

St. Gertrude

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Ascension Sunday • June 2, 2019

LET THE ONE WHO THIRSTS COME FORWARD,
AND THE ONE WHO WANTS IT
RECEIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE-GIVING WATER.

Revelation 22:17



From Father Rich

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. While the name tells of the event, it is the message Jesus delivered just before he left us that I think captures why this is so important. He returned to his Father, to heaven, not to abandon us, but for two very specific reasons. The first, that he had confidence in his disciples that they would be fine left on their own in proclaiming the Good News to all people. The reason for that confidence is the second reason—that he would send his Spirit to them, to us—so that we might know always that we are never alone, God is always with us, and therefore we should never give in to fear.

It seems to me this feast is very much like a graduation or commencement exercise. The “in-school” or training and formation time is finished. Now it is time for students to take on the responsibility for what they have been taught and how they have been formed. Congratulations to all our graduates! Those completing a level of their education, and all those welcoming the Spirit of the Lord Jesus into their lives!

In the past two weeks, I was happy to be able to report to the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council that the very first gathering for our grouping (the parishes in our area who will be working together) for the Renew My Church initiative has been scheduled. Parish leadership and anyone who is interested is invited to a presentation/ice cream social on Sunday, August 25 at St. Gregory Parish’s Social Hall, 1609 W. Gregory Ave., about how we will be proceeding in Renew My Church. I don’t have the exact time yet—it will be in the afternoon—but if you are interested in this important initiative, mark your calendars now. As more information comes out, I will be sure to share it with you.

Just a reminder: we are moving forward in establishing a Development Council to oversee planning for the financial resources of the parish—both immediate and long-term. If you are interested in this parish ministry, please email me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Rectory.

~ Father Rich

NOMINATION FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

_____ I am interested in the newly forming Parish Development Council. Please contact me about this new ministry.

Or

_____ I nominate _____ for the newly forming Parish Development Council. I (please circle one): have/have not spoken with this person about this nomination.

Your name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

(Please drop the completed form in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory.)

Growing in Faith

How do we communicate? Ideally, how might we?

In May 1971, the Vatican released a pastoral instruction on the appropriate use of communications referring to Jesus as the “Perfect Communicator,” “Communication is more than the expression of ideas and the indication of emotion. At its most profound level, it is the giving of self in love.” (#11)

Every year, the Vatican has celebrated World Communications Day with a short message on pressing communication topics.

This year, Pope Francis urges us to reflect on how our social media practices can positively connect us, rather than isolate us from each other, “(T)he use of the *social web* is complementary to an encounter in the flesh. If it is used as an extension or expectation of such an encounter, then the network concept is not betrayed and remains a resource for communion. If a

family uses (it) to be more connected, to then meet at table and look into each other’s eyes, then it is a resource. If (it) becomes an opportunity to share stories and experiences of beauty or suffering that are physically distant from us, in order to pray together and together seek out the good to rediscover what unites us, then it is a resource.”

As followers of Christ, “the giving of self in love” remains the ideal for all of our communications. How *do* we communicate? Whether online or speaking in person, how might we daily live out that ideal?

~ Eileen D. Crowley for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Monday, June 3

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class in the Rectory (Registration is required.)

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:00-8:30 pm ~ NCA 8th grade graduation at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 2324 W. Chase Ave.

Wednesday, June 5

- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Ministry in the Ministry Center

Saturday, June 8

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for retired priests

Sunday, June 9 *Pentecost Sunday*

- Second collection for retired priests
- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (Held in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.)
- 3:00–5:30 pm ~ Commonweal Community picnic in the garden adjoining the Rectory of St. Gertrude (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the Ministry Center.)

Tuesday, June 11

- NCA’s last day of school (grades 1-7)
- 8:30 am ~ All school Mass/Early dismissal

Monday, June 10

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, June 12

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitting group in the Ministry Center

Thursday, June 13

- 11:30 am ~ Women’s Friendship Club’s annual end-of-year ice cream social at Bernice Keidysz’s home (6257 N. Wayne Ave.)

Sunday, June 16 *Father’s Day*

- 10:30 am ~ Last Gym Mass until September

Monday, June 17

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Sunday, June 23

- Summer Combined Mass schedule begins (There will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses in Church.)

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00am-1:30pm ~ LifeSource blood drive in the Social Hall

Saturday, July 27

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)

Parish News

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Refugee Ministry: The next meeting of the Refugee Ministry is Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Next Weekend—Second Collection for the Fund for Retired Priests: A second collection for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will take place at all of our Masses next weekend, Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9. The funds help care for our retired priests amid the challenge of rising costs for health care, prescription drugs, and nursing home care. We ask that you remember how these dedicated men served our community over the years. Thank you for your generosity!



Next Sunday—Combined Mass for Pentecost: On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.

Good Books: The Good Books club will meet on Monday, June 10 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please contact Mary Grover at 773.338.3564 or mary@marsgrover.com for more information.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center and continue to gather on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Women's Friendship Club: The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 11:30 am for their annual end-of-year ice cream social.

This year, the gathering will take place at the home of Bernice Keidysz at 6257 N. Wayne Ave. Please RSVP to Charlotte Sullivan at 773.743.5112.

Sunday, June 16 is the Last Gym Mass until September: Our 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on hiatus over the summer, resuming in September. Thank you to the coordinators of the Masses, and the many volunteers who make it so special!

Father's Day Cards: Father's Day cards for honoring living and deceased fathers during the Masses said on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, and throughout the year are available at the doors of Church. Please complete the information on the large (outer) envelope, place your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. Take the card and envelope with you to give to your father or for your own remembrance.

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, June 17 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com.

Summer Combined Mass Schedule: As mentioned last fall, this year we will be experimenting with a summer Combined Mass schedule. Summer is generally a time of vacation for many of our parish families, and many of our helper priests are Jesuits from Loyola who follow an academic schedule. From June 23 to August 11, our Mass schedule will be:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am – Combined Mass

The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Parish News (continued)

Upcoming Blood Drive: LifeSource will hold a blood drive on Sunday, June 30 from 8:00am-1:30pm in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment please call 877.543.3768 or visit lifesource.org, Select *Donate Blood* and *Make an Appointment*, then scroll down the webpage to search by group code 591. Appointments are recommended. Walk-ins are welcome!

PreCana Classes Offered: If you are an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude, or a parishioner planning on getting married anywhere else, attendance at a Pre-Cana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our parish-based Pre-Cana will be held on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register.

Save the Date—Powers of Attorney and Wills Presentation Planned for Wednesday, September 11: Heart to Heart is sponsoring an outreach meeting for all parishioners on the topics of Powers of Attorney and Wills presented by attorneys from The Center on Disability and Elder Law. The date for the outreach meeting is Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00-11:00 am at the Ministry Center. On Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:30 pm, attorneys will conduct a FREE workshop to assist participating parishioners with completing personalized Powers of Attorney and wills. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in August. If you have questions about these opportunities, please call Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464.

Requests for Hospital Visits: If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464, as hospitals can no longer contact us with this information. Heart to Heart staff will then notify the Rectory.

Lending Closet: Due to space limitations, the Lending Closet is only accepting unopened boxes of gloves, gauze, bandages, and band-aids and unopened packages of adult briefs, pads, and bed pads.

Commonweal Community Picnic

It's almost summer, isn't it? With hope for good weather, Commonweal Community will host a picnic on Sunday, June 9 from 3:00–5:30 pm in the garden adjoining the Rectory of St. Gertrude, 1420 West Granville. In case of rain, we will meet in the dining room of the Ministry Center.

Please join us for this informal summer event, even if you have not previously participated in our Commonweal Community. If convenient, please bring a dish or dessert or drinks to share.

To help us plan, please RSVP to Denise DeBelle, ddebelle@gmail.com, or John Williams, joolikar@gmail.com, the co-chairs of Commonweal Community.

Teen Summer Service Trip 2019

2019 Summer Service Trip for Teens in the Parish *Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota* **July 26 - August 4, 2019**

Join us for a jam-packed week of service, friendship, fun, and so much more!

Teens currently in 8th grade to high school seniors are eligible to participate!

Contact Jim Potthast for more information at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org.



NCA News

On behalf of our entire NCA community, we congratulate the 8th grade class of 2019 who will graduate on Tuesday, June 4. The ceremony will be held at 7:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 2324 W. Chase Ave.

We wish all of our graduates continued success and happiness as they begin high school next year!

Photo courtesy of Anita Healy Photography.



- Olivia Adams
- Andrew Ayeni
- Miles Barlow-Reynolds
- Nordon Bhutia
- Thomas Budziszewski
- Ian C. Ellis
- James Casey
- Margaret Clark
- Luke Davey
- Katie DeYoung
- Edwin Dooley
- Joseph Dunning
- Conor Ewing
- Alexis Ann Fillinger
- Vyllette Formeller
- Eleanor Fulkerson
- Marisol Hamada
- Alexandra Healy
- Peter Hogan
- Samuel Ingram
- Adrien Jimenez
- David Khai
- Madeline LaPine
- Liam Lupescu
- Maya Maric
- Johnny McGuire
- Jennifer Morales
- Ty Henry Ottoson
- Dominic Negrillo
- Kobe Nguyen
- Riley Puck
- Zachary Rappel
- Jayden Reyes
- Emma Reynolds
- Abigail Ruckauf
- Olivia Ruckauf
- Ian Santos-Merritt
- Gabriella Scholtes
- Ian Sheridan
- Lucia Shiffrin
- Brayden Sullivan
- Lucas Teboul
- Tallula True
- Daisy Velez
- Sonwabile Williams
- Declan Wrenn
- Isabelle Zommer

Income/Expense Report

Below you will find the St. Gertrude income/expense report for Fiscal Year 2019 from July 2018 through April 2019. Since our offertory campaign began in October, Sunday contributions have increased by an average of \$1,029 per week. We thank you for your generosity. If you have made an increased offertory pledge, but not yet fulfilled it, we ask that you consider doing so at this time.

Unfortunately, we still project a deficit of around \$90,000 for this fiscal year. However, due to the increased offertory, we project that we will be able to cut the deficit to around \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020.

~ Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities

St. Gertrude Actual Year to Date Income/Expense for FY 2019 and FY 2018 (July 2018-April 2019)

	FY 2019	FY 2018	+/-
Ordinary Income	\$ 715,254	\$ 698,399	\$ 16,855
Ordinary Expense	<u>\$ 796,949</u>	<u>\$ 751,402</u>	<u>\$ 45,547</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (81,695)	\$ (53,003)	\$ (28,692)
Extraordinary Income	\$ 376,116	\$ 157,363	\$ 218,754
Extraordinary Expense	\$ 319,906	\$ 253,740	\$ 66,166
Net Extraordinary Expense	<u>\$ 56,210</u>	<u>\$ (96,378)</u>	<u>\$ (152,588)</u>
Net Income (Deficit) July - April 2019	\$ (25,485)	\$ (149,381)	\$ 123,896

Comments: Income/Expense: The offertory program has yielded increased Sunday collections. Our Sunday collection from the initial offertory weekend of October 21, 2018 through May 12, 2019 was \$361,981 compared to \$331,104 from the same time period last year for an increase of \$30,807 (an average increase of \$1,029 per week). If we can maintain this pace, we will realize an annual increase of \$53,521.

Parish Stewardship

“May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation, resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.” ~ Ephesians 1:17-18

“Hope...is an anchor that one hurls toward the future, it's what lets you pull on the line and reach what you're aiming for and head in the right direction.” ~ Pope Francis

Sunday Collection May 25-26	\$5,278.59
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$2,437.41

In Care of our Common Home

Remember that we are not on this earth alone. We are all here together. In his book *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis states, “There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation... Sadly there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world.”

We need to recognize that there is a distinct link between the decay of our land and the suffering of the poor. Let's begin to change our daily habits in our homes for the benefit of all God's people.

~ Debbie Kern, NCA Green Team

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 am Michael Joseph Bowers †

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 am Living & deceased mothers & father of St. Gertrude parishioners

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 am Georgia Miskowiec †

8:30 am NCA Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

5:00 pm Jenny Wyman †

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 am Lillian McCall †

10:30 am Francis Anthony & Angela Emanuele †

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:00 pm Kathy Wall, Joan Harrington, Tim Harrington, Patricia Norcik, Michelle Kuehlhorn

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 am Barb Daly, Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, Mary Wyler, Peter Morin
10:30 am Christine Curran, Brad Mulick, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti, Richard Ashbeck, Gail Smith

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Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:00 pm Pat Reardon, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, David Sullivan

10:30 am Donna Whaley, Steve Matre

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

5:00 pm Miles & Nolan Reynolds, Jayden Reyes

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10:30 am Nonso Okoye, Jean Rosenmayer, Jonathan Elue

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago

Domestic Violence Outreach

Donations may be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Mary Ferguson

Mary Fitzgerald

Joan Harrington

Maria Hertl

Peggy Stoffel

Allen Stryczek

Marilynn Wagner

Walter Bradford

Ed & Ester Bugler

Maggie Callaway

Geraldine Clark



New Parishioners

Jordan & Emily
Decker-Bess

If you have been
thinking of
becoming a
member of our parish community, please consider
registering.

Applications are available
in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at
www.stgertrudechicago.org.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Amanda Kvasnica, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy
tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.

Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the
Ministry Center