



St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

This week, we will continue to offer in-person Masses at 7:30 am Monday-Saturday, at 5:00 pm on Saturday, and at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday. Reservations are required for all Masses, sign-up for weekend Masses [HERE](#) and our 7:30 am Masses (Monday-Saturday) [HERE](#).

We will still live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am on Sundays, using Facebook Live! Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link [on our website](#).

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for the 10:30 am live-streamed Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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From Father Rich

Next weekend is Summer Mission Appeal weekend. Please be generous to this annual appeal which allows us to reach out and assist missionaries spreading the gospel in parts of the world far and near. Because of the pandemic, no missionaries will be visiting parishes this summer. Instead, we were invited to select from a list of the missionary communities who would have been here this summer. We selected the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity

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because of their work with the poor and with vulnerable communities such as immigrants at border locations. You can access more information at their website [HERE](#).



Click the image to be taken to our video, "What to Expect & Do When Coming Back to Church."

Donations to the Summer Mission Appeal can be placed in the black offertory boxes in church IF the envelope is a Summer Mission Appeal envelope or the memo line on the check clearly indicates that's what the gift is for. There is also the brown box set out for this second collection - - all contributions for the Summer Mission Appeal can go in the brown box. You may also make donations (using a credit card) online [HERE](#), or through the [GiveCentral site](#) on the parish webpage.

On Tuesday, we hosted the second of the Renew My Church pre-start meetings which afforded all the parishioner-volunteers from the three parishes to meet each other and tour the parish campuses. In June, we began with St. Jerome's. On Tuesday, we started here at St. Gertrude and finished up at St. Ignatius.

The actual process begins Monday, August 3rd when we will join with our assigned facilitator and begin reviewing the data that is so important in considering what will be the best future for the Catholic Church in our Rogers Park/Edgewater community. Please keep the Renew My Church process in your prayers. Here is the Archdiocesan Renew My Church prayer which I encourage you to pray daily:

[A Prayer For "Renew My Church"](#)

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly*

*to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

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

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

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

Looking Ahead:

This year, because the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) falls on a Saturday, the Obligation to attend mass for the Holy Day is lifted. If you would like to celebrate Mass for the Holy Day, the 7:30 am Mass will be for the Feast. The 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, August 15 is for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings for Sunday, July 26

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you

may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–128, 129–130

R. (97a) Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part
is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command
more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.

The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading 2: Rom 8:28–30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel: Mt 13:44–52 [44–56]

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like

a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. [Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”]



You are Witnesses of These Things ~ Luke 24:48

There is a difference between observing something and being a witness to it. According to the dictionary to observe is to “watch carefully” while to witness is to “give evidence.” You can observe without bearing witness, but you cannot be a witness without first observing. Bearing witness is to actively process the event observed or experienced and allowing yourself to act. In bearing witness, we are given the opportunity to find the power of our voice in situations that can sometimes be overwhelming and uncomfortable.

The Gospels are full of moments when an observer becomes a witness and spreads the news. What we are not told, but can imagine, is how the stories of what Jesus said and did must have moved from village to village.

The power of those observed moments created a responsibility to bear witness, to tell the story.

As a nation, we are at an undeniable turning point involving race and our national identity. As much as we do not like to talk about it, racism is baked into the founding fabric of this country. Ibram Kendi, in his book *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* talks about the constitutional convention of 1787 and its decision to omit any mention of slavery so as to hide “their racist enslavement policies” (p. 116) which were at odds with the professed statements of equality. It was during this convention that enslaved Black men were defined as 3/5 of a man – effectively sanctioning a belief of Black inferiority. It should also be noted that the same convention let stand other policies regarding the treatment of slaves including that of runaway slaves being considered criminals.

To understand the Black Lives Matter Movement, it is important to understand the history of just how fundamental the concept of inequality is in our nation. Kendi’s work and the work of other historians, sociologists, novelists, etc., provide opportunities to observe the embeddedness of racism in our country. Each of us is left to decide how we will bear witness to this centuries-old stain on our shared humanity.

The list of Black lives lost to racism is long and painful to recall. Just this year alone the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmed Aubrey, and Beronna Taylor have captured the national spotlight and sparked ongoing discourse and ignited a multi-racial movement. My heart breaks for the senseless loss of lives that is the result of misguided concepts of power, authority, and privilege.

Every challenge has within it an opportunity for growth to bring about a new creation. The current moment is challenging us to learn from our history and do the work to reimagine a better future for our nation. Now is the time to have hard conversations. To work to change institutions and systems. To hold elected officials accountable for their actions. To vote for those who unify rather than divide. To see the founding fathers as flawed men with lofty ideals that still matter and call to us to be better and do better. To be witness to the growth and change that can, in the long run, make this nation a place where everyone is equally respected and welcomed. What can you do to be a witness and not just an observer?

You might find these books interesting:

- Ibram X. Kendi
 - *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*
 - *How To Be An Antiracist*
- Fr. Bryan Massingale
 - *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*

~ Kevin Chears



Growing in Faith

In our first reading, King Solomon asks God for an understanding heart, “to judge your people and distinguish right from wrong.” Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the church at Rome, advises us that “all things work for the good of those who love God.” In Matthew's gospel we hear the parable of likening the kingdom of heaven to “a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind.” The common thread is light, the light that only comes from God. Without this light, we cannot know right from wrong, what to do or not do, what to keep, and what to throw away.

Only with this light can we recognize our common humanity, the spark of the divine within us all. My goal is to recognize this spark of the divine, not so much to love everyone but to be better able to respect everyone and to encourage others to respect themselves, especially those on the margins of society who are not accustomed to respect. I believe that if I see this light in others, they will be able to see it in themselves and the people around them.

Not easy to do in this historical moment when we are beset by heatwaves, a

dangerous pandemic, the fruits of structural racism, and political insanity. Not easy, but what choice do we have? The choice I've made is to keep searching for that light.

~ Helen Banta for *Growing in Faith*



Upcoming Second Collection: Mission Co-op Appeal -- August 1-2

The summer Mission Cooperation Plan is the annual opportunity for our parish to learn about, take inspiration from, and support missionaries from around the globe. Because of their work with the poor and vulnerable communities we have selected The Society of our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. This summer, due to the pandemic, it is impossible to have an in-person visitor. Rather we will use a reflection on their work written by their community to learn more about who they are and the work they are engaged in around the world.

Based in Corpus Christi, Texas, The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) is a community dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Serving together on teams of priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people. SOLT, founded in 1958, is a missionary community serving in ten different countries around the world, usually in disadvantaged communities. SOLT has hundreds of missionaries serving in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Australia, and the Philippines. Part of their charism is to serve the deepest apostolic need of the Church. Therefore, their missions, even in the United States, serve inner city or other impoverished areas. Their work includes parish and evangelization, schools, an orphanage, drug rehabilitation centers, and

several food programs to name a few.

Our collection in support of SOLT will be the weekend of August 1 and 2. If you do not have a donation envelope for the mission appeal, there will be envelopes available in church or you can make a donation online at [GiveCentral](#).

Thank you for your generosity.



Congratulations to Sean Madden!

Last Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass, Sean became a full member of the Catholic Church! This was a long-awaited celebration, as it was originally scheduled for our Easter Vigil Mass. Sean is pictured above with his wife and sponsor, Karen.



The 2020 Census: Importance of the Data

Shape the future of our parish, neighborhood, and community by supporting the 2020 Census. The Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head

Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

The 2020 Census will be valuable to businesses, as the results will provide a rich set of data on the communities they serve, including population trends and growth projections.

Business owners rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, or offices, where to expand operations, where to recruit employees, and which products and services to offer.

The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.

Take the Census Today

Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church

The church is now open Monday through Saturday for 7:30 am Mass. Weekend Masses are 5:00 pm on Saturdays and 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays.

Here are some pointers everyone will need to be aware of as we return:

- For all church activities, including services/Masses, the only entrance will be the Granville (handicap access) door.
- **Everyone will need a reservation for coming into church.** Sign up for weekday Masses [HERE](#) and weekend Masses [HERE](#) or you can call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.
- Registrations must be entered at least by 3:00 pm the day before the weekday service/Mass you plan to attend. Registration for weekend Masses must be entered by 3:00 pm on Saturday.

- If your name does not appear on the registration list, you will be asked to wait outside. If fewer than 50 people are in attendance at the beginning of the service, you will be admitted.
- Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have a mask when you arrive, one will be provided. (Only exceptions are for medical conditions.)
- Leave home early enough to allow for the check-in procedure.
- You must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness (fever of 100.4 degrees or above, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches, or headaches) or had exposure to anyone with these symptoms.
- Once you are admitted, your temperature will be taken with a non-touch electronic thermometer and you will have your hands sanitized. Then you will be checked in and an usher or greeter will take you to a seat. (Those living in the same households can sit together.) Everyone in church is expected to maintain safe-distancing protocols by observing the markings on the floor and in the pews which give directions for spacing and traffic flow.
- Weekend Masses take place on Saturday at 5:00 pm and at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday. Once we are confident we have our protocols down and things are operating smoothly, we can have from 15-20% of our capacity at any Mass, 125-150 people.
- Even when public Masses start, we will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Sunday Mass as we have been doing.
- If you are 65 or over, and/or have any health condition that leaves your health in any way compromised, please stay home! As Cardinal Cupich reminds us, during this pandemic time, missing Mass is not a sin!

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to church! Please feel free to contact the office or any member of the parish staff with any questions. We remember each of you in prayer every day! Please pray for St. Gertrude parish and all those who are suffering in any way.

[Click Here to Sign up for Weekday Masses](#)

[Click Here to Sign-up for Weekend Masses](#)

New Rectory Hours, Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory

As of Monday, July 13, the St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 9:00-1:00 pm on Sunday. Please call ahead!

We ask that all visitors follow these regulations:

- The office is open by appointment only. Appointments may be made by email to stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org or by phoning 773.764.3621.
 - We will accept only one appointment at a time so we can observe social distancing requirements of being six feet apart. There will be social distancing markings in the front hallway. If more than one person needs to be present for the appointment, please inform the office of the number of people so that appropriate social distancing procedures may be observed. We suggest a limit of four people.
 - Visitors must not exhibit any signs of COVID-19 related illness (fever of 100.4 degrees or above, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chest tightness, extreme fatigue, loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, muscle aches, or headaches) or had exposure to anyone with these symptoms.
 - Visitors must wear masks or face coverings.
 - Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
 - Requests such as new parish registrations, changes in parishioner address or phone numbers, Mass or prayer intentions, scheduling, etc. should be made by phone or email.
 - Please make an appointment only if a face-to-face meeting is absolutely necessary. If you are dropping off checks or documents, please put through the mail slot at the Rectory door on the west side of the building between Granville Avenue and the alley. If what you are dropping off is too large to fit through the mail slot, please notify the Rectory to make further arrangements.
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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, July 25 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer, Dana Sullivan-flautist

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

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, July 25 at 5 pm - TBD
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez

Our set-up and greeter teams have been combined. This weekend's schedule is:

- Saturday, July 25 at 5:00 pm - Dorothea Tobin, Debbie Kern
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Brigid Cronin, Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar, Carol Ann Munro, Joan Dowdle, Peter Morin
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Dan Killelea, Ginevra Clark, Mark Huffman, Nancy Kuhn, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Debbie

Kern

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, July 25 at 5:00 pm - Jeff Dunning
- Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am - Richard Martin
- Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am - Tom O'Brien, Claire Bushy

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.



Online Ignatian Morning of Reflection Video Available

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps' annual Morning of Reflection to recognize the Feast Day of St. Ignatius Loyola cannot be held in July.

Instead, IVC Chicago will be offering a video reflection, prepared especially for this occasion. Dr. Gillian T.W. Ahlgren, Professor of Theology at Xavier University, will present *Courage, Change, and Resilience: Ignatian Wisdom for Today*.

Our times require increased flexibility, patience, dedication, and a capacity

to know and prioritize what truly matters in our daily lives. When we reflect on the life of Ignatius Loyola as well as the insights developed over years of spiritual companionship that crystallized in his Spiritual Exercises, we can distill a process for proceeding wisely in challenging times. Join Dr. Gillian Ahlgren for a guided consideration of Ignatian tools that support deeper sensitivity, courage, wisdom, and strength for the journey ahead.

To receive the link to the presentation along with some questions for reflection, please contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Program Manager, at jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org or 312.961.6206.



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

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

In addition, you can also order directly order from Kadidja, who has committed to creating 30 masks per week on top of the ones for sale at the Rectory. The cloth masks cost \$5 each. If you'd like to place an order, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845a5ab2cab9-cloth>.

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

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

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

Sign Up to Vote by Mail

Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to use *Vote By Mail* or *Early Voting* before Election Day on November 3, 2020.

Any Chicago voter may [apply online now to Vote By Mail](#) ahead of the November 3, 2020 Election. No reason or excuse is needed to Vote By Mail. Chicago voters who apply online between now and September 24 will be among the first to receive ballots. Ballot mailings will begin Sept. 24-Oct. 5.

Chicago voters who apply online to Vote By Mail will receive emails:

- In the days that follow their online application, to confirm that the online application has been received and processed;
- When the ballot is being mailed to the voter -- with a unique link to a system to track the ballot through the US Postal Service;
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" is received by the Election Board; and,
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" has been approved for counting -- or if there is a question or problem with your Ballot Return Envelope.

If you are unable to apply online, the Election Board also will be sending Vote By Mail applications and postage-paid return envelopes in late July to all voters who have voted in any election(s) since Nov. 2018 and to any voters who have registered for the first time or updated their registrations since March 18, 2020.

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

Baptisms

Leo Robert, son of Benjamin Groya & Salena Ortega

Malcolm Oliver, son of Michael & Angela Morrow



Rest in Peace

Tom O'Shea

Marc John Wolthoff



Renew My Church: Our Own Discipleship

We have a mission:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Mt 28:19-20).

This is the Great Commission that Christ gave His apostles. And He gives us this mission today as something to accomplish together. An important element to achieving our mission is understanding what we're facing today.

In an earlier article, I noted some of the reasons why renewal is needed, not the least of which is a steady decline in faith practices that stretches back decades. There are many issues that people cite as a catalyst for leaving the Church or lapsing in their faith. The pain and suffering of the abuse crisis and failure in leadership amongst some has been reason enough for some to walk away or refrain from (re)entering. There are also the age-old allurements and noon-day devils that cause people to drift away from the faith of their youth. And there are also issues and challenges of a personal nature that only God can see within people's hearts.

But there are also people that leave the Church not because they reject her teachings or doctrines or even because of the scandals – they leave because they want more than what they're experiencing. In some way, they doubt that Jesus is present within their own parish. For those of us who know and love and serve our Lord present in the sacraments, this may be difficult to get our minds or hearts around. But it's a reality for some.

With that in mind, I ask you to consider the following questions: Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be His disciple? Is there anything holding you back from following Him more closely? Or from introducing others to Him? What is your relationship with the parish community? How do you strengthen the larger Catholic community?

It is important to prayerfully discern our own efforts to renew our faith lives and our active participation in the life of the Church. In order to strengthen our larger Catholic community, there are three mission imperatives that guide the efforts of Renew My Church:

Make Disciples

We must reflect on how each of us invites others into a personal encounter and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ as disciples in His Church.

Build Community

Our parish and school communities today face a number of obstacles to vitality—the parishioner bases of many parishes are very small; the number of school-aged children in areas has decreased; we have fewer priests;

many of our parishes are not sustainable to carry on the mission of the Church; and many parishes and schools have deferred maintenance for many years, resulting in unaffordable capital needs.

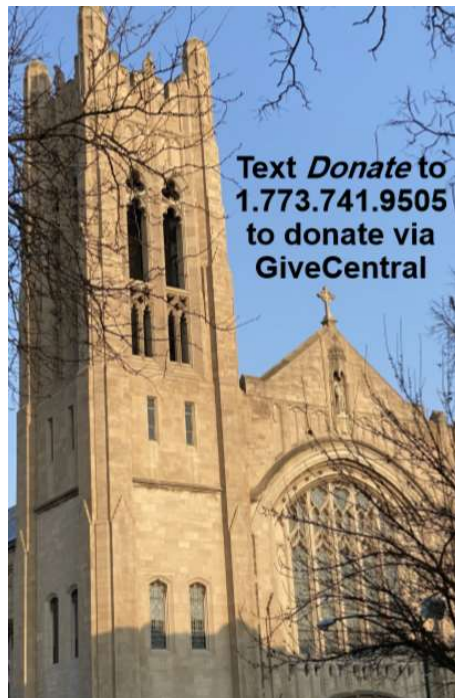
We must ensure our communities have enough resources to carry out our mission. But we also recognize resourcing alone does not address all of our challenges. Parish and school communities that are well-resourced and vibrant today still face significant challenges because of the changes in society. That is why we need a spiritual renewal at the foundation of all we do.

Inspire Witness

In keeping with the urging of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis calls the Church to go out into the world as a field hospital to bring healing to a world torn by division, violence, racism, poverty and to promote respect for human dignity and life.

What does this have to do with your personal role in Renew My Church? Take that question to prayer and as Jesus reminds us that “the mustard seed is the smallest of all plants yet the largest bush when full-grown” so, too, will He give you a clear role in the renewal of His Church.

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask me via email 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 \(via our website\)](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)

Help for Seniors Facing Eviction/Fallen Behind on Mortgage or Rent

The non-profit Center for Disability and Elder Law is now offering free assistance to people who are facing eviction or have fallen behind on their rent or mortgage payments. Attorneys there will help you evaluate your situation, connect you to financial assistance resources, and negotiate with your landlord or mortgage company to establish payment terms.

For this assistance, please call 312.376.1880 Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and ask for Cheryl Lipton, CEDL Pro Bono Coordinator. As CEDL is expecting a large volume of calls, please reach out to them today!

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

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

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

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



Daily Scripture Readings

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

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

Monday, July 27: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27: 7:30 am - Tina Piemonte

Tuesday, July 28: 7:30 am - Daniel Mellon +

Wednesday, July 29: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

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

Friday, July 31: 7:30 am - Tina Piemonte

Saturday, August 1: 7:30 am - Thien-Ke Khieu + & Barbara Silazi +; 5:00 pm - Peter & Mary Tunney +

Sunday, August 2: 8:00 am - Ted Hasbrook +; 10:30 am - Randy Cruz +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Anne Collins-Dole
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz

- Eva Kot
- Addison McClain
- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray

Lyrics for July 26, 2020

Lord of All Hopefulness traditional Irish melody

Verse 1: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Verse 2: Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts,
Lord, at the noon of the day.

Psalm 119: Lord, I Love your Commands by PJ Anderson

Lord, I love your commands.

Be Not Afraid by Bob Dufford, SJ

VERSE 1: You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN: Be not afraid. I go before you always
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

One Bread, One Body by John Foley, SJ

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.

Lead Me, Lord by John D. Becker

Verse: Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.
Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.

Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me Lord, today.
And lead me, Lord, today.

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