
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT AT DAWN
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD.

~ Matthew 20:1



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St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please review [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

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From Father Rich

*Bulletin for the 25th
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

**An Update on Religious Education and First
Communion and Confirmation Catch-Ups**

Last Friday, Jim Potthast, our Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, resigned his position here at St. Gertrude. His [unexpected and swift departure has left us in a bind](#). In fact, last weekend we had expected to begin celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation (postponed because of the pandemic), as well as the start of Religious Education classes.

We're working hard to schedule the First Communions and Confirmations that were to be made in the spring. The new plan is that they will be celebrated each weekend beginning October 3 through November 15. Each celebration will be limited to six children/young adults and their families. Rectory staff will be reaching out to these families to schedule a date and time this week!

We are working out the details of the sacramental preparation programs for 2021 First Communion and Confirmation.

As for Religious Education classes, registration will begin next weekend, with online classes beginning in mid-October.

If you have a question regarding rescheduled sacraments, date preferences, or suggestions about Religious Ed classes, please reach out to Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.

I am very sorry for all the families who have been adversely affected by this turn of events. Hopefully, in a few more weeks, things will be back to a regular schedule. Thank you to all of you for your patience and understanding!

Special Collection for the Chicago Seminarians.

This week's second collection is for the training of tomorrow's priests in the seminary. Please be generous to help provide the priests for the next generations of Catholics here in our Archdiocese. Contributions to the

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"What to Expect &
Do When Coming
Back to Church."

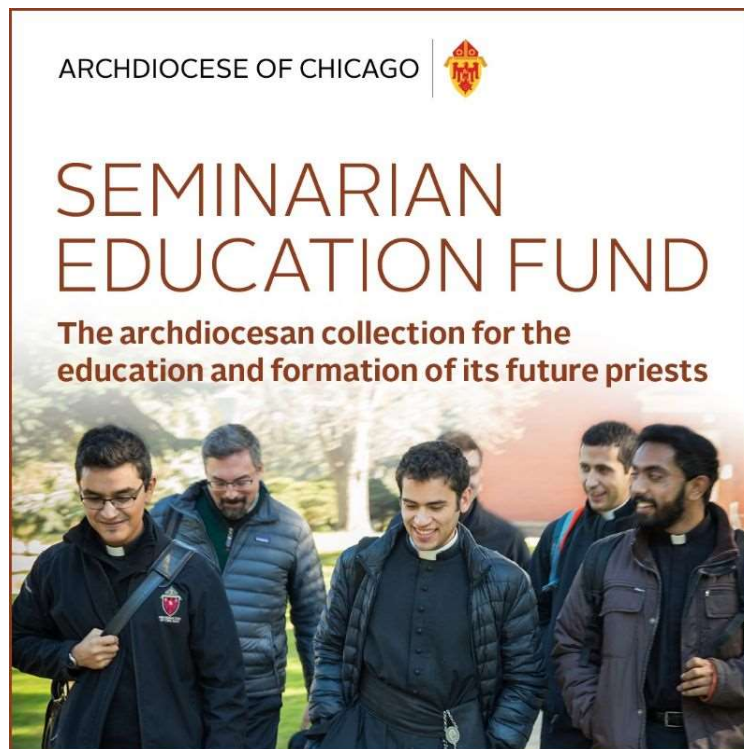
seminary collection can be placed in the (taller) brown box on the sign-in table in the front of church or [online](#). Thank you.

Renew My Church

I have so far received 35 completed surveys from parishioners on the scenarios put forth for how our grouping (St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius, and St. Jerome Parishes, and in some capacity, Loyola University) might look in the near future as we grapple with creating a new Catholic presence in the Rogers Park/Edgewater communities.

If you haven't yet completed a survey, please try to do so this week so the information can be part of the next meeting of the Renew My Church groups. You can find all the information, including the scenarios, available on the [parish website](#). Please [fill out this online form](#) or [download this PDF](#) and send your responses to stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org or drop it off at the Rectory office or in church at the sign-in table.

Renew My Church Scenario Feedback Form



[Seminary Education Second Collection is This Weekend](#)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we come together to support and celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our annual second collection benefits the forty-six seminarians currently preparing for lives of service as priests in our Archdiocese, and their generosity is inspiring.

The Church needs pastoral, compassionate, and well-trained priests today more than ever. Your prayers and financial support help to make possible the education and training these seminarians need to shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments, and teach the faith. Contributions towards this collection have made a significant impact on each seminarian and I ask you to join me again this year in contributing to the Seminarian Education Second Collection.

Funds collected through this second collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish, or you are welcome to contribute online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Donate to the Seminarian Fund

RUN, FATHER MIKE, RUN

HEART TO HEART MARATHON

OCTOBER 11, 2020

ST. Gertrude

1420 w Granville

www.stgertrudechicago.org

Click the image above to download a form to help Fr. Mike with snacks and water, by signing up to cheer for him, sponsor his run, or buy a t-shirt or lawn sign.

Fr. Mike Will Run a Marathon for Heart to Heart This Year

Even though the Chicago Marathon will not occur this year, Fr. Mike Bradley WILL run a personal marathon right here in the neighborhood to benefit our Heart to Heart ministry! On Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 am, Fr. Mike will start his run at the front entrance of the Rectory and run the 26.2 miles in a specially designed Edgewater course.

Solicitations for donors to support Fr. Mike and the Heart to Heart Ministry will be going out soon. And there will also be other ways to support Fr. Mike [via the parish website](#). There will be lots more information in future newsletters and ways to donate online and in church.

Please begin thinking about being part of the Fr. Mike Marathon Support Team on October 11. We are looking for parishioners willing to be stationed at specified locations along the route to provide him with water and some nutritious snacks to get him through the run. And we'll be inviting everyone to find a time and a spot on his route where you can be present to cheer him on! As usual, there will be some special t-shirts available for purchase which support him and Heart to Heart! This year, we also have lawn signs to support him!

Please return completed forms and payment for any ordered items to the Rectory office, drop this in the Sunday collection box, or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org.

Download a form to help Fr. Mike with snacks and water, by signing up to cheer for him, sponsor his run, or buy a t-shirt or lawn sign

Readings for Sunday, September 20

Reading 1: Is 55:6–9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Reading 2: Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Gospel: Mt 20:1–16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the

marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Renew My Church: A Call to Humility, Trust, Hope, and Charity.

As our grouping team continues the strenuous task of prayerfully discerning and thoughtfully discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the various scenarios presented a few weeks ago, we would do well to keep a few scriptural passages in mind:

“Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. (Luke 22: 23-27)

I encourage all of us to meditate on this passage and its impact on our own lives and, in a special way, our thoughts as to what might be best for the future of our parish and our place in the renewal of the Church for the entire Chicagoland area. We are called to serve one another.

The Renew My Church prayer that we shared at the beginning of this process and that is prayed by our Grouping Team at every meeting offers these intentions:

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us

- to hear you clearly
- to listen to each other attentively
- to imagine our future boldly
- to discern your direction wisely
- to persevere in your holy will courageously
- to stay together in charity
- to surrender our own plans readily
- to embrace the greater good
- to hand on your gifts to future generations.

Let us continue to make these intentions our own as a daily expression of our love for and hope in Jesus Christ, His Church, and our entire Archdiocesan faith community.

Growing in Faith

"The Kingdom of God is at HAND!"

In my work as an occupational therapist, I restore arm and hand function, and I teach people neck exercises – look to the left, look to the right. I

always start with a little heart exercise, because the heart pumps the blood that feeds the muscles of the neck, arm, and hand.

In the gospel today, Jesus tells us that God invites us all to the kingdom. It doesn't matter when you decide to come, but when you enter the kingdom, you will feel God's reward through the labor you choose to do. Your hands become the hands of God. When you use them for good, God's intention becomes magnified and amplified.

The first reading and psalm tell us God is near! All we have to do is seek the Lord! Look to the left. Look to the right. Get your heart working first. What do you feel passionate about? Perhaps your neck exercises should include looking down in meditation and prayer in order to discover that passion. It's the passion of your heart that will feed the action of your body and your hands.

Look to the left. Look to the right. What do you see? Perhaps you see a homeless person on a park bench in need of something to eat, an anxious patient who has no family to provide consolation and support, a mom or dad who could use a little help with their kids, a student who is preoccupied with problems of homelessness or gangs, a sibling with cancer, a Black Lives Matter march, first responders in need of COVID-19 masks, or a forest that has been devastated by fire or industry. Use your arms and hands. Take action.

You are invited to the kingdom. Get your heart working first. Do your neck exercises. Look to the left. Look to the right. Every person you see will be the face of God.

~ Mary Herbin-Horan for *Growing in Faith*

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.



Household Cleaning Items



Canned & Boxed Food/Beverage



Personal Hygiene Items



Face Masks & Gloves

Click here or the image above for a PDF of the flyer for the October 3 event.

ECRA Community Drive Supporting Care for Real on Saturday, October 3 - Volunteers Needed

ECRA will host a collection drive for household and personal hygiene items on Saturday, October 3 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the Ismaili Jamatkhana, 6259 N. Broadway. St. Gertrude an active participant of the Edgewater Community Religious Association and back in early June, ECRA was able to collect about 3.5 tons of items for Care for Real.

We also welcome the donation of non-perishable food items, although 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).

Items can be dropped off at the parking lot on the northeast corner of Broadway and Rosemont. (Entrance to the parking lot is 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.

With Care for Real serving the Rogers Park and Edgewater communities, we hope that the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities will come together to support this charity in its effort to provide these items to those most in need in our communities.

Care for Real 2020 Community Drive: Request for ECRA Member Volunteers

To successfully conduct our Care for Real Community Support Drive on Saturday, October 3, we need to fill six “ECRA Ambassador” positions – three from 11:30 am-1:30 pm and three from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Here is what we are looking for in a volunteer:

- Be available from 11:30 am-1:30 pm and/or from 1:30-3:30 pm on Saturday, October 3.
- Bring your own face mask and gloves.
- Come with a kind heart and a thankful attitude for those who will be making donations.
- Meet at the Ismaili Jamatkhana parking lot, 6259 N. Broadway (at Rosemont).
- Be able to lift 25-pound bags of groceries/supplies from car trunks.
- Provide your email address for a brief (less than 30 minutes) Zoom training at 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 1.

Some of our volunteers will be in the parking lot helping to unload bags from trunks of cars while others will be at tables for those who walk up to the site

with donations.

The Ismaili Jamatkhana is also exploring whether the volunteers need to sign a waiver while volunteering on their site.

If you are interested in helping, please send an email to Allen Stryczek at astryczek@sbcglobal.net, noting which one of the time slots you prefer.

This event will successfully take place rain or shine. Please also pray for good weather so that we need not employ our contingency plan.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and timely reply to this request for help!

El Pueblo Canta will be a Virtual Online Concert.

12 Annual El Pueblo Canta

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the people sing

Saturday October 3, 2020

SPECIAL GUESTS: El Wadi Ensemble

PLUS: special performances by VOICES, the Wellington Choir and the "Dare to Dream" Centro Romero Youth Choir

Cospponsored by Centro Romero, CRLN, and Wellington Ave. UCC

Online Concert: 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM
Suggested Donation: \$25 - general admission
\$15 - students / limited income | Kids 12 and Under FREE

**Donations & Sponsorship: waucc.org/2020ElPuebloCanta
Call 773-935-0642 for more details**

HOLDING ON TO HOPE AND HUMANITY WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

El Pueblo Canta will be a Virtual Online Concert.

Find all updates via: waucc.org/2020ElPuebloConcert
All proceeds will go to support the immigrant justice work of Centro Romero, CRLN, and Wellington Ave. UCC.



Mark Stryczek - designer 2020 / photo by Hannah Frank

El Pueblo Canta (Virtual) Concert - Saturday, October 3

This annual concert celebrates and raises funds for the immigrant justice movement. The 12th Anniversary El Pueblo Canta concert is now a virtual concert for October 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm, with a pre-concert slideshow at 6:45 pm. This year, performers include El Wadi Ensemble, VOICES, the Wellington Choir, and the "Dare to Dream" Centro Romero Youth Choir.

There is a suggested donation of \$25 for general admission, \$15 for students and those on a limited income, and kids 12 and under are free. All proceeds will go to support the immigrant justice work of Centro Romero, CRLN, and Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ. Click [here](#) for tickets!



Catholic Charities is Helping Victims Of California Wildfires/Prayer to End Wildfires

Please help support our neighbors on the West Coast affected by the devastating wildfires by making a donation today to help [via Catholic Charities](#). 100% of your donation will directly assist with wildfire relief efforts. Thank you!

Dear God,

We ask you to protect all those suffering from the wildfires in California.

• Help those who have lost their homes, to find a place to live

- *Help those who have lost a loved one, to find peace in You*
- *Help those injured, to heal*
- *Help all firefighters, to continue their courageous act of service*
- *Help those searching for a lost family member or friend, to find him/her unharmed*

As we pray together seeking your intervention, we ask for rain to pour down on these horrendous wildfires and crush their destructive power. Our hearts are filled with compassion for all those who are afflicted by this dreadful natural disaster.

*Through Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*

Donate to Catholic Charities

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Retreat Offering

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When the pandemic first began to affect our lives in the month of March, we told ourselves that it would probably be over by summer. But then, as summer drew near, more realistically, we began to hope that things would return to normal by the Fall. However, now Fall is upon us and it has become all too clear that the pandemic is likely to remain with us until next summer, taking a heavy toll on so many aspects of our everyday lives.

Naturally we can easily become discouraged by this new timeframe and begrudgingly accept the multiple constraints it imposes on our lives. But perhaps there is another way to approach this objectively difficult time: a way that allows us to transform this painful period of history into an opportunity for growth and grace. In that spirit, we would like to invite you to consider making the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola.

The most traditional way of making the Spiritual Exercises is to stay at a retreat house for thirty days during which time the retreatant makes 5 or 6 “spiritual exercises” every day. Another way of making the very same

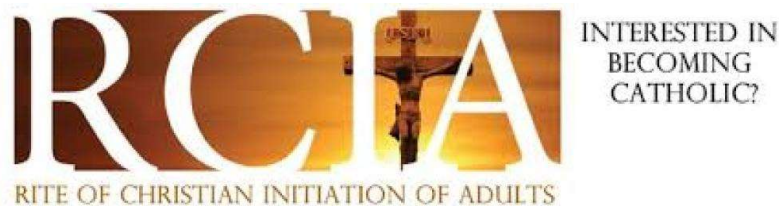
retreat, while remaining at one's own home, is to commit to making one "spiritual exercise" each day over a period of six months. Then, in addition to the personal daily prayer, once a week, there will be one hour-long, small group meeting (Zoom) briefly to share our experience of prayer.

Everyone who decides to make the Spiritual Exercises will receive the guidebook (which is available both in English and Spanish) that indicates the particular text assigned for prayer each day. While this may sound like a major undertaking, it promises to provide an effective way to create a sacred space in our lives during this difficult time. The fact is: none of us will be exactly the same after this pandemic. The question becomes: will we arrive at the end of this storm simply worn out and worn down or will we have come closer to becoming the persons and disciples God desires us to be?

Please consider this matter carefully. If you are unable or unwilling to carve out an hour for prayer each day, which is a serious commitment, maybe this is not for you. But if you feel that God might be drawing you into a deeper relationship at this time and inviting you to develop life-giving practices of prayer and reflection, please give this retreat some serious consideration.

We will be starting the retreat in the last week of September. Therefore, if you decide to make the retreat or simply wish to have further information, please contact us no later than September 15 so that we can have the materials available to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either [Fr. Dan Hartnett, S.J. \(dhartnettsj@gmail.com\)](mailto:dhartnettsj@gmail.com) or [Chris Murphy \(cmurphy@archchicago.org\)](mailto:cmurphy@archchicago.org).

In Christ,
Deacon Chris and Fr. Dan
St Ignatius Parish



[Interested in Becoming Catholic?](#)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in late September and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

This year, RCIA gatherings will be a mixture of Zoom meetings and in-person gatherings after Mass.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact me at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621. We can set up a call or a Zoom meeting.

~ *Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate*

RCIA brochure

**Other Parish News: ABC-7 Will Air
Masses at 9:30 am Through the
Remainder of the Year/Hymnals
Available/Volunteers Needed**

ABC-7 Will Air Masses at 9:30 am Through the Remainder of the Year

ABC-7 Chicago will continue to broadcast Cardinal Cupich's Sunday morning Mass from Holy Name Cathedral at 9:30 am for the remainder of 2020. Online masses are also available on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>.

Would You Like To Take A Hymnal Home?:

Copies of the *Breaking Bread* hymnal we use in church are available at the tables in the back of church or by stopping by the Rectory office. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the outline of all the daily Masses, as well as the music we use in church. Please note, if you take a hymnal, it then belongs to you, please take it home with you and bring it with you whenever you come to church. But with the pandemic, no repeat-usage materials of any kind may be kept in the church

In a few weeks, we will have a program available for anyone who is interested in purchasing next year's hymnal. The start date for using it is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Volunteers: We still need more volunteers, especially for the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am Masses. We have the highest need for additional members of the clean-up team which sanitizes the church after every service. But additional set-up/greeters to help check people in, take their temperatures, sanitize their hands, and lead them to their seats are always welcome!

If you are healthy and able, please consider helping out. Just a reminder, there is no top age limit. If you are healthy, regardless of your age, you are able to be a volunteer. The only condition is for teens under 18., they require the permission of their parents/guardians. Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org if you are able to help.

[Additional Parish Information Found on our Website](#)

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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, Musicians, and Music Planned for This Weekend

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for our live-streamed 10:30 am Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am [HERE](#).

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm - Lisa Erceg, cantor
- Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake, cantor
- Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer, cantor, Jay Lamble
12 string guitar

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing as there are concerns singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am - Sr. Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm - Michelle Kuehlhorn, Dorothea Tobin
- Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 am - Dan Killelea, Ginevra Clark, Nancy Kuhn, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Mark Huffman

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm - Jeff Dunning
- Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 am - Rich Martin
- Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Tom O'Brien, Denise Plunkett, Troy McMillen

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. 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.

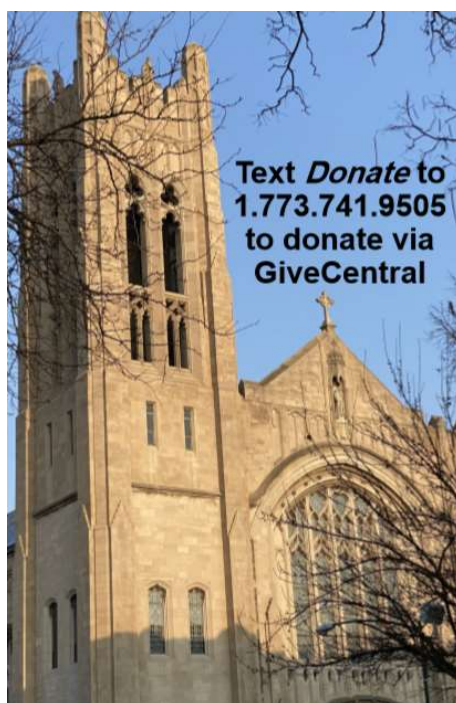
Sign Up to Vote by Mail

From October 14-November 3, secured drop boxes with date/time stamps available at every early voting site for vote by mail voters to submit their ballot return envelopes

Here's an option for people who feel unsafe about voting in person, but now fear the USPS will be unable to deliver a "mail-in" ballot in a timely fashion:

- Apply online now for a mail-in ballot at ChicagoElections.gov/votbymail.
- Starting October 14, there will be Secured Drop Boxes at all Early Voting locations.
- After you fill in your ballot, you should sign and seal the envelope.
- You can then bring it to the Early Voting site.
- If you applied online to Vote By Mail, you'll later get an email confirming your ballot has been received. At a later time, you will be informed that it has been accepted and notified if there are any problems.
- The ballots at Early Voting sites are transported (under chain of custody protocol) to the Board of Elections facility.
- List of locations and hours for Early Voting will be available in September at ChicagoElections.gov/EarlyVoting.

For more information about voting by mail, please click [HERE](#).



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

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Baptisms

- Skyler Blair, child of Marc and Garibec Chua
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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, September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 25: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk
9:43b-45

Sunday, September 27: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt
21:28-32



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21: 7:30 am - Eva Kot +

Tuesday, September 22: 7:30 am - Barbara Bolton Kohn +

Wednesday, September 23: 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos +

Thursday, September 24: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, September 25: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Saturday, September 26: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Joseph Laczkowski +

Sunday, September 27: 8:00 am - Brian McCullough +; 10:30 am - Betty and Jack Taylor +; Timothy Czech +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel

- Lois DiFruscio
- Sara Fighter
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray

Lyrics for September 20, 2020

Seek the Lord by Roc O'Connor, SJ

REFRAIN: Seek the Lord whose mercy abounds; call aloud to God who is near.

VERSE 1: Today is the day and now the proper hour to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord. (to refrain)

Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name by David Haas

I will praise your name, my King and my God. I will praise your name, my King and my God.

We Will Rise Again by David Haas

VERSE 1: Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

REFRAIN: We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

Pan de Vida by Bob Hurd

REFRAIN: Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this table the last shall be first. Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

We Are Called by David Haas

VERSE: Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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