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## St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

November 22, 2020

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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 is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please review [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). Please call before you come!

**On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, Mass will be held at 10:00 am. Register to attend [HERE](#). The Rectory will be closed on November 26 & 27.**

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## From Father Rich

*Bulletin for Our  
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### **Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

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Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and assist those who live on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### **Congratulations to Mary Clare Barker!**

Last Saturday, as part of the celebration of our patronal feast day, [Mary Clare Barker, our Music Director, presented a concert with lecture sections](#) about three female African-American composers from Chicago. And it was magnificent!

Both Mary Clare's knowledge of these three historical figures, as well as her outstanding performance, were amazing! As I commented to some who were there, when she sat down to play, it was as if the spirit of these composers overtook her in both her playing and her singing. What a wonderful night! Thank you, Mary Clare! What a great way to honor St. Gertrude!

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

I hope [you can join in our annual Thanksgiving Mass](#) this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. As we gather to give thanks to God for our many blessings, we will also honor the recipients of this year's **Parish Service Award** - all the volunteers from our newly established COVID-19 team!

This extraordinary corps of volunteers makes it possible for us to have masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms every week! Without them greeting every member or guest who comes into church, checking names, or having people not already on the reservation list sign in, taking temperatures and spritzing sanitizers on hands, directing traffic during Communion time, and cleaning up after every mass and service, we couldn't have services in church. Not only have they provided this excellent ministry, but many of them have also served almost every week since we re-opened for services in June. Truly much for us to give thanks for this year. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

### **Renew My Church Parish Meeting**

Everyone is invited to a final presentation from the Renew My Church Team on Sunday, November 29, shortly after the 10:30 am Mass in church. It will be live-streamed on [our parish's Facebook page](#) at approximately 11:30 am.

The grouping (St. Jerome, St. Ignatius, and St. Gertrude) completed their work last Monday. After a meeting with our local bishop and his staff, the recommendation from the grouping will be sent downtown for consideration by the Archdiocesan Committee which reviews these recommendations and then passes it on with their own thoughts to Cardinal Cupich for a final decision. We hope to hear from the Cardinal before Christmas. This parish meeting will afford parishioners the opportunity to ask questions of the parish Renew My Church team about the final document and the process.

**Once the report has been finalized by the grouping team, the executive summary will be sent to parishioners via e-blast and published on [the home page of our parish website](#).**

### **Advent Begins Next Weekend**

Next week, we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent! Hard to believe we are already in the middle of the holiday season! This year, the Advent season coincides with many of the same elements we have grown used to with the pandemic: practicing patience, waiting for good news, looking for a time when things return to normal, etc. Now is a good time to begin thinking about how you might use some few minutes every day to spend in quiet prayer/contemplation as we are reminded in so many ways of the simplest of truths, "God is in charge."

### **Two Local Women in the News**

Perhaps you have already seen these stories. Recently the NCR (National

Catholic Reporter) named Heidi Schlumpf as their new Executive Editor. Congratulations, Heidi! And even more recently, President-Elect Biden named Julie Morita to his newly formed COVID-19 Task Force. Congratulations, Julie! Both women are long-time St. Gertrude parishioners.

### **A Thanksgiving Weekend Gift from Patrick Reardon**

A few weeks ago, you may have seen an op-ed piece in the Chicago Tribune written by our parishioner, Patrick Reardon (Patrick also writes regularly for the Growing in Faith column in the parish newsletter/bulletin.) It was a wonderful reflection on the need for forgiveness in our nation, regardless of who may win the election. I asked Pat if we could print it in the bulletin and he graciously said yes. [That column appears below](#) in this edition of the newsletter/bulletin. Thank you, Patrick, for such great insight and for sharing your faith!

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

The Christmas Giving Tree is coming! Because of the pandemic, the need is greater than ever, but it makes the coordination more difficult. The solution is in gift cards! Next week, we will have lists of what is needed by our neighbors using Care for Real and for the refugees sponsored by the parish through our Refugee Committee and Catholic Charities. The list will include the needed items and the gift cards and quantity that can fulfill the need. Complete instructions will be included in next week's newsletter/bulletin.



## Growing in Faith

As I reflect on the readings for today, they are so comforting in an era that seems so chaotic. Our God is a God of generosity, healing, reconciliation, and infinite blessing. These are the graces of true power and authority. God shares this power with us when we believe in the goodness of all of

creation, including ourselves. God moves us to reach out to others who are marginalized: the “strangers” who are refugees, people impoverished, people of another political view, religion, gender identity, those addicted, elderly or sick. *“I will rescue them from every place where they are scattered . . . I will give them rest . . . the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.”* (Ez 34:13-17)

Here at Saint Gertrude we welcome and advocate for refugees through our work with Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program, *“For I was hungry . . . a stranger and you welcomed me.”* (Mt 25:35) We extend God’s generosity when we support community organizations like Care for Real. In this time of a pandemic and economic turmoil the cries are real and near.

Let’s hang on to the words in Psalm 23, *“Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life.”* Let’s make them a mantra and appreciate all we’ve been given. Let’s make them an inspiration to provide goodness and kindness for others. Let’s bless others as we are blessed.

~ Dana Sullivan for *Growing in Faith*

## [Please Forgive by Patrick T. Reardon](#)

Let’s talk forgiveness.

This election is going to happen, and someone is going to be chosen to lead the United States over the next four years.

No matter who wins — incumbent President Donald Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden — there will be a huge temptation for the winners to get revenge on the losers.

This will be done in the name of fairness, in the name of justice.

In the name of sanity and humanity, I urge forgiveness.

Already, news organizations are writing stories about the myriad court cases and investigations that Trump will face if he doesn’t win a second term in the White House. And, if Trump should win, well, four years after beating Hilary Clinton, he’s still attacking her — and attacking his predecessor Barack Obama for, well, being Barack Obama.

A friend of mine, Mike Leach, recently wrote in the *National Catholic Reporter* that he has come to the realization that he needs personally to forgive Trump, even though there is much the President has done that enrages him.

“Thing is,” Leach writes, “the president has hurt thousands of people. Especially the dead ones he may have saved by telling the truth. And their families. And all those children sleeping on cement in cages near the border. And their mothers who still don't know where they are. At best, Trump has devastated families, deepened division, ignited violence, made a mockery of decency, damaged our democracy, and now threatens our coming election.”

But, for his own emotional peace of mind and for his faith in the teachings of Jesus who, on the cross, said of his tormentors, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,” Leach has decided to work to find it in himself to forgive the President.

Of course, if Biden loses, Trump and his followers will be tempted to continue what they've done over the past four years which has been to take revenge against “outsiders” who want a piece of the American Dream. These “outsiders” are mostly American citizens who happen to be people of color or poor or recent immigrants or members of the LBGTQ community. Others are people who have come to this country in pursuit of a dream for peace and opportunity.

I plead for forgiveness.

To the incumbent President and everyone with him, if you win re-election, please don't take out your anger on those who are seeking to be accepted as full human beings in this idealistic nation of ours. Please don't pound them as you have in the first term, to grind them and demonize them and scapegoat them.

Please listen to those on the margins of American society and really hear them. Please recognize that, for every individual who does bad things, there are hundreds who are just trying to do the right thing and find their place in the American community. Please choose reasonableness rather than rage.

To the former Vice President and everyone with him, if you win election, please don't unleash the bile and bitterness that has been boiling for the past four years in an orgy of revenge against Trump and those around him.

The nation wants to be brought together, not riven apart as it's been under Trump. Revenge poisons. It doesn't bring closure. It breeds hatred.

Nearly half a century ago, another new president faced a similar choice, and Gerald Ford chose forgiveness.

On September 8, 1974, he granted Richard Nixon a complete and unconditional pardon for any crimes he might have committed against the nation as president, particularly the Watergate scandal. Ford said it was in the best interests of the country to avoid "prolonged and divisive debate."

What was true then is true now. The nation will be damaged and tarnished by a prolonged and divisive debate. We've had four years of that.

Whoever wins, please forgive.

*Patrick T. Reardon is the author of nine books including "Faith Stripped to Its Essence: A Discordant Pilgrimage Through Shusaku Endo's Silence."*



## Religious Ed Update!

We are so appreciative of our Religious Ed community and the support our parents and guardians have shown us! Both attendance and participation in classes have been strong.



Classes will be held on Tuesday, November 24. Our next break will be over Christmas vacation.

If you still need to pick up your child's books for the school year, please note that the St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Here are our [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

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Join neighbors of all faiths

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Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3:00 pm for

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a virtual Thanksgiving online event.

GIVE THANKS

Together, we'll celebrate with word and song—  
hopeful for the future and thankful for each other.



Call (773) 561-5173, scan the code,  
or Email us to reserve your spot on  
our live Zoom broadcast.

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PRESENTED BY:

Ebenezer Lutheran Church • Edgewater Presbyterian Church • Emanuel Congregation •  
Epworth United Methodist Church • Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church • Ismaili  
Jamatkhana of Chicago • Living Well Ministries • North Shore Baptist Church • St. Gertrude  
Catholic Parish • St. Ita Catholic Church • Unity Lutheran Church

ECRA Edgewater Community  
Religious Association



## This Sunday - Virtual ECRA Thanksgiving Service; Food Drive for Care for Real in Church

This year, our annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be held virtually via Zoom this Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm. The theme is *Hope and Thanks in a Pandemic*. Each participating congregation is planning to offer a pre-recorded reading, a piece of liturgy, or a hymn. Our music minister, Mary Clare Barker, is arranging St. Gertrude's participation in the event, which will be music by Resounding Wayves, a men's group made up of several parishioners. The service will include breakout activities led by

ECRA leaders. Click [HERE](#) to reserve your spot for the live Zoom broadcast,

### **Canned/Dry Food Drive Info - Drop Off Food This Weekend & Thanksgiving Day at Mass**

In support of this, St. Gertrude hosting a Thanksgiving Canned/Dry Food Drive for Care for Real in church November 21-22, as well as Thanksgiving Day (November 26).

There will be large tables set up in the vestibule of church. After you have checked in at the side door, please bring your food donation to the table in the vestibule, then proceed back to the greeter in front of church to be seated.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

If you have questions about the ECRA event, contact Rabbi Craig Marantz at 773.561.5173 or [rabbimarantz@emanuelcong.org](mailto:rabbimarantz@emanuelcong.org) or Pastor Fred Kinsey at 773.697.4612 or [pastorfred86@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfred86@gmail.com).

### **What is ECRA?**

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) is an interfaith association of religious organizations that work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths and to nurture a thriving and just neighborhood. For decades, ECRA has linked religiously diverse neighbors to create solutions to local problems, including the Edgewater Community Council and creating Edgewater's food pantry, Care for Real.

This ECRA Thanksgiving Day event is presented by Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Emanuel Congregation, Epworth United Methodist Church, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ismaili Jamatkhana of Chicago, Living Well Ministries, North Shore Baptist Church, St. Gertrude Catholic Parish, St. Ita Catholic Church, and Unity Lutheran Church.

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## Thanksgiving Day Mass - Parish Service Award Given to COVID Team/Rectory Closed November 26 & 27

Be sure to mark your calendar now for our annual Thanksgiving Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am. As we gather to give thanks to God for our many blessings, we will also honor the recipients of this year's Parish Service Awards - all the volunteers from our newly established COVID-19 Team! Please [register to attend this special Mass](#). Lyrics for the Mass can be found [HERE](#).

**Please note the Rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 26, and Friday, November 27.**

[Click here to sign up for Mass on Thanksgiving Day](#)

## Thank you to our COVID Volunteers

- Patrick Robinson
- Joan Dowdle
- Michael Kowalsky
- Hallie Burhoe
- Debra Novak
- Marty McDermott
- Brigid Cronin
- Claire Bushey
- Dorothea Tobin
- Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Carol Ann Munro
- Erika Dunning
- Joseph Dunning
- Elizabeth Dunning
- Thomas O'Brien
- Troy McMillian
- Mark Huffman
- Katie Huffman
- Rich Martin
- Peter Morin
- Brian DeVarenne
- Suzan Cibulskis

- Barb Daly
- Dan Kilelea
- Ginevra Clark
- Nancy Kuhn
- Deborah Kern
- Ann Casey & sons
- Mark Kollar
- Jeff Dunning
- Peter Cashman
- Sheila Cashman
- Allen Stryczek
- Denise Plunkett
- Victoria Healy
- Jane Palomar
- Monica Wyman



## St. Gertrude Parish's Annual Balsam Pine Sale: Christmas Trees, Wreaths, and Garland - Deliveries Available This Week!

A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries. All orders are for delivery only and limited to four miles from Glenwood and Granville. There is a one-time \$3 charge for delivery. Please click "yes" on the approved delivery field. To complete your order, please check the delivery box amount of \$3 at the bottom of the page prior to paying.

For sale are:

- 6' tree - \$45
- 18" wreath - \$20
- 24" wreath - \$22
- 36" wreath - \$30
- garland - 5' segments - \$10 per 5' length

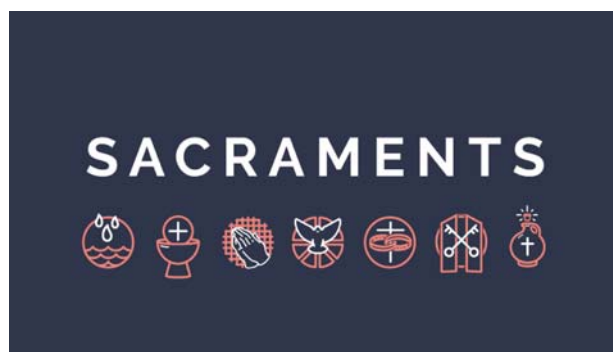
When orders are placed, customers will be asked to select their preferences for deliveries. The Balsam Pine Sale team will try their best to accommodate the preferred options and notify buys when their delivery is scheduled. Dates and times are:

- Friday, November 27, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Saturday, December 5, 2:00-4:00 pm
- Sunday, December 6, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Greenery can be purchased with cash or check (payable to St. Gertrude) at the Rectory. Orders with checks can also go to Northside Catholic Academy's office, care of Steve Peavler.

To order online, click [HERE](#). A link to order is also on our website, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery>. A paper order form is available to download [HERE](#). You may also contact Steve Peavler at [speavler@gmail.com](mailto:speavler@gmail.com) for an online order form.

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email Steve Peavler at [speavler@gmail.com](mailto:speavler@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Sacraments

Sacraments that were postponed from spring 2020 have completed! Congratulations to the children who made their First Communion and to all of the young men and women who made their Confirmation.

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## Breaking Bread Hymnals for Sale at the Rectory

Parishioners are welcome to purchase their own personal copies of Breaking Bread 2021 for use at home or brought to/from church. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the music we use in church. The starting date for using it is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Missals are being sold at a discounted rate of \$7.00 per hymnal and are available only at the Rectory. Checks and cash are accepted. Please have the exact amount ready as no change is available.

Please note, while you may bring your personal missal to St. Gertrude, you MUST bring it back home. Any missals left in the church will be discarded.

Contact Mary Clare Barker with any questions at 773.764.3621, ext 22 or [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org).



## Readings for Sunday, November 22

## Reading 1: Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

## Reading 2: 1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

## Gospel: Mt 25:31–46

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome

you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’

Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”



## Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the preface of the book *Communion and Hope*, Pope Francis writes that the COVID-19 crisis, “has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet.”

For the past 50 years since the inception of CCHD, organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. For example, the main purpose of CCHD grantee the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is to build relationships across racial and generational differences and to bring



collective concerns into the public life while they act for the common good. SWOP acts on this mission by working to reduce violence and end predatory lending and foreclosures. During the pandemic, SWOP has done so by providing more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and solidarity, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit [www.CCHDChicago.org](http://www.CCHDChicago.org).

It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection on November 21 and 22 to continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins of Chicagoland. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



## Christmas is Coming - Handmade Gifts Available from Loom

[Loom](#), a Catholic Charities ministry, is a community of refugee women living in Chicago who weave together their creativity and cultural traditions to make and sell beautiful handmade products. These women have fled their

country of origin because of a credible fear of persecution on account of their race, religion, political opinion, national origin, or social group.

Loom provides an opportunity, at a weekly workshop, to collaborate, develop new skills, earn extra income, and be part of a community of creative, enterprising women. Through the encouragement of the group and skills learned, many women secure part or full-time employment in and outside of the fashion industry.

Loom artisans collaborate with local designers to produce a beautiful selection of handmade products such as jewelry, bags, and home décor. Artisans use a variety of techniques including indigo dye, crocheting, knitting, sewing, embroidery, and weaving inspired by their cultural traditions.

Goods can be purchased online [HERE](#) and at the following shops:

- [Andersonville Galleria](#), 5247 N. Clark St, open 11:00 am-7:00 pm daily
- [Sacred Art](#), 4619 N. Lincoln Ave, open Tuesday-Friday from 12:00-6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am -5:00 pm
- [CFT Holiday Pop-Up Shop](#), 2717 N. Clark Street, open November 1-December 24, TBA

We encourage you to shop local this holiday season and purchase gifts from this fantastic local ministry!



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

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for our live-streamed 10:30 am Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am [HERE](#).

This weekend, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 pm - Lisa Erceg
- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; George Siegle and Jim Szmurlo, trumpets, Fran Guenette, euphonium

**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, November 21 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly

- Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am - Katheryn Stimac
- Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Monica Wyman
- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Barb Daly, Brian Devarenne
- Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Nancy Kuhn, Dorothea Tobin

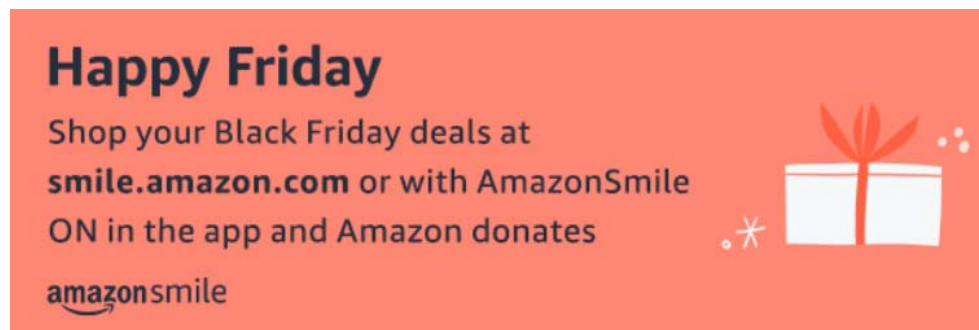
Our clean-up team this weekend is:


- Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am - TBD

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](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.

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**Happy Friday**  
Shop your Black Friday deals at  
**smile.amazon.com** or with AmazonSmile  
ON in the app and Amazon donates  


The graphic features a red background with white text. On the right side, there is a white gift box with a red ribbon and a small red plant growing out of it, surrounded by small white stars.

[Ways to Help Our Parish: Use Amazon](#)

## Smile to Place Black Friday Orders; Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile

You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday deals. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2171013](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2171013) and AmazonSmile will donate to St Gertrude Parish, at no cost to you.

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.

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## Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

**Monday, November 23:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 24:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 25:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 26:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday, November 27:** Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 28:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday, November 29:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



## Rest in Peace

Francesca Teresi Rodriguez, sister of Mark Teresi

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 23:** 7:30 am - Grace V. Cabrera +

**Tuesday, November 24:** 7:30 am - Fr. Matt Creighton, SJ +

**Wednesday, November 25:** 7:30 am - Daniel Meyer +

**Thursday, November 26:** 10:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass -Herve & Rose Pilotte +

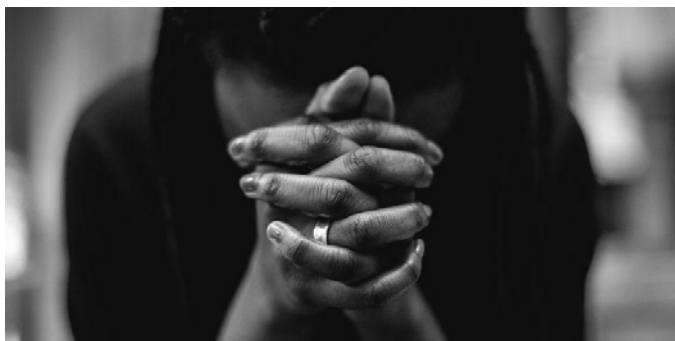
**Friday, November 27:** 7:30 am - Lydia Cruz +

**Saturday, November 28:** 7:30 am - Ethna Nolan +; 5:00 pm - Isabelle & Michael Laczkowski +

**Sunday, November 29:** 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude parish;  
10:30 am - Norman H. Linke +

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
- Robert Belval
- Walter Bradford
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz

- Ester Bugler
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Lois DiFruscio
- Sara Fighter
- Lucia Hall
- Karey Myers
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray



## Lyrics for November 22, 2020

**To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King**, public domain

To Jesus Christ our sovereign King, who is the world's salvation.

All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.

Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!

**Psalm 23: Shepherd Me O God** by Marty Haugen

Shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

**Like a Shepherd** by Bob Dufford, S.J.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms.

Holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

**Take and Eat** by Michael Joncas

Refrain: Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: This is my blood given up for you.

**Laudate Dominum**, by Taize



Refrain: Laudate dominum. Laudate dominum. Omnes gentes. Alleluia.  
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples!  
Nations! Alleluia!

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