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# St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 16, 2020

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This week, we will continue to offer in-person Masses at 7:30 am Monday-Saturday, at 5:00 pm on Saturday, and at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday. Reservations are required for all Masses, sign-up for weekend Masses [HERE](#) and our 7:30 am Masses (Monday-Saturday) [HERE](#).

We will still live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am on Sundays, using Facebook Live! Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link [on our website](#).

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for the 10:30 am live-streamed Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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## From Father Rich

Right after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, August 16, we will have our first of two parish sessions for the Renew My Church (RMC) process. At this meeting, the parish team (Denise Goodman, Lisa Erceg, Rob Sierzega, Mark Huffman, Kim McInerney, and Tim Harrington) will explain the process and vision of RMC, answer any questions, and listen to any feedback. (Everyone at the 10:30 am Mass staying for the meeting should remain in place. Those who wish to leave will do so, and then a quick sanitizing of those spaces will be done, and then those coming for the meeting will be allowed in.) Like all events in church, [please](#)

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[make a reservation online](#), or call the Rectory office. We will be following all the usual health and safety protocols. And the session will also be live-streamed to our [Facebook page](#). I hope you will be able to join us.

Click to view,  
"What to Expect &  
Do When Coming  
Back to Church."

And please mark your calendar for Session II which will be held on Sunday, August 30, right after the 10:30 am Mass. Session II will allow the RMC Team members to present a number of possible scenarios for consideration. These scenarios come from the Archdiocese with input from the pastors and the local bishop (Bishop Bartosic). But we are not limited to these for our consideration. These August parish-wide meetings are an opportunity for any and every parishioner to hear what is being proposed for consideration and to speak up about any of their own views or ideas or questions for the RMC process.)

**Renew My Church Background:** Shortly after Cardinal Cupich arrived as Archbishop of Chicago, he became aware of a number of decisions about how many parishes and schools the Archdiocese still needed to fulfill its mission in spreading the gospel that had been delayed for some time. Collecting more recent data, it became clear that the downward trend in attendance in church which was true all over the country was equally true in Chicago. It was also true that looking ahead a few years, there would be a serious shortage of priests who would be available to pastor all those parishes. Finally, the physical infrastructure of the Archdiocese had been built for a different time and population. Now many of these buildings were aged and in need of serious maintenance and repair attention at a great cost. Under the banner of "Renew My Church", Cardinal Cupich began an initiative to address these realities.

The Renew My Church plan whose primary goal was to update the way the entire Archdiocese could best live out the Mission of Jesus Christ was drawn up. That meant we had to do more with fewer resources; we would have to close and/or consolidate parishes and schools to increase our efficiencies to better serve the local communities, and we would have to reduce our costs and our personnel needs. One of the metrics indicated we should be moving towards a reduction of parishes from around 350 to around 230. Renew My Church created "groupings" of neighboring parishes who would work together to share information and consider how each local community could best meet the mission of the Church for the foreseeable

future.

We are now in the fourth year of Renew My Church and we began this process here in the Rogers Park/Edgewater grouping a few weeks ago. Our grouping is St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius, and St. Jerome parishes. Each parish has a Renew My Church Team made up of the pastor and 5-6 parishioners. The three teams began meeting together in July and will continue to do so for the next few months as a combined team. After we are presented with a lot of data and reflect on our strengths and challenges, we will end up presenting a plan to the Archdiocese for how the Catholic Church in Rogers Park/Edgewater can move forward in the strongest possible way. We expect to hear from the Archdiocese and the Cardinal by the end of the year when the shape of our grouping will be finalized. Whatever that looks like, its implementation will happen next July 1st. One of the unique aspects of this particular grouping is that Loyola University is also one of the partners, having a University representative on the St. Ignatius team. This opens up new possibilities about a local parish/university cooperation for the benefit of all in the community.

I hope the Parish Session this Sunday, August 16, and the second session, on August 30, will provide every parishioner with a good understanding of what is happening in the Renew My Church initiative, and what some of the possibilities are for how we might be changed to better meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

**Volunteers:** We are still needing more volunteers -- especially for the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am Masses. We have the highest need for additional members of the Clean-Up Team which sanitizes the church after every service. But additional set-up/greeters to help check people in, take their temperatures, sanitize their hands, and lead them to their seats are always welcome! If you are healthy and able, please consider helping out. Just a reminder -- there is no top age limit. If you are healthy, regardless of your age, you are able to volunteer. The only condition is for teens under 18 -- they require the permission of their parents/guardians. Thank you for your consideration.

**A Word About School Re-Openings and Judgementalism:** Just a word about the many conversations about whether or not schools should resume in-classroom learning, or e-learning, or some hybrid. If this was an easy decision, everyone would have landed at the same place. It is not that

easy. So please consider refraining from any judgments about the decision-makers -- even if they are not making the decision you have decided upon. It is quite alright to have a difference of opinion. But it is helpful to all the discussions if we can discipline ourselves from making moral judgments about those who are processing differently than we are, and arriving at different conclusions.

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## Readings for Sunday, August 16

### **Reading 1: Is 56:1, 6–7**

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
ministering to him,  
loving the name of the LORD,  
and becoming his servants—  
all who keep the sabbath free from profanation  
and hold to my covenant,  
them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
for my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.

### **Reading 2: Rom 11:13–15, 29–32**

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the

mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

## **Gospel: Mt 15:21–28**

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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## Growing in Faith

August 15, the feast of the Assumption, is my birthday and some have said to me, "Oh, is that why your parents chose to name you Mary?" Well, no; they chose the name Mary (as many Catholic parents in that era did) because I was their first daughter. Over the years I've thought of this Mary feast day as special to me, but it's hard to apply the story of the Assumption to my own life.

Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary's body and soul into heaven back in 1950. But this feast day has ancient roots. The feast of the "Memory of Mary" is one of the earliest Marian feasts, celebrated as early as the 300s. In the Eastern Church the feast is

celebrated as the "Dormition (falling asleep) of the Mother of God". We know that there are in the Holy Land places associated with Mary's life on earth. There are no relics of Mary, but an empty tomb in Jerusalem became a place of pilgrimage. Stories from early Apostolic Tradition and quotes from early Christian letters and sermons point toward the event of the Assumption.

So what does this signify to me now? I think it is the respect and value placed on Mary as the Mother of God. And this includes respecting and valuing her physical life and her physical body. It is a sign of our sharing in the Resurrection of Jesus.

~ Mary Grover for *Growing in Faith*

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## Renew My Church: Invitation to First Parish Conversation

As a first step, we invite you to join parish leadership for our first Renew My Church parish conversation on **Sunday, August 16**. Registration is required, click the links below to register or call the Rectory office.

- [Parish Session I](#) – Sunday, August 16, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass – in church & live-streamed.
- [Parish Session II](#) – Sunday, August 30, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass – in church & live-streamed

During this conversation we will:

- Pray and discuss Renew My Church and the process we are beginning together,

- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping, and
- Answer questions you may have.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Renew My Church is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago; it is a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and structural (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality).

Through Renew My Church initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need. These mission imperatives guide all that we do in and through the spiritual and structural efforts of renewal.

One initiative of Renew My Church is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through December will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess the current situation in our community,
- Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes could be structured in the future, and
- Compile our feedback to share with Archdiocesan leadership and Cardinal Cupich

Let us hold each other and the other parishes in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

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



# Handouts

Background information for Renew My Church is available on our website. Please click on the button below to be taken to our Renew My Church information page

Background information for August 16 meeting

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## One Northside: Tenant Eviction Rights Information

Chances are you're behind on rent, know someone who is, or have heard about the coming eviction crisis. While opposition from the real estate lobby and others blocked [comprehensive responses](#) to the crisis, organizing across the state has produced a patchwork of new rights and programs. It's not enough, but when used together, tenants can give themselves real leverage to protect their homes.

Here are ways to help yourself or someone else:

- Tenants who live in HUD, CHA, or most subsidized apartments can use [bit.ly/hudchatenants](http://bit.ly/hudchatenants) to enforce those programs' specific rights on back rent/eviction.
- Tenants not in HUD, CHA, or subsidized apartments can fill out [bit.ly/letsorganize](http://bit.ly/letsorganize).
- All tenants can text or voicemail 312.566.8385 if they can't use those links.

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, ONE Northside holds a [Tenants Rights & Organizing Session](#) with Northside Action for Justice & Northside Tenant Network. Email [nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org](mailto:nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org) or call 312-566-8385 for the link to join! We welcome anyone who's dealing with a housing problem, organizing their neighbors, or just wants to help.

Illinois' eviction moratorium was recently [extended until 8/22](#). You can apply for rent help [from the City of Chicago until 8/10](#), and from the [State of Illinois after that](#). A new Chicago law [makes landlords negotiate](#) before starting the eviction court process if tenants ask in writing. Lastly, if courts do re-

open before the threat of COVID-19 has passed, we can expect the [normal 3-8 month eviction court process](#) to last even longer.

[Sign the Petition to Keep Illinois' Eviction Moratorium until COVID-19 is under control.](#)

Thank you, and please reach out with any questions.

Noah Moskowitz, Senior Housing Organizer  
312.566.8385 (cell)  
[nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org](mailto:nmoskowitz@onenorthside.org)

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## [Help for Seniors Facing Eviction/Fallen Behind on Mortgage or Rent](#)

The non-profit Center for Disability and Elder Law is now offering free assistance to people who are facing eviction or have fallen behind on their rent or mortgage payments. Attorneys there will help you evaluate your situation, connect you to financial assistance resources, and negotiate with your landlord or mortgage company to establish payment terms.

For this assistance, please call 312.376.1880 Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and ask for Cheryl Lipton, CEDL Pro Bono Coordinator. As CEDL is expecting a large volume of calls, please reach out to them today!

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## [ONE NORTHSIDE: Fair Tax Constitution Amendment to be on Voted on This November!](#)

### **Register for Fair Tax Day of Action**

Join Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA), Jane Addams Senior Caucus (JASC), Asian American Midwest Progressives (AAMP), and ONE Northside for a Fair Tax Day of Action, Sunday, August 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

This online Zoom program features speakers, music, and poetry, and then voter outreach through texting and calling. Training is provided. There is

also an in-person component, including chalking and distributing flyers in our neighborhoods. [Sign up here.](#)

### **Zoom Workshop on Fair Tax Amendment**

There is a workshop on Tuesday, August 25 from 5:30-6:45 pm to learn about this fair tax initiative. [Register here.](#)

### **Sign Up to Phonebank for the Fair Tax!**

Training will be done via Zoom! You'll need a phone and computer with Wifi. Sign up here: [bit.ly/fairtaxphonebank](http://bit.ly/fairtaxphonebank).

Questions? Call Cathy Shiel-Reardon at 773.458.5480.

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## Commonweal Community: Rending/Mending the Seamless Garment: Voting Catholic

**Virtual Conference:**

### **Rending/Mending the Seamless Garment: Voting Catholic**

**Sunday, August 23, 2020, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

*The problem of political partisanship within our Church today,  
and how Catholics can better promote the fullness of Catholic teaching.*

<p><b>* Heidi Schlumpf *</b> Executive Editor, <i>The National Catholic Reporter.</i></p>	<p><b>* Jon Nilson *</b> Professor Emeritus of Theology, Loyola University Chicago</p>		
<p>* Graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern.</p>			<p>* Past president of Catholic Theological Society of America.</p>
<p>* Author on religion, spirituality, justice, and women's issues.</p>			<p>* Consultant to the Chicago Archdiocese on ecumenism.</p>
<p>* Biographer of Elizabeth Johnson.</p>			<p>* Proponent of Black Theology.</p>

**Please request free meeting link from [rending-mending@e-grapevine.org](mailto:rending-mending@e-grapevine.org)**

The Commonweal community of St. Gertrude Catholic Church is planning a virtual forum on this topic for Sunday, August 23. Jon Nilson, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Loyola University Chicago, and parishioner Heidi Schlumpf, Executive Editor of *The National Catholic Reporter*, will

address the problem of political partisanship within our Church today and how Catholics can better promote the fullness of Catholic teaching. The forum will begin at 2:00 pm and last for about an hour.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. All are welcome. To requests a meeting link, please email [rending-mending@e-grapevine.org](mailto:rending-mending@e-grapevine.org).

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## Semi-Retired? Retired? Open the Doors of Your Heart!

Join the **Ignatian Volunteer Corps!** Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, and more! Both in-person and virtual opportunities are available. Detailed information is online at [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

Please register in advance to attend an information session to learn more and meet current IVC volunteers at **2:00 pm on Tuesday, August 18** here at **St. Gertrude Ministry Center**. Guidelines for in-person meetings held at St. Gertrude can be found [here](#).

RSVP to Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312.961.6206 or [jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org).

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Maryville Offers Free Childcare Assistance Available for Families in Crisis Due to COVID-19,

# Unemployment, Parental Illness, and for Children with Complex Medical Needs

Maryville offers two free programs for families in crisis - from requiring emergency 24-hour childcare to assisting children with complex medical needs and have been released from the hospital but still monitoring.

[Maryville Crisis Nursery](#) is a temporary emergency shelter for newborns through age six, providing free short-term care for children of families who are experiencing a severe disruptive crisis or a family emergency or to prevent that crisis from happening.

Children ages newborn through six years receive round-the-clock childcare, up to 72 hours a stay. This safe and nurturing environment is designed to protect them from harmful experiences and the damaging effects of trauma. Issues that bring families to the Maryville Crisis Nursery include parents working as first responders and essential workers for COVID-19, unemployment, parental illness or hospitalization, poverty, and homelessness.

[Maryville Children's Healthcare Center](#) provides care for medically fragile and/or technology-dependent children, ages newborn through 21 years. Most children are admitted from a hospital NICU or PICU. This program focuses on patients who no longer require acute care, but who need significant medical attention related to wound therapy, PICC antibiotics, post-surgical care, NG, GJ tube feedings, and ventilator care. The Center is a "home away from home" for medically fragile children and their families.

Their 16-bed facility offers child/adolescent-friendly and welcoming rooms. There are separate rooms for physical therapy, learning, eating, and play, as well as rooms for parents to stay overnight.

For more information, call Maryville's 24-Hour Helpline at 773.205.3637.

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## Call for Blood Donations

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.

There is currently a shortage of blood in the United States, especially in the Chicago area. While we cannot host a blood drive at St. Gertrude parish, please consider making a donation at a different site. Donor centers, hours of operation, and area mobile drives can be found at [Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org).

Use the **Group Code: 591** when you donate to let Vitalant staff know you are donating on behalf of St. Gertrude Parish.

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## The 2020 Census: Importance of the Data

Shape the future of our parish, neighborhood, and community by supporting the 2020 Census. The Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head

Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

The 2020 Census will be valuable to businesses, as the results will provide a rich set of data on the communities they serve, including population trends and growth projections.

Business owners rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, or offices, where to expand operations, where to recruit employees, and which products and services to offer.

The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.

Take the Census Today

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## Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church

Registration for weekend Masses must be entered by noon on Saturday.

The church is now open Monday through Saturday for 7:30 am Mass. Weekend Masses are 5:00 pm on Saturdays and 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays.

Here are some pointers everyone will need to be aware of as we return:

- For all church activities, including services/Masses, the only entrance will be the Granville (handicap access) door.
- **Everyone will need a reservation for coming into church.** Sign up for weekday Masses [HERE](#) and weekend Masses [HERE](#) or you can call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.
- Registrations must be entered at least by 12:00 pm the day before the weekday service/Mass you plan to attend. Registration for weekend

Masses must be entered by **noon** on Saturday.

- If your name does not appear on the registration list, you will be asked to wait outside. If fewer than 150 people are in attendance at the beginning of the service, you will be admitted.
- Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have a mask when you arrive, one will be provided. (Only exceptions are for medical conditions.)
- Leave home early enough to allow for the check-in procedure.
- You must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness (fever of 100.4 degrees or above, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches, or headaches) or had exposure to anyone with these symptoms.
- Once you are admitted, your temperature will be taken with a non-touch electronic thermometer and you will have your hands sanitized. Then you will be checked in and an usher or greeter will take you to a seat. (Those living in the same households can sit together.) Everyone in church is expected to maintain safe-distancing protocols by observing the markings on the floor and in the pews which give directions for spacing and traffic flow.
- Weekend Masses take place on Saturday at 5:00 pm and at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday. Once we are confident we have our protocols down and things are operating smoothly, we can have from 15-20% of our capacity at any Mass, 125-150 people.
- Even when public Masses start, we will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Sunday Mass as we have been doing.
- If you are 65 or over, and/or have any health condition that leaves your health in any way compromised, please stay home! As Cardinal Cupich reminds us, during this pandemic time, missing Mass is not a sin!

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to church! Please feel free to contact the office or any member of the parish staff with any questions. We remember each of you in prayer every day! Please pray for St. Gertrude parish and all those who are suffering in any way.

[\*\*Click Here to Sign up for Weekday Masses\*\*](#)

[\*\*Click Here to Sign-up for Weekend Masses\*\*](#)



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## Rectory Hours, Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory.

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 9:00-1:00 pm on Sunday. Please call ahead!

We ask that all visitors follow these regulations:

- The office is open by appointment only. Appointments may be made by email to [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) or by phoning 773.764.3621.
- We will accept only one appointment at a time so we can observe social distancing requirements of being six feet apart. There will be social distancing markings in the front hallway. If more than one person needs to be present for the appointment, please inform the office of the number of people so that appropriate social distancing procedures may be observed. We suggest a limit of four people.
- Visitors must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness (fever of 100.4 degrees or above, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches, or headaches) or had exposure to anyone with these symptoms.
- Visitors must wear masks or face coverings.
- Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Requests such as new parish registrations, changes in parishioner address or phone numbers, Mass or prayer intentions, scheduling, etc. should be made by phone or email.
- Please make an appointment only if a face-to-face meeting is absolutely necessary. If you are dropping off checks or documents, please put through the mail slot at the Rectory door on the west side of the building between Granville Avenue and the alley. If what you are dropping off is too large to fit through the mail slot, please notify the Rectory to make further arrangements.

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## Protocols for Reopening Parish

# Facilities for Meetings

We are figuring out how the parish campus can reopen in a safe and healthy manner for everyone who will be using any parts of the buildings.

Based on the pattern of everything we have received from the State of Illinois and the Archdiocese of Chicago thus far, we should expect these kinds of protocols to guide us in all our parish facilities:

- **All spaces should be evaluated for the capacity of the space – then plan on limiting the number of people in any space to 15-20% of the capacity.** (E.g. the church capacity in normal times is about 750 people. Therefore the current limits on how many people can be in the church at any one time is 15-20% of that number, so no more than 150 people.) In figuring out how this will work, imagine everyone is wearing an inner-tube or hula-hoop that creates a six-foot space around them in all directions. That's how you should expect to arrange any chairs or tables.
- **Everyone coming into any meeting in any part of the parish campus will need to wear a mask.** If someone doesn't have a mask, one will be available. Masks are worn the entire time of the meeting or gathering – except when the person is eating or drinking. If there is a presentation by any individual, that person may remove their mask while they are speaking – as long as they are at least 12 feet away from the closest person in the room.
- **Everyone will have their hands sanitized as they enter the room.** Hand sanitizer will be available in every meeting space.
- **Everyone attending any meeting/gathering will have to either have made a reservation at which time they gave the rectory office their name, phone number, and email address, or, if there is still space available, give that same information to whomever in the group is keeping the tracking clipboard.** (This is also done for every service in church. This information is being collected for the contact tracking in case of a situation where a number of COVID cases were traced back to a specific time and place. This is a requirement of the State of Illinois. We keep this information for three weeks and then shred the documents.)
- **Meetings/gatherings should be planned ahead of time so that all business is conducted as quickly as possible.** No meeting or gathering should exceed an hour. Shorter is better! (If your group is

not wanting to move things along at a fast clip, please consider having a Zoom or team meeting (virtual) instead.

- If possible, **windows and doors should be kept open** to provide maximum air circulation.
- **Each room must be sanitized by the group using the space at the end of the meeting.** There will be cleaning/sanitizing equipment available in each area of the parish campus. Every surface used by anyone must be sanitized. (As we do in church for services, we are looking to have one-use maps of each room so that a group leader could easily identify exactly where and which tables and chairs and other equipment was being utilized. That makes it easier to only have to sanitize what has been used.) Failure to clean up after your use of any space will result in forfeiture of using any parish facilities in the future.
- **Certain spaces will not be available** because there is no way to protect people in a safe and healthy way from contact. Currently, the gym cannot be used. Certain other meetings/gatherings may also be inappropriate in the lower hall or the cafeteria. Each request for space, once we are able to re-open, will be considered on an individual basis.



## Lectors, Cantors, 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, August 15 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey, John Horan on guitar
- Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

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

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, August 15 at 5 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Our set-up and greeter teams have been combined. This weekend's schedule is:

- Saturday, August 15 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, August 15 at 5:00 pm - Jeff Dunning, Troy McMillan
- Sunday, August 16 at 8:00 am - Colleen Shoemaker, Ann Casey & the Casey boys
- Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.

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# Career Transition Services Offers Free Help to Jobseekers

Are you or a loved one unemployed, underemployed, or unfulfilled? [Career Transitions Center](#), founded by Catholic parishes, helps people get jobs. They are currently offering virtual training and support, including a virtual career coaching program.

Two virtual information sessions have been planned to help with job searches. They include:

- [New Beginnings: ONBOARDING - Your Next Transition, Tuesday, August 18, 9:30 -11:30 am](#)
- [Your Resume=Your Path to Success, Thursday, August 20, Monday, August 17, 9:30 -11:30 am](#)

Please email [Ajenke@ctcchicago.org](mailto:Ajenke@ctcchicago.org) for information.

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## Sign Up to Vote by Mail

Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to use *Vote By Mail* or *Early Voting* before Election Day on November 3, 2020.

Any Chicago voter may [apply online now to Vote By Mail](#) ahead of the November 3, 2020 Election. No reason or excuse is needed to Vote By Mail. Chicago voters who apply online between now and September 24 will be among the first to receive ballots. Ballot mailings will begin Sept. 24-Oct. 5.

Chicago voters who apply online to Vote By Mail will receive emails:

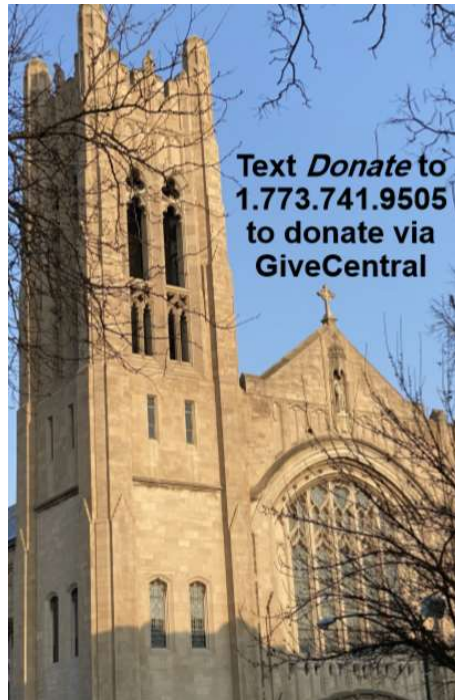
- In the days that follow their online application, to confirm that the online application has been received and processed;
- When the ballot is being mailed to the voter -- with a unique link to a system to track the ballot through the US Postal Service;
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" is received by the Election Board; and,
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" has been approved for counting -- or if there is a question or problem with your Ballot Return Envelope.

If you are unable to apply online, the Election Board also will be sending Vote By Mail applications and postage-paid return envelopes in late July to all voters who have voted in any election(s) since Nov. 2018 and to any voters who have registered for the first time or updated their registrations since March 18, 2020.

For more information about voting by mail, please click [HERE](#).

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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.

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select St Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

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](mailto:ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org). He will be happy to help in any way he can.

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[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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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:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 17:** 7:30 am - Steve Constable

**Tuesday, August 18:** 7:30 am - Norman H. Linke +

**Wednesday, August 19:** 7:30 am - Tina Piemonte

**Thursday, August 20:** 7:30 am - Communion Service

**Friday, August 21:** 7:30 am - Grace Barranco

**Saturday, August 22:** 7:30 am - Grace Barranco; 5:00 pm - Moises

Fusilero, Josie & Luis Tapiru +

**Sunday, August 23:** 8:00 am - Claire O'Connor +; 10:30 am - Judy O'Toole

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*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*

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# Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
  - Ester Bugler
  - Aida Calvopina
  - Maggie Callaway
  - Anne Collins-Dole
  - Geraldine Clark
  - Connie Cool
  - Sara Fighter
  - Mary Fitzgerald
  - Lucia Hall
  - Gina Heidkamp
  - Maria Hertl
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- Bernice Kiedysz
  - Eva Kot
  - Addison McClain
  - Karey Myers
  - Don Piven
  - Lu Radzicki
  - Charley Scantlebury
  - Richard Seitz
  - Peggy Stoffel
  - The Sullivan family
  - Ruth Timmons
  - Elinora E. Tolentino
  - Norma E. Viray

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## Lyrics for August 16, 2020

### **Sing a New Song by Dan Schutte**

REFRAIN: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

VERSE 1: Shout with gladness! Dance for Joy! O come before the Lord.

And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.  
(to refrain)

**Psalm 67: O God, O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, O God, let all the nations praise you! Let all the nations praise you!

**The Cry of the Poor by John Foley, S.J.**

REFRAIN: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

VERSE 1: I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise, ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. (to refrain)

**Dwelling Place by John Foley, S.J.**

I fall on my knees to the Father of Jesus, the Lord who has shown us  
The glory of God.

May Christ in his love give us strength for our living,  
The strength of the Spirit, the glory of God.

REFRAIN: May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts.  
May our lives be rooted in love, rooted in love.

**Recessional: Let Heaven Rejoice by Bob Dufford, SJ**

Refrain: Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad; let all creation sing.

Let children proclaim through ev'ry land: "Hosanna to our King."

Verse 1: Sound the trumpet into the night; the day of the Lord is near.

Wake your people, lift your voice, proclaim it to the world. (to refrain)

Verse 2: Rise in splendor; shake off your sleep; put on your robes of joy.

And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord. (to refrain)

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