



St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

This Sunday, April 12, we will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am, 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 Triduum/Easter page 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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Click here for virtual and live-streamed liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, as well as readings and music for each day.



[Easter Blessings From Father Rich](#)

Happy Easter! The parish staff joins me in extending our wishes to you and all of those dear to you for a blessed and joyous Easter season! And I especially hope, even in our unique situation of social distancing and staying inside, that you have a wonderful celebration to celebrate the new life which is Easter.

When I take my walks around the neighborhood,

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it is clear spring is popping all over the place! So much beauty and color coming out of the earth. Spring is nature's way of reminding us that God brings new life all the time. Sometimes we are simply better disposed to pay attention. Perhaps, while all of life has been slowed, we can take a few more minutes to appreciate the beauty of God in all of creation!



Click to visit our COVID-19 Spiritual Help page.

Easter also is the celebration that in Christ Jesus our sins have been forgiven and we gain the promise of everlasting life with God in heaven. This is a gift only God can give. And God gives it to us at no cost to us, but at the ultimate cost to God's Son, Jesus. Let us be a people with hearts full of joy for all God has done for us not only on Easter, nor even throughout the fifty days of Easter, but every moment of every day!



Click [here](#) for a list of online and televised Masses.

F. Rich

Resources from Father Rich

- ["Easter Duty" obligation lifted for this year](#) (link to Chicago Catholic)
- [Prayers from the Vatican's Mass in Time of Pandemic](#) (PDF)
- [Using Church Bells as a Call to Prayer](#) (PDF)

Readings for Sunday, April 12

Reading 1: Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about

doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him, all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Reading 2: Col 3:1–4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel: Jn 20:1–9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we

don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



PDF of Music for our Easter Sunday Mass

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Growing in Faith Reflection

Resurrection means something different to me now. The belief that Jesus rose from the dead is the bedrock belief of Christianity, but it has always been something mysterious and distant for me: really, why should I understand what it means any more than the apostles did? Perhaps in the guise of "faith", I have never truly tried to understand. But now, resurrection,

to believe in resurrection, has an immediacy for me and my need to believe is consuming. I want to make Jesus's humanness my own. Because if Jesus, fully human as well as fully divine, can rise from the dead, so can I.

I am not thinking now of the death of my body, my corporal being, but of my soul and my spirit which, while not dead, are sorely taxed and the uncertainty of the future is frightening. But if my soul and spirit can arise from the deadening of the world closing in around me, as I keep my distance, then that is the certainty I can cling to. I can contemplate what sort of risen soul/spirit/world I want to nurture, what kind of resurrection this can be.

This experience we are all going through can result in the death of divisions and demonizing, of selfishness and self-righteousness, of materialism and moral superiority. We have an opportunity to rise as people convinced of God's love for us and all those around us, in communion with our God and each other, as one, with no "other".

~ MaryAnn O'Connor for *Growing in Faith*



[Links for Online Kids Word, Summer Mission Trip Info, Youth Group, First Communion, and Religious Ed Zoom Meetings](#)

Jim Potthast, our Youth & Family Minister, is hosting a series of Zoom meetings this month. The list includes a parent/teen meeting to share details about this summer's mission trip to South Dakota, a Religious Ed meeting for all students, parents, and catechists, Kids Word, virtual WOW youth group, and a First Communion parent meeting. Links are below:

**Parent/Teen Information Meetings: Summer Mission Trip: Pine Ridge
Reservation, South Dakota July 24 - August 2**

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/741956035?
pwd=UIZweTlzQThEYU5NU3BBM2dNRDlwQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/741956035?pwd=UIZweTlzQThEYU5NU3BBM2dNRDlwQT09)

Meeting ID: 741 956 035

Password: 007185

First Communion Parent Meeting

Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/800020941?
pwd=V09MMUUhkSWdGUGRoTHdoMytJZ3ZrZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/800020941?pwd=V09MMUUhkSWdGUGRoTHdoMytJZ3ZrZz09)

Meeting ID: 800 020 941

Password: 006416

Religious Ed Meeting for all students, parents, and catechists

Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/516540754?
pwd=N3FFcXV1cmxHUmRMbHlxak5ld3Y4UT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/516540754?pwd=N3FFcXV1cmxHUmRMbHlxak5ld3Y4UT09)

Kids Word

Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/179821682?
pwd=bHBEUnlQSmVxSnpJMXdpWFI1UWNDUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/179821682?pwd=bHBEUnlQSmVxSnpJMXdpWFI1UWNDUT09)

Meeting ID: 179 821 682

Password: 010877

WOW Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/675668440?
pwd=NXITcGEyUGRTeGtoVVR2QkJYVEIHUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/675668440?pwd=NXITcGEyUGRTeGtoVVR2QkJYVEIHUT09)

Meeting ID: 675 668 440

Password: 005470

Kids Word

Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/538315826?
pwd=cIpDK0JIL0IQY0F4Q2VkVDIDOHUyQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/538315826?pwd=cIpDK0JIL0IQY0F4Q2VkVDIDOHUyQT09)

If you would like to receive a weekly Religious Ed newsletter for more activities and resources, please email Jim at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org to be added to the list.



Faith & Coping

We have compiled a list of ways to ease stress and anxiety during these unsettling times [on our website](#). They include tips from parishioner KC Conway, a psychotherapist at The Center for Grief Recovery, suggestions of music for Lent and Easter from Mary Clare Barker, our Minister of Music, and much more!

We'd love to hear from you if you have suggestions for prayers, articles, and music! Email stgerbulletin@yahoo.com to share your thoughts.

St. Gertrude Parish Stewardship and GiveCentral

During this time of COVID-19, many parishioners are asking how to continue their regular contributions to St. Gertrude. Please consider signing up for GiveCentral.

GiveCentral is a completely secure online giving system that allows you to plan your giving as you wish. GiveCentral provides the opportunity to continue our stewardship of St. Gertrude by contributing to the parish as we stand together in faith and solidarity.

For more information or to sign up for online giving, please visit our website at www.stgertrudechicago.org and click on the "GiveCentral" link. If you

have questions or would like assistance, please mail Art Blumberg at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



Info on Grab and Go Meals for Children and Families

NCA will be on spring break and **will not** be distributing free pre-packaged breakfast and lunches to families in our community **until Monday, April 20**.

Chicago Public Schools is changing its pick-up sites as of Monday, April 13. Please click [HERE](#) to find the closest pick-up location near you or someone you know. **Please note, there is no meal distribution on Good Friday.**



Daily Scripture Readings

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#).

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

Monday, April 13: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 17: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 18: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 19: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



The Easter Triduum: Virtual Celebrations

On [our website's Triduum/Easter page](#), we suggested ways to virtually celebrate the Easter Triduum. The page includes links to each day's readings, live-streamed liturgies, and composer Dan Schutte's [virtual liturgical celebration of the Triduum](#).

We also suggest that you use a version of the Stations of the Cross wrapped around reflections on the current pandemic. It was created by parishioner Rich Martin's cousin, Maribeth Hopps. You can find the Stations of the Cross she wrote [HERE](#) and an article about her [HERE](#).



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, April 13 - Tom Kamp
- Tuesday, April 14 - Joan Harrington +
- Wednesday, April 15 - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak +
- Thursday, April 16 - Living & deceased mothers and fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Friday, April 17 - Russell McManus +
- Saturday, April 19 - Purgatorial Society, William Grant, Jr. +
- Sunday, April 19 - Bart McKee +, Edward Bugler +, Parishioners of St. Gertrude

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



[Ways to Help/If You Need Help](#)

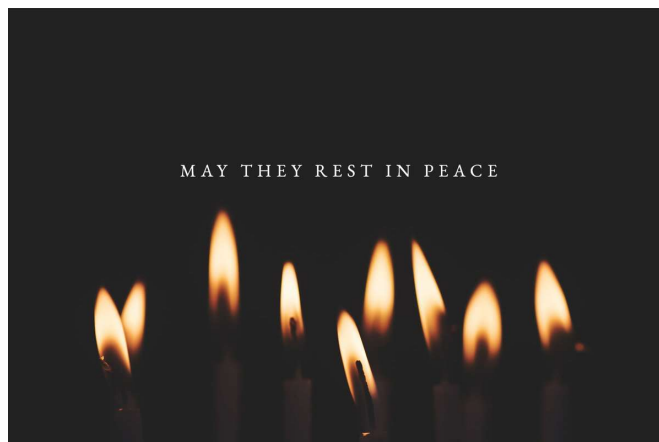
Looking for something to do? [Care for Real](#) is always in need of volunteers! Please reach out to Karen at volunteer@careforreal.org. She is overseeing scheduling and shifts available.

Our Heart to Heart Director, Jane Callahan-Moore, is also helping coordinate outreach to the elderly and shut-ins, including shopping and bringing food to those unable to get to the store. You can contact Jane by emailing her at jcallahanmoore@stgertrudechicago.org.

Our Alderman, Harry Osterman, is coordinating local needs and service opportunities. His [website](#) has information on getting help during this crisis and giving help. Below are quick links to urgent community issues:

- [Community Response Fund](#) - Funds raised will help Care for Real purchase needed food and supplies for our neighbors in need, as well as help purchase medical supplies needed by our residents and care providers.
- [Volunteer to be a part of the 48th Ward Community Response Team](#)
- [Ask for daily check-in calls for yourself or a neighbor](#)
- [How you can receive support from Care for Real](#)
- [Get information on enrolling in emergency unemployment benefits](#)
- [How you can support local businesses during this time](#)

Are you or a loved one unemployed, underemployed, or unfulfilled? [Career Transition Center](#), founded by Catholic parishes, helps people get jobs. They are currently offering virtual training and support.



[Rest in Peace](#)

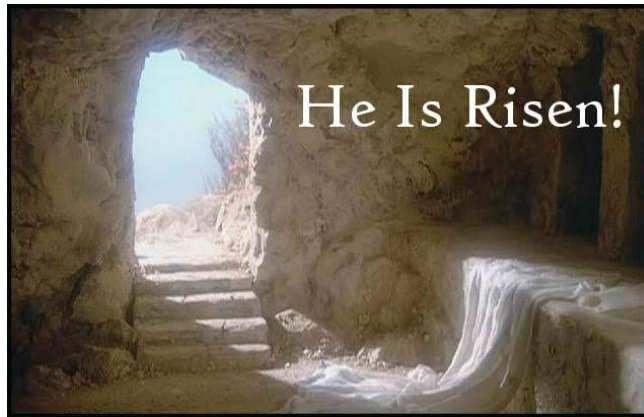
Please keep the families and friends of our recently deceased in your prayers:

- Joan Harrington
- Russell McManus



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Margaret O'Sullivan
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- David Sierzega
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray



An Easter Prayer

*Good and gracious God,
Our most glorious Creator,
As we greet the signs in nature around us:
Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,
In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,
We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of
your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.
The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise
of immortality.
For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason,
Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.
As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the
promise given to us,
By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized,
the least among us,
As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet,
We ask your special blessings each and every day on our President.
Working with him may we strive to make this great country of ours a beacon
of hope and justice in a world hungry for peace and so in need of your love.
We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts
to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.*

Amen.

*- Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, offered at the fourth
annual White House Easter Prayer Breakfast on April 8, 2013*



Full Lyrics to Music for Easter Sunday Mass

Entrance: Jesus is Risen

Jesus is risen! Let us sing! Praise to the ever-living King! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him in song, ye Seraphim! Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Psalm: This is the Day by Tim Schoenbacher

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.
This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice and be glad.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows: O Healing River by Fred Hellerman; arr. by Michael Joncas

O healing river, send down your waters. Send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, And wash the blood from off the sand.

Offertory: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who on the third day did arise and hope to sinners gave.
His glory now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who came eternal life to bring, Who lives no more to die.
Communion: I am the Bread of Life by Suzanne Toolan
I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the
Father beckons.
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the
last day.

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Recessional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,
Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and
save. Alleluia!

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