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Sunday, December 5, 2021

*Second Sunday of Advent*

### From Father Rich

#### **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This Wednesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are required to

attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm, and on Wednesday at 7:30 am and 10:00 am (NCA). This Feast Day celebrates the Patroness of the United States. It is under this title our nation is placed under Mary's protection.

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Sometimes some people reduce the message of Jesus Christ to some variation of, "Everyone be nice." Which might be a good starting point, but, today's readings provide us with a stark reminder, He was actually preaching a complete reversal in how we look at the world, what power is in our world, and what our responsibilities and challenges are. God is not only always making something new, God is also fully supporting the reversal of the power structure so that those who have no power, those who are weak, those who are suffering, etc., will finally be treated with love and concern and compassion.

In today's gospel passage, John the Baptist makes his appearance, announcing the fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah. In his preaching, the crooked ways are to be made straight, valleys filled in and mountains levelled, the rough places made smooth. "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." In order to begin to grasp the enormity of John's message, we have to remember the mindset of the times. It was assumed that those in power were there because God favored them. It was a clever and devilish way of maintaining the established order -- keeping those in power seated upon their thrones, and those with nothing still being powerless with nothing.

It is fair to say "Hmm. Not much has changed!" Which is part of why we journey through Advent every year. We do this to remind ourselves what we are preparing for in the coming of the Lord. Being nice is barely the tip of the iceberg! Our Heavenly Father sent His Son for no less a reason than rearranging the established order.

Recently, I was talking to a college student and he remarked that one of the things he was working on was his own awareness of his privilege as a white, well-educated, middle-class American. As he looked at many situations in the world, he wondered what he could do to

reduce the inequality. I think this young man is just one of the reasons those in positions of power and privilege are terrified of the “woke” culture! This young man, and others like him, are pointing the way. We cannot keep consuming at the level we have been and expect there to be no repercussions to our planet. And now we know that unless we stop, we will kill our planet and kill ourselves! Did we really think the Creator of All would not call us to be better stewards of the planet and each other?

The Second Sunday of Advent proclaims the never-out-of-date announcement of John the Baptist. And it requires of each of us to ask ourselves how we are going to work WITH the Lord to help this reversal of fortunes take place in our time and place. Maybe being nice

would be a good place to start! But it is far from where the Lord wants us to end up .



### **Christmas Schedule—Please Note the Correction Made for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses**

Here is the schedule of services this holiday season. Please note two important changes from regular weekend schedules. Because Christmas Eve is a Friday and Christmas Day is a Saturday, we will have two morning Masses on Christmas Day. But there is no 5:00 pm evening Mass of anticipation for the Sunday Feast of the Holy Family.

The 5:00 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve will be live-streamed, as well as the 10:30 am Masses on Christmas Day, on Sunday, December 26, and Sunday, January 2, as well as the 10:00 am Mass on New Year's Day.

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

- Sunday, December 12 - 1:00 pm

### **Christmas Eve**

- Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm (live-streamed) & 7:00 pm

### **Christmas Day**

- Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)
- (No 5:00 pm Mass—**correction from last week's bulletin.**)

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

- Sunday, December 26 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)

### **New Year's**

- Friday, December 31 - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, January 1 - 10:00 am (live-streamed)

### **Feast of the Epiphany**

- Saturday, January 1 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)



## The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12

*By Francesca Merlo (Vatican News)*

*The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patroness of the Americas.*

### **First apparition**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe.*

*Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity.*

*Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop.*

### **Winter bloom**

*Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognised them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico.*

*What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.*

### **Tilma**

*This actual tilma, preserved since that date and showing the familiar image of the Virgin Mary with her head bowed and hands together in prayer, represents the Virgin of Guadalupe. It remains perhaps the most sacred object in all of Mexico.*

*The story is best known from a manuscript written in the Aztec's native language Nahuatl by the scholar Antonio Valeriano. It was written sometime after 1556.*

*Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated on the very same hill on which she appeared.*

*In 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Mexico and beatified Juan Diego. 10 years later, in the year 2000, he was declared a Saint.*

*(Because the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls on a Sunday this year, the actual celebration moves to one day before or after the Sunday.)*



## The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe *(continued)*

In the story above taken from The Vatican News, we begin to see the amazing levels of challenge and support in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Where until her appearance the Spanish conquerors considered the native peoples as subservient, primitive and undesirable, the Virgin appeared as one of those same native people! But she also produced, in winter, flowers native to the Spanish aristocracy! In the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mary's image unites these two unequal strains. Never again could the indigenous be dismissed as worthless or second class.

The other amazing part of the image is the sash Mary is wearing, indicating she is with child. The enormous significance of a pregnant Virgin was a great sign of hope! God was being born in a whole new way -- uniting the Spanish and indigenous cultures. It is no wonder the Church named her Patroness of the Americas! She is the mother of all peoples and all cultures.

~ Father Rich

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## St. Gertrude's Giving Tree

This Advent, St. Gertrude Parish's Giving Tree will once again support people in need in our community. Gift cards to Target, Jewel, and Aldi will be collected in support of Care For Real and the Refugee & Immigrant Ministry.

The gift cards may be brought to church or dropped off/mailed to the Rectory, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660.

(Even if the Rectory office is closed, you can always put mail through the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard.)

Purchased cards can be placed in one of two boxes, one for Care for Real and the other for the Refugee Ministry, on the table in front of Blessed Mother's shrine in the front of church. When you have placed your gift in the box, please take one of the ornaments and place it on the Giving Tree in the back of church. Please be sure all gift cards are delivered by Wednesday, December 15.

**Care for Real** is collecting \$20 gift cards to Target to give to their clients with children. Last year, they were able to give one gift card for every child so that parents/guardians could purchase a gift for the child.

### St. Gertrude Parish Refugee & Immigrant Ministry

We are also collecting gift cards for the refugee families sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish. For these families, we are requesting gift cards from Target, Jewel or Aldi for gift items, household needs, and groceries.

Your contributions are most appreciated! Participation in our St. Gertrude Parish Giving Tree is a blessing for all, gift givers and receivers, in this holy season of Advent, and makes the lives of all those who are touched truly filled with Christmas joy! Thank you for your generosity to those most in need in this special time of the year.





## Place Your Orders! Our Annual Balsam Pine Sale Has Begun

A limited number of balsam pine Christmas trees, wreaths, and garland is available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries!

### Online Orders

For sale are 6' trees for \$45; 5' lengths of garland for \$35; 18" wreaths for \$20; 24" wreaths for \$22; and 36" wreath for \$30. Online orders can be placed at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>. If requesting delivery, please add the delivery fee of \$3 to your order.

### In-Person Purchases

Greenery will also be sold on Sunday, December 5, and Sunday, December 12 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue.

### Greenery Order Forms/Paying Via Cash or Check

Paper order forms are now available in church and available for download on the parish website, [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org). Orders using the greenery order form can be paid for with cash or checks made out to St. Gertrude. Please note *Greenery* in the memo line.

### Where to Drop Off Paper Forms

These forms, along with cash or a check, can be dropped off at the Rectory office, 1420 W. Granville Ave. Forms and funds can be placed in the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard if the Rectory office is closed. Orders can also be sent to NCA to the attention of Eduardo Soto.

### Deliveries

Deliveries of items are available for a \$3 fee! The boundaries for deliveries are north to Oakton, south to Irving Park, and east of the North Shore Channel. Deliveries will be available between 10:00 am-12:00 pm on:

- Saturday, December 4
- Saturday, December 11
- Sunday, December 5
- Sunday, December 12

When placing an order for delivery, please rank your top three choices. The greenery team will do their best to accommodate you and reach out to notify you of when your order will be dropped off.

Email Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 with any questions.

**No Christmas Bazaar This Year:** Given the uncertainty of the COVID variants, as well as concerns about social distancing and the safety of our staff and volunteers, the Christmas Bazaar will not be held.

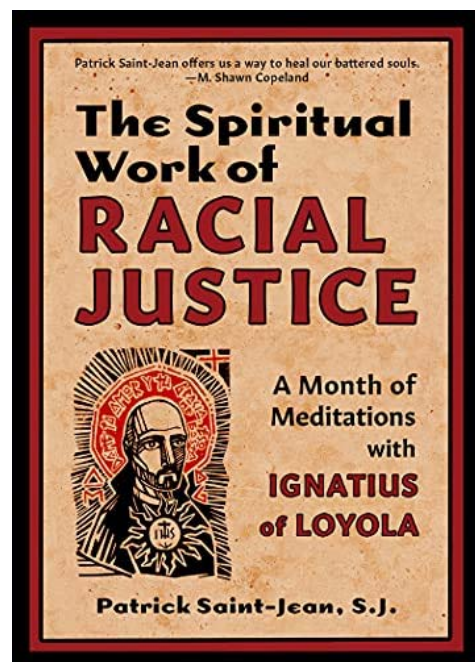


## Peace & Justice Committee Meeting—Monday, Dec. 6

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

We will be spending the next several meetings reflecting on "The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola" by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J. The book can be ordered via [www.anacharabooks.com](http://www.anacharabooks.com) -- look under "Featured Works."

Email Fr. Mike Gabriel at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org) or call him at 773-764-3621 if you plan to attend, or if you have any questions!



## The Edgewater Singers Present *Carols Around the Piano*

The Edgewater Singers are back! The group will perform on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 pm in St. Gertrude's church.

The program will include Hanukkah songs, carols from many traditions, the ancient and the new.

The holidays have always been a time to look backward and to hope forward and this year it is more important than ever that we gather, remember and hope.

Please join us. The Singers will observe safety protocols in rehearsal and while performing. Audience members must produce proof of vaccine status and wear masks while inside the venue.

## Our Advent Reconciliation Service is Sunday, Dec. 12

Our annual Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in church. This is a reflective service, offering songs, scripture readings and a guided examination of conscience. It usually lasts about 45 minutes.

During the holiday season, it is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time in church, to reunite with the Lord, have our sins forgiven and be ready for the celebration of Our Lord's birth.



## Essay Contest for 7th & 8th Graders—Due Date is Monday, Dec. 13

Students in 7th and 8th grade are invited to submit essays based on this prompt: *We have been experiencing a lot of different catastrophes all over: the pandemic, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, war, etc.*

*What we also see on the news are “bad news” stories that tell of people expressing hatred, violence, discrimination, and other evils demonstrating the worst of humanity. But there are many people who are making the world a better place...you!*

The essay should focus on where the good news can be found within the bad news and explain how the good news you are sharing in your essay reflects the message of Jesus

Entries should be 500–650 words. Spelling and grammar count. Students may send their essay entry to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or mail/drop it off at the Rectory at 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660.

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by Monday, December 13, 2021. The three best essays will receive a gift card and will appear on our website.



## Youth Group Gathering Planned for Thursday, Dec. 16

The next gathering of the parish youth group will be Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. The teens will gather in the Ministry Center in the second floor parlor.

All teens in middle and high school are invited to consider joining the parish youth group. Students interested in going on this summer's mission trip must attend youth group meetings regularly.

For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Heavenly Horns Performance After Mass on Sunday, December 19

A Saint Gertrude tradition has always included the lovely music from our very own “Heavenly Horns” (Jim Szmurlo, Tona Palomino, Peter Buttitta, Fran Guenette, Nicholas Bussey, and Amir Ghazaleh ) at the Christmas bazaar. Because of COVID, the bazaar has been cancelled, but the group would still like to serenade us with their unique arrangements of traditional Christmas carols.



So this year they will perform after the 10:30 am Mass in the church on Sunday, December 19. We encourage you to stay and absorb the beautiful sounds of the season.



## Archdiocese Annual Posada - Friday, Dec. 17 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Join us in walking and praying in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who— as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—have been knocking on the doors for legislative shelter, or “Posada,” year after year, even during a pandemic.



### ROUTE

- 101 West Ida B. Wells Drive (*meet here*)
- Metropolitan Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren Street)
- DePaul University (1 East Jackson Boulevard)
- Federal Plaza (West Adams Street and South Dearborn Street)
- St. Peter's Church (110 West Madison Street)

For more information, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/xvi-annualposada](http://pvm.archchicago.org/xvi-annualposada).



## Join Our Friday Night Spanish Language Rosary Gatherings

Continuing a long tradition from St. Ignatius Parish, all are welcome to attend weekly Friday evening gatherings to say the Rosary. The group meets at 7:00 pm, and the Rosary is said in Spanish in the church.

The group will not meet on Friday, December 10. Their last gathering for 2021 will be on December 17.

## Help Needed with with our RCIA Ministry

Do you feel called to help others journey with the Catholic faith? Please consider being part of our RCIA Ministry!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. 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.

If you are interested in joining our RCIA team, please reach out to Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org).





## Help Needed with Live-Streaming

The live streaming of Mass started as a response to the COVID-19 protocols for gathering together. Even after these protocols were relaxed, we have continued to broadcast the 10:30 am Mass every Sunday, as well as other special Masses through out the year.

Our ability to join as community both in person and via the live stream keeps us connected. What started as an answer to a problem has become a ministry and a way of being of service to others.

We are looking for assistance with these live-streams! The process is simple, you do not have to have a technical background, a special camera or phone, just a willingness to help. If you are interested in being part of the live stream ministry, please contact Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org).



## Growing in Faith

I know that the traditional month to honor Mary is May, but it seems to me that the season that focuses on the 'Miracle of Mary' is Advent. Look at all the special days set aside to honor her during this season, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, just to name two.

Because the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe falls this year on the Third Sunday of Advent, those readings take precedent over the feast day readings. But last year, the psalm for her feast day was taken from the book of Judith, and the response was, "*You are the highest honor of our race.*"

To me, that perfectly sums it up. Mary receives the highest honor of our race in bearing the child Jesus. And Mary also honors The Lord in the highest possible way, by saying YES to the honor and the obligation.

Mary was very important to my mother, who prayed the rosary every day. And I also have been inspired by Mary over my lifetime. When I was in a serious automobile accident 25 years ago and had a long recovery ahead of me, I was given great comfort in praying the Hail Mary throughout my days of fear and rehabilitation.

As we enter more fully into Advent and anticipate the birth of our Lord, let us remember Our Lady and call upon her example, her commitment, and her love when we need support.

~ Claire Conley

**Music Shift During Advent:** So you might have noticed a few things have changed this past Sunday other than the priest wearing purple vestments. With the season of Advent, we are making some musical changes as well to highlight the beauty and intensity of the season. Beginning with the psalm, we will sing the beautiful *Turn To Me* hymn (#658) by John Foley every week during Advent. The hymn reminds us to turn to God where our salvation lies and away from the busyness and commercial aspects of this season. For the gospel acclamation, we will sing the lively *Advent Alleluia* composed by Michael Joncas. Finally, the Mass parts will be from the haunting chants of the Missa Emmanuel. We hope these changes will deepen your Advent experience for 2021.

# Donate Now to Keep Students Learning in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools

As COVID-19 variants continue to spread through our community, our Catholic schools have maintained in-person learning, while providing excellence in education, lifelong lessons in faith and leadership and the spirit of community.

You can ensure a brighter future by investing in children from our most vulnerable communities. Contribute through the Illinois Invest in Kids program and make the lifelong advantage of a Catholic school education possible. Catholic schools have long set the standard for faith, excellence in education and service to society. They have provided spiritual growth and instruction to students, in order for them to overcome economic struggles and, in turn, contribute back to strengthen our communities.

Your donation is an investment that keeps our schools open and guarantees that our future generations will have the advantage of a quality Catholic education. A donation can be made using cash, check or appreciated stock.

## Invest in kids now: 3 easy steps

1. REGISTER—These helpful guides from either Empower Illinois ([https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Donate-Step-by-Step-Guide\\_091421.pdf](https://empowerillinois.org/wp-content/uploads/How-to-Donate-Step-by-Step-Guide_091421.pdf)) or the Big Shoulders Fund (<https://bigshouldersfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Steps-to-Reserve-a-Tax-Credit-for-the-Illinois-Tax-Credit-Scholarship-Program-Final.pdf>) will walk you through the process of obtaining a donor account. You will need the primary taxpayer's SSN and one of the following: IL Driver's License #, IL State ID #, or Adjusted Gross Income from the prior year's return.
2. RESERVE—Reserve your tax credit with the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR). Refer to this list of eligible schools (<https://schools.archchicago.org/documents/80540/704425/TCS+Donation+Match+Eligible+Schools.pdf/197a4368-470e-4ead-8af4-7cce2b12b365>) to determine where your school of choice is located and designate either Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund as your Scholarship Granting Organization. You will receive your Contribution Authorization Certificate (CAC) via email. Once you have your CAC, you are ready to donate.
3. DONATE—Once you receive confirmation of your tax credit and your CAC from IDOR, you have up to 60 days to donate to the Scholarship Granting Organization of your choice.

THANK YOU!

These three simple steps make a difference in a child's life and will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our community because you have invested in Catholic education. For more information please contact the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617 or [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org), or visit [archchicago.org/tcs](https://archchicago.org/tcs).



## Heart to Heart Monthly Report

In October, we assisted people from 14 Chicagoland zip codes who were recovering from surgery, families caring for family members with mobility issues and in need of extensive assistance with daily tasks (including bathing, toileting, and eating), and home health outreach workers (including OTs, PTs, social workers, and RNs).



We have provided a local homeless encampment with mobility equipment for residents in need, a nursing home resident with personal care products she couldn't afford, Community Health (the largest volunteer-based health clinic in the nation) with nebulizers, CPAP breathing machines and masks, and a Cook County care coordinator with supplies for her outreach work. The vast majority of people we serve have limited resources and are often in need of equipment or supplies for extended periods of time.

Donations came in from people who live in eight different zip codes, most of whom have recently lost family members or close friends. Over and over again, we are told how much it means to surviving family members/friends that durable medical equipment and supplies that helped their loved ones can now be used by someone else in need. The generosity of people grieving the loss of a friend or family member is tremendously moving and greatly appreciated.

**Remembrance Altar Items:** Thank you for sharing images and memories of your special someone with us during the month of November. If you have not yet picked up your photo or memento, please collect them from the Rectory office. The Rectory office is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-7:00 pm, Fridays from 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am-2:30 pm, and Sundays from 8:30 am-noon.

## This Weekend's Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 pm - Jen Kiedaisch
- Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in the Gym - TBA

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Nancy Merrill
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in the Gym - TBA

### Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in church - Cindy Lawson, John Horan (guitar)
- Sunday, December 5 at 10:30 am in the Gym - TBA



## Mass Intentions

- Monday, December 6: 7:30 am - Ben Bell+
- Tuesday, December 7: 7:30 am - Wally Bradford
- Wednesday, December 8: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable +;  
8:30 am - NCA School Mass
- Thursday, December 9: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, December 10: 7:30 am - Maggie O'Donoghue
- Saturday, December 11: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Richard Cenar, Sr. +
- Sunday, December 12: 8:00 am - Maria Silva +; 10:30 am - Galoney Strubbe Family +;  
10:30 am Gym Mass - Fr. Bill Kenneally+

- indicates the person is deceased*

**Little Blue Books Available:** The Little Blue Book - Advent and Christmas Season are available in the back of church. These booklets provide a six-minute reflection each day. The readings are a great way to slow down, focus, and dedicate some time to God during this holy season.

There is a suggested donation of \$1.

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Claire Bushey
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Connie Cool
- Barb Daly
- Caloy Desembrana
- Ann Collins Dole
- Christine Frisoni
- Shirley Marie Gonzales
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Daniel Hidalgo
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Dean Mattoni
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Massielle Ojeda
- Tina Piemonte
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Valerie Williams
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

## Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants)

Email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.

*Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.*

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