

St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, February 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of Jesus to *“Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world.”*

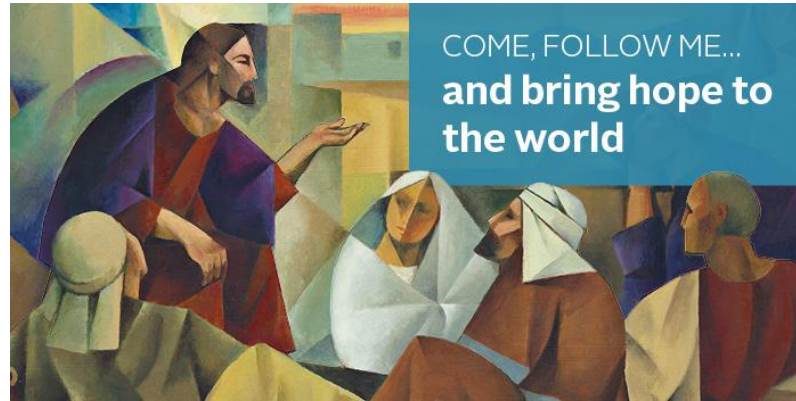
If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online: <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.

***Bulletin for the
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

February 7, 2021



*Click [HERE](#) to
make a
reservation to
attend weekend
Masses in person!*



Annual Catholic Appeal: Text-to-Give Instructions

There is an option to make a gift on mobile phones via a text-to-give number for this year's Appeal. Here is the phone number and keyword:

- **Text to Phone Number: 345345**
- **Keyword: ACA2021** (not case sensitive)

1. Using a mobile device, open your text message application.
 2. Enter the text to phone number **345345** in the *To:* section.
 3. Type the keyword "**ACA2021**" (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application.
 4. Hit the send button.
 5. A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form.
 6. Complete your gift by filling out the form and submitting it.
 7. Gifts will be processed by the Annual Catholic Appeal.
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Growing in Faith

The readings begin with the troubling story of Job. Unimaginable suffering and loneliness descend upon this poor person for no good reason. Job's friends are important characters and start well. They show up, mirror his distress but then veer off into victim-blaming and impose meaning on his circumstances by speaking for God and holding Job's imagined bad behavior and impiety responsible for his losses and pain.

These were not healing encounters. We humans want and seek meaning, which is usually a good thing. But meaning often gets tangled up in the myth of meritocracy in a just world, which can't allow for bad things happening to blameless people.

In contrast, Mark's gospel gives us Jesus beginning his ministry as a gifted healer. He heals Simon's mother-in-law of a fever. Jesus meets her where she is, risks taking her hand, and heals her without interpreting her suffering or explaining God's methods to her. Jesus brings God's empathy and kindness, leaving blame where it belongs, outside the relationship as irrelevant and damaging.

Our country has been fevered. Many of us have been so angry and many

more are grieving, bowed, or broken by illness, cruelty, poverty, and injustice. We have heard a compelling call for healing from our new administration. I pray we can answer it because we all need it. I pray we can practice the healing art of Jesus. I pray we have the courage and generosity to choose empathy over blame. I pray we choose to meet as fellow sufferers and not enemies. To bring kindness, not judgment, and to heal the grief we share.

~ KC Conway for *Growing in Faith*



St. Gertrude Auction 2021 Fundraiser Features a Silent Auction and a Live Auction Event

Our week-long **Silent Auction** goes live next Friday, February 12 and will end in a live auction on Sunday, February 21. Some Silent Auction highlights include:

- Vintage handmade quilt
- Gift certificates to area restaurants
- Two hours of architectural design consultation

We'll also offer a Wine Cellar Spectacular – where you can buy raffle tickets to win 12 bottles of fine wine!

The **Live Auction** event will begin at 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 21. You'll also be able to order cupcakes and wine to enjoy during the live-stream. (Pick-up will be available after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 20 and Masses on Sunday, February 21.) Items available to bid on during this special event are:

- **Pura Vida – a Costa Rican luxury vacation** (7 days, 7 nights in a 5-bedroom luxury home) <https://www.stayincostarica.com/los-suenos-costa-rica-luxury-home-rental-casa-puesta-del-sol>
- **Holy Barbeque!** (Dinner with the priests of St. Gertrude)
- **Lights, Camera, Action!** (Behind-the-scenes tour for four of Cinescape Chicago Film Studios--Chicago Fire/PD/Med-- with dinner at Lady Gregory's)
- **Backyard Social Distance Fun Pack** (Solo Stove fire pit, a four-pack of spirits and beer, plus a basket of snacks)
- **Sue and more!** (Behind-the-scenes tour for ten of the Field Museum, dinner at Lakefront restaurant, and a watercolor print of your choice by the Field Museum's artist-in-residence)
- **Olé – A Mexican Fiesta** (Chef-prepared Mexican dinner for 12)

If you have any other items to donate to either the Silent Auction or the Live Auction, please email us at auction21@stgertrudechicago.org or fill out the donor form linked below.



Recent Financial Reports

In recent weeks, we shared two different financial reports regarding the parish's finances - the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year that ended on June 30, 2020 and a report that compares the financial picture during the pandemic (from March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020) with the same period from the year earlier. Both reports are linked below.

There are three line items I would like to direct your attention to in the comparison report. The first is **Income**. Our Sunday/Holy Day income from March 13 through December 31, 2019 was \$476,982.23. In 2020, during the pandemic, our income was \$413,512.40. The difference was \$63,469.83, or a decrease of 13.31%.

The second is our **Expenses**. From March 13 through December 31, 2019, our expenses were \$788,273.47. In 2020, during the pandemic, our expenses were \$691,391.20. The difference was \$96,882.27, a decrease of 12.29%.

The third item in this comparison is the accounting of the **PPP funds** we received from the government for some of our payroll expenses. We received a total of \$111,600.00. This unexpected source of revenue greatly lessened our losses in this time period, although we won't know the full picture until we reach both the end of the fiscal year and the end of the pandemic. As the numbers indicate right now, we expect to have another deficit by the time we get to the end of this fiscal year on June 30, 2021.

Please feel free to contact me or our Business Manager, [Art Blumberg](#), if you have any questions.

Thank you for all you do to continue to make St. Gertrude Parish healthy, vital, and viable!

~ Fr. Rich Prendergast

Read/download a comparison of the financial picture during the pandemic (from March 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020) with the same period from 2019

Read/download a copy of Annual Financial Report



48th Ward and ECRA's Free COVID Test Clinic - Saturday, February 6

This Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm, the 48th Ward and the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) will sponsor a free COVID test clinic for anyone aged five and up. The clinic will be held at the Ismaili Jamatkhana parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Rosemont, 6259 N. Broadway.

Attendees can drive-up or walk-up. Walk-ups will be admitted while supplies last. Pre-registration encouraged but not required at www.48thward.org/coronavirus.

St. Gertrude Parish is a proud member of ECRA, an interfaith association of religious organizations that work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths and nurturing a thriving and just neighborhood.

For decades, ECRA has linked religiously diverse neighbors, including Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, as well as our friends from the Jewish, Muslim, and Hindi faith, to create solutions to local problems, including the Edgewater Community Council and creating Edgewater's food pantry, Care for Real.

COVID Clinic Flyer

The image is a collage of six promotional flyers for the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. At the top, a blue banner reads "Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Upcoming Programs & Events-Winter 2021".

- Dreams and Spirituality:** A virtual workshop by Sister Pat Coughlin, OSR, M.Div. on Tuesday mornings (Jan. 19 & 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Limit to 12 participants.
- THE TRUE COST: STORIES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** A 45-minute live production and post-show panel discussion via Zoom on Saturday, January 23, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration required by Jan. 19th.
- Lectio Divina:** First Thursday of the month beginning in February 2021, 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- A Deeper Look at Fratelli Tutti in Spite of its Title:** A presentation by Sister Beata, OSR, M.Div. on Sunday, March 7, 2021, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- "To Share the Common Table":** A Benedictine Vision for Living in Times of Division. Presentation by Nicole Soroka, OSR, M.Div. on Sunday, March 7, 2021, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Connections and Callings:** A virtual evening of discernment during Catholic Sisters Week for young and post-novice (18-50) on Monday, March 8, 2021, 7-9 p.m.

Opportunities and Events Hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

All are welcome to register for the following activities and events hosted by the Benedictine Sisters.

- **Lectio Divina** – Learn the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina, an ancient form of reading and praying with Scripture. This monthly evening practice, in a group setting, is perfect for those who are new to Lectio Divina or those who would like to have a little more practice. The group gathers online via Zoom the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00 beginning in February. Scripture passages will be provided. Bring a journal if you wish! To learn more or to register,

contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, at 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.

- **A Deeper Look at Fratelli Tutti in Spite of its Title** – Join Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, each month for a reflection and participatory hour on Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Gatherings are on the third Thursday of the month beginning in February from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. For more info or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.
- **“To Share the Common Table” A Benedictine Vision for Living in Times of Division** – A presentation by Nicole Sotelo on Sunday, March 7 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Whether seen through the lens of racism, politics, or the pandemic, the divisions in our country became more visible over the last year and our personal and collective wounds grew wider. How might our internal and communal narratives impact the divisions? Is there another narrative that may move us forward? Join the Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery and Nicole Sotelo as she speaks on the topic of narratives, healing, and forgiveness in a time of division. Ms. Sotelo is the communications coordinator at Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University and the author of *Women Healing from Abuse: Meditations for Finding Peace* (Paulist Press) and *Pray Your Way Through Forgiveness* (Twenty-Third Publications). Sponsored by the Benedictine Oblates, this online Zoom event is free and open to the public. For more info visit www.osbchicago.org/programs or contact 773.764.2413 x232. Please register by emailing communications@osbchicago.org.
- **Connections and Callings: A virtual evening of discernment** –God connects with our hearts in many ways, through various people, and by different means. Join young, single women (18-50) on Monday, March 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm via Zoom to engage in a reflective

exercise, which will help explore where and how God is calling us in our everyday lives. To learn more, please email, text, or call Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, at vocation@osbchicago.org or 847-859-9887. Visit www.osbchicago.org/programs.



Rest in Peace

Marty Stanton, brother of Tom Stanton



Readings and Music for Sunday, February 7

- [PDF of readings for February 7](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics, music, and copyright info for February 7](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Entrance: *Healing River of the Spirit*, #664
 - *Gloria*: Barker
 - Psalm: #147, *Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted*
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia* from Mass of Endless Mercy
 - Offertory: *Your Words are Spirit and Life*, #592
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Renewal*, #876
 - Communion: *We Remember*, #493
 - Recessional: *Go Make a Difference*, #499
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
- [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
- [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
- [What to Expect/Do in Church \(photos w/captions\)](#)
- [Volunteers Needed to Help with Mass](#)
- [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#)
- [Meetings at St. Gertrude](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)



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

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, February 7 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan

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 6 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, February 7 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, February 7 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, February 7 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 6 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, February 7 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, February 7 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](#)



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 8: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 12: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 14: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 8: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Tuesday, February 9: 7:30 am - Gloria Cabangon+

Wednesday, February 10: 7:30 am - Fr. Peter Shinde+ O.C.Arm

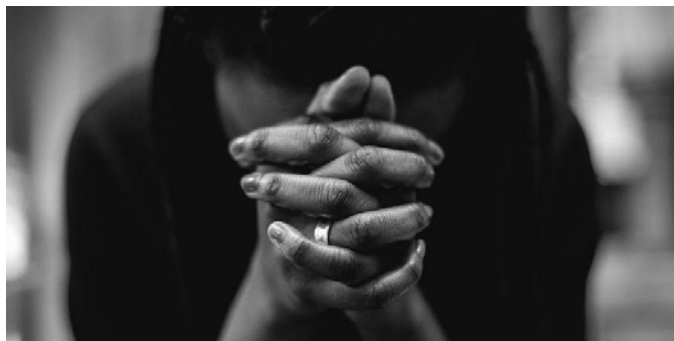
Thursday, February 11: 7:30 am - Communion service

Friday, February 12: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Saturday, February 13: 7:30 am - Ester Bugler+; 5:00 pm - Sylvia + and
Amy+ Gaddini

Sunday, February 14: 8:00 am - Ethel Heintz+; 10:30 am - Amie Leagan+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and
Friends

- Jean Bautista
 - Walter Bradford
 - Sharon Brown
 - Connie Bueck
 - Lilly Buie
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Lois DiFruscio
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - The Hoynes Family
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Karey Myers
 - Braedon Rimpson
 - Mickey Resch
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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