

St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday Sunday, May 31, 2020

We will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am this Sunday, using Facebook Live! Please click <u>HERE</u> to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to <u>our YouTube channel</u> and post the link <u>on our website</u>.

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for the Mass <u>HERE</u>. All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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From Father Rich

Today's Feast of Pentecost brings a joyful and triumphant conclusion to the season of Easter! The gift of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised, is sent among all His believers that we might, in turn, share the Good News with all those we encounter. Please keep in prayer all those who were preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in March. We are still awaiting guidelines from the Archdiocese on how Confirmation will go forward as our reopening begins to become possible.

This is also the final week of the regular school year for all our NCA students. Although this has certainly been anything but a regular school year! Congratulations to all our parish graduates -- from grammar school, high school, college, or more! May God continue to bless you as you move into the next phase of your education, and the next chapter in your life.

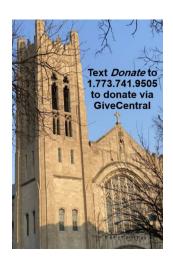
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Please visit
stgertrudechicago
.com to learn
more about our
reopening plan!

If all goes well, and we have enough parishioners step up to be volunteers for our "new normal," we hope to begin having church open for private prayer in the very near future. We will post the schedule for church being open on our website as soon as that is possible.



As was mentioned last week, this initial phase will require that anyone who would like to come and pray quietly in church will need to make a reservation either online or by phoning the rectory office.

Up to ten people will be allowed in church at any time. Masks must always be worn, and hands sanitized when you enter. (If you don't have your own mask, the greeter at the door will provide you with one and will spray your hands with hand sanitizer. If there are more than ten people at any one time, only ten will be allowed in church, those in church will be reminded that when others are waiting, each person is allowed 20 minutes in church.

But this, and all the steps for reopening, are dependent on getting enough volunteers to help us follow the health and safety protocols that are part of the process. If you are 21 or over (or a teen with a parent's permission) and do not have any mitigating health issues, I hope you will consider volunteering. If you are 65 or over, you may also volunteer, as long as you know the risks, and do not have any serious health issues.

If you would like to check out any of the Archdiocesan Guidelines or any part of the information the Archdiocese has shared during this pandemic time, please check out the new website that has been established: https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/reopening-training. I encourage everyone to take a look at the site and get more familiar with these Guidelines which will affect us no matter where we go to church.

Our Pastoral Associate, Kevin Chears, will coordinate all volunteers. That will allow everyone to go to the same place, no matter what you might be volunteering for, and Kevin will be sure your information goes to the right places and that you receive information on the training that is required. Please volunteer by sending Kevin an email

Readings for Sunday, May 31

Reading 1: Acts 2:1–11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

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Growing in Faith

Pentecost, celebrating the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth, is my favorite liturgical Holy Day! During this COVID-19 pandemic, we can witness the presence of the Holy Spirit –here and now--actively working throughout the globe! We see it in increased compassion, a drop off in secular consumerism, and a selflessness exhibited by so many in so many ways.

The Holy Spirit, actively present in me too, helps me realize that my faith in our Trinitarian God is the center of who I am. Through the Holy Spirit I strive to appreciate God's active presence in each person. I trust in our providential God who hears my pleas, sees my needs, and responds in his perfect timing.

The Holy Spirit makes my faith life active and exciting. I am thankful for the gifts with which I've been blessed, and I strive to be a good steward of them. For quite a few years I've been gifted with a hunger for understanding and absorbing God's Word. I have found that scripture usually fills the void when negative thoughts strive to creep into my life.

I encourage all of us to personally experience the active presence of the Holy Spirit in a deeper way...now, during the pandemic. The time is difficult for all of us but extremely rich. May you seek and find the Holy Spirit in your life through an ever-deepening personal relationship rooted in prayer and scripture.

Come Holy Spirit, keep renewing the face of the earth!



Reopening News

Volunteers Need to Help with Reopening Church

We are looking for volunteers to step up to help as we begin the work of reopening St. Gertrude. We cannot do it without you!

The initial phase of this reopening is focused on getting a structure in place that will allow us to open the church for small gatherings of no more than ten people for funerals, weddings, baptisms, and private prayer. Each occurrence will need the support of three volunteer teams.

- Set-up ensuring that all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration are ready, doors and windows are open, etc.
- Greeters meeting people at the door, taking temperatures, ensuring
 masks are being worn, providing hand sanitizer, and making sure safe
 distance seating guidelines are being followed.
- Cleaning cleaning essential and high-trafficked areas of the church after use, including the restroom.

The times of the gatherings will be scheduled so that each of the teams will know in advance when they should be at church. We hope to offer private prayer time daily Monday through Saturday, with funerals, weddings, and baptisms scheduled as families need them.

Parishioners interested in helping should <u>download a volunteer form</u> and email it to me at <u>kchears@stgertrudechicago.org</u>. Additionally, the Archdiocese is requiring that every volunteer take part in <u>their online</u> <u>training</u>, a one-hour webinar.

For our parish to be certified to reopen, we must attest that we have

enough volunteers and that they have viewed the Archdiocese training webinar.

Please consider giving our parish the gift of your service.

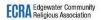
~ Kevin Chears

Parishioner Guidelines for Reopening Parish Office

The St. Gertrude parish office will reopen on Monday, June 1. Hours will be Monday through Friday between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

As we reopen, we ask that all visitors follow these regulations:

- The office is open by appointment only. Appointments may be made by email to <u>stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org</u> 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.







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.





Food/Beverage





ECRA Household Supplies & Personal Hygiene Items Drive for Care for Real This Saturday

ECRA (Edgewater Community Religious Association) will host a collection drive on behalf of Care for Real for household supplies and personal hygiene Items this Saturday, June 6 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the Ismaili Jamatkhana/Center (6259 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60660).

We also welcome the donation of NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS though 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) at this time. A flyer is available <u>HERE</u>.

Drop-off of items will take place in the parking lot on the northeast corner of Broadway and Rosemont. (Entrance to the parking lot 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. Please wear a mask.

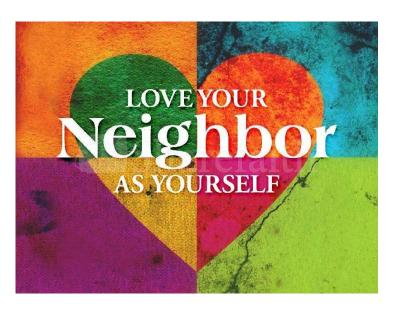
With Care for Real serving Rogers Park (via weekly pop up distribution) as well as the Edgewater community, we hope that the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities will come together to support Care for Real in its effort to provide these items to those most in need in our communities.



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 <u>HERE</u>.

This Sunday, Mary Clare will be accompanied by cantor Jim Manzardo, along with George Siegle on trumpet and Nicholas Bussey on trombone.



News from the Refugee and Immigration Ministry Committee: Resources Available for Our Immigrant & Refugee Neighbors

Greetings, St. Gertrude parishioners,

We, the Refugee and Immigrant Ministry, are very aware that many people in our community and city did not nor will not benefit from any stimulus package because they are undocumented immigrants.

If you or someone you know is in that situation and struggling to make ends meet, please contact the parish. Some resources may be available. We know too that being undocumented is a sensitive matter and be assured that privacy and confidentiality will be greatly respected.

If you or someone you know is in that situation and struggling to make ends meet, please contact the parish. You can leave a message at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrudechicago.org. Some resources may be available.

Nosotros, el ministerio para refugiados y inmigrantes de la parroquia de Sta. Gertrude, estamos muy conscientes de que muchas personas en nuestra comunidad y ciudad non recibieron los cheques de estímulo del gobierno federal porque son inmigrantes sin documentos gubernamentales.

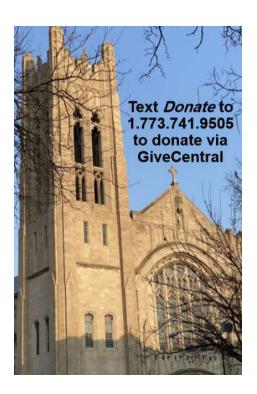
Si usted, o alguien que Ud conoce, está en esta situación y con dificultades

económicas, por favor pónganse en contacto con la parroquia. Es posible que haya algunos recursos disponibles. También sabemos que ser un inmigrante sin documentos es un asunto sensitivo y puede estar seguro que todo se mantendrá en privado. Usted puede dejar un recado llamando la parroquia, 773.764.3621 o mandando un correo electrónico a stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Es posible que haya recursos disponibles.

Resources for Immigrants

Recursos

Resources for Undocumented Immigrants and their Families During COVID-19



Ways to Help Our Parish During the Stay-at-Home Order: Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, Facebook Fundraiser, 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.

We also have set up a <u>fundraiser on our Facebook page</u>. All monies will go to support our parish's many ministries.

The Archdiocese has <u>an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website</u>. 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 <u>our parish website</u> and donate from there.

Visit <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and select St Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through <u>smile.amazon.com</u> 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



Welcome New Parishioners

Benjamin Groya & Salena Ortega



In Remembrance

Larry Swoboda

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



Domestic Violence Resources Available

Since the stay at home order was issued in Illinois, calls to local agencies that help those in abusive relationships have sharply increased to record highs. Data from other areas that have been on lockdown longer than Illinois indicate that these numbers of domestic violence incidents will continue to grow.

Where to Call

The Department of Family and Support Services is the lead agency for the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline and works exclusively with The Network:

Advocating Against Domestic Violence, a local nonprofit, to ensure residents have access to domestic violence support resources 24/7/365 – especially during this time of crisis. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline (1.877.863.6338) is available 24/7 via call or text in over 240 languages.

Uber/Lyft Rides Offer Free, Safe Transportation

The City of Chicago partnered with Lyft and Uber to offer free rides to people who have contacted the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.877.863.6338 in need of safe transportation. Ride requester's privacy will be protected by personnel at the hotline.

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website also has a <u>Domestic Violence information page</u> and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists specific information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
- Organizations that Provide Housing
- Legal Help
- Spanish-Speaking Assistance
- Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance

- LGBTQ Help
- Help for Teens & Young Adults
- Help Securing the Safety of Pets
- What Does Abuse Look Like?
- How to Help a Friend or Family Member
- Emotional Abuse
- Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?



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, June 1: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 2: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 3: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 4: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 5: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 6: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44 **Sunday, June 7:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



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 stgertrudechicago.org. Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- Monday, June 1: Living & deceased parishioners of St. Gertrude
- Tuesday, June 2: Andrew Buckley +, Billy Tobin +
- Wednesday, June 3: Michael Bowers +
- Thursday, June 4: The graduating class of NCA
- Friday, June 5: Joseph & Maria Huy +, Xuyen Nguyen +
- Saturday, June 6: Maria Cristol +, Marjorie Feld +
- Sunday, June 7: Bartley McGee +, Bruno & Vincenzia Tassone +, Robert Nelson +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- David Sierzega
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray
- Marie Wielgosz

Lyrics for May 31, 2020, Pentecost Sunday

Come, O Holy Spirit: Lyrics adapted by Owen Alstott;

Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven

VERSE 1:Come, O Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine! Come, O Holy Spirit come!

Come, O Father of the poor! Come, O Source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine! Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

VERSE 2: You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below; Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

Glory to God from Mass of Spirit and Grace by Ricky Manalo Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit by Paul Lisicky
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

Send Us Your Spirit by David Haas

Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew of the face of the earth.

Communion: Spirit Blowing through Creation by Marty Haugen

VERSE 1: Spirit blowing through creation, Spirit burning in the skies, Let the hope of your salvation fill our eyes;

God of splendor, God of glory, You who light the stars above,

All the heavens tell the story of your love.

VERSE 2: As you moved upon the waters, As you ride upon the wind, Move us all, your sons and daughters deep within;

As you shaped the hills mountains, Formed the land and filled the deep, Let your hand renew and waken all who sleep.

REFRAIN: Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people; Burn in the wary souls blow through the silent lips, come now awake us! Spirit of God.

Recessional: Sing A New Church by Nettleton

VERSE 1: Summoned by the God who made us Rich in our diversity, Gathered in the name of Jesus, Richer still in unity:

REFRAIN: Let us bring the gifts that differ And, in splendid, varied ways, Sing a new church into being, One in Faith and love and praise.

VERSE 2: Trust the goodness of creation; Trust the Spirit strong within. Dare to dream the vision promised, Sprung from seed of what has been. (to refrain)

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