



## **St. Gertrude Chicago**

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

***11th 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](#))

*As of Monday, June 14, office hours Monday-Friday are 8:30 am-3:30 pm.*

*As of Monday, June 24, office hours will be 8:30 am-4:30 pm.*

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***Sunday in Ordinary  
Time***

**June 13, 2021**

**Phase 5!**

As announced at Mass last weekend, along with everyone in Chicago and Illinois, we are moving to Phase 5 on Friday, June 11. YEAH! That means no more reservations are required for attending Mass or any other service. Vaccinated people can choose to wear a mask, or not. Unvaccinated people are asked to always wear a mask and to please sit in the designated seating area in church. Children 12 and under can always sit with their parents wherever they choose to sit. All the church doors are once again open. And all the pews are once again available for use.



At this time it is not yet clear if we will be able to resume some of the usual liturgical practices that got revised for health and safety reasons during the pandemic. The science still indicates that because singing is a very effective means for spreading the virus, it is best not to have congregational singing in church yet. So we will remain with just a cantor singing the hymns and mass parts.

We are not resuming Communion under both species (the host and the cup) while we await instructions from the Vatican and/or the Archdiocese. I suspect this may be the last protocol lifted, if ever. We are also not resuming the distribution of Communion on the tongue. Like the cup, this is the most vulnerable of the liturgical practices when it comes to the possibility of spreading an illness.

When the parish staff considered all the resumptions, we thought it prudent to phase in the various changes over the course of the next few weeks. Here is how we will be moving into the next normal:

**Weekend of June 12-13:**

- ALL church entrances will again be opened for access.
- No reservations required for any service.
- No sanitizing of hands by greeters (although sanitizer will be available at the entrances).
- No more tape on the floors for traffic patterns. The regular patterns return this weekend.
- With the exception of the designated area for those who are unvaccinated, no more blue tape on the pews.
- Holy Water is again in the fonts.
- Even as we wait to resume congregational singing, very soon we will again have *Breaking Bread* hymnals available, which contain all the Sunday scripture readings as well as most of the music we sing. As mentioned earlier, we are going to be putting the hymnals on library carts at the main and handicap-access entrances of church. Once this is set up, please pick up a hymnal on your way into church from one of the library carts, and return it to the cart on your way out of church.
- Resumption of three to four Communion stations in front of church (one or two in the center aisle, one in each side aisle).

**Weekend of June 19-20**

- Resume parishioners bringing up the gifts at Offertory.

**Weekend of June 26-27**

- Ushers will resume taking up the Offertory Collection and any special collections.

### **Weekend of July 3 – 4**

- The choir may again sing in church, depending on the availability of choir members.
- Resume two lectors at every Sunday Mass, depending on the availability of lectors.

I want to again thank the amazing group of parish volunteers who were the COVID team and the COVID volunteer ministers during these past twelve months since we reopened in June 2020. They made possible our ability to offer Masses every day, as well as the other services we are so used to celebrating!

The COVID team who managed all the coordination: Hallie Burhoe, Joan Dowdle, Michael Kowalsky, Debra Nowak, and Patrick Robinson.

The COVID volunteers who faithfully showed up for every service for the past 12 months: Allen Stryczek, Barb Daly, Brigid Cronin, Carol Ann Munro, Claire Bushy, Dan Kilelea, Deborah Kern, Debra Novak, Denise Plunkett, Dorothea Tobin, Elizabeth Dunning, Erika Dunning, Ginevra Clark, Hallie Burhoe, Jeff Dunning, Joan Dowdle, Joseph Dunning, Katie Huffman, Mark Huffman, Mark Kollar, Marty McDermott, Michael Kowalsky, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Michelle Wielgosz, Nancy Kuhn, Patrick Robinson, Peter Cashman, Peter Morin, Rich Martin, Sean Devlin, Sheila Cashman, Suzan Cibulskis, Thomas O'Brien, Troy McMillian, and Victoria Healy.

### **Compost/Garden Project -- The Vegetables Have Been Planted**

Over the past two weekends, the parish volunteers have cleaned out the

space in the back yard, moved many plants into the courtyard area between the church and Ministry Center, and planted all sorts of vegetables.

Not only does the vegetable garden look great, but the improvements to the courtyard garden are a joy to behold! Even the temperatures in the 90s couldn't keep this group of workers down! Now the volunteers handling the water are doing their scheduled visits and soon the composting will begin. Thanks again to Mary Clare Barker and all the volunteers for getting this important project underway!

### **St. Ignatius Hospitality**

Thanks to all our volunteers who provided the hospitality for last week's welcome to St. Ignatius parishioners! The gathering in the courtyard after the 10:30 am Mass turned out perfectly! Even the weather cooperated with temperatures in the low 80s and a great breeze! It was a pleasure to meet many St. Ignatius parishioners and assure them they are always welcome here at St. Gertrude.

Thanks to Mike Tobin, Kim McInerney, Allen Stryczak, Gail Smith, and Denise Goodman for being on the Welcoming Committee and making sure we were ready to offer such delightful hospitality!

### **Parish Survey on Communications**

Hopefully, by now you have received a paper copy in the mail of a parish survey on communication. Please complete the paper survey and return it to the Rectory or place it in the collection boxes in church. Or you can also go online [HERE](#) and complete the survey electronically.

### **Bulletins/Newsletter & Hymnal Update**

Since the pandemic closed our doors in March 2020, even after we

reopened for services in June of that year, as part of the health and safety protocols, all paper was removed from church and any paper could only be used once and then disposed of. This led us to move our weekly bulletin to an electronic newsletter. As we prepare for our complete reopening, we thought it was a good idea to keep this new format and not return to a printed bulletin. This both allows us greater freedom in how we are able to communicate, by allowing us a later distribution date for the weekly newsletter, and it is environmentally better for our planet.

But we are also aware some people do not use a computer or do not use it in this way. We would like to propose we continue the electronic version of the newsletter, AND we will run off a small number of printed copies which will be available at the entrances of church for those who want to receive the information that way.

This is part of a broader conversation we are currently having about developing our communication tools going forward. If you have any ideas about what you consider the best means of communicating information you would like to have from St. Gertrude's, please send me an email at [rpredergast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:rpredergast@stgertrudechicago.org) and your ideas will become part of the planning conversation. Thank you!

**Don't forget, Father's Day is Sunday, June 20!**

Take our 2021 Parish Survey

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## Growing in Faith

***From the Scripture Scholars desk: “The Kingdom of God is like Mustard”***

Many eyes would have popped open and surprised smiles would have appeared when Jesus’ listeners heard him compare the Kingdom of God to mustard, instead of the conventional cedars of Lebanon. Mustard was considered wild and only grown for home use, like medicine, or for sprinkling on food. It was a homey plant, not dramatic or religiously formal. Everyone knew the one thing about mustard was that it sprang up almost instantly, and if you didn’t watch where you planted it, it spread so fast it could take over your whole garden!

Let’s listen to a scholar from Jesus’ day, Pliny the Elder, writing about mustard: *“Mustard ...is extremely beneficial for the health. It grows entirely wild, though it improves on being transplanted, but on the other hand, when it has once been sown it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it, as the seed when it falls, germinates at once.”* (Book 19.Ch. 54)

Jesus’ parable speaks to the speedily grown-up bush/small tree, where the leafy branches provide shelter and shade to the birds of the sky. What would you say Jesus’ choice of mustard for the Kingdom of God means for you? I wish I could hear what you would say, you and your family and



friends when you talk it over.

For me, Jesus is saying that all we have to do is take advantage of any opportunity to plant a seed of God's love, and know that lively, irrepressible growth is underway, spreading outward in all directions, bringing God's Kingdom of love, and peace to touch the hearts of the world.

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D, for Growing in Faith

*Sister Wendy's reflection was published in last week's bulletin. With apologies, we present it now, as the comment on this week's Gospel.*

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## Parish Survey: Post-COVID Assessment

With summer on the horizon and restrictions fading away, the pastoral staff is seeking ways to welcome you back to church. We'd like your feedback and ask that you fill out a quick survey either online [HERE](#) or mail/drop a printed version that was sent to your home at the Rectory office (1420 W. Granville), or put it in the collection basket in church.

If you need help filling it out, our staff is happy to assist you. Also, if you would like anyone from the pastoral staff to follow up with you, please let us know the best way to contact you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

[Click here to take the survey!](#)

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## Resurrection Compost Garden Update

Last weekend, eleven volunteers gathered to plant vegetables and herbs that will be used to benefit the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen. We also erected a double barrier fence to hopefully keep out unwanted wildlife. A large iron trellis was moved to the courtyard where we will grow climbing roses. Colorful hanging plants were also added to the courtyard to beautify the space in time for the welcome reception for St. Ignatius parishioners. Many thanks to ALL who contributed their efforts on Saturday. Special thanks to Frs. Mike Bradley, Mike Gabriel, and Louis for lending their

physical brawn to this endeavor in the intense heat.

I hope that you will stop by after Mass and see what we have done in the rectory garden and courtyard.

This week, our compost bins are being constructed!!! Once they are built, we will have three compost bins that are clearly marked - **DEPOSIT- IN PROCESS- FINISHING**. Parishioners that wish to participate in this program will add appropriate composting materials (please see Do's and Don'ts Composting sheet on the sign-up tables and [on the website](#)) in the DEPOSIT compost bin. DO NOT use the other two bins EVER. There is a chemical process taking place in the other two bins that accelerates the composting process and we should leave those two bins alone. Our newly created compost material will be used to fertilize our vegetable and herb garden. People participating in this program are NOT free to take home compost to their own gardens. Only those who have registered to be a part of the program should add compost materials to the bins.

## How the Program Works

Please add your name to one of the signup sheets in church or email Mary Clare Barker at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org) to receive a composting bucket. A one-time \$5 lease secures your 5 gallon Resurrection Compost bucket and you're ready to go.

**We are asking people to use our buckets and deposit around Masses so that we can anticipate compost volume and cultivate it appropriately.** Simply fill the bucket during the week and bring it with you to Mass. You can deposit your compost and leave the bucket outside to retrieve later or return it to your car (but please DO NOT bring the bucket into church!) The compost bins will be located along the northwest wall of

the church and will be clearly marked. **PLEASE NOTE: We are NOT accepting yard waste at this time.** Once the compost bins are in place and ready to use, an email will be sent to all those who signed up.

~ Mary Clare Barker

## What to Put in the Compost Bucket

- All fruit and vegetable waste
- Coffee grounds, filters, loose-leaf tea, and tea bags
- Flour products, grains, and legumes (such as crackers, rice beans, etc.)
- Eggshells (but not eggs)
- Meat of fish (including bones, skin, and fat)
- Dairy products (milk, cheese, yogurt)
- Oil or grease of any kind
- Pet litter or feces

Composting Flyer



Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Second

# Collection for the Priest, Health and Retirement Fund Planned the Weekend of June 13

***“In the image of the Good Shepherd, the priest is a man of mercy and compassion, close to his people and a servant to all.”***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How fitting that before Father’s Day, we come together in church, our spiritual home, to pay special tribute to our spiritual fathers — our parish priests. As Pope Francis says in the words above, priests are men of mercy, men of compassion, and men in service to us all. Today, let us be of service to them as we show our appreciation for their love and guidance through a gift that will directly benefit their health and wellbeing.

To recognize and celebrate our parish priests, we take this opportunity this weekend to support financially the healthcare and retirement needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago's 469 active and 246 retired priests. Your gift today — no matter the size — to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA is the only such collection for their health and retirement and is separate and distinct from other initiatives for retired religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

As we all know, priests care for us at every stage of life. From baptism until death, we look to priests for guidance, for answers, and for love. They have led us through this difficult past year by offering us compassion and hope. They are beside us, too, in happy times as we celebrate life’s milestones and joyous occasions, shepherding us with great care and devotion. Priests teach us who Christ is and how to be a better person in a world in need of

salvation. We rely on them to show us the way forward by giving purpose to our lives.

The health and well-being of all our priests is essential to their ability to serve our needs and guide our spiritual growth. As well, many of our retired priests continue to serve in their own way and have become indispensable resources for our communities.

Please join me, then, in supporting our priests by making a generous contribution to this second collection. In addition, you may also like to consider naming Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as a beneficiary of your will.

Let your gift be a sign of gratitude to our priests and to the Lord for their ministry that benefits us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago*

**Donate to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA**



## Care for Real Strategic Planning Survey: Input Needed

Care for Real is turning 50! As we celebrate 50 years of caring for the Edgewater community, we are also looking towards the future as we launch a strategic planning process. To do this, we need your help. Would you please complete our survey to help inform how we can best respond to the needs of the community in the coming years.

**Take the Care for Real Survey**

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## 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 is \$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](http://edgeglen.com).

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## Readings and Music for Sunday, June 13

- [Link to readings for Sunday, June 13](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, June 13](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
  - Entrance: *Sing to the Mountains*, #534
  - Psalm: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you*
  - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, verse 2
  - Offertory: *We Walk by Faith*, #492
  - Mass Parts: *Mass of Creation*



- Communion: *Seed Scattered and Sown*, #352
- Recessional: *How Can I Keep from Singing*, #442

*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.*

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## Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 pm - Kate Hibbs Davis; Tom Shanahan, flute
- Sunday, June 13 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer; Jay Lamble, guitar

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall, Tim Harrington

- Sunday, June 13 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott, Barb Daly
- Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Bob Backis, Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, June 12 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, June 13 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis



## Rest in Peace

Leo DeVarenne, father of Brian DeVarenne

Diane Miller

Lolita Elizabeth Lee Tuohy

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## New Parishioners

Eric Phung & Isabel Murphy, and their son August Phung

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

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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, June 14:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday, June 15:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday, June 16:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, June 17:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday, June 18:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday, June 19:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday, June 20:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



## Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

**Monday, June 14:** 7:30 am - Maria Liem T. Nguyen+

**Tuesday, June 15:** 7:30 am - Tom Brookover+

**Wednesday, June 16:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St.  
Gertrude Parish

**Thursday, June 17:** 7:30 am Communion Service

**Friday, June 18:** 7:30 am - James Hefferman+

**Saturday, June 19:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Pedro &  
Consuelo Viray+

**Sunday, June 20:** 8:00 am ~ Michael Leonard+; 10:30 am - Marjorie Feld+

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Art Lyons

- 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
- Diane Gulczynski
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Mike Meier
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Bernie O'Connor
- Tina Piemonte
- Lu Radzicki
- Braedon Rimpson
- Ann Marie Robinson
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel Viray
- Norma E. Viray
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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