



Today we give thanks for all the men who are nurturing and encouraging to others, whether they are fathers, step-fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, friends, caretakers, teachers, co-workers, or neighbors.

St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

We will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am this Sunday, 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 with lyrics for music for the Mass [HERE](#). All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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From Father Rich

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, and any of the men who have provided a positive role model in how they have modeled love and care for their spouse and children! We join in prayer and celebration today for all those who have so enriched our lives with this love.

On Monday, June 22, we resume public Masses with our usual 7:30 am Mass. We will offer Mass Monday-Saturday at 7:30 am. Church will remain open until about 9:00 am, but the times for private prayer will no longer be available.

Next weekend, June 27-28, we will return to our regular weekend schedule in church: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Mass as we have been doing.

If you are feeling ill, or have any of the COVID-

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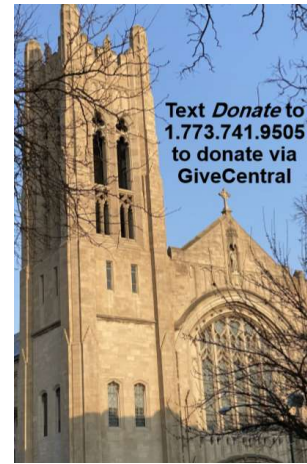
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more about our
[reopening plan!](#)

19 symptoms, please do not come to church. If your temperature is over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, you will not be allowed into church for the mass/service.

Initially, we are only allowed 50 people at each service. By the following weekend, June 27-28, if all goes well and we are comfortable with the new protocols, we will be allowed to have 15-20% of our capacity – up to 150 people per service.



Reservations are required for anyone coming to any service or Mass in church. You can make a reservation through the link in this bulletin or on the parish website, or by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621. If you do come to church without a reservation, you will be asked to complete a sign-in sheet providing your name, email, and phone number. This information is required for the possibility of contact if there is an incidence of the virus found in the community that traces back to a gathering such as ours. The records of this attendance information are kept for 14 days, and then all those forms are shredded.

Even if you have not made a reservation, you can still come to church to see if there are seats available. You may have to wait until all parishioners with a reservation have been seated before you be able to be seated in church. If we have met our allowed capacity for the mass before you are seated, you will be asked to come to a different service.

Access to the church will be via the handicapped door on Granville only. Everyone coming into church will have their temperature taken by a greeter using a non-touch electronic thermometer. You must be wearing a mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Masks must be worn the entire time you are in church – unless a medical condition prevents that, in which case you will be seated farther away from other members of the congregation including your family if you have come with a group. Once you have been checked in, you will need to sanitize your hands. Then you will be led to one of the seats indicated by the blue cross on the back of the pew. All those living in the same households may sit together. All others must sit individually.

Movement while in church is determined by the arrows taped onto the church carpeting. In most cases, aisles only move in one direction. Worshippers will be seated from the front of church to the back upon entering. When Mass is over, ushers/greeters will release worshippers from the back to the front. While ushers will not be circulating to take up a collection, there will be donation boxes in the church for you envelopes or cash donations.

With your mask on, approach the minister, extend your hand and receive Communion. Move at least 6 feet away from the minister, remove the mask and place the host in your mouth and reapply the mask, then return to your pew.

At the conclusion of Mass, please remain in your pew until the ministers have processed into the sacristy. Ushers/greeters will then dismiss worshippers by pew, starting from the back. Everyone exits into the side aisles and then out the main doors of church. Please do not stop to congregate in the back of church, the vestibule or outside.

As mentioned in an earlier communication, there is no congregational singing in church at this time. Mary Clare and a cantor and an instrumentalist will provide music, but they will be at a safer distancing position. The reason for no singing by the congregation is because singing has a higher expectorant level than simply speaking and so to lower the possibility of anyone spreading the virus, there is no singing.

I encourage all of us to be patient with all these new protocols. I realize that the way we will be operating until there is a vaccine or better treatments easily available will not at all be what we value in coming to worship together. Primarily, this includes the ability to gather in small groups before and after mass; the freedom to sit wherever we want; the joy of singing – whether in good voice or not; etc. But for now, to gather as a faith community and to do our best to stop this virus, this is what we all must do.

Special thanks to our COVID-19 team! Co-leaders: Joan Dowdle & Patrick Robinson. And Hallie Burhow – greeting team captain, Michael Kowalsky – set-up team captain, and Debra Novak – clean-up team captain. These folks will lead all our parish volunteers in getting church ready before every service, providing necessary check-in information and directions when people arrive, and then cleaning and sanitizing after each service. We are

still in need of volunteers for our Teams. Please complete a volunteer form and email it to Kevin Chears. You can download a form here and email her at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.

What to Expect and Do When Coming Back to Church



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

Readings for Sunday, June 14

Reading 1: Jer 20:10–13

Jeremiah said:

“I hear the whisperings of many:

‘Terror on every side!

Denounce! let us denounce him!’

All those who were my friends
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.

‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,
and take our vengeance on him.’

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.
In their failure they will be put to utter shame,

to lasting, unforgettable confusion.
O LORD of hosts, you who test the just,
who probe mind and heart,
let me witness the vengeance you take on them,
for to you I have entrusted my cause.
Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 69:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35

R. (14c) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness;
in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!”

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Reading 2: Rom 5:12–15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the

type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Gospel: Mt 10:26–33

Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

Growing in Faith

On Father's Day...

Our Gospel this Sunday highlights an important quality of God’s love, his providential care. “Even all the hairs of your head are counted,” proclaims Matthew. The idea that God can focus on each particular nuance of my being within the vastness of His total creation runs counter to our post-modern skepticism. How can this be? Yet for any parent who cares for a child, the mystery of God’s providential care is within grasp.

As a dad, even with the vast demands on my attention---work, home, finances, etc.---there is an irreducible space in my focus for the welfare of my children, a third eye that remains forever fixed on the well-being for each of my children. In this I can better understand God’s providence, which surely surpasses my own: God watches each of us with a penetrating care right down to the particularities of our humanity and our lives, even as he watches over all of creation.

In these days of pandemic and a deeper recognition of systemic racial

injustice, we need our God who has this providence over our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. As we mark this Father's Day, and thank all of those who have given witness to provincial love for us, this is surely Good News. As the Gospel song resounds, "For His eye, it is on the little sparrow and I know He's watching over you and me."

~ Matthew Couture for Growing in Faith

Reopening Information - Sign Up to Pray in Church

Church is now open Monday through Saturday from 9:30-11:30 am for private prayer. Weekday Masses will begin Monday, June 22.

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](#) or you can call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.
- Registrations must be entered at least by 3:00 pm of 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.
- 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.
- Public masses return on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 am.

- Weekend Masses begin Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. We will have the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday. On the first weekend, we are allowed to have 50 people in church. Once we are confident we have our protocols down and things are operating smoothly, we can have from 15-20% of our capacity at any Mass, 125-150 people.
- Even when public Masses start, we will continue to live-stream the 10:30 am Sunday Mass as we have been doing.
- If you are 65 or over, and/or have any health condition that leaves your health in any way compromised, please stay home! As Cardinal Cupich reminds us, during this pandemic time, missing Mass is not a sin!

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

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



Volunteers Need to Help with Reopening Church

As Chicago moves into its first phase of reopening, the Archdiocese has provided comprehensive guidelines for how parishes can move forward in once again celebrating mass together in church. We have volunteered to assist in coordinating our reopening efforts at St. Gertrude.

The protocols established by the Archdiocese are rooted in protecting the health and safety of our parish family. Assuring this safety is going to take

the proverbial village.

We need volunteers to both prepare for opening and to manage each event (mass, baptism, funeral, reconciliation, marriage, private prayer, etc.) that will take place in the church. The safety protocols will likely be in place for an extended time.

As such, we are asking you to prayerfully consider joining our volunteer corps for this effort. Without the assistance of our parishioners, we cannot move forward with reopening our parish home to once again celebrate the sacraments together.

Please consider this additional opportunity to serve our parish. Without enough volunteers, we cannot be certified to reopen.

Here is the archdiocese website for everything you could possibly want to know about reopening: <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening-training>.

We need many volunteers to fill teams for greeting/ushering, set-up, and clean-up. For more information on volunteer responsibilities please view the training webinar available at the above link. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

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

Thanks,

Joan Dowdle, Patrick Robinson & Michael Kowalsky

Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

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.



PDF of Music for This Sunday's Mass

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for our live-streamed Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am. A PDF is available [HERE](#). This Sunday, Mary Clare will be accompanied by cantor Siobhan O'Neill Meluso and will also be joined by George Siegle on trumpet and Nicholas Bussey on trombone.



St. Gertrude Parish Cloth Mask Project

Kadidja, the single mother of two who we've sponsored since she arrived from the Central African Republic, is a gifted seamstress. This is a win-win - she lost her job when we went on lockdown for the pandemic, and we all need masks.

At present, Kadidja has committed to creating 30 masks per week. The cloth masks cost \$5 each. If you'd like to place an order, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845a5ab2cab9-cloth>.

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

Thank You for Participating in our Care for Real Food/Hygiene/Household Stapes Drive

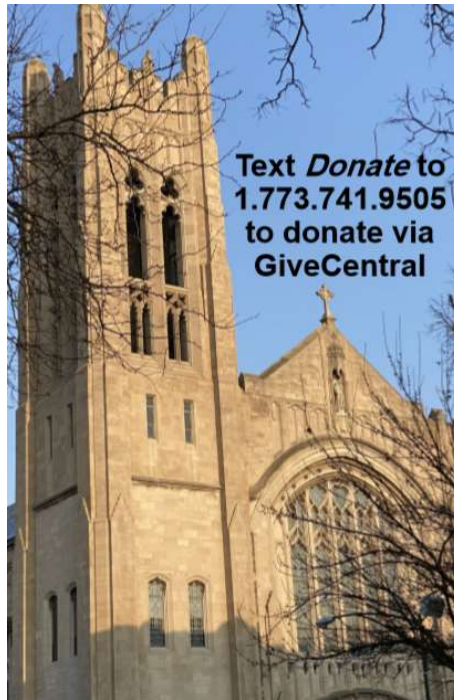
Thank you for encouraging and participating in the highly successful ECRA Community Drive to support Care for Real on Saturday, June 6. We were able to collect:

- 3.25 tons (6,500 pounds) of food and household products
- \$1520 in cash and checks (including a generous contribution from the Ismail Center)
- 3,800 rolls of toilet paper (yes, we counted them)

Since an average family of four gets about 40 pounds of food per week from Care for Real, we were able to feed over 160 families for a week.

A special thank you to the Ismaili Jamatkhana for initiating and hosting the event! While we had volunteers from a half dozen of our ECRA congregations helping collect and sort the products, the i-CERV (Ismaili Community Engaged in Responsible Volunteering) team really came through with organizing the day-of-event activities so that everything went smoothly. Blessings continue to happen when we work together for the common good!

~ ECRA Committee



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

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

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

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

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

ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. 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



In Remembrance

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

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

Misericordia Hiring Now!

Misericordia is home to over 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities. We have a 31-acre campus where we provide round the clock

care and support to our residents. In supporting and caring for our residents, we strive to find compassionate and hardworking individuals to join our team. **We are currently hiring for DSP, CNA, and LPN/RN/BSN positions on our campus. A flyer can be accessed [HERE](#).**

Experience in this field is not a requirement. We have several openings which are entry-level positions. These can lead to further growth and development within our organization and hopefully the start of a career for those who are hired.

We provide paid training for employees hired as Direct Support Professionals and we provide paid training for Certified Nursing Assistants who have passed their state boards.

Misericordia Home is taking every measure to ensure the safety and well-being of both our staff and residents during the time of COVID-19. This includes enhanced cleaning practices and universal masking. We have an appropriate amount of PPE's to meet all of the guidelines set forth by CDC.



[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: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17;

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for scheduled mass will be transferred to the private masses the parish priests (Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich Prendergast) will say during this time.

If those who requested/scheduled these Masses would prefer to have them moved to a different date, please leave a message at the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- **Monday, June 22:** TJ Heidkamp +
- **Tuesday, June 23:** Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Wednesday, June 24:** Luisa Ramirez +
- **Thursday, June 25:** All 2020 graduates
- **Friday, June 26:** James Michael Jeffers +
- **Saturday, June 27:** Purgatorial Society +, Marie McKee Boylan +
- **Sunday, June 28:** Mary Sullivan +, Parishioners of St. Gertrude, Gina Delia +, Joyce Weaver Gammon +

(+ 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
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray
- Marie Wielgosz

Lyrics for June 21, 2020

Sing a New Song by Dan Schutte

REFRAIN: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

VERSE 1: Shout with gladness! Dance for Joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.
(to refrain)

Lord in your great love, answer me by Iván Díaz.

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.

VERSE 2: If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.

Of you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all. (to refrain)

Taste and See by James Moore

REFRAIN: Taste and See, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

VERSE 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my

lips; My soul shall glory in the Lord for He has been so good to me.

(to refrain)

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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