



St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, July 4, 2021

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Please note, the e-bulletin for next Sunday, July 11 will be distributed on Friday, July 9.

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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From Father Rich

*Bulletin for the
14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

July 4, 2021

Independence Day Weekend

This weekend, we celebrate the 245th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, breaking the American colonies

away from the rule of Great Britain.

As we were so clearly reminded at the signing of the bill establishing the new national holiday of Juneteenth, we are a nation always imperfect, but struggling to live the vision of our founders that all people are created equal and enjoy certain rights simply because we have been created to be free.



As we celebrate this great anniversary, let us be grateful for all the vision of a free people calls us to be and also be aware of how we have come up short and continually need to be summoned to make that vision a reality for all people here in the United States and as a potential reality for other nations in the world. As many have already stated, “until all are free, none are free.”

Our Phased Reopening Week 4

This weekend, we continue our reopening with some of the adult choir singing at the 10:30 am Mass. Last weekend, we resumed ushers taking up the collections, and singing! (*Reminder: Breaking Bread* books are now on the library carts at the front and side entrances of church. Please pick up a hymnal when you arrive and place it back on the cart as you are exiting church.)

Except for offering Communion under both kinds (hosts and wine), everything else has returned to normal. (And, as I mentioned before, it may be some time before Communion under both kinds resumes.)

I encourage everyone to be aware that the new COVID variants are causing

serious concern among the medical community. We all need to be aware that a return to wearing masks may soon be one of our safest practices once again.

Finally, this weekend we will begin making available some copies of the electronic newsletter/bulletin on the top shelves of the library carts which hold the *Breaking Bread* hymnals. It may take us a few weeks to determine how many copies will be printed each week. So if you are looking for a copy, and none are available, please notify me or any member of the parish staff so we can increase the number of copies in future weeks.

Water, Water, Everywhere

Like so many homes in the parish, the huge rains of last week brought water upon us and into the basements of each of our parish buildings. The worst-hit was the Social Hall basement. Because the fans need to keep running all week to prevent any mold or mildew, the summer day camp had to be moved.

The water in the other buildings was not as extensive and was able to be cleaned up quickly. At one point the rain was coming down so hard, and the wind was blowing so strong that water was actually coming into the church through the seals around some of the windows! Once the buildings have all dried out, we will be able to determine if we have any damage to plaster, etc. We certainly needed the rain -- maybe just not so much so quickly?!

St. Ignatius

On July 1, St. Ignatius Parish ended its long history. While the parish itself no longer exists, weekend Masses will continue until the final Mass on Saturday, July 31 - the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Bishop Bartosic will preside at the final liturgy. Please continue to keep the parishioners of St.

Ignatius in your prayers and welcome all those who are seeking a new parish home in the coming weeks.

As I mentioned in some previous columns, with the closing of St. Ignatius Parish, the boundaries of both St. Jerome and St. Gertrude have been extended to include the geographic boundaries of the former St. Ignatius. And the campus of St. Ignatius Parish is now part of St. Gertrude Parish. There may be some special masses/services in the coming months - especially services such as funerals. In the next twelve months, discussions will continue about the possibility of a Mission Center hosted jointly by St. Jerome and St. Gertrude Parishes. Last week, a meeting with Bishop Bartosic, representatives of St. Ignatius Parish, and Loyola University clarified that, at this time, the University will not be able to partner in this venture. What will happen to the campus of the former parish has yet to be determined.



Growing in Faith

“He was amazed at their lack of faith.” Christ came home to preach and found resistance from people who “knew him”. This resonates with me after what we’ve lived through—the isolation and unknowingness—of 15 months of Covid. The mysteries and stories, at the pandemic’s beginning, changed

as the science of the disease slowly unfolded. We heard outrageous ways the disease could be spread, not unlike naysayers' stories told about Jesus in his day.

Many people saw Jesus as a powerful teacher and miracle worker, but the higher-ups got nervous that he'd take away their power and control. But Jesus wanted no earthly power. Instead, he preached truth, love, forgiveness, and care for the less fortunate. And to those who didn't want to hear that truth: "Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

Dr. Fauci is neither Jesus nor Ezekiel, but he got caught up similarly, trying to tell us the truth about COVID-19. The powers above him didn't like the spotlight on him and tried to silence and discredit him. After all, he was, "just a doctor-scientist working for a government agency!"

Flashback 35 years, to when, as a gay man in the 1980s with friends dying of an unknown disease, I heard Dr. Fauci and other scientists speak the same truths about HIV/AIDS at a time when the government refused to even acknowledge its existence. That truth was ignored, and—like COVID—many, too many died unnecessarily and tragically. Like Ezekiel, Fauci was "sitting among scorpions." To some, today, getting vaccinated has become "political", instead of a solution to avoid a horrible and painful illness and/or death.

God reassures Ezekiel, and us, that hearing and believing in the truth is our path to God, to Life itself.

~ Rob Sierzega for *Growing in Faith*



Rectory Office Hours for Independence Day

The Rectory office will be open on Sunday, July 4 between 8:30-11:30 am and closed on Monday, July 5.



St. Gertrude's Choir to Return This Sunday!

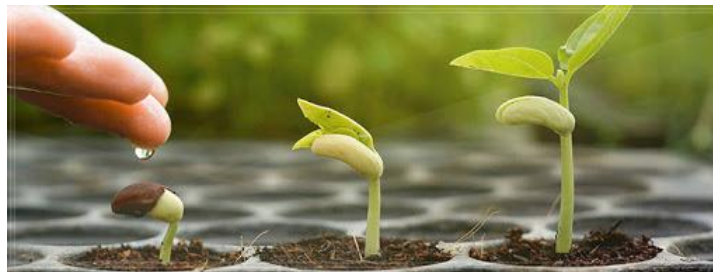
As part of our parish's celebration of our national holiday, our choir will sing

at the 10:30 Mass on July 4 for the first time since March 2020! We are very excited to provide the congregation with choral harmonies and lend our voices to this important holiday. We are also excited to welcome two new voices - Kate Hibbs Davis (also the cantor for this Mass) and Cindy Lawson, a former parishioner of St. Ignatius.

Here is a list of our choir members that we expect to sing at the 10:30 am Mass on July 4:

- Fran Guenette, bass
- Dave O'Donnell, bass
- Rob Schroeder, tenor
- Joe Pindelski, tenor
- Pat Branigan, alto
- Therese Schreiner, alto
- Beth Nelson, alto
- Monica Cruz, soprano
- Kate Hibbs Davis, soprano
- Cindy Lawson, soprano
- Dana Sullivan, soprano and flute
- Mary Clare Barker, alto and piano

The full choir will return on a regular schedule in the fall.



Spiritual Opportunities This Summer

St. Clement Summer Theology on Tap Series Tuesdays in July: Have

you been wondering what St. Joseph can teach us about adulting? Interested in learning more about theology? Join the St. Clement Young Adult Community on Tuesday evenings in July at Saint Clement. During this [four-week series](#), they will explore topics such as discernment and purpose in life from their line-up of speakers. More information can be found [here](#).

Evanston Theology on Tap Thursdays in July: Join young adults in Evanston for a hybrid version of Theology on Tap every Thursday in July. [See the website](#) for times, locations, and topics.

Musical Reflections Retreat Opportunity: Enjoy a self-guided retreat weekend on the Mundelein Seminary campus from July 9-11 including special programs highlighting the majestic pipe organs in our beautiful Chapel of the Immaculate Conception and historic Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium. The retreat includes lodging, meals, and Sunday Mass. Learn more and register here: www.usml.edu/retreat.

Online Bible Study with Father John Kartje: As the world slowly begins to recover from the turmoil of the past year, join Mundelein Seminary rector Father John Kartje for an in-depth tour through biblical accounts of restoration from chaotic times. Allow the scriptures to be your guide to spiritual healing and renewal. Register at www.usml.edu/bible-study.

IPS Scripture School: Fruits of the Holy Spirit – The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) Scripture School fosters a transformational encounter with God through online instruction and formation in Sacred Scripture within a live interactive framework. Please join us this summer as we “picnic” with the Holy Spirit! This learning experience will explore the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit, according to both biblical testimony and Church tradition, and how every fruit grows, develops, and blossoms in our own lives.

In this series, attendees will enjoy lectures and conversations around the fruits of the Holy Spirit, meet and dialogue with every instructor of IPS Scripture School, and have FUN learning more about ourselves, each other, and the Holy Spirit! [Register online](#) here!



Free Classical Music Concert

On Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 pm, a free concert will take place on the south lawn of Congregation Emanuel, adjacent to Edgewater's Lane Beach at the end of Thorndale (5959 N. Sheridan Road). Presented with the support of Congregation Emanuel and the Chicago Federation of Musicians, the Yopez Players will perform as a part of their Skyline Salon Series.

Come for their music and enjoy Lane Beach and the playground. With no public parking in any of the adjacent high-rise buildings, there are excellent Red Line and CTA bus services to Thorndale and some street parking west of Sheridan Road. Please note that there is no public bathroom access at Lane Beach or Congregation Emanuel.

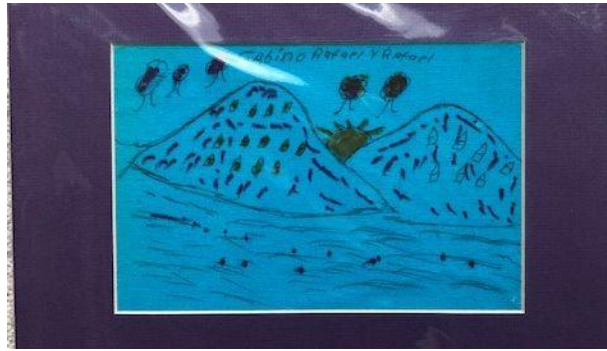
This event is hosted by Edgewater residents and St. Gertrude parishioners Jane Callahan-Moore and Stefanie Clark.



Edgewater Glen Garden Walk

The Edgewater Glen Garden Walk will be held Sunday, July 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm, starting at 1420 W. Glenlake. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per adult, with no charge for children. Appropriate COVID protocol is required for all participants.

This year, the gardens in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of West Norwood, West Glenlake, West Hood, and the south side of Granville will be featured in this easily walkable route. All of the gardens are beautiful, and many of them are grown without pesticides or herbicides. For more info, please visit edgeglen.com.



Parishioner-Organized Children's Art Exhibit at the Admiral Retirement Community

Children's drawings from Santa Cruz la Laguna, Solala, Guatemala, a village in the mountains surrounding Lake Atitlan, are on exhibit at the Admiral Retirement Community (929 W. Foster) through the end of July.

In 1995, parishioner Alice Czech built the school there at the request of Santiago Tautou Salog, the head teacher. Alice now lives at the Admiral and invites you to see this exhibit of sweet drawings, put together with Maggie Roche. Call Alice at 773.433.1800 to schedule your visit.



Baptisms

- James Mark Teresi, child of Matthew and Elizabeth Teresi
 - Amelia Rose Camacho, child of Freddy and Marybeth Imbres
 - Nicholas James Garamoni, child of Michael and Amanda Garamoni
 - Jayden, Janelle, and Jordan Sulaiman, children of Adewunmi Sulaiman and Jennifer Obasohan
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Readings and Music for Sunday, July 4

- [Link to readings for Sunday, July 4](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, July 4](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Prelude: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*, piano solo
 - Entrance: *All are Welcome*, #415
 - Psalm: #103 *The Lord is Kind and Merciful*
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia from Mass of Endless Mercy*
 - Offertory: *Open My Eyes*, #393
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Creation*
 - Communion: *Taste and See*, #331

- Meditation: *One World, One Communion*
 - Recessional: *America the Beautiful, #735*
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors and musicians are:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis and the choir

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti, Tim Harrington
- Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarnne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Carlos Barrigan, Patrick Robinson

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
 - Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
 - Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis
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Legacy Planning

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to St. Gertrude parish in their will or trust. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, please contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago, at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



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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.

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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, July 5: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 6: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 7: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 8: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 9: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 10: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 11: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, July 5: 7:30 am - Kathleen O'Connor+

Tuesday, July 6: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish

Wednesday, July 7: 7:30 am - For all deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Thursday, July 8: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, July 9: 7:30 am - For all who suffer from illnesses of the body or spirit

Saturday, July 10: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ William H. Grant+

Sunday, July 11: 8:00 am ~ Patricia Lane+; 10:30 am - Glenn 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
 - Jane Elwood
 - Mary Grover
 - Felipe Hall and Family
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Art Lyons
 - Molly Morris
 - Karey Myers
 - Bernie O'Connor
 - Tina Piemonte
 - Lu Radzicki
 - 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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