



St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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](#))

Beginning November 30, registration will be open for in-person attendance at our Christmas Masses.

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!

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From Father Rich

*Bulletin for First
Sunday of Advent*

Advent Begins Today

Happy Advent! As we begin this new church

year, we might take some wisdom from what has happened in the year we just finished. A year ago, who could have guessed what havoc a virus could cause throughout the world, or even the turmoil that would overwhelm our nation as we went through an election year? It is always fair to say we have no idea what might be coming our way!

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Advent invites us to take a step back and “be watchful,” “for we know not the day nor the hour.” Yet we are also believers in Jesus Christ which means we always know the end of the story! God loves us and we have been saved! So then, how do we live in this present moment? The Advent response is always reminding us to live in hope, confident God is with us, patiently waiting for the return of Our Lord. It is from that lens we carry on our work -- which doesn’t mean where we are employed, but the far more inclusive and important work of caring and loving one another, reaching out especially to those who are suffering in any way.

Just as the announcements of the coming vaccines help us get through the many restrictions and changes to our daily lives, so this time of preparation for the celebration of Our Lord’s birth raises our spirits and focuses us on what is truly important. In all things, our faith and this season remind us that God never abandons us. But each of us must make the conscious decision to turn to God at all times and in all seasons.

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, and 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 the submission 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 any parishioners the opportunity to ask questions of the Parish

Renew My Church Team about the final document and the process. You can access the final document on our parish website [HERE](#). The scenarios the report references can be found [HERE](#).

Thanks...

...to all those who contributed to Catholic Campaign for Human Development last weekend. This collection each year makes possible so many ways for those in need to help themselves climb out of poverty and live with respect and dignity.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is here! Because of the pandemic, the need is greater than ever and coordination more difficult. The solution is in gift cards! Below in this newsletter, and on the parish webpage, is the list of what is needed by our neighbors using Care for Real and for the refugees sponsored through our parish's Refugee Committee. The information sheet also gives explanations of how this year's Giving Tree works. Gift cards may be dropped off in church by the Giving Tree table or by dropping them off/ mailing them to the Rectory **no later than December 16**.

Some Wonderful Feasts Coming Up

Early-to-mid-December provides some great feasts to celebrate our faith and share that faith in some creative and engaging ways with our children. Next Sunday, December 6th, is the feast of St. Nicholas. Tradition tells us Nicholas secretly and anonymously provided the dowry for one or more poor young girls who otherwise would never have been able to marry. Some people remember and honor his generosity by leaving their shoes outside their doors before they go to sleep on December 5th and wake to find some candies and other treats filling those shoes.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and is also the patronal feast of the United States.

On Saturday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. This is now the largest single religious feast in the western hemisphere! The story of the Mexican farmer, Juan Diego, revealing the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe reminds us once again to reach out to the marginalized in which our own faith can be made stronger.

Finally, the feast of St. Lucy is on December 13th. Lucy died for her faith when her eyes were removed from her head during a period of persecution. Lucy, whose name means light, is honored in certain parts of the world with young girls dressing in simple gowns and wearing crowns of lit candles.

All of these feasts direct our attention to the great feast we are preparing for, the birthday of Our Savior on December 25th.



Growing in Faith

It's the first Sunday of Advent and the new liturgical year. Advent is a special season celebrating a kind of threshold: a place of longing and hope; of being "on alert" awaiting the arrival of the Lord.

For me, it's been an "Advent kind of" eight months. In 2020, more than any year I can remember, I've sought out and watched for the divine in my daily life. Maybe that's because of such election chaos, political division, and overarching social media. Maybe it's the pandemic, which has brought such suffering to this world; while, simultaneously, we witness revelations of hatred and systemic racism that's unacceptable and deeply disturbing.

Waiting for something better to arrive? Yes, I think we're all looking for that! But I suspect the "something better" isn't like a vaccine or a "cure". It's of the Spirit. Jesus said, "I say to all: Watch!". And just maybe he's pointing to the awakening of our spiritual seeker. The one in us who searches for what gives us hope and provides moments of gratitude.

Let's use this Advent and pandemic time to be "on alert" for God now! Not

just the one coming on December 25th, but The Spirit who's available to all who stop to focus and attend. Pat Reardon said it perfectly the other day: "Because I'm out walking more, instead of playing basketball, I'm not rushing around. I'm seeing the beauty of the world."

Or what Eileen Crowley urges us to do: take photos of what you are grateful for. Grab your cell phone and start looking around! It may be on the sideboard or the tree branch outside. Watch! Snap! Awaken!

~ Claire Conley for *Growing in Faith*



Sign-up to Attend Christmas Masses

This year, we will have a family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm, and on Christmas Day we will have an 8:00 am Mass and a 10:30 am Mass. If you want to attend Mass in person, registration will open on the morning of Monday, November 30. Please visit the [home page of our parish website](#) to sign up.

We will live-stream the 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 am Mass on Christmas Day on our parish Facebook page.



St. Gertrude's Giving Tree Program: Donate Gifts Cards This Year

This Advent, St. Gertrude Parish's Giving Tree will once again support people in need in our community this Christmas season. Due to the pandemic, our entire collection of gifts will consist of gift cards.

We will be collecting gift cards for Care for Real and the families sponsored by our Refugee Ministry. The gift cards may be brought to church or dropped off/mailed to the Rectory, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660. (Even if the Rectory office is closed, you can always put mail through the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard.

Please be sure all gift cards are delivered by December 16. You can note if you prefer your donations to go to Care for Real or the families sponsored by Refugee Ministry. Collections start Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Care for Real

Care for Real is requesting that all gifts for their families be in increments of \$20 gift cards from Target. Below is a list of gift ideas that an individual or family might be able to purchase with the gift cards you donate.

One or Two \$20 Gift Cards from Target Could Purchase:

- A toy, board game, or sports equipment for a child
- Books, pajamas, or art supplies for a teen
- Hats, scarfs, and gloves for a child, teen, or adult
- Diapers or baby food for a baby
- Toiletries for a man or woman
- Holiday treats for a family or an individual

Three \$20 Gift Cards from Target Could Purchase:

- A coat or boots for a child
- Clothes for an adult or teen
- Toiletries for a family
- Pantry items for a family or an individual

Four \$20 Gift Cards from Target Could Purchase:

- Shoes or boots for a teen or an adult
- A winter coat for a teen or an adult

Five \$20 Gift Cards from Target Could Purchase:

- An interview/work outfit for an adult
- Groceries for a family

You might also wish to contribute one, two, three, four, or five \$20 gift cards from Target for any unspecified items which are most needed at this time.

St. Gertrude Parish Refugee Ministry

We are also collecting gift cards for the refugee families sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish. For these families, we are requesting gift cards from **Target and Jewel** for gift items, household needs, and groceries.

Our Parish Goal for Donations for our Refugee Families is to Collect:

- Ten \$25 gift cards from Target
- Eight \$50 gift cards from Target
- Four \$75 gift cards from Target
- Ten \$25 gift cards from Jewel
- Eight \$50 gift cards from Jewel
- Four \$75 gift cards from Jewel

Thank You!

Your contributions are most appreciated! Participation in our St. Gertrude Parish Giving Tree is a blessing for all, gift givers and receivers, in this holy season of Advent, and makes the lives of all those who are touched truly filled with Christmas joy!

A flyer is available [HERE](#).



System Glitch with In-Person Mass Registration: Please Double-Check You are Still Signed Up for Masses in December and January.

Due to a system glitch, the registration lists from several Masses were inadvertently deleted. **If you signed up to attend any Masses in December and January, please double-check our SignUpGenius lists to confirm your name is still on the list.**

Check [HERE](#) to confirm you are signed up for weekend Masses!
 Check [HERE](#) to confirm you are signed up for 7:30 am weekday Masses.

We apologize for the inconvenience!



Religious Ed Update

Happy Advent! We look forward to classes this month during this special time of year. Please note there will not be a Religious Ed newsletter sent out this Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Our next break will be over Christmas vacation. There will be no classes on December 22, December 29, and January 5.

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!**



Thank You for Participating in Our Thanksgiving Food Drive for Care for Real and the ECRA Thanksgiving Service

Thank you to all parishioners who joined in the virtual ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service this past Sunday! Special thanks go to the Resounding Wayves, a men's group made up of several parishioners, and Mary Clare Barker, our music minister, for their hard work.

All of the food collected at St. Gertrude over the course of the past two weekends and Thanksgiving Day will be donated to Care for Real.

Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

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Archdiocese: Information About Remaining Open

Last week, we received a memorandum from the Archdiocese explaining that, after they surveyed parishes and schools, we would mostly be staying open. Specifically, the memorandum explained:

Affirming the recent communication from our Vicar General, we will continue to stay the course on the current guidelines on Masses and sacramental celebrations.

Given the criticality of in-person learning to student growth and development, the majority of schools will maintain in-person learning until Christmas break. However, there are some schools that will be allowed to transition temporarily to some form of an adjusted schedule or remote learning leading up to the Christmas break. In most cases, these are schools in which the staff and families are aligned about transitioning because of shared concern around high infection rates in their communities and/or because of unique operational challenges at the school. We will contact these schools on a case-by-case basis in the next 24 hours to discuss options and next steps.

We know that virtual learning has been a significant source of stress in some schools. We will be working with designated schools to explore alternative options when warranted.

Here at St. Gertrude's, this means we will continue our regular schedule of daily and weekend masses and other services. I believe this also means we will continue to follow the original guidelines for funerals and weddings, which is the same as the number of people who can come to church for any mass. Our pre-pandemic capacity was 750. Our certified capacity is 15 - 20% of that. We estimate that is about 150 people, which allows for the six-

foot social distancing separation.

The NCA Principal has been in contact with all school families and she will continue to be in contact going forward.

Here is our regular schedule:

- Monday through Saturday
 - 7:30 am Mass
- Weekend schedule
 - Saturday
 - 4:15 - 4:45 pm Confessions
 - 5:00 pm Mass
 - Sunday
 - 8:00 am Mass
 - 10:30 am Mass (live-streamed)

Please always be aware of your own situation and any mitigating health concerns in determining whether or not to leave your home for church or any other activity. Until the vaccines are available for everyone, we must continue to wear our masks, wash our hands, and maintain social distancing.

And let us continue to pray for one another, to pray for all those who are caring for the Covid patients, to pray for all those who have lost loved ones to the virus.

May God continue to bless us and keep us healthy and safe.

~ Father Rich



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

A limited number of trees and wreaths are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries. Garland has sold out.

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

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 (fully booked)
- 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 for an online order form.

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email Steve Peavler at speavler@gmail.com with any questions.



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.



Readings for Sunday, November 29

Reading 1: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
 our redeemer you are named forever.
 Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
 and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
 Return for the sake of your servants,
 the tribes of your heritage.
 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
 with the mountains quaking before you,
 while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
 such as they had not heard of from of old.
 No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
 doing such deeds for those who wait for him.
 Would that you might meet us doing right,
 that we were mindful of you in our ways!
 Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
 all of us have become like unclean people,
 all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
 we have all withered like leaves,
 and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
 There is none who calls upon your name,
 who rouses himself to cling to you;
 for you have hidden your face from us
 and have delivered us up to our guilt.
 Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
 we are the clay and you the potter:
 we are all the work of your hands.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,

each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”



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!

Baptisms

Chukwubuike Vincent Nnaji, child of Appolonia Chioma Ejeme and Godbring O. Nnaji



Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
 - [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
 - [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
 - [What to Expect/Do in Church \(photos w/captions\)](#)
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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](#). Music for Thanksgiving Day can be found [HERE](#).

This weekend, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Saturday, November 28 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neil Meluso
- Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

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:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am - Kathy Wall
- Saturday, November 28 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our readers this weekend are:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am - Bob Backis
- Saturday, November 28 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

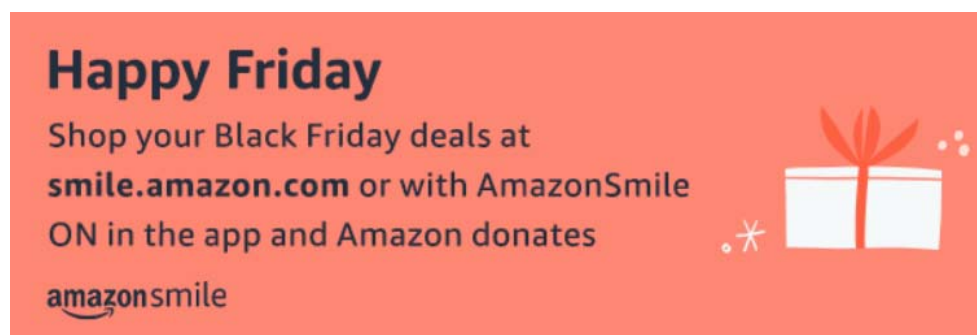
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Debbie Kern, Joan Dowdle
- Saturday, November 28 at 5:00 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am - TBA
- Saturday, November 28 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, November 29 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, November 29 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 and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



[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 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.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Click here for PayPal \(via our website\)](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



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 30: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30: 7:30 am - For the Health of John & Dinkie Harold-Barry

Tuesday, December 1: 7:30 am - Mary Heidkamp+, Pat Conway+,

Kathleen O'Toole+

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

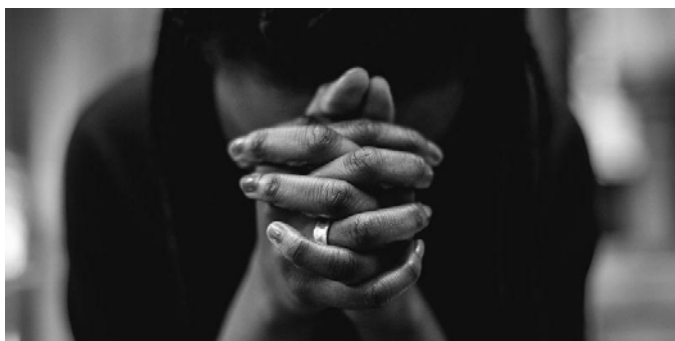
Thursday, December 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, December 4: 7:30 am - Juan Vazquez +

Saturday, December 5: 7:30 am - Eileen Ward Quinlan + +; 5:00 pm - James McKee +

Sunday, December 6: 8:00 am - Harry Glotkowski +; 10:30 am - Tim O'Toole +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
 - Robert Belval
 - Walter Bradford
 - Ester Bugler
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Lois DiFruscio
 - Sara Fighter
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Karey Myers
 - Robert Howe
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Ruth Timmons
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
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Lyrics for November 29, 2020

Waiting for Bethlehem's Light by Dale Peterson

Refrain: Waiting for hope, waiting for peace,
 Waiting for joy and for God's perfect love.
 Advent is waiting, let candles burn bright.
 Advent is waiting for Bethlehem's Light.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, chant

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness by Marty Haugen

I Lift Up My Soul by Tim Manion

To you, Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God.

Turn to Me by Dan Schutte

Refrain: Turn to me, O turn, and be saved, says the Lord, for I am God;
 There is no other, none beside me. I call your name.
 Verse: Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation: a law will go
 forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.

Stay Awake by Christopher Walker

Stay awake (clap, clap) be ready (clap clap)
 You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.
 Stay awake (clap, clap) be ready (clap clap)
 The Lord is coming soon! Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Lord is coming soon.

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