

*Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. ~ Wisdom 6:12*

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## St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**November 8, 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!**

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**32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

I am writing this before the votes from this week's election have been tabulated. So regardless of the outcome of the election, perhaps this quote from the end of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address can serve us for a moment's reflection.

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In the main body of the text, Lincoln discusses the brutal forces of slavery which led to the Civil War and the terrible price paid to end slavery.



He also eloquently addresses that both sides of that conflict shared belief in and prayed to the same God. And that now, as the conclusion of the war approached, the very difficult task of healing the nation must be uppermost in the minds and actions of all citizens. Here is the conclusion of his brief address from the original text:

*“With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan -- to achieve and cherish a lasting peace among ourselves and with the world. To do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves and with the world all nations.”*

One hundred and fifty-five years later, our nation is very much divided and in need of healing. The COVID pandemic has brought so much sickness and pain to so many. And the political divisiveness has rent apart even further the divisions that were already present among us. The restoration of civility and respect must be a high priority for all people of good will. As we hear from our own sacred scriptures, “It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice.”(Matthew 12:7)

The root of all mercy is that it is never a question of deserving it or earning it. Mercy is always an act of sacrificial generosity, a gift freely given. Although the cynic perceives extending mercy to be a fool's errand, believers know it is the way of God. Let us choose to follow God's example. It is the only path to healing and making us whole.

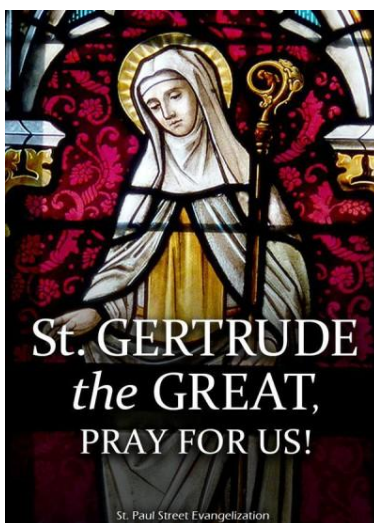
May this journey of healing begin now, and let us not grow tired in extending mercy until the last divisions are healed. Let us pray for all of our elected officials, that God may guide them in His paths to do what is best for our nation and for our world. And let us pray for all those stricken with the virus, for those who care for them, and for those who grieve the loss of someone they have loved.

### **COVID-19 - What's Next?**

I don't mean to end on a "down" note, but I think we have to be realistic about the pandemic and where it might next lead us. While it is certainly not my wish that everything, including church, be locked down again, I think it is increasingly likely as the surge continues and the numbers of those with the virus continue to soar, that it is a very definite possibility.

As you may have already seen, because of the surge in Europe, the Holy Father has already canceled his Wednesday public audiences and announced that all services for Christmas will be with minimum attendance and live-streamed.

**IF** we are again needing to shut down for whatever period of time in order to fight the COVID-19 virus, we will live-stream daily (Monday through Saturday) Mass and continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. If and when that happens, I'm sure there will also be protocols once again from the Archdiocese which will be shared as they become available.



## Parish Feast Day Weekend Events:

## November 14-15

The feast of St. Gertrude the Great is November 16. We will celebrate our parish feast day next weekend, November 14-15, at all the Masses. We will have special music at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 15.

The **Spirit of St. Gertrude Award** will be presented to the Renew My Church Parish team: Denise Goodman, Lisa Erceg, Rob Sierzega, Mark Huffman, Kim McInerney, and Tim Harrington. These parishioners have given many hours for meetings and a lot of homework to participate in the discussion with the other members of our grouping parishes in order to make a recommendation to the Cardinal for our future configuration in the Rogers Park/Edgewater community. They have provided extraordinary leadership not only for St. Gertrude Parish, but for the entire grouping of representatives from St. Jerome, St. Ignatius, and St. Gertrude parishes. I can't express enough gratitude for the huge task they undertook and the excellence and heart with which they did it! Thank you for continuing the Spirit of St. Gertrude among us today!

The sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at all the weekend Masses. Please invite anyone you know who might benefit from receiving this sacrament to join us for one of these Masses.

The **All Are Welcome Concert** will take place on Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in church and [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#). If you would like to be present in church, please be sure to make your reservation [HERE](#). Additional details are in the next article.



[Next Saturday, November 14: Feast of St. Gertrude - Recital/Lecture Featuring](#)

## the Music of Three Chicago African-American Women Composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds, and Lil Hardin Armstrong

Please join us for a free Feast of St. Gertrude event on Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in the church! This year, Mary Clare Barker will give a recital/lecture featuring the music of three Chicago African-American Women composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds, and Lil Hardin Armstrong, wife of famed trumpeter Louis Armstrong. All of these artists were very strong women who, like our patroness, St. Gertrude, used their gifts to make significant cultural contributions in a white, male-dominated field.

All are welcome to attend the live event, but [MUST register online](#) or at the parish office prior to attending. The event will also be [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#) and also available afterward on our parish YouTube channel.

Florence Price was the first African-American woman to have a work performed by a major American symphony. Her Symphony in E Minor was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) in 1933 at the Chicago World's Fair. Margaret Bonds was the first African-American woman to play as a soloist with the CSO.

Both Price and Bonds enjoyed successful careers as composers, teachers, and performers and drew heavily from the rich African-American musical traditions in their compositions. Both women were prolific composers of over 200 works each and composed in nearly every genre. Particular attention will be devoted to providing insight into the social climate and attitudes toward women in music and the obstacles that each composer had to overcome.

Lil Hardin Armstrong was a sought after pianist in Chicago's vibrant jazz scene of the 1920s. At a time when women, especially black women, were relegated to being singers or dancers in a chorus line, Lil had a serious career as a jazz composer, pianist, bandleader, singer, and arranger.

**Sign up to attend the concert in person**



## Growing in Faith ***From the Scripture Scholars Desk***

In this parable found only in Matthew's gospel, the community is called to faithfulness and reliability, as they wait to welcome the Lord. Everyone hearing this parable would be astonished at the five bridesmaids foolishly failing to bring extra oil, for these processions could be very late indeed. These five were not serious about their role to joyfully welcome the groom as he approached the banquet hall, lighting the path for him, and ushering him inside. The five wise bridesmaids were ready to offer that joyful welcome and a lighted path to the groom, whenever he arrived. Once the entourage was inside, the door was shut and the banquet could begin. Naturally, the foolish bridesmaids knocking later were unknown, and reasonably taken for wedding crashers, so the door was closed on them. The ending counsel to the Community is, "Keep awake because you know neither the day or the hour."

This parable is about our need to wait for the Lord, to be in readiness for him, faithful, and sure of his arrival, eager to express our joyful welcome to him, and together, lighting his way. Now, as Advent approaches, the Church reminds us of Jesus' promise that he will indeed come again. We are ready! And our lamps are bright and kept bright, with our efforts to be faithful to the Lord: in prayer; in thoughtfulness of those needing help; in ready pardon to those who have offended us. We ask pardon from those we ourselves have offended; we offer cheerful contact with those who are feeling alone; and we engage our faithful political outreach for the good of our city, our country, and our world. Come, Lord Jesus!

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D., for *Growing in Faith*

*Please note this column was written on October 29, prior to the election.*



## New Reserved Handicapped Seating

Recently we have identified and put signage in a pew in the front section of church. If you, or anyone you know, needs to have Communion brought to them in the pew, please use this seating. That way the Communion ministers will know to come to you when they begin distributing Communion. Please let the greeter/usher know you would like to be seated in the reserved seating area when you check-in upon arriving at church.



## Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Second Collection This Weekend for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My fellow priests, who so selflessly serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago, surely know God's love, and they freely share that blessing with us all as our spiritual fathers. Their love and guidance are needed today more than ever as we face so much unrest in our world, which brings pain and suffering to so many. As we seek a path forward - free of hunger, disease, poverty, and inequality - we look with anxious but hopeful eyes to our parish



priests to lead us with courage, with care, and with love.

To show our appreciation to our family of priests, we pause this weekend to express gratitude by lending our support through a special second collection. On Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, we ask you to honor and acknowledge our priests by giving generously to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA. You may also like to consider naming PRMMA as a beneficiary of your will, in addition to any support you are able to make at this time.

Your gift will continue vital support to the Archdiocese of Chicago's 479 active and 250 retired archdiocesan priests by funding the healthcare needs of our active priests and the medical and housing needs of our retired priests. This is the only collection that supports the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is separate and distinct from other initiatives for retired religious order priests, sisters, and brothers. It is important to their well-being.

The active priests of the archdiocese serve throughout Cook and Lake counties by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and offering a shepherd's care to our faith communities. So many retired priests continue to serve in their own way and have become indispensable resources for our communities. The health and well-being of all our priests are integral to their ability to serve our needs and shepherd our spiritual growth.

Please join me, then, in supporting our priests by making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. Let your gift be a sign of gratitude to them and to the Lord for their priestly ministry that benefits us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

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## First Communion and Confirmation Celebrated This Weekend

First Communion will be celebrated this Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass by the following children:

- Madeline Carpio
- Helena Ind
- Vivienne Josephine Marinelli
- Aoife Marie Nolan
- Lucy Woodward
- Oliver Michael Woodward

On Sunday, November 8 at the 8:00 am Mass, these young adults will be Confirmed:

- Samuel Berlinghof
- Benjamin Devitt
- Maximilian Heidkamp
- Harry Osterman
- Lukas Paulus
- Abigail Yohannes

At the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, these children will make their First Communion:

- Enzo Agboton
- Jack Alsup
- Mathios Paulus
- Rose Jennifer Wyman
- Izabelle Yohannes

Together, we offer our congratulations and express our joy for the faith of these young people. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they

continue to grow in their faith.



## Religious Ed Update!

Religious Ed classes will be held this Tuesday, November 10. Families will need to pick up the books we have ordered for our students to use before then to be ready for class.

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!**



## ECRA Thanksgiving Service & Food Drive for Care for Real

This year, our annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be held virtually via Zoom on 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. Additional information about breakout rooms and discussions, along with a link to RSVP, will be shared later.

In support of this, we are hosting a Thanksgiving Canned/Dry Food Drive for Care for Real in church over two weekends, November 14-15 and 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!



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

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](#).

This extraordinary corps of volunteers make it possible for us to have masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms every week! Without them greeting every member 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 this year!

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



## [A Message from Cardinal Cupich: Our Covid-19 Relief Efforts](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis speaks to our common humanity and the essential aspect of that humanity: "We were created for a fulfillment that can only be found in love." The Holy Father assures us that despite the challenges we face amidst the pandemic that has crippled our world with uncertainty and fear, when we understand that our lives are interwoven together as one family under God then we must also understand what those among us who fight valiantly for the lives and well-being of the most vulnerable in our family understand: "that no one is saved alone."

The [Archdiocese of Chicago Covid-19 Crisis Relief Fund](#), created in collaboration with Catholic Charities Chicago, presents the Catholic community with an opportunity to extend a

hand to our suffering brothers and sisters. The story of our Covid-19 Crisis Relief Fund begins and continues with the exemplary selflessness, extraordinary vision and steadfast perseverance of so many Archdiocesan and Catholic Charities staff, direct services providers, members of the fund advisory committee and donors. Since the launch of the fund we have raised nearly \$12 million to support food pantries, the Kolbe House ministry, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and to provide resources to bury the dead and to assist Catholic school families with tuition costs.

Please visit [our website](#) to learn more about our fund's impact on our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and our new, truly engaging [fund video](#) which serves as a powerful reminder of the real human costs of this crisis and the compassionate care that the fund has made possible. You can access the video by clicking [here](#).

As the crisis endures indefinitely, and the basic human needs throughout our community grow exponentially, we will continue to raise funds to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters during the pandemic. Please consider partnering with me and so many in extending a hand to our brothers and sisters in need by donating to the Archdiocese Covid-19 Relief Fund. You can [make a donation online](#) or by contacting our Stewardship and Development Office at [archchicago@archchicago.org](mailto:archchicago@archchicago.org) or 312.534.7959.

You and your family will continue to be in my prayers as I ask God to keep you safe and healthy in these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Card. Blase J. Cupich". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Archbishop of Chicago

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## St. Gertrude Parish's Annual Balsam Pine Sale: Christmas Trees, Wreaths, and Garland

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.

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## Breaking Bread Hymnals for Sale at Mass

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 at the greeter table in church. 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).

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## Readings for Sunday, November 8

### **Reading 1: Wis 6:12–16**

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,  
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,  
and found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;  
whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed,  
for he shall find her sitting by his gate.  
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,  
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil  
shall quickly be free from care;  
because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her,  
and graciously appears to them in the ways,  
and meets them with all solicitude.

### **Reading 2: 1 Thes 4:13–14**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

### **Gospel: Mt 25:1–13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The

foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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## 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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## [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, 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 will be:

- Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm - TBA, Jim Szmurlo, violin
- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro, Denise Goodman, clarinet
- Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am - Jay Lamble, Dana Sullivan, flute

**Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.**

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Debbie Kern

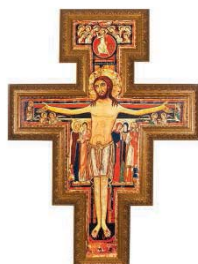
- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Barb Daly, Hallie Burhoe, Mark Kollar, Peter Morin
- Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Nancy Kuhn, Monica Wyman, Dorothea Tobin

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, November 8 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, November 8 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 [kcheels@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kcheels@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



## St. Gertrude Renew My Church Scenario Feedback Summary Report

Our grouping feedback and discernment team has been hard at work following the lead of the Holy Spirit to prayerfully respond to the different scenarios that hold the potential for our parish. To be sure, many of the conversations have been difficult requiring time, patience, prayer, and, above all, trust in our Lord Jesus Christ in whom all hope resides.

There is such great love for our Lord, our Church, and the parishes we call home among our grouping team members. I am thankful for the time and effort that has been contributed over the past few months.

## Next Steps

On Monday, November 9, the pastors of our grouping parishes and a few additional members of the team will present the Feedback Summary to the Renew My Church Commission's Executive Committee:

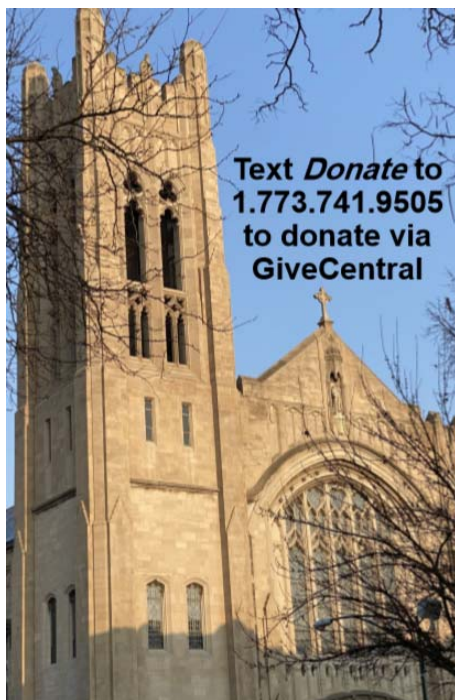
- Our local Vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic
- Vicar General, Bishop Robert Casey
- Fr. Jason Malave, Cardinal's Liaison for RMC
- Betsy Bohlen, Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese
- Cliff Barber, Chief Strategy Officer for the Archdiocese
- Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese

This is an opportunity for members of our local faith communities to provide a voice to the Feedback Summary Report. There is only so much a document can tell someone about the local realities and possibilities, so having our team members spend time with the Executive Committee allows everyone to have a rich conversation about what's unique in our grouping and among our parishes.

Please pray that everyone involved may allow the Holy Spirit to be the true author of our thoughts and words in these important conversations.

As always, for more information, visit [RenewMyChurch.org](https://RenewMyChurch.org), or ask me at [rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org).

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## Ways to Help Our Parish: Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile

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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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

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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 9:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday, November 10:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 11:** Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 12:** Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 13:** 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 14:** 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8



**Sunday, November 15:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;  
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 9:** 7:30 am - Andrel Reyes

**Tuesday, November 10:** 7:30 am - Felicia Klimuszko +

**Wednesday, November 11:** 7:30 am - Aileen & Henry D'Elia +

**Thursday, November 12:** 7:30 am - Communion Service

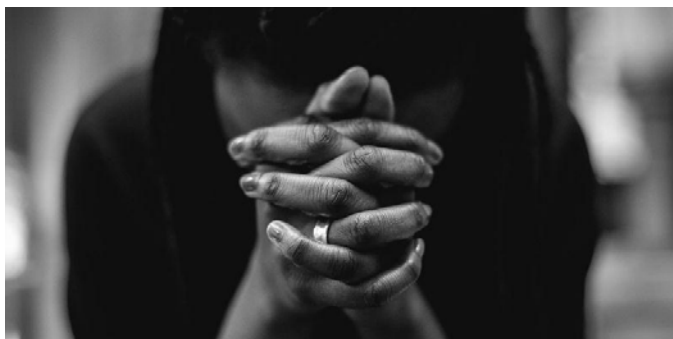
**Friday, November 13:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

**Saturday, November 14:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Living and deceased members of St. Gertrude

**Sunday, November 15:** 8:00 am and 10:30 am - Living and Deceased members of St. Gertrude Parish

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
- Maria Hertl
- Walter Bradford
- Bernice Kiedysz

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



## Lyrics for November 8, 2020

### **Rain Down** by Jaime Cortez

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain, down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verse: Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

(to refrain)

### **Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting** by Steve Angrisano

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord, thirsting for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God, thirsting for you, my God.

### **As the Deer Longs** by O Waly Waly

As the deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul does thirst for the living God, when shall I come to see your face.

### **One Bread, One Body** by John B. Foley, S.J. (10:30 am only)

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many,  
Throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

**Christ Be Our Light** by Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

**Find Us Ready, Lord** by Tom Booth

Refrain: Find us read Lord, not standing still. Find us working and loving and  
doing your will. Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love, building the kingdom  
that's here and above, building the kingdom of mercy and love.

Verse: We must wait for the Lord for we know not the time.

So here and today we gather and pray, discovering love in our midst.

(to refrain)

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## Career Transitions Center: Job Search Strategies with Soul

On November 11 from 9:30-11:30 am, CTC founder Rebekah Kane will host  
a free workshop focused on suggested best practices and strategies to best

maximize your time and energy.

Learn how to approach your job search holistically during this challenging journey. Map out your own best systems, tools, and strategies along with a shift in perspective of how valuable support, play, community, connection, and focus are in any job or career search. Sign up to attend the event [here](#).

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