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St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin for Sunday, October 24 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 in Church (The 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#).)

- [Sundays at 10:30 am in the Gym](#)
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From Father Rich

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. To help all of us increase our awareness of Domestic Violence, the homilies this weekend will be addressing the issues around this widespread form of abuse. Domestic violence is not limited to any age, sex, socio-political division, economic status, geographic location, etc. It is present everywhere, among all people. Unless we are willing to recognize it, learn how to change behaviors, respect, and assist victims of abuse, etc., we will never end this scourge.

Our parish website has a section on domestic abuse with a wide range of resources which can be found there: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help>. These resources are for those experiencing domestic abuse, and also includes resources for those trying to offer support for victims. If you are living or working in a situation with violence in the relationship(s), please reach out to get help.

**Bulletin for the
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

October 24, 2021



All Saints/All Souls Day

Next Sunday, October 31st, is not only Halloween, but also the day we will remember all the parishioners and relatives and friends of parishioners who have died during this past year. We will have our annual Mass of Remembrance at 10:30 am in church. We will take a few minutes to recall the names of all those who have died and to light memorial candles as a sign of our affection and remembrance. Please join us for this special celebration.

Also, because All Saints is on Monday, November 1 this year, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Or, as we might say in English, there is no Holy Day for All Saints this year because the feast falls on a Monday. Tuesday, November 2 is All Souls Day as we commemorate all those who have died. Mass on both Monday and Tuesday is at 7:30 am.

Chicago's Got Sisters Virtual Event

The fall 2021 "Chicago's Got Sisters Virtual Event" will take place via Zoom on Saturday, October 30 from 2:00-5:00 pm. The agenda will include a short talk on the theme of "Discerning with the Saints," time for prayer and reflection, brief introductions to a diverse group of communities and charisms, and breakout room time for questions. This event is for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Register here: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021 or contact Sr. Jess Lambert for more information at jllamb.illinois@gmail.com. Visit <https://www.vocationscava.org/chicagos-got-sisters/> for flyers and a recap of the spring event.

Seeking Nominations for Recognition!

Every year at our Thanksgiving Day Mass, we present the St. Gertrude Parish Service Awards to parishioners who have given generously of their

time and talent in service through a parish ministry or volunteer activity. Awards are given in the areas of Youth Ministry, Human Concerns, Education, Parish Life, Prayer & Worship, and Lifetime Service.

Please consider any parishioner you feel should be recognized for her or his outstanding service to the parish and the broader community and email your nomination(s) to me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org. You may also drop off a written recommendation in the Sunday Offertory or at the rectory. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 29. A nomination form can be found below, in the print version of this bulletin shared in church this weekend, or on the back tables in church.

Parish Service Awards Nomination Form



[Repair, Renew, Refresh: Project Update](#)

This is week six of our ***Repair, Renew, Refresh*** campaign to raise \$100,000 to supplement a recent gift from Ray Simon and the Polk Bros. Foundation. As of Wednesday, October 20, we have received \$51,398! Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The first of the five projects to be completed with these funds is being done this week! Here is a photo of the contractors installing some of the new handrails to assist anyone moving between levels in the main body of the church up to the different levels of the sanctuary. Three of the four new handrails have been installed, with the fourth coming soon.



A donation form is part of the ***Repair, Renew, Refresh*** brochure. Please complete the form, place it and your donation in the return envelope, in the Sunday Offertory, or drop it off at the rectory office, or mail it back. Donations can also be made electronically by accessing GiveCentral through the parish website: <https://stgertrudechicago.org> or via the donation button below.

Please give as you are able. Gifts of \$500 and more can be paid over six months, if that is helpful. The ***Repair, Renew, Refresh*** campaign will end on our parish Feast Day weekend, November 13-14.

Thank you for praying over the parish needs and considering what donation you are able to make.

Repair, Renew, Refresh Campaign: Spotlight on Donors

Thank you so much to those parishioners who have donated so far! We are truly grateful for your commitment to our parish and for helping maintain our building for future generations.

[Click here to donate to our Repair, Renew, Refresh campaign](#)



[Letter from Cardinal Cupich: World Mission Sunday](#)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we are reminded in two ways to be persistent missionary disciples of

Jesus Christ. In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father encourages us, “As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.” At the same time, with the opening of the Synodal Process around the world, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium” (Address for the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015).

We celebrate World Mission Sunday with the Universal Church on October 24, offering prayer and reflection on our mission to proclaim the gospel to all the nations. The collection taken this day supports over 1,000 mission dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These local churches are the poorest in the world and yet they joyfully share the Lord and provide hope amidst struggles in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. The collection also provides for mission dioceses in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Also, during this time, The Church of God is convoked in Synod. Today, the Archdiocese of Chicago is celebrating the opening of the process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in October 2023. The theme of this synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission” and so is intimately tied to our celebration of World Mission.

This global pandemic has highlighted the peripheries of our world and the importance of widening our circles to reach out to neighbors both nearby and far away. Let this celebration of World Mission Sunday and the opening

of the Synodal Process be an opportunity for pause and prayerful solidarity with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world. May we give thanks for their witness and recommit ourselves to our own call to be missionary disciples. With every wish, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



Heart to Heart News: A Note About Fr. Mike Bradley

Every October, Father Mike puts on his running shoes and participates in the Chicago Marathon, raising funds for our senior ministry, Heart to Heart. Even with the cancelation of the official Chicago Marathon last year, Father Mike pressed on and ran 26.2 miles through the streets of Edgewater. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners who support his annual run, Father

Mike's efforts raise thousands of dollars every year for Heart to Heart.

Unfortunately, Father Mike injured his back last month and is unable to run the marathon this year. We are so grateful for his many years of running for Heart to Heart and ask that you say a prayer for Fr. Mike's continued healing and good health.

If you would still like to make a contribution to Heart to Heart, donations can be made in church, at the Rectory, or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>. Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with Heart to Heart written in the memo line. Thank you!



Heart to Heart to Sponsor Legal Workshop on Friday, October 22

The Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL) provides free legal services to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. On Friday, October 22 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm, pro-bono attorneys from CDEL will help our parishioners and neighbors to complete and notarize personal legal documents such as powers of attorney wills, etc. This workshop will be in

our Ministry Center and is the third one sponsored by our Heart to Heart Seniors Ministry.

Please call Director Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.585.9992 for further information about this upcoming event.



Heart to Heart Update for September 2021

September events sponsored by our staff included the second of three workshops creating notarized legal documents such as powers of attorney, wills, etc., for our Edgewater neighbors. Pro bono attorneys from the Center for Elder and Disability Law completed these vital documents onsite in our Ministry Center. Our dedicated volunteers continued to make weekly telephone calls to our homebound seniors and assisted them with grocery shopping and getting them to and from medical appointments. We are so grateful to have them on our team!

An integral part of our Heart to Heart Seniors Ministry is our free Lending Closet serving all of Chicagoland and dispensing loans and occasional gifts

of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, rollator walkers, knee scooters, tub transfer benches, shower stools, commodes, canes, and incontinence supplies. This month, we dispensed 37 pieces of this equipment to 23 individuals in 14 zip codes and accepted 16 donations from families who no longer needed these loans for their loved ones. We also helped to connect a family wishing to donate a hospital bed to a family greatly in need of one.

A Blue Cross/Blue Shield van brought one woman, aged 83, to our door to pick up some medical equipment. And another woman drove up to us from 91st Street to obtain some equipment for her father's homecoming from Weiss Hospital after treatment for a stroke. In a note we received from her, she had this to say: "Thank you soooo much for your kindness and generosity...Everything worked out perfectly and I can't wait for my father's return home. On behalf of my father, myself and my family, we want to say once again, a super thank you to you, Heart to Heart, and St. Gertrude for your donation".

Laurie Hasbrook can be reached by telephone at 773.973.5464 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm or by appointment, while Jane Callahan-Moore answers calls Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on her cell phone (773.595.9992).



Synodal Church - What is This and How Does it Affect Us?

On September 18, as bishop of Rome, Pope Francis offered a reflection on the synodal process he has initiated as a means of renewing the church in our time.

The Holy Father is asking the universal Catholic Church to take up a journey together to reflect on the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.” Pope Francis has called this a time of “mutual listening that involves the entire People of God. But this listening is not about garnering opinions, taking a survey, but listening to the Holy Spirit, as we read in the book of Revelation: ‘Whoever has ears should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches’ (2:7).”

The word “synod” says it all, it means “journeying together.” As such, everyone has a part to play, for we are all gifted with the Spirit of Christ. It begins by each of us being in touch with the inner restlessness in our hearts.

There is always something missing in our lives. We all want to grow, and we want our church to be more responsive to the needs of its people. We

should value this desire as a gift from God, who is a God of surprises. We should not be afraid of the challenges we face, the questions we find hard to answer, but instead be prepared for surprises, for Christ the Risen One is alive and active in the church and is always doing something new.

The church has been following the promptings of the Holy Spirit from its earliest days, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter receives a disturbing vision in which he is told to eat things considered unclean. He then goes to the house of Cornelius, the pagan centurion, who also has a vision that God would hear his prayers.

This was a pivotal moment, for now those who were not part of the Jewish faith could be recognized as being called by God to become disciples. Peter was hesitant, but the Spirit intervened in a way that represented a new moment in the Christian faith. As the pope observed: “The Spirit overcomes Peter’s resistance and opens a new chapter of missionary history. That is how the Spirit works.”

The story of salvation has repeatedly revealed God working in unexpected and new ways. The Holy Father recalls the story of Balaam as an example of how God’s plan will not be thwarted. Balaam failed to listen to God’s word because he was intimidated by the king, Balak. Because Balaam refused to defy the king, as God told him to do, the donkey he was riding spoke out in his stead. The point is that God’s Spirit will not be impeded.

“It is a story that teaches us to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard. Even a donkey can become the voice of God, can open our eyes and change our course when we go astray. If a donkey can do that, how much more can a baptized person, a priest, a bishop, a pope do it? We need to rely on the Holy Spirit, who uses all of creation to speak to us: he

only asks us to clean out our ears, to hear better.”

We should have no doubt, the Holy Father tells us. “The Holy Spirit needs us. Listen by listening to each other. Leave no one behind or excluded.” We are “not strengthened simply by reforming structures or by giving instructions, offering retreats and conferences, by issuing guidelines and programs. All those things are good, but as part of something else, namely our rediscovery that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.”

The Archdiocese of Chicago will join this journey in the first phase beginning this fall. More information about the synodal process will be made available in the coming weeks and months.

There will be a kickoff at a special Mass on Sunday, October 24 at Holy Name Cathedral, scheduled for 5:30 pm. Let us all pray for the success of the synodal process, for our efforts in the archdiocese, and here at St. Gertrude Parish.

Pope Francis’ reflection on the synodal process can be read at [vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2021/september/documents/20210918-fedeli-diocesiroma.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2021/september/documents/20210918-fedeli-diocesiroma.html).

~ *Father Rich*



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Candlelight Walk for Victims of Abuse

On Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm, a short candlelight walk will be held on the steps of St. Bernadette, 9343 S. Francisco in Evergreen Park to pray for victims of abuse. The rain date is Thursday, October 28.



Domestic Violence Information & Resources

Domestic violence is common, affecting millions of people in the United States each year. Data from CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicate:

- About 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of IPV-related impact.
- Over 43 million women and 38 million men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Common signs of abusive behavior in a partner include:

- Telling you that you never do anything right.
- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.
- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with.
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.

- Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- Destroying your belongings or your home.

If this is happening to you, please know help is available. There are places you can safely and/or anonymously speak with to ask questions and create a safety plan.

Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach has a list of resources, including hotlines and service agencies. It can be found [here](#).

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website has a [Domestic Violence information page](#) and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists specific information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
- Organizations that Provide Housing
- Legal Help
- Spanish-Speaking Assistance
- Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance
- LGBTQ Help
- Help for Teens & Young Adults
- Help Securing the Safety of Pets
- What Does Abuse Look Like?
- How to Help a Friend or Family Member
- Emotional Abuse
- Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?



Religious Ed Program Updates: This Sunday: Presentation of Confirmation Candidates Scheduled

The Presentation of the Confirmation Candidates will be on Sunday, October 24 at the 10:30 am Mass in church. Those students to be Confirmed on March 5, 2022 must be present along with their families.

We are still looking for volunteers to be catechists for the Sunday morning Religious Ed classes and to serve as Kids Word teachers during the 10:30 am Mass in church on Sundays.

~ Eloy Escamilla



Youth Group Gathering Will Be Thursday, October 21; Visit to the Chicago Cultural Center's Exhibits Planned in November

Teens in middle and high school are invited to consider joining the parish youth group! The first youth group meeting will be on Thursday, October 21 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be in the front parlor on the second floor of the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave. All students in 7th grade and up are invited!

On Saturday, November 13 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Confirmation students and teens in the youth group will head to Chicago's Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington. The students will enjoy a wide range of diverse and engaging exhibitions devoted to the visual arts and contemporary culture. They include *Art and Race Matters*, *The Great Chicago Fire in Focus*, as well as the *Learning Lab*, an interactive studio that offers sights, sounds, and experiences for visitors of all ages and a wide range of abilities. The group will travel via the CTA.

For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Growing in Faith

The story of Bartimaeus at first thought causes us to pity a person who literally has no power of sight. And then we rejoice when Jesus acts so that the man now sees. What a great and wondrous thing for Bartimaeus!

But it occurs to me that we all are blind in another way that is equally profound to Bartimaeus' disability. I observe in myself and in (just about) everyone: the tendency to see things as we wish to see them, to filter our observations about the world around us—and about ourselves—through the lens that will be most comfortable for us. This tendency is understandable—hey, life is tough enough without denying ourselves those defensive things we use to protect our fragile egos. But at what cost?

I happen to be a lawyer and in litigation, it is always frustrating because witnesses are reluctant to give truthful testimony if that truth threatens that

person's interests.

Is it worth examining the ways all of us might hide from the truth to our advantage--but at someone else's expense? If we are blind in this way, how can we sincerely approach an examination of conscience? What other truths do we fail to see which call out for our response as people who worship God? How do we find the courage to mean it when we ask Jesus, as Bartimaeus did, *please remove our blindness?*

~ Denise DeBelle



The graphic features a blue background with white text. On the left, there is a photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, smiling and interacting. On the right, the text reads: 'CATHOLIC NORTH SIDE PRIMARY CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Wednesday, October 27, 9:00am' and '6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago 60660'. At the bottom left of the graphic, there is a paragraph of text describing the school's curriculum and STEAM philosophy, followed by the phrase 'Come and check us out!'. To the right of this text is another photograph showing a group of children sitting around a table, engaged in a hands-on activity.

Northside Catholic Academy provides students in grades PK-8 with a challenging, well-rounded curriculum that inspires curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. NCA's curriculum aligns with the Common Core Standards and includes Spanish, Technology, Art, Music and Physical Education. We also implement a STEAM philosophy into our technology curriculum across all grade levels in science, math and art. Come and check us out!

NCA Open House on Wednesday, October 27

An open house for prospective families will be held at NCA's Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood, on Wednesday, October 27 at 9:00 am. Please RSVP to Leigh Holzman at lholzman@ncaweb.org. Proof of vaccination is required and masks must be worn.



Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be next Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am. All are welcome to bring framed photos and small mementos to place on our memorial altar/Ofrenda table that will be in church during the month of November.



New Parishioners

- Christopher & Susan Helt and their children, Sophia, Chloe, and Grace
 - Erin Nixon & Michael Lopez
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Rest in Peace

- Kathleen Anthony
 - Timuel Black
 - Genevieve Hane
 - Rick Sheber
 - Jacqueline Helen White
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Readings and Music for Sunday, October 24

- [Link to readings for Sunday, October 24](#)
 - [Lyrics for Sunday, October 24](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from Breaking Bread Hymnal:
 - Entrance: *Table of Plenty*, #310
 - Gloria: Mass of Renewal , #873
 - Psalm: #126: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*
 - Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal, verse 1
 - Offertory: *Send Us your Spirit* (Schutte) , #450
 - Mass Parts: Mass of Renewal, #876
 - Communion: *Eye Has Not Seen*, #462
 - Recessional: *Lift Up Your Hearts*, # 562
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors and musicians are:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman

- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Cindy Lawson; vocal ensemble: Dana Sullivan-soprano, Beth Nelson-alto, Joe Pindelski-tenor, Matt Heimer-bass
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Debra Novak, Bob Backis
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Pat Reardon
- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA



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Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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



Daily Scripture Readings

Click [HERE](#) for the daily readings for Masses. Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, October 25: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 26: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 27: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 28: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Friday, October 29: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 30: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, October 31: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, October 25: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, October 26: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable+

Wednesday, October 27: 7:30 am - Joan Kuton

Thursday, October 28: 7:30 am - Communion service

Friday, October 29: 7:30 am - Greg Wall+; 8:30 am - NCA School Mass

Saturday, October 30: 7:30 am - Martin Fadonoughot+ (30th anniversary of his death); 5:00 pm - Jeannie Righeimer Balsam+

Sunday, October 31: 8:00 am - Juanita & Pascual Gusmanos+; 10:30 am - Maria Silva+; 10:30 am Gym - St. Gertrude parishioners

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Maria Hertl
- Daniel Hidalgo

- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Connie Cool
- Caloy Desembrana
- Ann Collins Dole
- Christine Frisoni
- Shirley Marie Gonzales
- Felipe Hall and Family
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Dean Mattoni
- Sr. Terri McKenzie
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Massielle Ojeda
- Tina Piemonte
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Valerie Williams
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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