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St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

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, links to sign-up are [below](#).

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

Just a gentle reminder: if you are 65 and over, and/or have any mitigating medical conditions, please stay home! For as long as we are living with this pandemic without a vaccine or better medication therapies, it is very important you protect your health. There is no sin for missing Mass during this time. And we will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Mass every Sunday. Your health is the most important thing you need to be concerned about.

As our attendance at Mass continues to increase, we need more volunteers. Our initial corps of volunteers have been and are doing a

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fantastic job! But they also need to take their vacations and need time off.

Please consider joining the new ministries for this unusual time. There are three ministries that are in need: the set-up team, the greeters, and the clean-up team. To make this even more inviting -- you can indicate which Mass or Masses you would be willing to work. AND -- we would like to suggest you consider a schedule in which you work those Masses one month, then take a month off. We hope this will keep parishioner-volunteers from burning out. (Or, if you have suggestions on what would make this work better for everyone, please send me an email at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org.) As I think most people know, this is going to be our new normal for at least many months. Please consider helping!

The other day a friend sent me the link to a homily by the commentator, David Brooks, delivered at the National Cathedral for Independence Day. His theme was beauty in the storm. It was a wonderful homily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82RTNaG3JHI>. In a time when so many feel so threatened by so much out of our control, Brooks reminded us of the spiritual basis for hope. And in that reminder, to look around, both literally and figuratively, to see the beauty that is present. I have already written about what I consider the great gift of the pandemic for our own nation -- it laid bare the fractures in society that have not been addressed -- especially the racism that is part of our nation's foundation.

But now I want to talk about a more literal beauty and extend an invitation. Please stop by when out for a walk, or some day when leaving church, and visit the garden in the back yard on the west side of the Rectory. Fr. Mike Bradley has been working diligently all summer to bring new life and greater variety and color to that whole area. And Fr. Luis has been his assistant gardener. It's a great place to get your batteries recharged in a few minutes with the best of God's creation! And keep looking for the many other moments of beauty available to us -- even during the pandemic.

Since March 13th, many things have been put on hold. But with church open once again, it is time to begin picking up where we left off on some of those things. Recently a bride and groom who were scheduled to be married in May finally were able to get a civil marriage license and schedule their wedding in August. And our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

candidate, Sean Madden, can now be welcomed into the Catholic Church, be confirmed, and celebrate his First Communion! Sean and his wife, who is also his sponsor, will be with us at the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday, July 19 for all this to happen. Please pray for Sean this week as he prepares to enter into the Catholic Church.

The two big celebrations that are a little trickier to get back on track are First Communion and Confirmation. Right now, we are working on plans to figure out how many celebrations we may need because of social distancing requirements. In a few weeks, parents of those preparing for First Communion and/or Confirmation will receive a questionnaire in the mail to help us make these decisions. Some things you might want to begin considering:

For **First Communion**, if the allotted seats per family are limited to only family members living at home, would you be open to that, or is it more important to be able to have extended family present, even if that might mean pushing First Communion further into the fall, or whenever people will again be allowed to freely travel?

If the social distancing requirements mean we will have multiple celebrations of First Communion, what would be an equitable way of determining who goes to which celebration?

My own bias is that we try to celebrate First Communion in September, as soon as everyone is back celebrating their First Communion in May, 2021, and it seems prudent to have a good gap of time between those celebrations. But I am not a parent! What are your thoughts if you are a parent in that situation? My second reason is that September would allow school and R.E. to do a review with the First Communicants so they feel ready for their celebration.

For **Confirmation**, we face the same question about how many celebrations we may need. Because pastors have been delegated to celebrate Confirmation, many have chosen to have a number of celebrations at their weekend Masses. Would that be something you would like? Or would you prefer, if the numbers allow it, to only have one celebration where the entire Confirmation class could be present together? For timing -- would October be a good time? Would you prefer a weekend Mass? Or would you prefer it during the week some evening?

There are a number of other considerations and all of these can be responded to when you receive the letter in the next few weeks.

For now, it is mid-July! I hope you are having some vacation or a stay-cation and enjoying some down-time for fun, relaxation, and recreation!

What to Expect and Do When Coming Back to Church



Readings for Sunday, July 12

Reading 1: Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,

giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14

R. (Lk 8:8) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,

Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;

The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reading 2: Rom 8:18–23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we

also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel: Mt 13:1–23 or Mt 13:1–9

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted. On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

[The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

*You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their hearts and be converted,
and I heal them.*

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”]



Growing in Faith

The verses from Isaiah and the gospel from Matthew today are all about seeds and soil. In that first reading, God sends the rain and snow to water the earth, “making it fertile and fruitful.” God also sends “my word” to do the same thing to the human soul.

In the gospel, Jesus tells that story from the other direction. He describes a sower sprinkling seeds on all sorts of soil — on a path, amid rocks, in the sun, among thorns, and on rich loam. Not surprising, the seeds do best in that lush earth. That nurturing dirt, Jesus says, is “the one who hears the word and understands it.”

But how do I hear the word and understand it? It’s not as simple as it sounds. Part of it, for Catholics, involves listening to church teaching and working to comprehend it in a deep, nuanced way. It also involves listening to — and really hearing — the words of Scripture (i.e., the words of Jesus and the prophets and the apostles and God) and internalizing them, weaving them

into my life so that they shape my actions, what I do and how I treat people.

In addition, it has to do with listening — really hearing — other people when they talk about their own beliefs, challenges, sadnesses, joys, and confusions. A grieving daughter at her father's funeral is speaking the word of God, as is an immigrant or African-American or lesbian or poor person talking about how the American system pushes them to the margins with prejudice and oppression.

In the natural world, soil works hard. That's our job too.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*

Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church

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 3:00 pm the day before the weekday service/Mass you plan to attend. Registration for weekend Masses must be entered by 3:00 pm on Saturday.
- If your name does not appear on the registration list, you will be asked to wait outside. If fewer than 50 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](#)

Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory.

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm and 9:00-1:00 pm on Sunday. These hours may change, so 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 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.



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, July 11 at 5 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder

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, July 11 at 5 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - Bob Backis

Our set-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, July 11 at 5 pm - TBD
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - TBD

Our greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, July 11 at 5 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Barb Daly, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Joan Dowdle, Debbie Kern
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brigid Cronin, Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 am - Mark Huffman, Dan Kilelea, Ginevra Clark, Debbie Kern, Hallie Burhoe, Debbie Kern, Michael Kowalsky, and Patrick Robinson, Amanda Robertson

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, July 11 at 5 pm - TBD
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 am - TBD

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

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



[St. Gertrude Parish Cloth Mask Project - Masks to be Available for Purchase at the Rectory](#)

We have 20 masks available for purchase at the Rectory. Please keep in mind the [new safety protocols in place for visiting the Rectory](#) outlined in the above article. They have been sewn by Kadidja, the single mother of two who we've sponsored since she arrived from the Central African Republic, and a gifted seamstress. This is a win-win - she lost her job when we went on lockdown for the pandemic, and we all need masks.

At present, Kadidja has committed to creating 30 masks per week. The

cloth masks cost \$5 each. If you'd like to place an order, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845a5ab2cab9-cloth>.

Payment can be submitted by check (make payable to Catrine Guzik), Zelle (audraeisin2@hotmail.com), or Venmo *TogetherWeAreStrong*.

You will be called or texted (state in the comments how you want to be contacted when placing your order) when your masks are ready to be picked up.

If you would like some tech support, please contact Pam Horan-Bussey at 773.315.3290.

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](#).



Welcome New Parishioners

The Tonelli Family



Rest in Peace

Mary McKenna



Renew My Church: What is it? Why are

we doing it?

Our parish, like all parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is participating in an effort of renewal. Some may ask, “why now?” since we have just reopened, there is still a great deal of concern for people’s well-being and we are focused on healing the racial injustice in our city and country. The most honest answer I can offer is that the opportunity for renewal is ever-present and is perhaps more important now than ever.

When we look at the signs of the time, what do we see? A culture more ambivalent toward religion; declining faith participation of younger generations; Mass attendance in our archdiocese that has decreased by 27% over the past 20 years; across the U.S., 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed; and, 85% of children that are confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21. In many quarters of our society, Christian morality, once the norm, is pushed aside. The consequences are all around us: breakdown of families, disregard for innocent life and human dignity, violence in our communities, addictions, depression, loneliness and despair. For many of us, we see this in our own families and neighborhoods, brokenness and separation from the life of Jesus Christ.

Now, consider the actual words, “renew my church.”

What a wonderful gift we have as Jesus invites us to renew His Church. The Lord of the universe speaks these words to us just as he spoke them to the saints before us. Finally, we have the word Church. It seems like a tall order to renew the Church. Isn’t that someone else’s job? Our own little parish, maybe. But the whole Church? Yes. And we will, because renewal always, always, always begins within our own hearts.

To be clear, Renew My Church is much bigger than anything we’ve ever done in the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is a faithful response to Christ’s call to renew His Church, 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.

Let's acknowledge upfront that change is not always easy and renewal can be stressful. For a lot of parishes, this renewal means some form of structural change, such as uniting with another parish. For others, it will be painful with the closure of a church or school.

But something new is needed. Despite the valiant and beautiful efforts of so many pastors, lay leaders, and ministry leaders, fewer and fewer people are encountering Jesus and experiencing him in a parish community. Change we must, and it will involve frank discussions and some hard decisions to help all of our parishes invest in new ways of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Over the course of the year, our parish is going to work with St. Jerome's and St. Ignatius as part of a group to discuss, share, pray, and discern what the best structures and forms of collaboration are to create a sustainable, vibrant and vital Catholic presence in our area.

Renewal always begins within our own hearts. As we open our hearts to the renewal process, we will pray the special Prayer for Renewal (below) throughout the upcoming months.. I invite you to reflect upon each line of this prayer slowly and deliberately. Thousands of people across our Archdiocese and beyond are praying these words on behalf of our local Church. Allow this to become your prayer, as well.

Please reach out with any questions and feel free to visit RenewMyChurch.org to learn more about the vision for renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.*

*In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us*

to hear you clearly

to listen to each other attentively

to imagine our future boldly

to discern your direction wisely

to persevere in your holy will courageously

to stay together in charity

to surrender our own plans readily

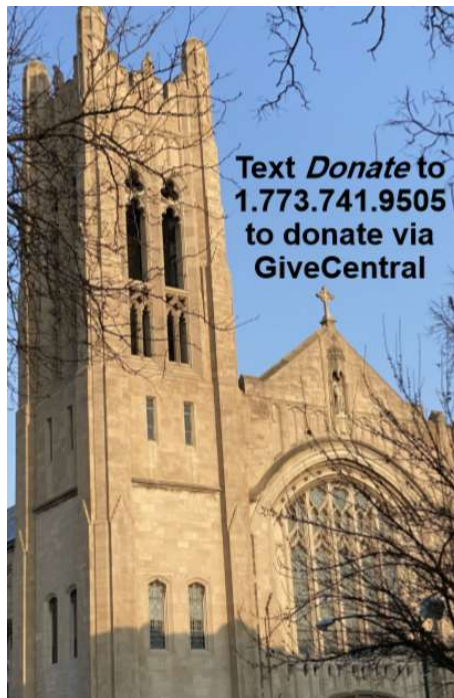
to embrace the greater good

to hand on your gifts to future generations.

*May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.*

*May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.*

*We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.*



[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](#) 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.

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

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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!

2020 Theology on Tap Series: “Voices on the Periphery”

The Young Adult Ministry Engagement began its 2020 Theology on Tap series. This year’s series, “Voices on the Periphery,” will focus on social justice topics, highlighting the work of local community organizers. Gatherings will take place online to observe social distancing guidelines. Guest speakers for the series include:

Wednesday, July 15: Luana Lienhart, OFS. Lienhart has worked in social services and ministry in varied settings in the Chicago-metro area. Lienhart will lead a discussion on how faith in God helps one to find joy in difficult times.

Wednesday, July 22: Rev. Ed Shea, O.F.M. Fr. Shea, a priest at St. Peter’s Church in Chicago, will discuss his parish’s ministry for the homeless and what it means to be Catholic today.

Wednesday, July 29: Wayne Smith, a convert to Catholicism from Judaism and Atheism. Smith will share his journey to the Catholic Church, how becoming disabled changed his life, the Church’s role in supporting persons with disabilities, and opportunities to expand its impact.

For more information, visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap/2020-series-voices-on-the-periphery>.



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, July 13: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday, July 14: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 15: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 16: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 17: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 18: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 19: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13: 7:30 am - Gerald Haugh

Tuesday, July 14: 7:30 am - Irene Schmitz +

Wednesday, July 15: 7:30 am - Larry Swoboda +

Thursday, July 16: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, July 17: 7:30 am - Jeannette Linza +

Saturday, July 18: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Noreen Tierney +

Sunday, July 19: 8:00 am - Betty Krause +; 10:30 am - Francesco & Angela Emanuele +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

Lyrics for July 12, 2020

Canticle of the Sun by Marty Haugen

Refrain: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is

shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Verse 1: Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne. (to refrain)

Psalm 65: The seed that fall on good ground by Curtis Stephan

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Open My Eyes, by Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we've never known.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

Seed, Scattered and Sown by Dan Feiten

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,

Bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,

One cup that is shared by all; the living cup, the living bread of God.

For the Beauty of the Earth by Conrad Kocher

Verse 1: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 2: For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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