

St. Gertrude Chicago
Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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- 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](#))

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From Father Rich

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the women in our lives who have provided the nurturing, love, and support we needed! Thank you for all you do and all you are!

May Crowning

This Sunday, Mother's Day, we will be celebrating May Crowning at the conclusion of the 10:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to join in this traditional Catholic ritual. Don't forget to bring some fresh flowers to honor our Blessed

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Click [HERE](#) to
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Mother. Our First Communicants will be attending in their finery!

*attend weekend
Masses in person!*

Updated Protocols

Once again, protocols have been updated since last week. In the new protocols, our capacity increases from 15-20% of capacity to 25% of capacity. So in real numbers -- we are increasing from 150 people to 190 people. However, in this revised protocol, if anyone has been vaccinated and it is two weeks after their final shot, they can be in church and are not included in the 190 number!

For right now, to give us all time to adjust to the new protocols, we are asking everyone to continue making a reservation for Mass. Please indicate if you are two weeks beyond your final vaccine shot. This will make it possible for us to track our numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated. We will also be trying to figure out if we should be sectioning off portions of the church in that way because vaccinated can sit closer to each other, but unvaccinated need to maintain the social distancing requirement. Families with children can always sit together.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” So spoke Peter while addressing a small group of listeners who would immediately be baptized, as we hear in today’s First Reading.

Repeatedly in the scriptures, we hear of God’s ever-expanding plan of salvation. What was once the preserve of the Jews is now equally available to the Gentiles. No one is excluded.

Or so we hear and supposedly believe. In fact, in every age there is some new cause attempting to limit God's saving grace, to exclude certain "undesirables." We can't seem to resist the temptation to pare down the reach of salvation, of forgiveness, of mercy, and compassion.

Currently, there are bishops here in this country determining which politicians are "Catholic enough" to receive Communion. In many cases, these same bishops have been shown extraordinary compassion and mercy when they have been forgiven for some of the previous outrageous things they have said and done. But where is that same mercy and compassion?

We are all sinners. All of us. No exceptions. God's grace makes its way into our hearts and into our lives through our brokenness (the "earthen vessels" analogy). And while every human being is unique, so also is their brokenness. There is not yet one of us who is not in need of mercy and forgiveness and love and compassion. God willingly and expansively shares those extraordinary gifts with each and every one of us. If we are not doing the same, we are not following what Jesus taught us.

Let me close with this great reminder from the 12-Step program: "When we are talking about others, we are talking about the problem. When we are talking about ourselves, we are talking about the solution." Let's make ourselves worthy first. And then, when that job is finished, maybe we can consider telling others if they are worthy or not. But even then, gratitude in silence is probably a better option.



Growing in Faith

On this Mother's Day: Pope Francis' Homily on Mary as Mother

Let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon by Mary. Especially in times of need, when we are entangled in life's knots, we rightly lift our eyes to Our Lady, to Our Mother. Yet first, we should let ourselves be gazed upon by Our Lady. When she gazes upon us, she does not see sinners but children. It is said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul; the eyes of Mary, full of grace, reflect the beauty of God, they show us a reflection of heaven. Jesus himself said that the eye is "the lamp of the body" (Mt 6:22): the eyes of Our Lady are able to bring light to every dark corner; everywhere they rekindle hope. As she gazes upon us, she says: "Take heart, dear children; here I am, your Mother!"

This maternal gaze, which instills confidence and trust, helps us to grow in faith. Faith is a bond with God that engages the whole person; to be preserved, it needs the Mother of God. Her maternal gaze helps us see ourselves as beloved children in God's faithful people, and to love one

another regardless of our individual limitations and approaches. Our Lady keeps us rooted in the Church, where unity counts more than diversity; she encourages us to care for one another. Mary's gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm.

Tenderness: the Church of tenderness. Tenderness is a word that today many want to remove from the dictionary. When faith makes a place for the Mother of God, we never lose sight of the center: the Lord, for Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.

Excerpt from Pope Francis, Homily, Jan 1, 2019, Mary, Mother of the Lord



Religious Ed Update: First Communion is This Saturday, May 8; Confirmation is Saturday, May 22 & Sunday, May 23; Classes End on Tuesday, May 18

We are coming to the end of our Religious Ed program for the school year! The next few weeks are very busy, especially for families of children making their First Communion and their Confirmation.

I am so heartened by the commitment our Religious Ed families have shown, especially in light of the day-to-day stressors of the pandemic and that our weekly classes were held online. We had 50 children enrolled, and they showed up each Tuesday evening ready to learn and happy to participate. I am also so grateful for our teachers, who worked so hard to engage their students, an especially difficult task given that our classes were held after a long day of e-learning at our students' regular school.

Our final class will be Tuesday, May 18. Registration forms for next year will be sent with next week's Religious Ed newsletter and will be available on our website next Friday, May 14.

This Saturday, May 8 is our parish's First Communion Mass! There are 32 children from the Religious Ed program and NCA who will make their First Communion at 10:00 am in church. The children have worked so hard to prepare, attending both classes and retreats online, creating their banners at home, and committing to attending an in-person rehearsal today, Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in church. We can't wait to share the pictures with you!

We also have a number of teens from NCA and the Religious Ed program making their Confirmation on Saturday, May 22 at the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, May 23 at the 10:30 am Mass. They too have worked hard, and all have completed service projects and reflections, attended numerous retreats on top of our regular Tuesday classes, researched saints, and

written letters to Father Rich.

Thank you again to our Religious Ed families, who truly honored their commitment to nurturing their children's faith, our teachers, and our parish priests who helped guide them during the stressors of the pandemic. Please keep all of our students, especially our children making the First Communion and Confirmation, in your prayers!

~ *Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate*



May Crowning on Mother's Day, This Sunday, May 9

On Mother's Day, our annual May Crowning will take place at this Sunday's 10:30 am Mass. Families are encouraged to bring fresh flowers for our altar. Children who made their First Communion on Saturday, May 8 are welcome to wear their Communion finery to Mass.



Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges, and lack of health care. This is

particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling-and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

[Give to Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal](#)



Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards for honoring living and deceased mothers during the Masses said on Mother's Day and throughout the year are available at the check-in table at Church.

Please complete the information on the large (outer) envelope, place your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. Take the card and envelope with you to give to your mother or for your own remembrance.



Congratulations to Father Rich, Father Mike Gabriel, and Father Mike Bradley!

This month, Father Rich celebrates 42 years of priesthood, Father Mike Bradley celebrates 43 years, and Father Mike Gabriel celebrates 37 years! Thank you all, including Father Louis, whose anniversary is in January, for your loving service to our church and our parish.



Father Bill Kenneally's 60th Ordination Anniversary: Cards Requested

Father Bill Kenneally, pastor of St. Gertrude for 22 years, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination this year on May 1. Currently, Fr. Bill is residing at St. Benedict's nursing home in Niles, a retirement home for priests.

Anniversary greetings can be sent to him (anytime in May) here:

Rev. Bill Kenneally

c/o Ascension Living St. Benedict Village

6930 Touhy Ave.
Niles, IL 60714

Please consider including a photograph with your name(s) on the back and date.



Resurrection Compost Program

I am excited to inform you of a new composting/gardening project that we are starting at St. Gertrude this spring. Working in partnership with a composting team from St. Gregory, we will build three new composting bins. Parishioners can donate their composting materials to a specific bin before or after coming to church. The composting material then becomes a natural fertilizer, which we will use to grow a vegetable garden. Once the vegetables are ready for harvest, they will be donated to St. Thomas of Canterbury's soup kitchen to feed the poor and the hungry.

This is a win-win program in every facet and is rooted in the principles of *Laudate Sí*. Pope Francis tells us, “As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.” The Resurrection Compost Program is a full circle project bringing new life to discarded debris and using that new life to grow food to help feed the needy and marginalized people in our community.

Of course, a program of this size will need many volunteers. I am hoping that some of the many gardeners in our parish will wish to lend their talents to this project. It will also be an ideal format for students looking for service hours.

In the coming weeks, there will be detailed instructions on how this program works and to what aspects parishioners can lend their talents. Please be on the lookout for these updates that will contain information on how to sign up and get involved. Information will be posted in our weekly e-bulletin and also on our parish website.

I look forward to implementing this program at our parish and bringing to life the ideas of *Laudate Sí*.

Please email me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org if you'd like to be part of this initiative or if you have any questions.

~ *Mary Clare Barker*



**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](#)



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>.



Renew My Church: Prayer for New Members

Almighty God, thank you for the beauty and majesty we see in your creation. Thank you for the opportunity to care for the world you have made. We ask that your blessing would rest on our parishes, that you would give us great vision and enthusiasm for our work as we become a new creation. Amen.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned for Sunday, September 19, 2021

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate. Please note, this Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on-site.

With the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 virus will be this fall, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic. More details on the Mass, including location and relevant COVID-19 precautions, will be available in early summer 2021. Couples interested in participating can register [here](#). Please contact familyministries@archchicago.org with any questions.



Readings and Music for May 9

- [Link to readings for Sunday, May 9](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, May 9](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Prelude: *What Wondrous Love is This* –Piano Solo arranged by Larry Shackley
 - Entrance: *Sing a New Song*, #546
 - Mass of Renewal, *Glory to God*, #873
 - Psalm: 98 *Sing to the Lord a new song?* (same tune as All the ends of the earth)
 - Offertory: *Come to the Water*, #603
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory* 899

- Communion: *Ubi Caritas*
 - *MAY CROWNING (10:30 Mass ONLY) - Hail Mary, Gentle Woman, #694*
 - *Recessional Sing with all the Saints in Glory, #607 (Ode to Joy)*
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
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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:

- First Communion Mass - Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, May 9 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan

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:

- First Communion Mass - Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am - TBA
- Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, May 9 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- First Communion Mass - Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am - TBA
- Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, May 9 at 8:00 am - Sr. Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

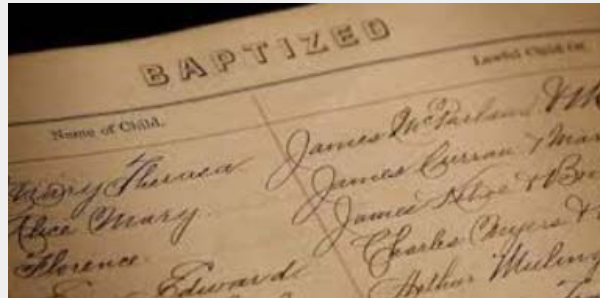
- First Communion Mass - Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am - Joan Dowdle, Barb Daley, Troy McMillian, MaryLou Carroll, Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro, Hallie Burhoe, Marylou Carroll,
- Sunday, May 9 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Brigid Cronin, Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar, Barb Daley
- Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am - MaryLou Carroll, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- First Communion Mass - Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 am - TBA
- Saturday, May 8 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 9 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 9 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.



Baptisms

Skylar Cataleya Gonzalez, child of Lenin Gonzalez and Jessica Fox

Neel Ryan Chakrabarty, child of Soumya Chakrabarty and Maureen Ryan



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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.

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 10: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 11: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 12: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 (58); Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 16: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, May 10: 7:30 am - Izydora Rzadkowska+

Tuesday, May 11: 7:30 am - All living and deceased parents

Wednesday, May 12: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish

Thursday, May 13: 7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, May 14: 7:30 am - Donato Tolentino+, Ed+ and Ester Bugler+,
Dionisio Marcos+

Saturday, May 15: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Patricia
McKee+

Sunday, May 16: 8:00 am ~ Jennifer Batza and Stepanie Clark; 10:30 am
- Waldemar Marian Jezuit+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Helen Banta
- Rosemary Barrett
- 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
- 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
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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