

St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 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

*Bulletin for the 24th
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Could St. Gertrude Parish close?

The Renew My Church Team is increasingly concerned that many parishioners don't seem to be aware of what is going on in this initiative. As was presented at the Parish Session II meeting a few weeks ago, there are currently ten

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different scenarios about how St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius, St. Jerome, and Loyola University might work together in the future and how that might look in terms of parish campus(es), masses, etc.



All we know, almost for certain, is that when we are finished and have made our recommendation(s) to the Cardinal and have receive a final decision from him, there won't still be three parishes in the Rogers Park/Edgewater neighborhoods. We expect there could be one or two brought about by closing and/or consolidating some combination of the current three parishes.



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

In the next few weeks, we will be having discussions with Loyola to see what part they may want to play in re-formulating the Catholic presence in this community.

Part of what we think is happening is that even though we have been talking about Renew My Church (RMC) for over four years, there seems to be an attitude among some of the parishioners in each of the parishes they won't be touched by this process. But what the teams from the three parishes have learned in the past month is that none of the three parishes meets the benchmarks for remaining as a separate, stand-alone parish going forward. One parish has more than sufficient attendance at masses every weekend, another has sufficient funds to continue as is, and the third a campus that is centrally located and in need of some repairs and maintenance. But none is strong enough in all areas by itself to remain as it is. The question then becomes how are the parishes changed? Does it make more sense for the next thirty or forty years to have one parish made up of the three? And if it is one parish, are masses and sacraments offered at one of the churches, or two, and how many masses in English and how many in Spanish? Or does it make more sense for the three to become two parishes with the parishioners of the one closed parish deciding where they would like to belong in the future?

The Loyola University possibility is about the university being part of a Ministry or Mission Center located on one of the campuses, with the

parish(es) and the university sharing some resources, providing services and outreach to the community, and engaging Loyola students in the various ministries that will be available.

The other part of the equation that will be addressed at some future point in time is about NCA and how it will relate to the various parishes that will exist once this process is completed. Which parishes will make up its constituencies? Where might its campus(es) be located? (While we tried very hard to make this part of the current conversation, we have been told it becomes too complex and complicated and therefore will be dealt with only after the conclusion of the parishes' Renew My Church project.)

So once again we would like to ask for your feedback. All the Renew My Church information, including the scenarios, is available at the [parish website](#). Please [fill out this online form](#) or [download this PDF](#) and send your responses to stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org or drop it off at the Rectory office or in church at the sign-in table.

The questions we would like to hear from you about are:

Considering the scenarios presented, please prayerfully consider your responses to these questions:

- Which scenario best addresses the particular needs of this grouping? (Our Grouping is St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius and St. Jerome .) Why? (e.g., makes geographic sense, address demographic and cultural needs or considers the socioeconomic factors of the area)
- Which scenario least addresses the particular needs of this grouping? Why? (e.g., difficulty traveling between sites or neglects the financial needs of the community)
- What do you consider the biggest potential challenge facing the implementation of these scenarios? (e.g., unrealistic demands on clergy or differences in the parish communities)

Please give this your attention and respond as soon as possible. The last thing any of us wants to happen is to hear from parishioners after the process is completed saying, "I never heard about this." The mailing containing a survey that went to registered parishioners should have reached you by now. If you did not receive it, please let the rectory office know.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. In

some ways, it's much like voting in an election. You don't have to vote. But if you don't vote, you shouldn't be surprised if others don't value your opinion on the outcome. We value your opinion, but NOW is the time to respond. November will be too late.

Renew My Church Scenario Feedback Form



Second Collection for the Holy Land this Weekend

This week's second collection is for the shrines in the Holy Land. Usually, this is taken up on Good Friday, but because of the pandemic, we are still catching up on the special collections postponed since mid-March. Please be generous to help maintain the places of pilgrimage for all Christians. Contributions to the Holy Land collection can be placed in the (taller) brown box on the sign-in table in the front of church or online. Thank you.

Donate to the Commissariats of the Holy Land

Other Parish News: ABC-7 Will Air Masses at 9:30 am Through the

Remainder of the Year/Hymnals Available/Volunteers Needed

ABC-7 Will Air Masses at 9:30 am Through the Remainder of the Year

ABC-7 Chicago will continue to broadcast Cardinal Cupich's Sunday morning Mass from Holy Name Cathedral at 9:30 am for the remainder of 2020. Online masses are also available on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>.

Would You Like To Take A Hymnal Home?:

Copies of the *Breaking Bread* hymnal we use in church are available at the tables in the back of church or by stopping by the Rectory office. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the outline of all the daily Masses, as well as the music we use in church. Please note, if you take a hymnal, it then belongs to you, please take it home with you and bring it with you whenever you come to church. But with the pandemic, no repeat-usage materials of any kind may be kept in the church

In a few weeks, we will have a program available for anyone who is interested in purchasing next year's hymnal. The start date for using it is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Volunteers: We still need more volunteers, especially for the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am Masses. We have the highest need for additional members of the clean-up team which sanitizes the church after every service. But additional set-up/greeters to help check people in, take their temperatures, sanitize their hands, and lead them to their seats are always welcome!

If you are healthy and able, please consider helping out. Just a reminder, there is no top age limit. If you are healthy, regardless of your age, you are able to be a volunteer. The only condition is for teens under 18., they require the permission of their parents/guardians. Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org if you are able to help.

RUN, FATHER MIKE, RUN

HEART TO HEART MARATHON

OCTOBER 11, 2020

ST. Gertrude

1420 w Granville

www.stgertrudechicago.org

Click the image above to download a form to help Fr. Mike with snacks and water, by signing up to cheer for him, sponsor his run, or buy a t-shirt or lawn sign.

Fr. Mike Will Run a Marathon for Heart to Heart This Year

Even though the Chicago Marathon will not occur this year, Fr. Mike Bradley WILL run a personal marathon right here in the neighborhood to benefit our Heart to Heart ministry! On Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 am, Fr. Mike will start his run at the front entrance of the Rectory and run the 26.2 miles in a specially designed Edgewater course.

Solicitations for donors to support Fr. Mike and the Heart to Heart Ministry will be going out soon. And there will also be other ways to support Fr. Mike [via the parish website](#). There will be lots more information in future newsletters and ways to donate online and in church.

Please begin thinking about being part of the Fr. Mike Marathon Support Team on October 11. We are looking for parishioners willing to be stationed at specified locations along the route to provide him with water and some nutritious snacks to get him through the run. And we'll be inviting everyone to find a time and a spot on his route where you can be present to cheer him on! As usual, there will be some special t-shirts available for purchase which support him and Heart to Heart! This year, we also have lawn signs to support him!

Please return completed forms and payment for any ordered items to the Rectory office, drop this in the Sunday collection box, or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org.

Download a form to help Fr. Mike with snacks and water, by signing up to cheer for him, sponsor his run, or buy a t-shirt or lawn sign

Readings for Sunday, September 13

Reading 1: Sir 27:30 — 28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,
for he remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from the LORD?
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Reading 2: Rom 14:7–9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel: Mt 18:21–35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered,

“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger, his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”



Renew My Church: Feedback Needed by September 14

Dear fellow St. Gertrude parishioners,

We are writing as members of the Renew My Church team. We have been working with our counterparts at St. Jerome and St. Ignatius to identify our

strengths and challenges and to outline some scenarios by which we can ensure a vibrant and sustainable Catholic community for the northeast corner of Chicago for the foreseeable future. We encourage you to go to the St. Gertrude website where we have posted a wealth of material, including:

- [RMC Edgewater Rogers Park Key Data Table](#)
- [RMC Parish Session 2 Powerpoint](#) (images of scenarios begins on page 20)
- [RMC Scenarios - images only](#).
- [RMC Scenarios](#) (written out - no images)
- [Feedback form](#) (downloadable)
- [Online feedback form](#)

Now we need you.

Below, you will find a survey outlining the various scenario options.

Basically, they come down to two issues: Will we combine into one or two parishes, and how will the worship spaces, the three church campuses, be used?

This discernment process will be developed into a letter to the Archdiocese (to be delivered by the end of 2020), with the final decision made by Cardinal Cupich.

We hope that you will let us know your thoughts by completing the survey below digitally. Videos of both parish meetings are available on our [Facebook](#) page and our [YouTube](#) channel, and each of us is available for questions or concerns.

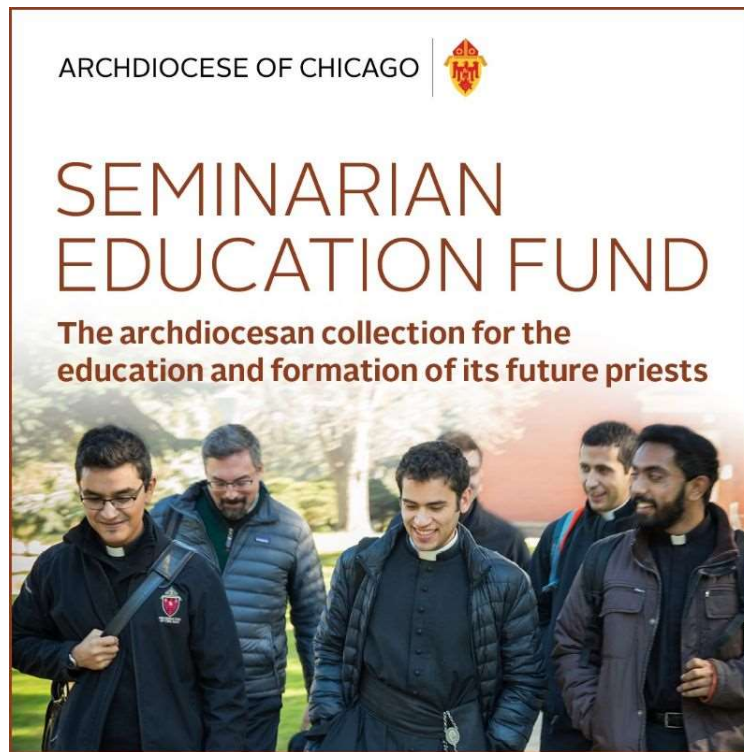
We request you provide your comments by **September 14**. Kindly evaluate the scenarios using the [evaluation criteria established by the Archdiocese](#). Topics to consider include:

- Spiritual and Ministerial needs of the new parish to be formed
- Parishioner attendance and mass count
- Pastoral manageability
- [Future] Parish financial stability and facilities

May God grant each of us wisdom and the heart of Jesus in this process.
James 1:2-8

Thank you and warm regards,

~ Lisa Erceg, Denise Goodman, Tim Harrington, Mark Huffman, Kim
McInerney, Rob Sierzega, Fr Rich Prendergast



Seminarian Education Second Collection is Next Weekend - September 19 and 20

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we come together to support and celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our annual second collection benefits the forty-six seminarians currently preparing for lives of service as priests in our Archdiocese, and their generosity is inspiring.

The Church needs pastoral, compassionate, and well-trained priests today more than ever. Your prayers and financial support help to make possible the education and training these seminarians need to shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments, and teach the faith. Contributions towards this collection have made a significant impact on each seminarian and I ask you to join me again this year in contributing to the Seminary Education Second Collection.

Funds collected through this second collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish, or you are welcome to contribute online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



Growing in Faith

*“Wrath and anger are hateful things but the sinner hugs them tight.” --
Sirach 27:30*

Perhaps like you, I’ve struggled throughout my life to handle and harness my own anger. I’ve also wrestled to receive others’ anger and to ask forgiveness when my anger expressions are hurtful. Just ask my wife.

Relationships, therapy, spiritual direction, and meditation have shown me ways of accepting, releasing, and channeling anger. Today, I don’t think of anger as hateful or sinful, as I once did. But, if I hold onto it too long without

expressing it, I know anger can become hateful and sinful.

“A lot of people are hurting,” my 90-year-old dad recently told me, with sorrow, in response to a story of anger-motivated violence. Yes, beneath anger is often hurt, which needs understanding and compassion for our hurts, so that anger does not become hateful and sinful.

I find it helpful to think of anger as potential and radiant energy. Like love, anger wants to act and, I believe, reaches wholeness in so doing. Taking this perspective has changed my relationship to anger and filled me with a certain reverence toward my own and others’ anger and a greater sense of responsibility.

It helps me also to think of anger as ‘the divine within’ calling me to act, speak up, stand with, leave my ego, and my comfort zones. Calling me also to: join an action, a service, a beloved community; to reach out and share my anger with another, who will be compassionate and hold me accountable, and yet help me listen and respond constructively to what the anger is telling me and how anger is moving me.

---Jim Manzardo for *Growing in Faith*

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Retreat Offering

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When the pandemic first began to affect our lives in the month of March, we told ourselves that it would probably be over by summer. But then, as summer drew near, more realistically, we began to hope that things would return to normal by the Fall. However, now Fall is upon us and it has become all too clear that the pandemic is likely to remain with us until next summer, taking a heavy toll on so many aspects of our everyday lives.

Naturally we can easily become discouraged by this new timeframe and begrudgingly accept the multiple constraints it imposes on our lives. But perhaps there is another way to approach this objectively difficult time: a way that allows us to transform this painful period of history into an

opportunity for growth and grace. In that spirit, we would like to invite you to consider making the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola.

The most traditional way of making the Spiritual Exercises is to stay at a retreat house for thirty days during which time the retreatant makes 5 or 6 “spiritual exercises” every day. Another way of making the very same retreat, while remaining at one’s own home, is to commit to making one “spiritual exercise” each day over a period of six months. Then, in addition to the personal daily prayer, once a week, there will be one hour-long, small group meeting (Zoom) briefly to share our experience of prayer.

Everyone who decides to make the Spiritual Exercises will receive the guidebook (which is available both in English and Spanish) that indicates the particular text assigned for prayer each day. While this may sound like a major undertaking, it promises to provide an effective way to create a sacred space in our lives during this difficult time. The fact is: none of us will be exactly the same after this pandemic. The question becomes: will we arrive at the end of this storm simply worn out and worn down or will we have come closer to becoming the persons and disciples God desires us to be?

Please consider this matter carefully. If you are unable or unwilling to carve out an hour for prayer each day, which is a serious commitment, maybe this is not for you. But if you feel that God might be drawing you into a deeper relationship at this time and inviting you to develop life-giving practices of prayer and reflection, please give this retreat some serious consideration.

We will be starting the retreat in the last week of September. Therefore, if you decide to make the retreat or simply wish to have further information, please contact us no later than September 15 so that we can have the materials available to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either [Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J. \(dhartnettsj@gmail.com\)](mailto:dhartnettsj@gmail.com) or [Chris Murphy \(cmurphy@archchicago.org\)](mailto:cmurphy@archchicago.org).

In Christ,
Deacon Chris and Fr. Dan
St Ignatius Parish



INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in late September and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

This year, RCIA gatherings will be a mixture of Zoom meetings and in-person gatherings after Mass.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact me at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621. We can set up a call or a Zoom meeting.

~ *Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate*

RCIA brochure

Community Support Drive

Drive-Thru Donations to Care for Real



PACK THE TRUNK. FILL THE NEED.

Ismaili Jamatkhana Parking Lot • 6259 N. Broadway, Chicago

To maintain social distancing donations should be placed in the car trunk. Volunteers wearing face masks and gloves will remove items. Walk-up donations also welcome.



Household Cleaning Items



Canned & Boxed Food/Beverage



Personal Hygiene Items



Face Masks & Gloves

Click here or the image above for a PDF of the flyer for the October 3 event.

[ECRA Community Drive Supporting Care for Real on Saturday, October 3](#)

ECRA (Edgewater Community Religious Association) will host a collection drive for household and personal hygiene items on Saturday, October 3 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the Ismaili Jamatkhana, 6259 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60660.

We also welcome the donation of non-perishable food items, although the greater need at present is for household supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers, disinfectants, face masks, gloves) and personal care products (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products,

toothpaste, toothbrushes).

Items can be dropped-off at the parking lot on the northeast corner of Broadway and Rosemont. (Entrance to the parking lot is on Broadway.) To maintain social distancing and limit personal contact, we request that, when possible, items for drop-off be placed in your vehicle's trunk. Volunteers equipped with face masks and gloves will remove items directly from your trunk. For those who walk to the drive, items may be dropped off on designated tables in the parking lot. In both circumstances, we ask that you follow social distancing protocols to limit personal contact.

With Care for Real serving the Rogers Park and Edgewater communities, we hope that the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities will come together to support Care for Real in its effort to provide these items to those most in need in our communities.

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](#)
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 - [One Northside: Tenant Eviction Rights Information](#)
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 - [The 2020 Census: Importance of the Data](#)
 - [Help for Seniors Facing Eviction/Fallen Behind on Mortgage or Rent](#)
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Lectors, Cantors, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, Musicians, and Music Planned for This Weekend

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

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo, cantor
- Sunday, September 13 at 8:00 am - Kellye Mckay-Guzik, cantor
- Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan, cantor, Denise Goodman, clarinet, Dana Sullivan, flute

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

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, September 12 at 5 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, September 13 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 pm - Michelle Kuehlhorn, Dorthea Tobin
- Sunday, September 13 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar, Peter Morin, and Joan Dowdle, Brigid Cronin, Marty McDermott

- Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am - Dan Killelea, Ginevra Clark, Nancy Kuhn, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Mark Huffman

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, September 13 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am -TBA

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.

Sign Up to Vote by Mail

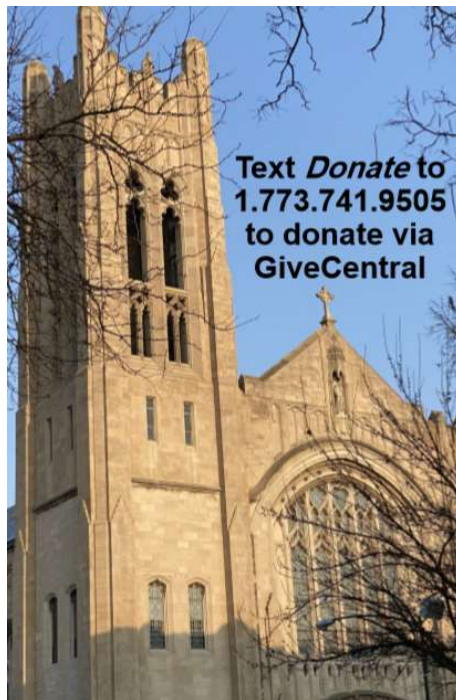
From October 14-November 3, secured drop boxes with date/time stamps available at every early voting site for vote by mail voters to submit their ballot return envelopes

Here's an option for people who feel unsafe about voting in person, but now fear the USPS will be unable to deliver a "mail-in" ballot in a timely fashion:

- Apply online now for a mail-in ballot at ChicagoElections.gov/votebymail.
- Starting October 14, there will be Secured Drop Boxes at all Early Voting locations.
- After you fill in your ballot, you should sign and seal the envelope.
- You can then bring it to the Early Voting site.
- If you applied online to Vote By Mail, you'll later get an email confirming your ballot has been received. At a later time, you will be informed that it has been accepted and notified if there are any problems.
- The ballots at Early Voting sites are transported (under chain of custody protocol) to the Board of Elections facility.

- List of locations and hours for Early Voting will be available in September at ChicagoElections.gov/EarlyVoting.

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



[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 \(via our website\)](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)

Rest in Peace

- Rita Martinez (mother of parishioner Yolanda Fuentes)
 - Blas Victoriano Obregon Barrios
 - William Hartnett (and father of parishioner Eileen Wicklin)
 - Eva Kot
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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, September 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday, September 16: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14: 7:30 am - Blas Victoriano Obregon Barrios +

Tuesday, September 15: 7:30 am - Thomas Backis +

Wednesday, September 16: 7:30 am - Henry Miller +

Thursday, September 17: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, September 18: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Saturday, September 19: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Nanette Rose +

Sunday, September 20: 8:00 am - Peter+ & Mary+ Tunney ; 10:30 am - Billy Tobin+ and Antoinette G. Linke+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Anne Collins-Dole
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Lois DiFruscio
- Sara Fighter
- 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 September 13, 2020

Sing to the Mountains by Bob Dufford, S.J.

REFRAIN: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

VERSE 1: I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful by Jeanne Cotter

The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.

Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.

Loving and Forgiving, by Scott Soper

REFRAIN: Loving and forgiving are you O Lord;

Slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

VERSE 1: All my being bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.

All my being bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God.

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 2: Something which we have known, something we've touched,

what we have seen with our eyes: this we have heard; life-giving Word.

City of God by Dan Schutte

VERSE 1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep.

The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing

Has conquered the night.

REFRAIN: Let us build a city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our Light and our Love, has turned the night into day!

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