
St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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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From Father Rich

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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 on Election Day, November 3. 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!

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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 you to 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

Next Saturday, we will be celebrating Halloween (Eve of All Hallows/All Saints) and then All Saints Day (Sunday, November 1) and All Souls Day (Monday, November 2). We will remember in a special way all those who have died this past year at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 31 at 5:00pm. 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. Ribbons are not allowed.) 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.

A Great Development for our Cleaning Crew Volunteers

Two members of our COVID-19 Leadership Team, Patrick Robinson and Michael Kowalsky, have donated two aerosol sanitizing machines

("Foggers") to be used to clean the church. This will make the clean-up after every service much easier. Unlike going through with spray bottles spritzing every surface, then letting it sit, then drying it off, the aerosol machine sprays the area and then the sanitizing solution evaporates, eliminating the need to wait and then dry! This is a huge saving in time and personnel! If you see them in church, please be sure to pass on your thanks for keeping us all safe and freeing up a lot of time for our COVID clean-up volunteers! Thanks, Patrick and Michael!!

New Handicapped Reserved Seating

This past week, we have identified and put new signage in a pew in the front section of church. If you or anyone you know needs to have Communion brought to you, please use this seating. That way the Communion ministers will know to come to you when they begin distributing Communion. 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.

"The only constant is change."

I don't know who first uttered that sentence, but it seems to be very true. And it is with sadness I have to announce that our parish office manager, Sr. Judith Zonsius, O.S.B., is leaving us to take up new duties at the monastery as their treasurer. This sudden shift in duties is the result of the unexpected death of their treasurer.

Sr. Judith has been such a wonderful member of the rectory staff and has done an amazing job organizing so many parts of the office -- especially all the new systems that had to be put in place since the pandemic shut-down and what followed starting back in March. We will all miss her great spirit and competence and the wonderful way she dealt with everyone and everything. We wish her well in her new responsibilities.

I have posted the job opening on the Archdiocesan website and have begun to interview candidates. Hopefully, this position can be filled quickly. Please say a prayer for Judy as she moves into her new position and that we are able to quickly find someone to assume her duties here.



Growing in Faith ***Between Two Kingdoms***

In Matthew's Gospel this Sunday, Jesus fields a Pharisee's trick legal question to test Him on the law, "Teacher, which commandment/law is the greatest?"

Jesus gives a profoundly simple answer, "You shall love the Lord...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law...depends on these two commandments."

In the coming days, America's Constitution of our secular kingdom, provides Americans the choice to select leaders who will choose the laws that will govern us. But the leader of the Kingdom of God, Jesus, says we must base all laws on the foundation of loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

As we watch and read the political news, we should put on the mind of Jesus, and, in meditation on his Scriptures, reflect on how the loving Jesus would discern the issues and leaders. How would Jesus think about healthcare legislation, immigration policy, infrastructure, and reproductive rights, especially from the law of love? How would Jesus discern our defense and education policies? How would Jesus analyze our COVID relief and stimulus programs? What would the loving Jesus say about masks, social distancing, guns, and background checks, etc.?

In our contemplation to get into the loving mind of Jesus, we should discern who he would choose for president and vice president. Which senators, congresspersons, officers, and judges at all levels of government in the secular kingdom would the loving Jesus choose?

Jesus, may your Kingdom come into our secular kingdom!

~ Paul Boyd for *Growing in Faith*



Deadline to Order a Breaking Bread Hymnal for 2021 for Personal Use is This Monday, October 26

Due to COVID-19, we do not know when we will be able to put hymnals back in the pews for communal use. Parishioners are welcome to order their own personal copies of Breaking Bread 2021 for use at home or to bring 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. This includes tax and shipping. **Your order, along with payment, must be received by Monday, October 26.**

When the missals arrive, you will be contacted and can pick it up at the Rectory or at church when you come to Mass.

Purchases may be done two ways:

1. Online Purchase

Visit GiveCentral to order and pay online [here](#). (Links to order online also are available on our website and Facebook page.) Please note, Rectory staff will receive a notice from GiveCentral when an order/payment is made.

2. Order Form/Purchase by Check or Cash

Order forms are available [online](#) and printed copies are available in church on the greeter's table and at the Rectory. Completed order forms, along with cash or check payments, can be dropped off in church by the greeter's table when you come to Mass or at the Rectory. Checks should be made out to

St. Gertrude with *Breaking Bread hymnal* in the memo line.

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.

We hope that having your own personal hymnal will enhance your worship experience and continue to actively participate in the liturgy during this pandemic!

Order form flyer



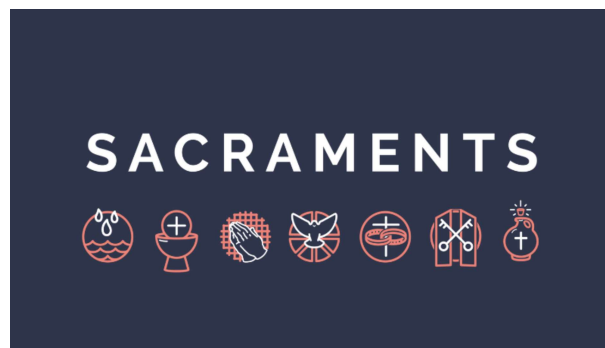
[Save the Date-November 14: Feast of St. Gertrude - Recital/Lecture Featuring Works of Florence Price and Margaret Bonds, Two African-American Female Composers From Chicago](#)

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 two Chicago-based African-American women composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds. Both 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. Links to sign-up will be available as the event draws nearer. The event will also be live-streamed on Facebook 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.



First Communion and Confirmation Celebrated at St. Gertrude Parish

First Communion will be celebrated this Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass by the following children:

- Margaret Fulkerson
- Riley Devlin
- Ariella Gehl
- Adeline Nader
- Connor Patrick Szafoni

- Jocelyn Gehl

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, October 25 at the 10:30 am Mass:

- Antonia Zovko
- Avila Griffin
- Stella Garay
- Taylor Fost
- Gregory Bunn
- Marcus Degal

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.



Religious Ed Begins This Tuesday!

Parents and guardians of the children who have enrolled in our program met this past Tuesday and were forwarded a packet of Zoom links for each session, the calendar for the year, learning topics broken down by grade, and family resources. This Tuesday, October 27, the first of our Religious Ed classes will begin!

Grades 1-4 will meet online on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:45 pm with grades 1 and 2 and grades 3 and 4 grouped together. Grades 5-8 will have classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm with grades 5 and 6 and grades 7 and 8 working in tandem.

Call for Catechist for Third & Fourth Grades Combined Class

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to be Religious Ed teachers, particularly someone willing to share the role and teach every other week. Please note, lesson plans and materials will be provided. Additionally, lessons will be much shorter than in the past, 30-40 minutes weekly. If you are interested, please email Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.

Weekly Religious Ed newsletters are sent on Friday afternoons. If you would like to receive them please email kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.



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.

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](#). A fillable PDF form is [HERE](#). You may also contact Steve Peavler for an online order form.

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



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. And during the pandemic, domestic abuse incidents have skyrocketed.

[St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page](#)

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

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



[This Sunday at 1:15 pm - United Power
Zoom Meeting with State Senate
President Don Harmon](#)

Join United Power for Action and Justice as we continue to build our relationship with Don Harmon, Illinois State Senate President. Topics that will be discussed are:

- Reclaiming communities: Rebuilding our state by building homes at scale, safer schools, and home equity for families
- Mental health and criminal justice reform: Ensuring humane treatment of people with mental illness.

Please email Renee Reilly at reillyslp@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

Readings for Sunday, October 25

Reading 1: Ex 22:20–26

Thus says the LORD: “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

“If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

Reading 2: 1 Thes 1:5c–10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel: Mt 22:34–40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

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.



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

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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 24 at 5:00 pm - Lisa Erceg
- Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer; Dana Sullivan flute; James Casey, violin

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 24 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am - Farah Healy
- Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am - Victoria Healy
- Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 pm - Debbie Kern
- Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne, Carol Ann Munro, Barb Daly, Joan Dowdle, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Michael Kowalsky, Suzan Cibulskis, Monica Wyman, Nancy Kuhn, Dorothea Tobin, and Corina Cleja

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, October 25 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.

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10:00am-2:00pm
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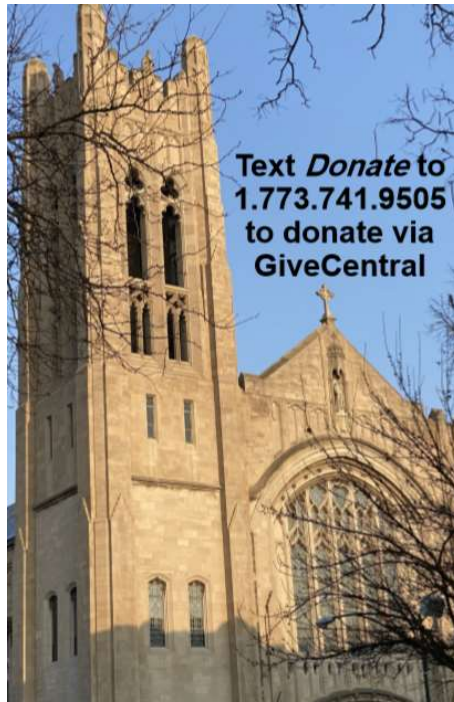
Wright College Fall 2020 Virtual Career Fair

The Wright College Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC) invites jobseekers to attend the upcoming hiring event, The Wright College Fall 2020 Virtual Career Fair, Thursday, October 29, 2020, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The event is FREE and OPEN to all serious job seekers.

This is an awesome opportunity to meet some of Chicago's biggest and best companies who want to hire great individuals. To RSVP, please email the following information to wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu:

- Full Name
- Home Address
- City, State, and Zip Code
- Phone Number
- Email Address

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, October 23, 2020. If you have any questions, call 773.481.8527 or email wrightcareercenter@ccc.edu.



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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RIP

Louise E. Tomasello

Eileen Quinlan



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, October 26: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 30: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 26: 7:30 am - Mary Heidkamp +

Tuesday, October 27: 7:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Wednesday, October 28: 7:30 am - Greg Wall +

Thursday, October 29: 7:30 am - Communion Service; Matthew Huddlestun +

Friday, October 30: 7:30 am - Dennis Ginosi +

Saturday, October 31: 7:30 am - Ann Ingram +; 5:00 pm - Alanna McKee +

Sunday, November 1: 8:00 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory; 10:30 am - Deceased of Nguyen Family+ and Orphaned Souls+ and Pascual + and Juanita + Gusmanos

(+ 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 October 25, 2020

Gather Us In by Marty Haugen

Verse 1: Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness
vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our
name.

Psalm 18: I Love You, Lord, my Strength by Jesse Manibusan

You Have Called Us by Bernadette Farrell (Sunday, 10:30 am ONLY)

You have called us by our name. We belong to you. You have called us by
our name and we are yours.

The Cry of the Poor by Bob Hurd

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

Verse 1: I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.

Let me soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. (to refrain)

One Bread, One Body, by John Foley, S.J. (Saturday 5pm Mass ONLY)

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.

Ubi Caritas by Laurence Rosania

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

They'll Know We are Christians by Peter Scholtes

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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