- ▶ Child-sized surgical masks
- ▶ Cleaning supplies (wipes and hand sanitizer)

**SCAN HERE for more information**



**DROP OFF SUPPLIES at the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce: 5217 N. Clark  
Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am-4:30pm**

**Contact**

 NSCommunitymasks@gmail.com

## North Side Community Mask Drive: Masks and Cleaning Supplies Needed for Area Students

North Side Community Mask Drive is a community wide effort to collect child-size respirator masks, child-size surgical masks, and cleaning supplies



and distribute them to local neighborhood schools facing urgent need. The NS Community Mask Drive is currently partnering with local businesses, as well as the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), which includes St. Gertrude parish.

The group is collecting:

- Child-size N95/KN95/KF94 masks (also accepting adult sized masks for older kids)
- Child-size surgical masks
- Clorox/disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer

Items can be dropped off in a marked bin at [Edge of Sweetness](#), 6034 N. Broadway, or shipped to/dropped off at [Church of Atonement](#), 5749 N. Kenmore.

Please email [NSCommunityMasks@gmail.com](mailto:NSCommunityMasks@gmail.com) with any questions or if you would like to help amplify, join our efforts, or receive supplies.



[First Communion Parent Meeting on](#)

## Thursday, February 10 Will be In-Person

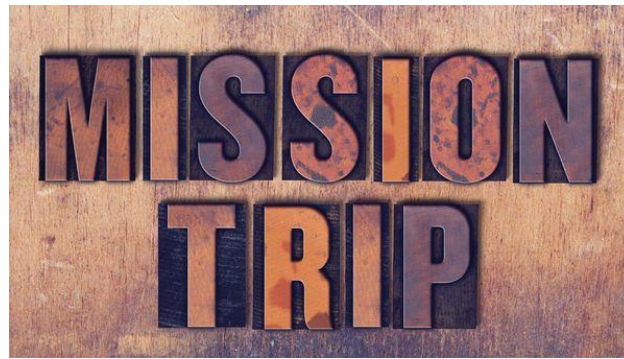
There is a parent meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 West Granville Avenue, for children who will make their First Communion in May.

Please note our requirements stated in our Religious Ed handbook, "Any student who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Communion in St. Gertrude Church in 2022 must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, and have completed at least two years of preparation for the reception of the sacrament."

We do ask that parents only attend and thank you in advance for being on time.

*~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry*

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Deposit Due Next Weekend for Summer

# Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota

The youth group's Summer Mission Trip will be July 17-22. The group will travel to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. All teens in grades 7-12 who attend parish youth group meetings regularly are welcome to take part in this jam-packed week of service, friendship, and fun! Space is limited.

The cost is \$379 per person, not including transportation. A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is due by Sunday, February 13, 2022. A nonrefundable half payment of \$100 is due by Monday, February 28. The final payment deadline date will be shared in the future. We are organizing some fundraising events to offset these expenses.

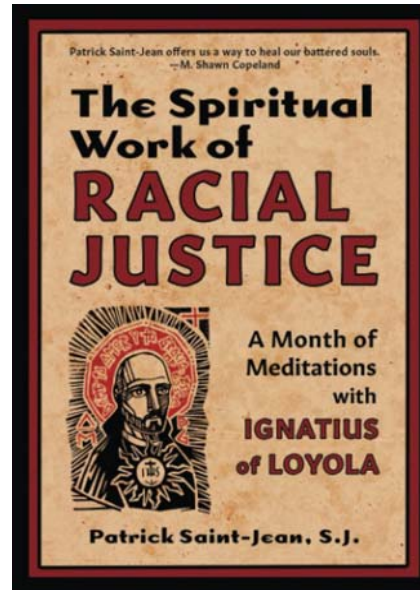
Please consider two factors when deciding about the Mission Trip - the pandemic is likely to still be ongoing in July and we are traveling to and from South Dakota in a passenger van. (A close space considering the pandemic).

For more information about the mission trip, please visit the [Lake Traverse Youth Mission Trip | YouthWorks website](#). If you have any questions, please email me at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

*~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry*

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## Palms Up for Lent: Additional Lenten Opportunities

With Lent quickly approaching (Ash Wednesday is March 2), the Peace and Justice Ministry invites everyone to participate in social justice focused Lenten devotions that are being offered. As mentioned in previous bulletins, we will be offering Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30 pm in addition to the traditional 3:00 pm. The Almoner's program of McDonald's gift card distribution will be offered again this year.

This week, we are highlighting another option. St. Gertrude's will be offering small prayer and learning groups focused on anti racism. The groups will be using *The Spiritual Works of Racial Justice*, written by Patrick Saint Jean, S.J. His work offers reflections on how taking an anti-racism position is not an optional aspect of a spiritual life, but rather it is essential to becoming all that God calls us to be. This will be an opportunity to come together in reflection and prayer using this resource.

If you would like to sign up and be part of one of these groups, if you are part of an ongoing group that would be interested in exploring this topic during Lent, or willing to be a group leader, please let us know! Sign up by emailing Maria Garcia at the Rectory office at [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) or Father Mike at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org).

~ Fr. Mike Gabriel

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## NCA Soiree 2022

Join NCA parents and alum for a night of casino-themed fun on Saturday, February 26. The 16th annual NCA Soirée will be held at the Theater on the Lake, located at 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive, and will celebrate NCA teachers, staff, and families. Tickets includes food, drink, entertainment, and

more! Log in to NCA's [Bidding for Good website](#) to purchase tickets today!

NCA is currently running two fundraisers for the 2022 NCA Soiree, a grand raffle with a grand prize of \$5,000 dollars and a choose your own vacation with six options! Tickets are available at [ncasoiree.com](https://ncasoiree.com).

All proceeds from the 2022 NCA Soirée support the students and programs of Northside Catholic Academy.

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Thinking of  
Joining NCA?

Schedule an  
individual  
tour today!

Learn more at  
[NorthsideCatholic.org](https://NorthsideCatholic.org) or call  
773-743-6277 ext. 207

**Join Us Today!**

## [NCA Offering Individual Tours](#)

NCA is now registering for the 2022-2023 school year! Thinking of joining Northside Catholic Academy? If so, consider signing up for one of our individual tours! To come explore our campus or learn more about our curriculum, call 773.743.6277 ext. 207 or contact Jacob Utz at [jutz@ncaschools.com](mailto:jutz@ncaschools.com).

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Click here to order your FREE COVID tests

## Free At-Home Rapid COVID Test Kits Available

This week, every household in the U.S. became eligible to order four at-home COVID-19 tests from the government. The tests are completely free!

Visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) and fill out the contact information and shipping address. Orders are expected to ship in 7-12 days and will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

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## New Parishioners

- Amy O'Keefe
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## Rest in Peace

- Vincent R. Daley, former parishioners
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## Readings and Music for This Weekend

- [Links to readings for Sunday, February 6](#)
  - [Lyrics and Copyright Info for Sunday, February 6](#)
  - Music planned:
    - Entrance: *Enter the Journey*, #646
    - Gloria: Mass of Renewal, *Glory To God*, #875
    - Psalm 40: *Here I am*, #776
    - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia* from Misa del Mundo (new from *Spirit and Psalm*)
    - Offertory: *Seek Ye First*, #442
    - Mass Parts: Mass of Creation
    - Communion: *Pescador de hombres*, #496 (verses in English and refrain sung in Spanish)
    - Recessional: *Go Make a Difference*, #493
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## Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Scheduled for This Weekend

Our cantors and musicians are:

- Saturday, February 5 at 5:00 pm in church - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, February 6 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, February 6 at 10:30 am in church - Dana Sullivan
- Sunday, February 6 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, February 5 at 5:00 pm in church - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, February 6 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, February 6 at 10:30 am in church - Patrick Robinson
- Sunday, February 6 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, February 5 at 5:00 pm in church - Millie Slane
- Sunday, February 6 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, February 6 at 10:30 am in church - Steve Moddle
- Sunday, February 6 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA





## Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays You Back

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a gift to the Church that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga).

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

Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through [smile.amazon.com](http://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](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org).

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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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, February 7:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 8:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 9:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 10:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 11:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 12:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 13:** Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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## Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

**Monday, February 7:** 7:30 am - James Byrnes +

**Tuesday, February 8:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

**Wednesday, February 9:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

**Thursday, February 10:** 7:30 am - Communion Service

**Friday, February 11:** 7:30 am - Glenn Martin +

**Saturday, February 12:** 7:30 am - Deceased members of Naughton & Byrnes Families +; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann

**Sunday, February 13:** 8:00 am - Ruben Villa-Ignacio +; 10:30 am in church - Betty Taylor +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - St. Gertrude parishioners

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
  - Helen Banta
  - Jean Bautista
  - Zara Bradley
  - Sharon Brown
  - Connie Bueck
  - Lilly Buie
  - Maggie Callaway
  - Aida Calvopina
  - Connie Cool
  - Caloy Desembrana
  - Ann Collins Dole
  - Christine Frisoni
  - Shirley Marie Gonzales
  - Gina Heidkamp
  - Maria Hertl
  - Daniel Hidalgo
  - Patti Irwin
  - Bernice Kiedysz
  - Dean Mattoni
  - Larry McCauley
  - Molly Morris
  - Karey Myers
  - Tina Piemonte
  - Charley Scantlebury
  - Richard Seitz
  - Peggy Stoffel
  - The Sullivan family
  - Elinora E. Tolentino
  - Manuel & Norma Viray
  - Valerie Williams
  - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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