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# St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

June 28, 2020

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Earlier this week, we resumed in-person Masses at 7:30 am Monday-Saturday! This weekend, we will offer Mass 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

This Saturday, July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day. The events of the past few weeks have driven home the disquieting awareness that depending on your race, or your creed, or your sexual orientation, you may be more or less free than some other citizens in these United States.

This awful truth goes back to the very founding of our country when the official devaluing of some people as full human beings because of the color of their skin or their gender was written into the foundational documents.

For a democratic nation -- the only test of equality is who gets to vote. When in doubt, just see how that question has been addressed in our history. And see the terrible acts of disenfranchisement going on today all over our nation!

I mention this today because some people speak of the recent protests as a surprise and go on to deny that institutional racism is part of the American fabric. Not only is it part of our fabric, it is the foundation upon which this nation was built. So, none of us should fool ourselves to think this will easily be changed, nor that it will be effortless to make this change.

A part of the haunting of our nation in this hour is the refusal of many of our fellow citizens to acknowledge their ignorance. They have never bothered to learn about how we were established, and they now seem to revel in that ignorance. This is made all the more horrible and immoral when some

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leaders encourage this ignorance. History records well that this is hardly the first time the “know-nothing” segment of this country will do whatever it takes to maintain their own privilege at the cost of the rights of others.

It would be wonderful to be able to say as members of the Catholic Church we were not participants in this evil in our land. But that would be a lie. When our great Catholic university, Georgetown, let it be known it once owned and sold slaves, it revealed how deeply this injustice permeated every corner of society. In our own Archdiocese, the same pattern of “national” churches, intended to help immigrants ease into this new land, became another tool to keep races separated and unequal.

Nowhere in history is George Santayana’s saying more true that “those who do not learn from their history are doomed to repeat it.” We need only think of all the issues that seem to resurface over and over again to understand the full impact of that statement. I am thinking of the 3-year-old child, Mekhai James, who was shot dead in Chicago this past weekend; the endless cycles of mass shootings in schools, night clubs, parking lots, and post offices; the horrible treatment of immigrants of all ages at border crossings; and so many more. Institutional racism is one of those places we have visited many times before.

Perhaps this time is different? Many hope so! But, like all calls to conversion, the starting point has to be the acknowledgment of the sin present in our lives and in our world. None of us is perfect. None of us is without sin. Similarly, there is no perfect nation. There is no nation without sin. And that includes the United States of America. The invincibly ignorant want to deny this. As always, they are scoundrels wrapping themselves in false patriotism.

On this Independence Day, what truth do each of us have to face that is perhaps not as nice as we would like the truth to be about ourselves? What sins and failings do we carry with us, unsure or unwilling to confront this dark part of ourselves? All gifts from God bring with them a responsibility. If we would enjoy the freedom God has given us, then we must also be responsible for our fellow human beings. For if all are not free, then none are truly free.

Racism is a four-hundred-year-old problem in this country and even older in other parts of the world. Happy thoughts will not end it. Actions must be

taken. If we would seek to end this scourge, each of us must decide what we can do and then do it. But it will not be accomplished overnight. Centuries of sin permeating the very core of a nation does not simply wash away like chalk dust on a blackboard. If we fail to do whatever we must and are able to do, we will be right back here, again and again and again. But let us be certain -- if that becomes the case, the only finger-pointing we can do will be to our own chests.

I hope this is the moment for our nation. I hope the pandemics of COVID-19 and racism have finally brought us to our senses -- aided immeasurably by the young people who took to the streets. They have shown us the way. Now each of us must make a decision.

## **Reopening Thank You**

Special thanks to all our COVID-19 team volunteers! And to all those who have begun to return to church! It is great to see everyone again in church for Mass! I want to especially thank all those who have changed long-held patterns in accommodation of the many new protocols now in place to keep church a safe and healthy environment. And also, to all those who are setting up, cleaning up, and acting as greeters for all those coming to church! Please keep up the great work!

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## What to Expect and Do When Coming Back to Church





[Click here for a video about what to expect when returning to Church.](#)

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## Readings for Sunday, June 28

### **Reading 1: 2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a**

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, “Can something be done for her?” His servant Gehazi answered, “Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.” Elisha said, “Call her.” When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 82:2–3, 16–17, 18–19**

*R. (2a) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
through all generations, my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever;”

in heaven, you have confirmed your faithfulness.

*R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name, they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

*R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

You are the splendor of their strength,  
and by your favor our horn is exalted.

For to the LORD belongs our shield,  
and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

*R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

## **Reading 2: Rom 6:3–4, 8–11**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel: Mt 10:37–42**

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

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## Growing in Faith

*This week, we offer a great prayer of unity from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

O God, we thank you for the fact that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call you different names: some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover. But we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where men and women will live together as brothers and sisters and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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## Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church

The church is now open Monday through Saturday for 7:30 am Mass. Weekend Masses will begin this Saturday, June 27.

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 begin this Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. We will have the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday. On the first weekend, we are allowed to have 50 people in church. 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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## Volunteers Needed to Help with Mass

The Archdiocese has provided comprehensive guidelines for how parishes can move forward in once again celebrating mass together in church.

We need volunteers to manage each event (mass, baptism, funeral, reconciliation, marriage, private prayer, etc.) that will take place in church. The safety protocols will be in place for an extended time. As such, we are asking you to prayerfully consider joining our volunteer corps for this effort.

[HERE](#) is the archdiocese website for everything you could possibly want to know about volunteering.

We need many volunteers to fill teams for greeting/ushering, set-up, and clean-up. For more information on volunteer responsibilities please view the training webinar available at the above link. 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.

Thanks,

*Joan Dowdle & Patrick Robinson*

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## Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory.

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. After July 6, the Rectory will be open from 9:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Saturday, and 9:00-1:00 pm on Sunday. The office will be closed on July 3 and 4.

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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## Lectors, Cantors, 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, June 27 at 5 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Michael Callahan, John Horan:  
guitar/vocals

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, June 27 at 5 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Patrick Robinson

**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.**

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## St. Gertrude Parish Cloth Mask Project - Masks to be Available for Purchase at the Rectory Beginning July 6

Kadidja, the single mother of two who we've sponsored since she arrived from the Central African Republic, is 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>.

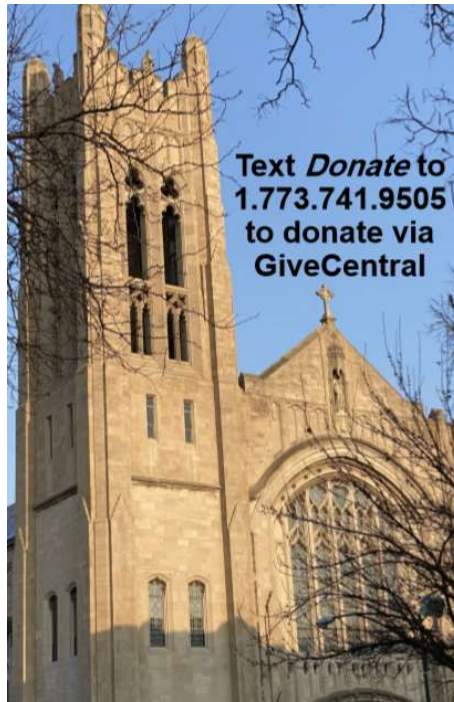
Payment can be submitted by check (make payable to Catrine Guzik), Zelle ([audraeisin2@hotmail.com](mailto:audraeisin2@hotmail.com)), or Venmo *TogetherWeAreStrong*.

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.

Beginning July 6, we will 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.

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

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

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there.

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For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at

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

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## In Remembrance

***Daniel Buus***

Visit <https://stgertrudechicago.org/in-memoriam> for a list of those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have passed away since the beginning of the stay-at-home order. We welcome all requests for prayers for those that are sick, those hurting and stressed, and those who have passed away.

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." ~ John 11:25-26*

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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, June 29:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday, June 30:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday, July 1:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 2:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday, July 3:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday, July 4:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country,” nos. 882- 886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891

**Sunday, July 5:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, June 29:** 7:30 am - Judy Tomlinson +
- **Tuesday, June 30:** 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak +
- **Wednesday, July 1:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

- **Thursday, July 2:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, July 3:** 7:30 am - Bill Beane +
- **Saturday, July 4:**
  - 7:30 am: Hiro Vignon Adjahi Agboton + (first anniversary of his death) +,
  - 5:00 pm: Paciencia & Roberto Cabrera+
- **Sunday, July 5:**
  - 8:00 am: Betty Krause +,
  - 10:30 am: Lori Fitzgerald +

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*



## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

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Lyrics for June 28, 2020



**All are Welcome** by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*REFRAIN:* All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Forever I Will Sing** by Marty Haugen

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

**Now We Remain** by David Haas

*REFRAIN:* We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

*VERSE 1:* Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.

Then by your cross we were saved; dead became living,  
life from your giving. (to refrain)

*VERSE 4:* We are the presence of God; this is our call. Now to become  
bread and wine: food for the hungry, life for the weary,  
For to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord. (to refrain)

**Take and Eat** by Michael Joncas

*REFRAIN:* Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

**Blest be the Lord** by Dan Schutte

*REFRAIN:* Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy,  
the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.

*VERSE 1:* He will release me from the nets of all my foes.

He will protect me from their wicked hands.

Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
to find a dwelling place secure. (to refrain)

*VERSE 2:* I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,

Nor stand alone before the light of day.

Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
to find a dwelling place secure. (to refrain)

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