



St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

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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

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This weekend's Feast of the Ascension of the Lord fits in perfectly with the season of graduations many families are already celebrating. Just as we call graduations "commencements", so also this feast always points in two directions -- upwards where the Lord has now returned to heaven, and sideways as he freely hands over responsibility for spreading the good news to all of us. The Teacher (or Rabbi) has completed his lessons -- culminating in summing up everything he has spoken in words with the actual flesh and blood of his own life, now given freely for all of us. Part of the dynamics of this feast that have always fascinated me are the many ways in which the Lord places his complete trust in his followers! What a great act of love for us. He trusts us completely. And, of course, he will also send us his Spirit which will allow us to live as he has taught us.

As you consider your own children, whether your family members or those you have some responsibility for teaching, what are the most important things you want to be certain you have given them? And when you have done your best to pass on those truths, how can you let go and place them and their future in God's hands so that, guided by the Spirit, they may

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become the fully loving human beings they were created to be?

Just a reminder

Next weekend, May 22-23, the Feast of Pentecost, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Members of the Confirmation class will have reserved pews for themselves, their sponsors, and parents.

Looking forward a few weeks

On Sunday, June 6 at the 10:30 am Mass, we have invited any interested parishioners of St. Ignatius to join us in prayer to get to know our parish. This is the second part of a “conversation” that began a few weeks ago when some parish members and I went to St. Ignatius and celebrated Mass with that community and then stayed after Mass for a conversation/Q&A session. Some of our parish volunteers may be reaching out for assistance in the hospitality we would like to offer after Mass. We are hoping for nice weather to be able to share hospitality outdoors right after the 10:30 am Mass. Please plan on joining us to welcome the St. Ignatius parishioners as they seek their new parish home.

Updated Protocols

As I mentioned last week in the announcements, Governor Pritzker announced the state is moving into the “Bridge Phase” on Friday, May 14. And, if the tracking numbers continue to be good, he hopes to move the state into Phase 5 on June 11. Phase 5 is an almost complete re-opening with certain protocols to remain in place for all our safety -- wearing masks, washing hands, maintaining distance -- especially when we are not certain if everyone has been vaccinated.

Because of this quick change happening, we are not going to change any of

our in-church protocols until then. We will be waiting to hear from the Governor, the Mayor, and then any clarifications from the officials at the Archdiocese. Hopefully, in about a month we may begin to return to a new normal.

I already know one thing when the protocols end, I am very much going to miss everyone coming to church and leaving church from the same door! It was great to be able to greet everyone either coming in or going out! While I am grateful we have lots of doors to make it easy for everyone, it was great during these past 14 months to see everyone at every Mass.



Growing in Faith

It could be a scene from a Monty Python movie. The resurrected Jesus has spent a month and a half with his disciples, and, now, it is time to go home. From their midst, he rises up into the clouds. But his followers keep looking intently at what is now an empty sky.

If it were a Monty Python comedy, the angels who show up would say

something like: “Hey, dummies, can’t you tell he’s gone? Get back to work!”

Since it isn’t a movie but a story told in the Acts of the Apostles and in Mark’s Gospel, the angels are gentler: “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return the same way you have seen him going into heaven.”

It’s one of the many moments in the New Testament when the followers of Jesus reveal themselves as pretty clueless. For 2,000 years, that sort of dopiness has been easy for Christians to relate to since we are all pretty dopey a lot of the time, needing a nudge or reminder or bolt of lightning to push us to do the right thing. We are all sinners, as Pope Francis says, and we’re all like those believers looking up at the empty sky.

In Mark’s gospel, the angels aren’t the ones who tell the disciples to get to work. Jesus did that just before the ascension: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

It’s not rocket science. Just go into the world and love everyone you come in contact with, just as Jesus did.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for Growing in Faith



Congratulations to Our First Communicants

On Saturday, May 8, 32 children from the Religious Ed program and NCA made their First Communion at 10:00 am in church. We are so proud of their hard work and are so blessed by their kind hearts and loving presence in our parish. Together, we offer our congratulations and express our joy for the faith of these young people.

We are especially thankful for our Religious Ed and NCA teachers, Kevin Cheers, Ginevra Clark, Ewa Jablonska, and Cristine Salazar, for their kind and patient instruction.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they experience the unfolding mystery of the Sacrament of Communion.

- Nicholas James Asnis
- Gabrielle Elizabeth Barragan
- Henry Wendell Carraway
- Carter James Cartwright
- Samuel Robert McDaniel
- Andy Mejia
- Stella Rose Milkovic
- Bradley Michael Phelps

- Raiden Anthony Cruz
- Wyatt Christian Dant
- Conor Michael Davey
- Matthew Tristan Deemant
- Charlotte Adelia Domingues
- Emmett John Farwig
- Sloane Elizabeth Eve Griffin
- Heath August Hall-Erickson
- Wynn Valerie Houlihan
- Jack Michael Kelly
- Roger Michael Killelea
- Andrew Joseph Macksood
- Jane Josephine Robbins
- Tristan Alexander Ron Manriquez
- Dylan Donovan Rubino
- Matthew William Sipchen
- Jaylord Labrador Tormon
- Aaron Zachary Tucker
- Brigid Anne Wilcynski
- Ellowin Grace Wimbiscus Yoon
- Esmé Luna Wimbiscus Yoon



Religious Ed Update: First Communion Celebrated Last Week; Confirmation is Next Weekend

Last weekend was so special at St. Gertrude parish, with our First Communion Mass filled with happy families supported by their friends and families in-person and online.

Next weekend, we have a number of teens from NCA and the Religious Ed program making their Confirmation at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 22 and at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 23. They have worked hard to prepare over the past two years, and all have completed service projects and reflections, attended numerous retreats (with one planned for this Saturday) on top of their regular classes, researched saints, and written letters to Father Rich. **Please [register](#) as soon as possible for these Masses, especially the 10:30 am group.**

Our final class was this past Tuesday, May 11. Registration forms for next year will be sent with tomorrow's Religious Ed newsletter and are available on our website [here](#).

Please keep all of our students in your prayers!

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate



Resurrection Compost Program

Our new composting/gardening project that we are starting at St. Gertrude this spring will get underway on Saturday, May 29. From 9:30-11:30 am that morning, I'm hoping a few parishioners will volunteer to help me prepare a space for our composting bins and vegetable garden, which will be located behind the rectory building, parallel to the alley.

We will need to dig up several Easter lilies and other plants, replanting them in a different space. Interested volunteers can sign up in church or by emailing me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. Please bring a shovel if you have one and gather in front of the rectory.

Next week, I'll share a list of tasks that need to be tackled and share a sign-up link to register to help.

~ *Mary Clare Barker*

Click here for more information about the Resurrection Composting Project



**RESURRECTION
COMPOST PROJECT**
AT ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
COMPOST DO'S & DON'TS

Compost	Do Not Compost
All vegetable & fruit matter	No meat
Flour products, grains, & legumes	No fish
Nuts, seeds, & eggshells	No eggs
Baked goods/bread	No dairy products
Baked snack foods	No fat, oil, or grease
Eggshells	No fruit pits
Coffee grounds & filters	No animal feces or cat litter
Tea bags & loose tea	No chemicals or cleaners
Wilted flowers	No personal care products
Used, non-greasy paper towels, napkins, & tissues	No yard waste
Herbs & spices	Limit liquids
Houseplant trimmings	
Spoiled tofu or tempeh	
Spoiled tomato products	
Old jelly, jam, or preserves	
Organic house waste	

For more information, visit stgertrudechicago.org
or email Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

Composting Basics

What is compost?

Composting is the cultivation of organic waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. This is a natural process of decomposition that breaks down food waste into a fertile substance ideal for gardening. "Compost" can refer to the material at any stage of the process, either freshly deposited or ready to put in the garden.

Why is compost good for the environment?

50% of typical municipal garbage is in the form of food waste and decomposing food waste in landfills produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. Our Resurrection Compost will repurpose and recycle the waste for the benefit of others. Compost, as it processes, actually sequesters CO₂. Not only does it lower our carbon footprint, but it also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and encourages contact with the earth.

By keeping the lid on your compost, depositing weekly, and rinsing your empty bucket, there should be no noticeable smell or interested critters.

Why compost at St. Gertrude?

From the beginning, God made us as stewards of creation. By caring for creation through practices like composting, we honor that responsibility with gratitude for nature's wonder and abundance. Moreover, Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Sí – On Care for Our Common Home* urges Catholics to reject consumerism and waste and work together to develop sustainable practices for the sake of our planet and our sisters and brothers. Resurrection Compost Program is St. Gertrude's effort to answer these biblical and Church-wide appeals.

[Click here to learn the Do's & Don'ts of Composting Flyer](#)



News from Northside Catholic Academy

Northside Catholic Academy is conducting private tours for their Early Learning Center!

On Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm, our Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave, will host tours. NCA's preschool provides a child-centered learning program where children participate in meaningful play in a stimulating and joyful environment enabling a comfortable transition from home to school. We differentiate learning to suit the age and development of each learner. Students will prepare to think and act critically, creatively, and collaboratively, ensuring complete preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

Visitors will have the opportunity to see how learners engage in activities that foster independence, self-regulation, problem-solving, and decision-making throughout the day. Our curriculum is filled with early literacy, math, science, social studies, Spanish, art, music, physical education, and yoga. The program is for 3 and 4-year-olds. To be considered, children must be toilet trained and 3 years old by September 1. For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org.

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 below to schedule your tour time [HERE](#).

Happy Lobster Food Truck is coming to Northside Catholic Academy!

Happy Lobster Truck was awarded Chicago's Best Food Truck in 2016 and 2017. Buzzfeed has them listed on "The 25 Best Lobster Rolls in America," and Timeout has them listed as one of "The 100 Best Dishes in Chicago." We're delighted to announce Happy Lobster Truck is heading to Northside Catholic Academy Saturday, May 22, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm in our Primary Campus' gated parking lot, 6216 N. Glenwood.

All are welcome to our Food Truck Fun event! You must submit a pre-order before the 48-hour cut-off. **Please click the link [HERE](#) to place your order!**

NCA's 1st Annual Golfing for Greater Tournament - Friday, June 11 at 12 pm

Birdie, Bogey, Hole-in-one, it's Northside Catholic Academy's 1st Annual Golfing for Greater Tournament, so swing by for some fun!

Join us for a round of golf at Robert A. Black Golf Course, 2045 W. Pratt, on Friday, June 11 at noon. There will be food and drinks for all participants. There will also be prizes for our hole and putting contests, and the winning 4-some will receive a championship belt!

Tickets are \$100 per person. Please click [HERE](#) to register today!



Catholic Campaign for Human Development's 50th Anniversary Activities

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is celebrating 50 years of initiatives that address root causes of poverty by empowering workers, immigrants, people with disabilities, the elderly, and those in need.

On May 14 and 15, the CCHD will host an online anniversary celebration featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and interactive networking time. Learn more and register at <http://povertyusa.org/cchd50>.



Career Transitions Center: Mid-Career Professionals - Is Now the Time for Change?

Furloughed? Laid off? Underemployed? Career Transitions Center offers strategic career coaching, job search skills/best practices workshops, as well as peer support. Here are a few upcoming events:

- Virtual information session - Monday, May 17 at 11:00 am
- How Wrigley Field Made me a Better Networker - Tuesday, May 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm
- Strong Inventory Group Intensive - Friday, May 21 from 9:30-11:30 am

Click [here](#) to view the full CTC program calendar and register for events.



Readings and Music for May 16

- [Link to readings for Sunday, May 16](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, May 16](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:

- Prelude: from *Te Deum*
 - Entrance: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*, #186
 - Gloria: *Mass of Renewal*, #873
 - Psalm: #47 *God Mounts his Throng to Shouts of Joy*
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, #897
 - Offertory: *Go to the World!*, #492
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory*, #899
 - Communion: *I, The Lord*, #672
 - Recessional: *Take the Word of God with You*, #377
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

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

This week, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 am - Jim Manzardo; Denise Goodman, clarinet; Dana Sullivan, flute

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, May 15 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin

- Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am - Sr. Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 15 at 3:00 pm (Wedding) - Michele Wielgosz, Hallie Burhoe, MaryLou Carroll, Carol Ann Munro (Communion ushering only)
- Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro, Michele Kuehlhorn, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Mark Kollar, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin
- Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 am - Debbie Kern, Dorothea Tobin, Sheila Cashman, Peter Cashman

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 16 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 16 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 Chears at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



New Parishioners

Katharine Hibbs Davis and her husband, Matthew



Rest in Peace

Rosemary Barrett



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 stgertrude1420@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, May 17: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 21: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Saturday, May 22: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 23: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, May 17: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Tuesday, May 18: 7:30 am - Mary Jo Martin+

Wednesday, May 19: 7:30 am - Thieuke Barbara Silazi+

Thursday, May 20: 7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, May 21: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Saturday, May 22: 7:30 am - Peter+ and Mary+Tunney; 5:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude Confirmandi and their families

Sunday, May 23: 8:00 am ~ Galoney Strubbe Family+; 10:30 am - St. Gertrude Confirmandi and their families

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Grover
- Diane Gulczynski
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Art Lyons
- Mike Meier
- 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

- Bernice Kiedysz

- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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