

St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Most Holy Trinity

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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](#). The Rectory office is closed on Saturday, May 29 and Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. The office is open from 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#) and call before you come!

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From Father Rich

Happy Memorial Day Weekend

Monday is Memorial Day, a national holiday. Everyone is invited to join in our 7:30 am morning Mass as we remember and give thanks for all the men and women who have served our country throughout the years. This also marks the unofficial start of summer. As we begin our journey back to some new normal, please continue to do everything to keep yourself and others safe and healthy!

*Bulletin for Most
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The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The 50 days of Easter concluded last weekend with the Feast of Pentecost. But immediately following that great feast, the Church celebrates two important “idea” feasts: the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, and the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ the following weekend. The concept of these “idea” feasts is that like the great events in the life of Jesus, there are these two fundamental principles of our Christian faith that pervade all we do and all we are.

First is the notion of Trinity. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is One God. We experience God as what philosophers identified as three “persons”, but because this is God, these are not separate gods, but still the One God. This “three-person” idea captures the internal relationship of God

within Godself. Our experience is of the Father (or Mother) as the Creator aspect of God. The Son is born into human flesh and becomes the Savior of humankind. And the Holy Spirit is our experience of God dwelling within us. (Next weekend the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.)

Congratulations, Graduates

This Wednesday, June 2, the 8th grade of Northside Catholic Academy will graduate at a Mass and ceremony at Holy Child Jesus (formerly St. Margaret Mary) church. Congratulations to all our NCA graduates, and to all those parishioners graduating from any of our local grammar schools, high school, colleges, or universities! You have certainly finished this part of your education in a unique fashion -- during a pandemic! I know the entire parish joins me in congratulating you -- especially because of the difficulties of this past year. I wish you well in all your future endeavors. Congratulations!

The following Wednesday, June 9, is the last day of school for NCA.

Farewell, Fr. Louis

For a little over two years, we have had a resident priest living with us while he completed a counseling program at Loyola. Fr. Louis Mariano Fernandes is a religious order priest from India. Having completed his studies, he is now heading to Mississippi, along with some other members of his community, to assume responsibility for a parish there. The parish is very close to a university and being chaplains to the university is a major part of their ministry. Please wish Fr. Louis well if you see him. He expects to be heading out within the next ten days.

Welcoming St. Ignatius Parishioners

Next 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 went to St. Ignatius and celebrated Mass with me and that parish community and then stayed after mass for a conversation/Q&A session.

We are hoping for nice weather to be able to share hospitality outdoors right after the 10:30 am Mass. (Or in the back of church if we have bad weather.) Please plan on joining us to welcome the St. Ignatius parishioners as they seek their new parish home.

Updated Protocols

We were sent another memo from the Archdiocese with some possible changes in protocols. But when the Covid Team discussed the options, we all felt it made more sense to just wait until the governor moves the entire state into Phase 5 and see what that means and go from there.

Given the good news in decreasing numbers of people with the virus, it looks likely we will move into Phase 5 in early to mid-June. Also, a heads-up, if the Archdiocesan information continues as it has been, they are recommending that only people with proof of vaccination be allowed to be without masks in the church. We are working on a plan to see if we can find a way to check someone’s vaccination card only once and keep a record that they have been vaccinated and never have to ask them to see the card again.



Growing in Faith

Over this Easter season, I've spent some time reflecting on how different this year's Easter feels compared to last year when most of the world was on lockdown. As a community, we were unable to move about freely, unable to publicly gather to grieve on Good Friday, and unable to celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection. But this year -- so markedly different that I could hardly contain myself -- we could celebrate the Easter season IN PERSON if inclined to do so. And, I was so inclined!

So now, with the world opening up and allowing communities to gather, worship, eat, pray and just be together, today's Gospel is extra special to me. There's *a lot* going on in this Gospel. For one thing, it gives us the opportunity to wrap our thoughts around the fact that we were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- three in one. Oh, that's a concept worth pursuing on another day! Besides, what resonated with me in today's readings was Christ, as he commissioned his followers to go out and make disciples of all nations. **We get to go out!** And not just "out", we are charged to go out and show our love for Christ and for one another.

A few Sundays ago, Father Gabriel asked us: "What's love got to do with it?" Answer: In a word, EVERYTHING. And Christ has commissioned us to go out and make manifest that LOVE.

I'm excited to go – who's with me?

~ Troy McMillan for Growing in Faith



Office Hours for Memorial Day Weekend

The Rectory office is closed on Saturday, May 29 and Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. The office is open from 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday.



Confirmation group from Saturday, May 22 at 5:00 pm Mass



Confirmation group from Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed!

Last weekend, young adults from the Religious Ed program, NCA, and Sacred Heart made their Confirmation. We are so proud of their hard work and are so blessed by their kind hearts and loving presence in our parish. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.



Fr. Louis with Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich on Easter Sunday.

A Thank You Letter From Fr. Louis

Time has flown by rapidly during the 18 months I have been residing at St. Gertrude Parish, and now it is time for me to move to the State of Mississippi.

Just four months after my arrival, COVID brought everything to a standstill. It has been by the sheer grace of God that I landed here. Formerly, I had been staying at St. Mary of the Lake Parish on Sheridan Rd, until I needed to find another place. Fr. Rich was very kind to allow me to come and stay here. It has been a great experience to live as a community with the three wonderful priests here, Fr. Rich, Fr. Mike Bradley, and Fr. Mike Gabriel. I thank all of them in a particular way for their love and fraternal companionship throughout my stay here as I pursued my studies at the Loyola University.

I finished my graduate degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University Chicago in May last year and have been practicing counseling in one of the counseling agencies in Chicago. Now, I am planning to go for a license in counseling from the State of Mississippi where I am assigned to one of our missions on Nesbit Rd, Mississippi where we, the Sacred Heart Fathers, are involved in helping the poor with housing, food, spiritual guidance, and social justice issues.

Though my connection with you was limited, I am so grateful for the encouragement and support I received during my stay here in the parish. Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Gertrude and may God continue to bless you all in every way. I hope to see you sometime!

~Fr. Louis Mariano Fernandes, SCJ



Resurrection Compost Program: Planting to Begin June 5

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. If all goes well, we expect to plant Saturday, June 5 from 9:30-11:30 am. 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](#)

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



Loyola University's Arrupe College

Loyola University's Arrupe College helps driven, dedicated high school students from struggling communities, or who have demonstrated financial need, achieve a 2-year associates degree, with pathways to 4-year degrees from Loyola. Providing holistic support, Arrupe College offers quality, affordable education to their students, who leave Arrupe without incurring debt.

Due to COVID, many who desire an alternative to city colleges haven't been able to get connected to Arrupe. Please consider spreading the word in your community and connecting with families who may find it a welcome resource. See the [Arrupe flyer](#) or [fact sheet](#) or contact Isabel Reyes (mreyes15@luc.edu), Arrupe's Director of Admissions, to learn more.



ECRA "Seeds of Solidarity" Event on Sunday, June 6

Next Saturday, June 6, the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), an interfaith association of religious organizations who work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths, and to nurture a thriving and just neighborhood, will host "Seeds of Solidarity. This outdoor event will take place at 3:00 pm at Senn Park, the corner of Greenview and Elmdale at the west end of the park.

This gathering, titled *Seeds of Solidarity: Children of Abraham Uniting Against Violence*, will focus on creating a more just community in a post-pandemic world. Rev. Erika Takas of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement and Rabbi Craig Marantz of Emanuel Congregation are two of the planned speakers. It's open to all and free. Masks and social distancing

are required. Feel free to bring a blanket or chair!

[Click here for a ECRA Seeds of Solidarity flyer](#)



News from Northside Catholic Academy ***NCA's First 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!



Rest in Peace

Daniel Goodman, nephew of Denise Goodman



Readings and Music for May 30

- [Link to readings for Sunday, May 30](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, May 30](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Prelude: *America the Beautiful* (piano solo)
 - Entrance: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

- Gloria: *Mass of Renewal* (no sprinkling rite)
 - Psalm: *Blessed the People*
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Mass of the Desert: Alleluia*
 - Offertory: *All Hail Adored Trinity, #697* (same tune as *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*)
 - Mass parts: *Mass of Creation* by Marty Haugen
 - Communion: *We are Many Parts, #584*
 - Recessional: *This is My Song*
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- [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)
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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, May 29 at 5:00 pm - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, May 30 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan; Jim Sznurlo - trumpet and violin

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 29 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, May 30 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, May 29 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 30 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 29 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 30 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 29 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 30 at 10:30 am - TBA



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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.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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[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, May 31: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, June 1: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 2: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 3: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 4: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 5: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44

Sunday, June 6: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, May 31: 7:30 am - Peter+ and Mary+ Tunney

Tuesday, June 1: 7:30 am - Peter Hertl+

Wednesday, June 2: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

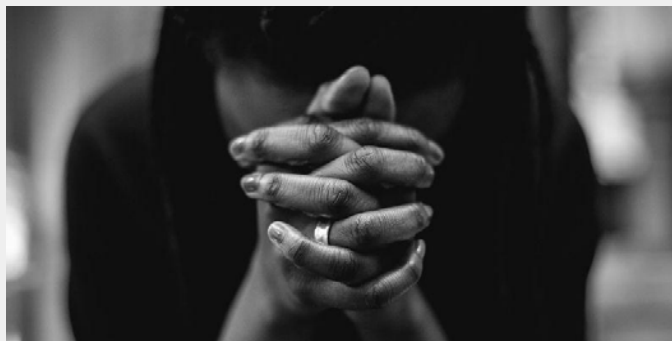
Thursday, June 3: 7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, June 4: 7:30 am - Audrey Nchee+

Saturday, June 5: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Jenny Wyman+

Sunday, June 6: 8:00 am ~ Galoney Strubbe Family+; 10:30 am - Natalie Indelli Gramata+

(+ 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
 - Bernice Kiedysz
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- Art Lyons
 - 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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