

St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please review [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

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A Chicagoan is a new Cardinal!

Early last Sunday, Pope Francis announced 13 new cardinals. One of them was Archbishop Wilton Gregory, the current Archbishop of Washington, D.C. and before that, Archbishop of Atlanta. Cardinal Gregory is a classmate of Fr. Grassi's and taught liturgy at the seminary in Mundelein while both Fr. Mikes and myself were seminarians. Cardinal Gregory is not only a very intelligent man, he is deeply spiritual and well-grounded in reality.

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He was one of the most important voices for victims in the clergy sexual abuse crisis. And has been a strong proponent for social justice, an end to racism, and a supporter of LGBTQ rights throughout his life. Cardinal Gregory grew up on the south side of Chicago and was a convert to Catholicism. He is the first African-American Cardinal.

Many people are aware of the important documents Pope Francis has shared with the Church since he became pope. But sometimes the most powerful language the Holy Father uses has nothing to do with words. I believe this is one of those moments. The elevation to Cardinal for Archbishop Gregory speaks volumes about the priorities of Pope Francis and his attention to the needs of the Church and society all around the world. There can be no doubt he has listened to and heard the cries of the Black Lives Matter movement here in the United States and in many other countries. He has spoken eloquently in opposition to the mistreatment of immigrants at this country's borders as well as the crisis of immigrants all over the globe.

His positive statement in the recent interview/documentary about the LGBTQ population is so very important. In Cardinal Gregory, the Holy Father is speaking powerfully that these significant issues cannot be allowed to fade from sight, but must be pursued because addressing them is all about gospel values.

Congratulations Cardinal Gregory! What an extraordinary gift to the Church in the United States! And what a powerful message about our Catholic values nine days before our election!

Voting Guidelines from the Bishops of Illinois

On the sign-in table in church and in today's newsletter/bulletin, are copies of the voting guidelines from the bishops here in Illinois. This is a great tool to help us sort out the many issues to be considered in casting our ballots. As I mentioned in this column a few weeks ago and as this statement makes clear, as Catholics, we are not a one-issue people! There are many substantive issues we need to consider in determining how to cast our ballot. I think as you read the guidelines, you will see that neither you nor I might agree with everything or the prioritization in which issues are presented. But that is always true!

I forget who used this analogy recently, but I think it applies well to voting. "Some people think they need to find a candidate who will agree with them on everything. But that's not going to happen. That's like expecting that you get to go everywhere in a chauffeured car. Voting is more like catching the bus. It's probably not going to take you exactly where you want to go, so you always pick the one that will take you closest."

Please be sure to vote! It is not only our civic obligation, but as Christians, it is our responsibility to our sisters and brothers and our nation!

All Saints/All Souls/ Commemoration of the Dead

On Saturday, we celebrate Halloween (Eve of All Hallows/All Saints) and then All Saints Day (Sunday, November 1st) and All Souls Day (Monday, November 2). At the Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 31st at 5:00 pm, we will remember in a special way all those who have died this past year. This Mass will be live-streamed via our parish Facebook page. Invitations have gone out to the families of anyone who was buried from St. Gertrude, or to any parishioner who notified us of a death in their family.

The memorial altar/ofrenda table will again be on display in the Mary shrine area. Please bring a small framed photograph of your loved one(s) for display during the month of November. (If you don't have a framed photo, but some other small item of special significance, please feel free to share that at the shrine.) The Book of the Dead will also be available so you can add the names of any loved ones who have died. Because of the pandemic, we ask everyone to please maintain the usual safe distance from others if you are visiting the Memorial Altar. After Thanksgiving, the framed photos or other memorial items can be taken home. Any memorial items that weren't picked up will be available in the rectory office beginning November 30.

New Handicapped Reserved Seating

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

Introducing the New Office Manager/Receptionist at the Rectory.

Hello. My name is Margie Guadagno. I am new to St. Gertrude and am very happy to be here. I look forward to meeting you and becoming part of the St. Gertrude community of faith.

I am the new 'front desk' person that you will hear when you call the office or will meet when you come in person. Please be patient with me as I strive to learn your names and faces.

I live in Lansing which is about 34 miles south of St. Gertrude. It is a bit of distance, but on a good traffic day, I find it's slightly less than an hour's drive. Plus, who could complain about a drive on Lake Shore Drive enjoying the beautiful sight of Lake Michigan? I have four children, seven grandchildren, and one very new great-grandchild.

I have worked at many parishes over the years, from St. Ann in Lansing (my home parish) to parishes in the far southwest part of the diocese (Orland and Tinley Park area) to even some time at the Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship.

Every time I have started anew, there is some anxiety, but also a sense of hope that where God is leading me is the place I am supposed to be and that there are people there I am to meet and help. Life is a journey, as they say, and my job is to make the best journey I can with God's help.

I look forward to learning about St. Gertrude and meeting many of you. In joy and peace until we come face to face!



Growing in Faith ***Blessed Are Poor in Spirit: What to do?***

On this Solemnity of All Saints, we hear proclaimed Matthew's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12a). The very first blessing, though, causes me to scratch my head. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." (5:3) Huh? How? Where? According to biblical scholar Neil Elliott, the expression "the poor in spirit" echoes language in the Psalms. It refers to "the crushing, incapacitating effect of poverty on the spirit." I think of all the neglected neighborhoods in Chicago where crushing poverty stifles and snuffs out lives. In one West Side neighborhood, North Lawndale, a 2017 study revealed that 18% of the land lay vacant after the 1968 riots and fires that erupted there and elsewhere in reaction to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Residents say they were forgotten. For more than 50 years.

Down the street from where Dr. King and his family once lived, though, the Kingdom of God is breaking forth. The Lawndale Christian Development Corporation (LCDC) plans to build a model home as the start of eventually creating 1,000 affordable new-construction single-family homes on those vacant lots: a 10-year project called Canaan Homes. Responding to the challenge of the Black Lives Matters movement, this summer All Saints Episcopal Church in Ravenswood partnered with LCDC and launched a "greenlining" campaign to raise \$215,000 as seed money for the Canaan Homes project. In four weeks, donations of more than \$238,000 flooded in!

This example, and other "seeds" sprouting around our city, reveals a shift of the Spirit that we must continue to nourish. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.



Commemoration of the Dead (November 2019-Present)

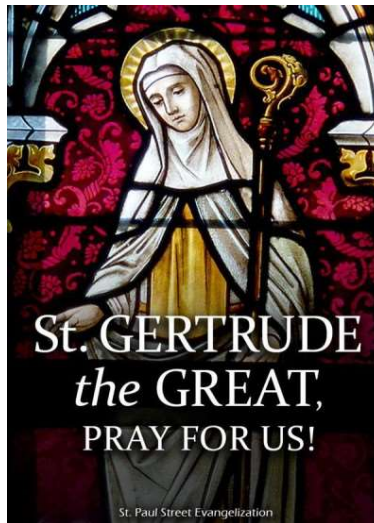
*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.*

Thomas Backis
Charles Barranco
Edward Brasher
Susan Breen
Edward Bugler
Daniel Buus
Lorraine Camper
Bruce Dean
Walter DeSloover
Brian Dunne
Mary Ferguson
Paul Foley
Dennis Ginosi
Gary Glasch
Joan Harrington
Maureen Hartnett
William Hartnett
Ted Hasbrook
Judith Heimer
James Michael Jeffers
Daniel Joyce

James Lowry
Regina Lyons
Rita Martinez
Mary McKenna
Russell McManus
Henry Miller
Ted Miskowiec
Ethna Nolan
Rose Nugent
Mary Ann O'Ryan, OSB
Margaret O'Sullivan
Lauretta Parks
Oliva Pech
Mary Philbin
Eileen Quinlan
James Reed
Rita Simo
Theresa Suerth
Larry Swoboda
Josephine Tapiru
Luis Tapiru, Jr.

Felicia Klimuszko
Barbara Kohn
Eva Kot
William Lasche
John Lindeman
Marc Loveless

Raymond Thompson
Noreen Tierney
Louise E. Tomasello
James Uhl, Sr.
Lorraine Walton
Clare Westley
Marc John Wolthoff



Parish Feast Day Weekend Events: November 14-15

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

The **Spirit of St. Gertrude Award** will be presented to the Renew My Church Parish Team. These parishioners have given many hours for meetings and a lot of homework to participate in the discussion with the other members of our Grouping parishes in order to make a recommendation to the Cardinal for our future configuration in the Rogers Park/Edgewater community.

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

The **All Are Welcome Concert** will take place on Saturday, November 14th

at 6:30 pm in church and [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#). If you would like to be present in church, please be sure to make your reservation [HERE](#). Additional details are in the next article.



[Save the Date-November 14: Feast of St. Gertrude - Recital/Lecture Featuring the Music of Three Chicago African-American Women Composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds, and Lil Hardin Armstrong](#)

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

dominated field.

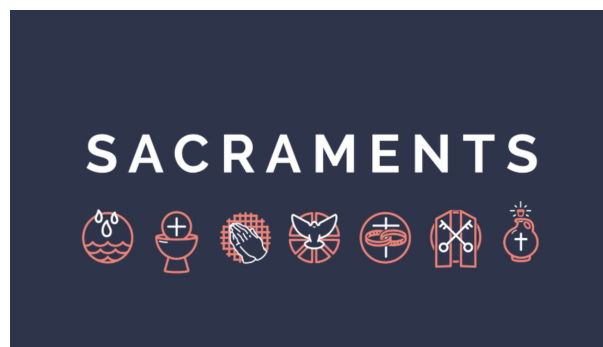
All are welcome to attend the live event but [MUST register online](#) or at the parish office prior to attending. The event will also be [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#) and also available afterward on our parish YouTube channel.

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

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

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

Sign up to attend the concert in person



**First Communion Celebrated at the
10:30 am Mass This Sunday.**

First Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass by the following children:

- Alexander Robinson
- Aoife Marie Nolan
- Frank Ryan Muller

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

We also have a correction. Last week, we listed the wrong name for Griffin Bunn, who was Confirmed on Sunday, October 25. We apologize for the error.



Religious Ed has Begun!

Our Religious Ed classes have begun, with this past Tuesday being our students' first Zoom gathering! There is no class on Tuesday, November 3, but classes will resume on Tuesday, November 10.

The books we ordered for our students to use have arrived at the Rectory! The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Here are our [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

ECRA Thanksgiving Service & Food

Drive for Care for Real

This year, our annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be held virtually via Zoom on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm. The theme is *Hope and Thanks in a Pandemic*. Each participating congregation is planning to offer a pre-recorded reading, a piece of liturgy, or a hymn. Our music minister, Mary Clare Barker, is arranging St. Gertrude's participation in the event, which will be music by Resounding Wayves, a men's group made up of several parishioners. Additional information about breakout rooms and discussions, along with a link to RSVP, will be shared later.

In support of this, we are hosting a Thanksgiving Canned/Dry Food Drive for Care for Real in church over two weekends, November 14-15 and November 21-22, as well as Thanksgiving Day (November 26).

There will be large tables set up in the vestibule of church. After you have checked in at the side door, please bring your food donation to the table in the vestibule, then proceed back to the greeter in front of church to be seated.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our neighbors in need!



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Be sure to mark your calendar now for our annual Thanksgiving Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am. As we gather to give thanks to God for our many blessings, we will also honor the recipients of this year's Parish Service Awards - all the volunteers from our newly established COVID-19 Team! Please [register to attend this special Mass](#).

This extraordinary corps of volunteers make it possible for us to have masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms every week! Without them greeting every member who comes into church, checking names or having people not already on the reservation list sign in, taking temperatures and spritzing sanitizers on hands, directing traffic during Communion time, and cleaning up after every Mass and service, we couldn't have services in church.

Not only have they provided this excellent ministry, but many of them have also served almost every week since we re-opened for services in June. Truly much for us to give thanks this year!

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



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his new encyclical “Fratelli Tutti,” Pope Francis speaks to our common humanity and the essential aspect of that humanity: “We were created for a fulfillment that can only be found in love.” The Holy Father assures us that despite the challenges we face amidst the pandemic that has crippled our world with uncertainty and fear, when we understand that our lives are interwoven together as one family under God then we must also understand what those among us who fight valiantly for the lives and well-

being of the most vulnerable in our family understand: "that no one is saved alone."

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Card. Blase J. Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago



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

A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries. All orders are for delivery only and limited to four miles from Glenwood and Granville. There is a one-time \$3 charge for delivery. Please click "yes" on the approved delivery field. To complete your order, please check the delivery box amount of \$3 at the bottom of the page prior to paying.

For sale are:

- 6' tree - \$45
- 18" wreath - \$20
- 24" wreath - \$22
- 36" wreath - \$30
- garland - 5' segments - \$10 per 5' length

When orders are placed, customers will be asked to select their preferences for deliveries. The Balsam Pine Sale team will try their best to accommodate the preferred options and notify buys when their delivery is scheduled.

Dates and times are:

- Friday, November 27, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Saturday, December 5, 2:00-4:00 pm
- Sunday, December 6, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Greenery can be purchased with cash or check (payable to St. Gertrude) at the Rectory. Orders with checks can also go to Northside Catholic

Academy's office, care of Steve Peavler.

To order online, click [HERE](#). A link to order is also on our website, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery>. A paper order form is available to download [HERE](#). You may also contact Steve Peavler at speavler@gmail.com for an online order form.

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email Steve Peavler at speavler@gmail.com with any questions.

Breaking Bread Hymnals for Sale at Mass

Parishioners are welcome to purchase their own personal copies of Breaking Bread 2021 for use at home or brought to/from church. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the music we use in church. The start date for using it is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Missals are being sold at a discounted rate of \$7.00/hymnal and are available at the greeter table in church. Checks and cash are accepted. Please have the exact amount ready as no change is available.

Please note, while you may bring your personal missal to St. Gertrude, you **MUST** bring it back home. Any missals left in the church will be discarded.

Contact Mary Clare Barker with any questions at 773.764.3621, ext 22 or mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

Readings for Sunday, November 1

Reading 1: Rev 7:2–4, 9–14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one

hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this, I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Reading 2: 1 Jn 3:1–3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Gospel: Mt 5:1–12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

From the Catholic Conference of Illinois: Weigh Your Conscience Before Casting Your Ballot

On November 3, 2020, all Americans eligible to vote will have the opportunity to shape our form of government for the next two years and beyond. In the midst of the commotion surrounding elections, especially presidential races, it is worth taking time to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we are able to choose our leaders.

Before casting our ballot, we have the obligation to reflect on the issues affecting our state and our nation. To help guide us on the particular issues of concern to the Catholic Church, we offer the following as a reminder.

Millions of dollars are spent trying to influence how you will cast your ballot, so it is up to each of us to both form and inform our conscience by recalling the heart of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

What do we mean when we refer to “conscience”? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.” (1777)

We also offer the following passages from documents issued by Pope Francis and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"(A) harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm, and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty."

"We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the "grave" bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children."

Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et exsultate)

"The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty."

This note will not tell you who to vote for, but it will help you to reflect on the issues and the person that can best promote the common good for each office. **We ask that you keep in mind the following questions that stem from the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching:**

- Does the candidate work to protect sacred human life from conception to natural death? Does the candidate oppose abortion, physician-

- assisted suicide, capital punishment, human cloning, and racism?
- Does the candidate care for God's creation? Does the candidate support policies that protect the planet and understand the importance of our stewardship of the Earth?
 - Does the candidate recognize traditional marriage and family as the central social institutions that must be supported?
 - Does the candidate recognize that every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human decency, including food, water, shelter, employment, and health care?
 - Does the candidate embrace all those in greatest need who deserve our preferential concerns, such as children, the disabled, the elderly, refugees, the unemployed, and the poor?
 - Does the candidate recognize policies that promote basic rights for workers, such as fair wages, workplace safety, collective bargaining, and the right to private property and economic initiatives?
 - Does the candidate recognize that whatever our national, racial, ethnic, or ideological differences, we are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers? We must all work to create unity through dialogue and civil discourse that is respectful to others.
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Early Voting has Begun

Now - November 3, secured drop boxes are available at every early voting site for vote by mail voters to submit their ballot return envelopes

Mailings of ballots to voters, by law, will begin September 24. If you need to apply to Vote By Mail or check the status of your application or ballot mailing, [click here](#).

Secure Drop Box Schedule and Locations: September 24 - November 3

- The 24-hour Drop Box will be at 69 W. Washington St., through 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 3.
- Loop Super Site at Clark & Lake - 191 N. Clark St. (open October 1-13)
 - Monday-Friday - 8:30 am-7:00 pm
 - Saturday-Sunday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 - November 3, Election Day - 6:00 am-7:00 pm

Now through November 3 - 50 Ward Sites for Early Voting and Loop Super Site

Early Voting Sites in all 50 Wards - plus the Loop Super Site

Monday-Friday - 8:30 am-7:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Election Day, November 3 - 6:00 am-7:00 pm

Loop Super Site at Clark & Lake - 191 N. Clark St.

Ward locations close to St. Gertrude Church (Please note, this may be a new location for your ward.):

- Ward 40 - Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Ward 46 - Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave.
- Ward 47 - Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.
- Ward 48 - Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway
- Ward 49 - New Field Elementary School, 1707 W. Morse Ave.
- Ward 50 - Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.

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



Christmas is Coming - Handmade Gifts from Loom Offered

Loom, a Catholic Charities ministry, is a community of refugee women living in Chicago who weave together their creativity and cultural traditions to make and sell beautiful handmade products. These women have fled their country of origin because of a credible fear of persecution on account of their race, religion, political opinion, national origin, or social group.

Loom provides an opportunity, at a weekly workshop, to collaborate, develop new skills, earn extra income, and be part of a community of creative, enterprising women. Through the encouragement of the group and skills learned, many women secure part or full-time employment in and outside of the fashion industry.

Loom artisans collaborate with local designers to produce a beautiful selection of handmade products such as jewelry, bags, and home décor. Artisans use a variety of techniques including indigo dye, crocheting, knitting, sewing, embroidery, and weaving inspired by their cultural traditions.

Goods can be purchased online [HERE](#) and at the following shops:

- [Andersonville Galleria](#), 5247 N. Clark St, open 11:00 am-7:00 pm daily
- [Sacred Art](#), 4619 N. Lincoln Ave, open Tuesday-Friday from 12:00-6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am -5:00 pm

- [CFT Holiday Pop-Up Shop](#), 2717 N. Clark Street, open November 1-December 24, TBA

We encourage you to shop local this holiday season and purchase gifts from this fantastic local ministry!

Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- [Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass](#)
- [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)
- [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
- [What to Expect/Do in Church \(photos w/captions\)](#)
- [Volunteers Needed to Help with Mass](#)
- [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#)
- [Meetings at St. Gertrude](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)



Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, Musicians, and Music Planned for This Weekend

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for our live-streamed 10:30 am Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am [HERE](#).

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Lisa Erceg
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan; Jay Lamble and John Horan, guitars

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

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern, Hallie Burhoe, Suzan Cibulskis
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Barb Daly, Hallie Burhoe, Joan Dowdle, Mark Kollar, Peter Morin
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - Mark Huffman, Dorothea Tobin, Peter and Sheila Cashman, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 am - TBD

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

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



St. Gertrude Renew My Church Scenario Feedback Summary Report

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

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

Next Steps

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

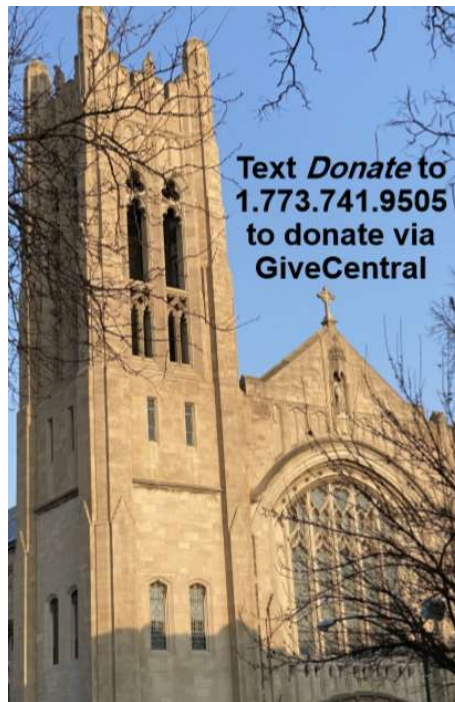
- Our local Vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic
- Vicar General, Bishop Robert Casey
- Fr. Jason Malave, Cardinal's Liaison for RMC
- Betsy Bohlen, Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese
- Cliff Barber, Chief Strategy Officer for the Archdiocese
- Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the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

This is an opportunity for members of our local faith communities to provide

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

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

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org.



[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.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

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

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Baptisms

Emerson James Lawrence and Elodie Brynn Larence, children of Kirkland and Elizabeth



Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (*Scroll down the webpage to see the readings.*)

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, November 2: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday, November 3: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 6: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13



Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2: 7:30 am - Martin+ and Ellen+ Joyce

Tuesday, November 3: 7:30 am - John Resch +

Wednesday, November 4: 7:30 am - Theodore Miskowiec +

Thursday, November 5: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, November 6: 7:30 am - Maria Y-Nhu Tran +

Saturday, November 7: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners; 5:00 pm - George Cenar, Sr. +

Sunday, November 8: 8:00 am - Lillian McCall +; 10:30 am - Francesco+ and Angela+ Emanuele

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

Lyrics for November 1, 2020

Sing with All the Saints in Glory by Ludwig Van Beethoven

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrections song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, people waking, know the everlasting peace.

Psalm 24: Lord this is the people that longs to see your face by Casey McKinley

Lord this is the people that longs to see your face, that longs to see your face.

Peace Be with Those by Carol Browning (5:00 pm Mass only)

Peace be with those who have gone to God. May they be at peace,
may they be with God.

Saints and Beloved of God by Dan Schutte

Refrain: In every place and time the blessed walk among us.

There's a mighty throng that stands at our side, the saints and beloved of God.

Verse 1: We are joined by a great communion, here on earth and in heav'n above,

For this feast prepared by Christ the Lord, companions in his love.

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

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

One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many,

Throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Litany of Saints by John D. Becker

Refrain: All you holy men and women, pray for us (verses 1-4)

Christ, hear us; Jesus, hear our prayer. (verses 5-6)

For the Healing of the Nations by St. Thomas (Tantum Ergo)

Lead us now, Lord, into freedom, from despair your world release;

That redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

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