



Bulletin for **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

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Sunday, August 2, 2026
**18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

From Fr. Sergio

Angel Donor Sponsors Sound System Repairs

Thank you to the anonymous donor who gave \$12,000 for repairs to the church's sound system! A few weeks ago, I gave an update on some work to the sound system that we were required to make after it sustained some damage in an accident. That work, about \$12,000 worth, which we've already paid for, was part of upgrades and repairs we were already considering. We truly appreciate the generosity of our "angel parishioner," whose contribution has already made an improvement to our worship experience at St. Gertrude. The remaining work, which includes a new set of speakers, is estimated at \$28,000. We will commence with the additional repairs once we acquire the funds.

ONLINE SURVEY



Upcoming Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to stewardship and planning for the future, I am pleased to share that St. Gertrude is conducting a planning study in preparation for a potential campaign.

On the morning of Monday, August 3, you will receive an email via Qualtrics under my name inviting you to participate in a brief online survey. The survey will remain open through Monday, August 10, and I warmly encourage every parishioner to take a few minutes to complete it.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete, and your feedback is incredibly valuable. The invitation will be sent to all parishioners for whom we have an active email address. If you do not receive the email, please check your spam folder. If you still don't see it, please contact the parish office to update your email address.

Parish Events & Activities

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Registration
opens in
August!

**CLASSES
BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER**



Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2026–2027 Religious Education program opened August 1! We welcome children and families to grow in faith together through engaging classes, prayer, and community.

Classes meet on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus and begin in September.

Families can also find the Religious Education calendar, parent handbook, registration form, and tuition payment information in English and Spanish on our website at stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education. Registration may also be completed in

person by appointment.

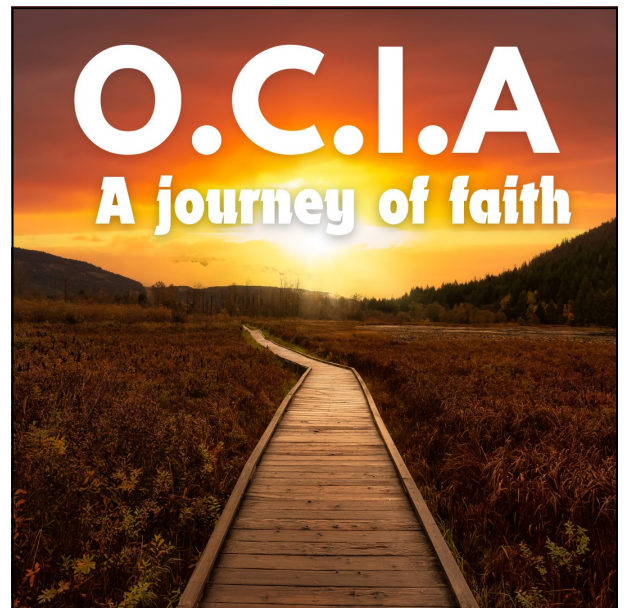
For questions, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Completing Your Sacraments?

Registration for the 2026–2027 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process is now open.

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, as well as baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Classes begin in September and provide an opportunity for prayer, learning, and faith-sharing in a welcoming community. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about OCIA at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or emailing eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



We Appreciate You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend's collection for Care for Real. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Our next drive scheduled for August 22-23.



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FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

Wednesday Mornings: Resting in God's Presence

Take time each Wednesday to pause, pray, and reflect. Our contemplative prayer group meets at 9:00 am in the Ministry Center Chapel (6214 N. Glenwood Ave.) for silent prayer, Scripture reflection, and spiritual reading.

Whether you're new to contemplative prayer or have years of experience, all are welcome.

For more information, contact Karen Spear at kspear@marian.edu.



August Book Club Info

Join the St. Gertrude Book Club on Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., as we discuss *Mercy Street* by Jennifer Haigh.

New members are always welcome, and we would love to hear your perspectives! For more information, contact Lea Cloninger at 773.213.0509.

Join Us for the Rosary at St. Gerts

Recitation of the Holy Rosary in the mornings: The Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am masses/Communion services. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings: All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Financial Report for July 25-26

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,268.00
Loose Checks: \$565.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$604.57
Online Donations: \$3,846.01
Total Collected: \$7,283.58

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$2,716.42
YTD Collected FY 2027: \$32,612.67
YTD Budgeted FY 2027: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$517,387.33



A Courtyard Conversation: What is My Relationship with God? Corrected Date: Wednesday, August 12

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 12, for a thoughtful, reflective conversation as we reflect upon God's presence and, perhaps, God's absence in our lives. Please note the date for this event has been corrected.

Are you satisfied with your relationship with God? Have there been times when that relationship has been a source of comfort and peace? Have there

been times when God has seemed absent?

Are you always doing the talking or asking, or do you take time to be still and quiet, to listen to what God is saying to you? What ways have you found to deepen your relationship with God?

Each of us has our own answers to these and similar questions. Come and share your insights, your struggles, and your hopes as we listen and learn from one another.

We will gather in the courtyard between the church and the Ministry Center from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you are able, please bring your own chair. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Ministry Center Chapel.

~ Sponsored by the Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee

Friendship Club is Thursday, August 13

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave. Gatherings begin at 11:30 am, and participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch.

Join us for fellowship, conversation, and friendship!



Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events, bulletins, staff contact info, details on our Medical Lending Closet, sacraments and more, visit our parish's website at stgertrudechicago.org.

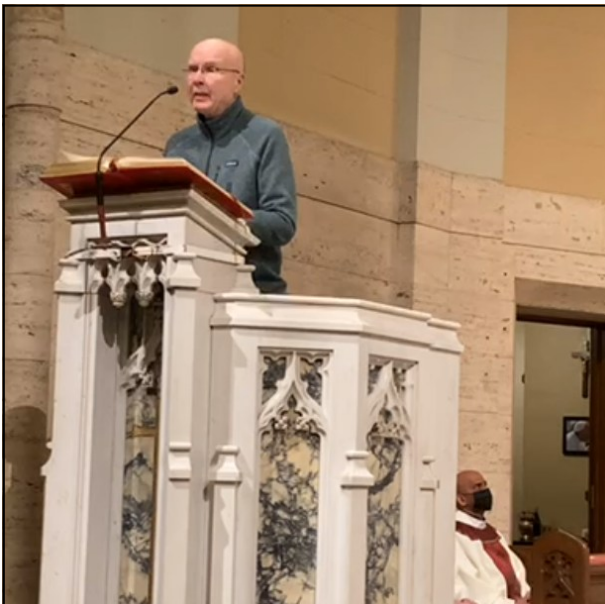
Growing in Faith

In today's Gospel, the disciples almost miss a chance to feed five thousand people because they don't think they have what it takes. Believing that they lack the resources, they want Jesus to send the hungry people home. In response, he tells his disciples, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." So they bring Jesus the few loaves and fishes that they have, which he blesses and has them distribute to the crowd. Against all expectations, they are able to satisfy the need—with leftovers.

A friend recently passed on to me this odd, but strangely wise, advice: "Anything worth doing is worth doing badly." Not risking action because I fear that I may not do it well, or because others could probably do it better, leads to a lot of missed opportunities. When it comes to doing something useful, I'm trying not to let self-doubt erect unnecessary barriers.

I love that Jesus says, "Give them some food yourselves." He is saying to the disciples (and to us), "You can do it." Responding to others' needs, a little can go a long way. Even if I may not know exactly the right thing to say or do, it is almost always worth risking an act of generosity. It may be just enough to fill a need that otherwise would be left unmet.

~ Bob Raccuglia



Liturgical Ministry Training This September

Share your gifts and become more involved in the celebration of the Mass by serving in one of our liturgical ministries.

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Monday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in the church. Youth and adults are invited to attend.

Altar Server training will take place on Monday, September 28, at 6:30 pm in the church. Students in 4th grade and older are welcome.

To learn more, contact Eloy Escamilla

at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

News from NCA



WELCOME & TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

A Catholic education may be more affordable than you think. Schedule a tour or start your application today!



Hosted by
NCAPO

5th annual NCA
WILDCAT STREET FEST

Saturday September 12
11am - 3pm

All ages welcome
Glenwood & Granville



LEARN MORE



AT THE STREET FEST

- ✓ Cold drinks & food for purchase
- ✓ Live music
- ✓ Parents, friends, & alumni welcome
- ✓ Chance for glory!

\$50/player or \$100/team

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Saturday, September 12

Round Robin tournament • No experience necessary • Single players will be paired
Proceeds benefit NCA Athletics

www.northsidecatholic.org/parents



REGISTER

NOW HIRING

Part-Time **Pre-K Spanish Instructor**



Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made?

Content for the bulletin should be sent to news@stgertrudechicago.org. Information should arrive 10 days before the Sunday you'd like your announcement to appear (Friday morning before 10:00 am.) **Please note, there will be a combined bulletin for August 16 and 23. Content for this double bulletin is due by Friday, August 7. Copy for the August 30 bulletin is due Friday, August 23.**

New Parishioners

- Ruth Groff
- Lynn Miller

Schedule for Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 pm - Patrick T. Reardon, Arthur Lyons
- Sunday, August 2 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 am - Robert Backis, Rose Karasti

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, August 2 at 8:00 am - Anthony Myers
- Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Maria Luisa Ugarte

Altar Servers

- Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Bradley Phelps; acolyte: Raiden Cruz
- Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Kora Cunningham; acolyte: Daniel Cunningham, Angel Garcia

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Susan Actaboski | • Patricia White Holmes | • Delphine Richert |
| • Victor Ayes | • Gertrude Huisman | • Joan Ross |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Tony Hunter | • Rosa Ott Sandoval |
| • Patrick Barton | • Forrest Ingram | • Sherwin |
| • Zara Bradley | • John Kahoun | • Willy Spalla |
| • Maggie Callahan | • Mary E. Kelley | • Floret Spalle |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Marilyn Klein | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Kathy Catrambone | • Jim Laczkowski | • Charlotte Sullivan |
| • Cavicke Family | • Joseph Lambin | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Mary DeBois | • Carleen Lorys | • Marie Tarallo |
| • David Denegas | • Roland Mady | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • River Malik | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • James Mann | • Joe Touchstone |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Theresa McMahon | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Nancy Michael | • King Wallace |
| • Marie Galoney | • Steve Monti | • Christian Wallace |
| • Thomas Hajduch | • Hilda Mora | • Kevin Walsh |
| • Anne Marie Hamde | • John Nardella | • Leon Ward |
| • Anne Hasselbeck | • Patti Paul | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Rochelle Hernandez | • Dealina Peon | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Tricia Hernandez | • Claude Poulsen | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Maria Hertl | | |

Baptisms

- Eric Antonio Telio Hernandez, son of Pedro Telio Rios & Edna Maria Hernandez Caballero
 - Ivry Carter-Cy Morgan, son of Ashante R. Walker-Morgan & Miranda D. Cox

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, August 4: 7:30 am
- Wednesday, August 5: 7:30 am - Greg Wall+
- Thursday, August 6: 7:30 am
- Friday, August 7: 7:30 am - 7:30 am - Michael McGuire+
- Saturday, August 8: 5:00 pm
- Sunday, August 9: 8:00 am; 10:30 am - Jack Degnan+ Jim Corbett+ Kevin Corbett+

Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, (The Gym Mass is on summer break.); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Parish Staff and Contact Info

Rev. Sergio Romo, Pastor—sromo@stgertrudechicago.org

Patricia Branigan, Events/Room Booking Contact—pbranigan@stgertrudechicago.org

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Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate—eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org

Jonathan Hannau, Music Director—jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org

Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager—call 773.973.5464

Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, Heart to Heart Director—squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org

Tracy Shields, Communications Director—tshields@stgertrudechicago.org

Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management—esoto@stgertrudechicago.org

Heart to Heart/Lending Closet Contact Info

To reach our Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org. To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464. **The Lending Closet is closed until July 16.**

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts