


St. Gertrude

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Pentecost Sunday • June 9, 2019



*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.*

From Father Rich

Happy Pentecost! This great feast brings to a close the glorious season of Easter as Jesus fulfills his promise and sends the Holy Spirit upon his disciples—upon all of us—His church! The story of Pentecost addresses so much of what His followers, we Christians, need to be. When living in fear, it means we have not allowed God's presence to be more fully alive within us; when confronted with new faces and languages and cultures—it is an invitation to welcome the width and the breadth of God's love which is for all people; one of the greatest gifts we receive is the forgiveness of our sins and the power to forgive one another! How can each one of us be attentive to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received in order to spread the loving embrace of God to all our sisters and brothers? How can we turn against the insidious seeds of fear which only sow division and ill-feelings and instead sow hope which reveals God present among all creation? How can I practice forgiveness every moment of every day—with those I love as well as those I do not even know, except in the pre-formed biases in which I live? Turn to the Holy Spirit of Jesus and become his witness in the world!

There are two personnel-related issues I want to share with you. The first is that we will be getting a part-time associate Pastor! Fr. Mike Gabriel, the Pastor of Holy Family (on Roosevelt Rd.) until Sunday, June 30, will be part-time here at St. Gertrude starting Monday, July 1. Fr. Mike is a great priest and I think you will very much enjoy his presence here. I last worked with him when I was Pastor at St. Josaphat and he was the associate Pastor for a number of years, including being the administrator while I was away on a sabbatical. Fr. Mike will be with us for at least a year. He will also be assisting Holy Family as it transitions to a new parish with some of the other parishes in that area. Please extend a warm welcome to him.



*Introducing Father Mike Gabriel,
our new, part-time associate Pastor as of July 1!*

The second item is that I have been asked by Bishop Bartosic (our local Episcopal Vicar) to be the Pastor / Administrator of St. Ignatius for the next year. But a little explanation is needed. St. Ignatius received a new Pastor in July of 2018, but shortly thereafter, he left. The Archdiocese decided to encourage a conversation between St. Ignatius Parish, Loyola University, and the Jesuit Community at Loyola to determine a possible shared vision for the parish in the coming years. Because of that, Cardinal Cupich then named Deacon Chris Murphy the Pastoral coordinator. In essence, Deacon Chris is the Pastor. However, church law (Canon Law) requires every parish to have an ordained priest as a Pastor. Thus the need for this assignment.

The expectations are that I meet quarterly with the parish staff of St. Ignatius, and be available for advice and decisions on some particular matters that may arise when needed. This should last for one year until a new Pastor is named for St. Ignatius to begin his term on July 1 in 2020. Although this might seem unusual, some of you may recall that it was Cardinal Bernardin who first named a woman religious as a Pastoral coordinator, while an ordained priest filled the official Pastor role—just as I will be doing at St. Ignatius.

Next week: summer projects happening on the St. Gertrude campus.

~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith

There in the Ministry Center doorway stood an older woman. In very broken English, she told us that her mentally ill adult daughter had suddenly left home two days prior and hadn't been seen since. After sharing that she had already contacted the police, the distraught mother managed to request lists of homeless shelters, nursing homes and hospitals.

After giving her these lists, we held our hands together over our hearts in the universal sign of prayer. Instantly grasping what we were trying to tell her, the mother burst into tears and enveloped us in her embraces. We said a prayer for her well-being and that of her missing daughter as she thanked us and went down the stairs and out the front door.

My subsequent reflection upon this poignant experience once again highlights how the universal signs of prayer and love touch my daily life among

those with whom I communicate...regardless of barriers such as language, different cultures, world views, and ages. As Jesus taught, "But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you." (John 14:26). And I smiled in gratitude as I returned to work, knowing that as Jesus promised, the Paraclete had just graced us and the woman.

~ Jane Callahan-Moore,
Director of Parish
Social Services and
Heart to Heart, for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

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.)

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

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 Kiedysz'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.)

Thursday, June 27

- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Council meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

- Father Mike Gabriel begins at St. Gertrude

Saturday, July 27

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

Sunday, August 25

- Renew My Church presentation/ice cream social at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

Parish News

TODAY—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 this weekend. The monies help care for our retired priests amid the challenge of rising costs for health care, prescription drugs, and nursing home care. The retired priests of the Archdiocese receive no funds donated to the Religious Retirement Collection taken up in December. Those donations are earmarked exclusively for religious sisters and brothers and religious order priests.

Retirement age for the Archdiocesan priests is 70. By the end of June 2019, there will be more than 200 retired Archdiocesan priests, representing nearly one-third of all the diocesan priests serving in the Archdiocese. The great majority of these retired priests remain active in communities across the Archdiocese, presiding at Sunday Masses, celebrating baptisms, funerals, marriages, and visiting the sick. Without these dedicated men, many parishes would not be able to offer a full range of Masses and sacraments.

This collection will help to offset the cost of two independent living residences for priests, including the assisted care needed by some. This fund is in need of significant contributions to ensure our retired priests now and in the future have the financial reserve to secure this quality of life benefit. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Kiedysz 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!

Important Bulletin News: We will be moving to a bi-weekly bulletin schedule for the summer. Bulletins will be printed for June 16 & June 23; June 30 & July 7; July 14 & July 21; July 28 & August 4; August 11 & August 18; and August 25 & September 1. Weekly bulletins resume on Sunday, September 8.

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 Extended Until September: 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. Now, from June 23 to September 1, 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

Parish News (continued)

Summer Combined Mass Info (continued): The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Please note, we've extended our Combined Mass schedule through Labor Day weekend. Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will resume on Sunday, September 8.

Upcoming Blood Drive: LifeSource will hold a blood drive on Sunday, June 30 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm 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 PreCana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

Renew My Church: 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. At the gathering, updates will be shared about how we will be proceeding in Renew My Church. The time will be announced later, but it will be in the afternoon.

Lending Closet: Our Heart to Heart Ministry's Lending Closet loans medical equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs, knee scooters, etc., to parishioners and neighbors free of charge for as long as needed. Please call the Heart to Heart office to schedule an appointment for pick-up or return of needed items at 773.973.5464. Our hours to access this service are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

TODAY-Commonweal Picnic

Commonweal Community will host a picnic today, 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. RSVP to Denise DeBelle, ddebelle@gmail.com, or John Williams, joolikar@gmail.com, the co-chairs of Commonweal Community.

Parish Council Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council (PCC) met on Thursday, May 23. The PPC continues advancing initiatives, including working on parish Mission and Vision statements in light of Renew My Church.

We are also continuing our one-on-one initiatives in an effort to build relationships with each other on the parish council, and beginning this fall, with the various leaders of the many ministries within St. Gertrude Parish. We're currently building a calendar which will allow for PPC meetings some months, and meetings among the four parish commissions in the off months to create strong communication between the council and the commissions.

Additionally, the PPC is in the process of editing and preparing to adopt bylaws to build a strong future for the PPC as we look towards membership and succession planning for PPC members. Parishioners are always encouraged to prayerfully consider their potential membership on the PPC.

Fr. Rich indicated Renew My Church for our parish grouping is advancing. The St. Gertrude PPC is looking forward to attending a meeting in August with PPC members from our fellow parishes in our grouping. We are eager to share information about that meeting with you.

The final PPC meeting for this fiscal year will be Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

~ Colleen Fulkerson

NCA News

On behalf of our entire NCA community, we congratulate the 8th grade class of 2019 who graduated on Tuesday, June 4. We wish all of our graduates continued success and happiness as they begin high school next year!

Photo courtesy of Anita Healy Photography.



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

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.



Parish Stewardship

*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the
same Spirit ... To each individual the manifestation
of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”
~ 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7*

We all have different gifts, we all have different
talents. Each one of them was granted to us through
the Holy Spirit. It is our calling to develop them as
much as we can. And it is our duty to use them for
the benefit of others in the service of God.

Sunday Collection June 1-2	\$7,785.00
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
Overage	(+) \$60.00

Online Collection May 2019	\$21,190.00
Online Budgeted Collection	\$18,488.00
Overage	(+) \$2,702.00

*~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management
and Facilities*

Parish Development Council

We are 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 Father Rich at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or drop off the form below in the collection basket or at the Rectory. An application is also available for download on the home page of our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

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: _____

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 am Haydee Valentin Cruz †

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 am Glenn & Mary Jo Martin †

8:30 am NCA Mass

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 am Maria Liem T. Nguyen †

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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

5:00 pm Larry Swoboda

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 *The Most Holy Trinity/ Father's Day*

8:00 am Mary Ann Schmitz, Jeremy & Cassidy Smith †

9:30 am Living & deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

10:00 am Living & deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

10:30 am Living & deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

11:30 am Living & deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

† Indicates
person listed is
deceased.

Readings for the Week

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

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18;
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;
Jn 16:12-15

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00 pm Roman Reyes, Brad Koch, Candace Koch,
Patricia Norcik, Mary Cook

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, Hallie Burhoe, William Mitchell, Peter Morin, Sr. Kathryn Stimac

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Kathy Dunne, Rafael Melendez, Patrick Robinson, Debra Novak, Ruth Ott

10:30 am TBA (*last Gym Mass of the school year*)

11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck, Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon, Steven Monti

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Mark Kollar

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Rafael Melendez, Patrick Robinson

10:30 am TBA (*last Gym Mass of the school year*)

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:00 pm Brendan Moran, Norah Moran, Luke Sharba

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 am Henry Jacobson, Carter Dant, Chris Agunloye

11:30 am Julia Barry, Mariyam Agdubai, Adonai Agdubai

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Domestic Violence Outreach**

Donations may be made at

**[https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/
event/12645](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645)**

Milestones



*Please Pray
for Our
Parishioners
and Friends*

Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Geraldine Clark

Maria Hertl
Peggy Stoffel
Marilynn Wagner



*New
Parishioners*

Wininga-Ojinnaka Family
Luth Family



Rest in Peace

Nora O'Callaghan
Nancy Crandall

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
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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