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Bulletin for Sunday, February 9, 2025

*The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

What is going on? A lot of fear.

From the economy to immigration, from climate change to layoffs—there is a lot going on. Every day, the president is making changes, and with that comes fear. These uncertainties are fueling anxiety, stress, and even depression across all communities.

It doesn't help when Dr. Phil, with permission from deportation czar Tom Homan, tags along to interview immigrants being arrested—sensationalizing these events just to boost his TV ratings. Really?! How have we stooped so low? And then, last Sunday, reports surfaced of ICE officers attending church services incognito, scoping out congregations, and harassing or arresting people as they headed home. That, for me, was an all-time low. These actions have put educators, religious leaders, and business owners on edge.

All of these issues are creating fear and threatening our sense of community—especially within the church. As church leaders, we are striving to provide a sense of peace during an incredibly difficult time. But it's not easy when some people are afraid to gather for prayer, send their children to school, or even go out for basic necessities.

Feelings of anxiety, anger, and hopelessness are everywhere: for Democrats and Republicans alike; for immigrants, both documented and not. But as the body of Christ, we must stand together, especially in times of crisis.

As fear spreads, so does misinformation, impacting everyone—especially children. Make no mistake, all children are affected. They see it on the news, hear it from friends, absorb it from social media, and pick it up at school. They notice far more than we think.

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From Fr. Mike Gabriel (cont.)

What are they supposed to believe?

I don't have all the answers, but I do have faith. I find myself turning to Psalm 31, repeating the words as a mantra: *"Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord."*

Additionally, a friend sent me this prayer. She could not find the name of the author, but I am sharing it for anyone looking for a prayer to say:

Dear Lord, in this turbulent world, we reach out to You, seeking Your guidance and strength. Please hold our hands, calm our hearts, and grant us wisdom to navigate through these uncertain times. We trust in Your love and protection and ask that You bring peace and healing to our lives and our world. Amen!

Granville Traffic Safety Plan

Please note that there is a QR code and an invitation to a Zoom meeting on February 13th regarding traffic and parking on Granville.

This may impact access to and from the church, particularly for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. Your attendance at the meeting is encouraged.



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48TH WARD GRANVILLE TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN

Join the 48th Ward and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) for a virtual presentation of the safety plan for Granville between Clark and Sheridan.

At this online meeting, project partners will share the goals, plans, and expected timelines/impacts as well as answer community questions. A recording will be available after the meeting.

Stay after the meeting to hear about the plan for west of Clark Street.

RSVP:

 Thursday, February 13
6-7:00pm
the48thward.org/granville-rsvp

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

listed in chronological order (Activities & events at NCA, other parishes, and in Edgewater are listed after parish events, reflections, and news)



Super Bowl Tamale Benefit for Midwest Workers Association: Pick Up Your Orders This Sunday Morning

This weekend, volunteers from Midwest Workers Association (MWA) return to St. Gert's to deliver orders of tamales on Sunday for their annual Super Bowl Tamale Benefit.

MWA volunteers will be at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. Please note, Saturday Mass attendees should come on Sunday to pick up your tamales. Forgot to place your tamale order? Stop by the

table to see if there are any extras.

The tamale benefit generates critical support for MWA's Winter Survival Campaign, which includes door-to-door membership canvasses, utility bill advocacy to avert utility shutoffs and restore service, winter-watch phoning and warm clothing distributions.

Book Club Gathering is Tuesday, February 11

The book club will discuss *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers on Tuesday, February 11. Please note, we now meet on the second Tuesday of the month! The gathering is at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

We would love new voices and opinions!

Contact Lea Cloninger at her new number, 773.213.0509, or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.



friend

[frɛnd] noun.

a person known well to another and regarded with **liking, affection, and loyalty**. a friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you

Friendship Club is Thursday, February 13

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch..

Friday Morning Men's Prayer and Scripture Discussion Group

The Friday Morning Men's Prayer and Scripture discussion group will have in-person gatherings on Fridays in February.

They are at the St. Gertrude Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood. The group meets for social conversation at 7:45 am and begins prayer at 8:00 am. They then read and share insights into the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday.

If you are interested and plan to come or would like a Zoom link, it would be helpful to Allen Stryczek know you are coming by sending him an email at astryczek@sbcglobal.net.

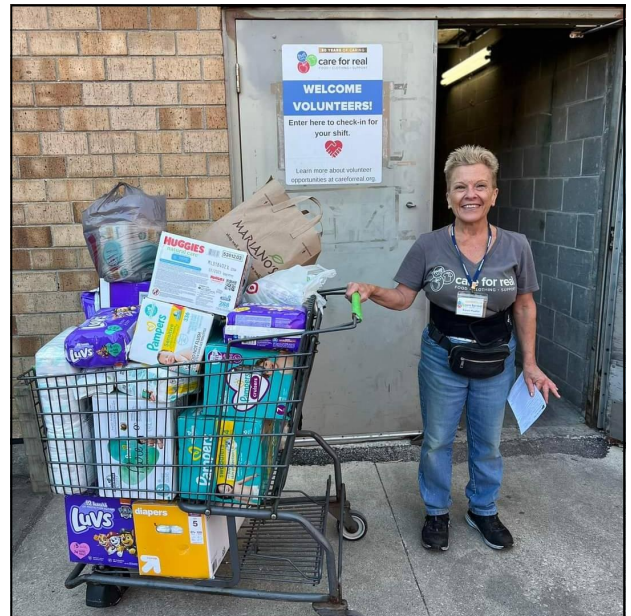


Collection for Care for Real Scheduled for February 22-23

Our next collection drive for Care for Real February 22 and February 23. The organization is urgently seeking donations of diapers in sizes 2-6, baby wipes, juice boxes, thermal layers (all sizes) gently used coats (all sizes), hand warmers, lotions and hand soap, shampoo and body wash, adult incontinence under bed pads.

Our collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, and our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of each month.

We are so grateful for your help supporting Care for Real as they work to provide food and much-needed supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.



"Brewed at St. Gertrude" Planned for Sunday, February 23

December's parish hospitality "Brewed at St. Gertrude" event was a big success! It was a joy to see almost 200 parishioners socialize and enjoy music from the Heavenly Horns.

The next parish hospitality gathering is planned for February 23rd after the 10:30am masses. We are seeking a few volunteers who are willing to help set up, serve, or clean up.

Please email Steven Patzke at stevenjcpatzke@gmail.com if you are available.

Financial Report from February 1-2

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,849.00
Loose Checks: \$1,056.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$609.27
Online Donations: \$3,629.01
Total Collected: \$8,143.28

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$1,856.72
Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$335,056.93
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00
Difference: - \$214,943.07

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings:

All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Teens are Invited to Register for St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience

Parish teens are invited to take part in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission experience this summer from June 23-27. Teens in seventh grade through high school will volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day.

This is an excellent opportunity to have fun and earn volunteer hours! There is a \$100 fee for the week. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. Please note that there are scholarships available! All participants will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack.

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact pastoral associate Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Parish News



Volunteers Needed

The pastoral staff has been taking on increasing responsibilities, and they have been doing an excellent job. However, they cannot carry this weight alone—they need your help. We need more volunteers to sustain the programs and ministries we currently offer and to continue moving forward.

Here are a few immediate areas where your assistance is needed:

- **Baptismal Preparation:** We offer a monthly class for families having their babies baptized for the first time.
- **Live Streaming:** The 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed to bring the liturgy into the homes of those who cannot attend in person.
- **Choir:** The choir is looking for singers and musicians. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All voices are welcome.
- **Heart to Heart Ministry:** This outreach program offers aid and support to older adults in need.
- **Church Environment:/Decoration:** As we approach Lent and Easter, there is need for help making the church look beautiful.

If you have any interest in any of these ministries, please reach out to Fr. Mike Gabriel at mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.

Growing in Faith: Guided by the Spirit

Today's readings are all about calling us to serve and our reluctant, hesitant answer to that call.

Like Frodo in *Lord of the Rings*, we feel that we are unworthy of the call and in a sense, we are right: we are not worthy. I am but a simple person: how can I possibly fulfill the role that God's call has presented me? But God sees in our hearts and knows what is needed to accomplish the tasks. It seems to me that discipleship means listening for and responding to God's call.

A few years ago, I received a call to serve as a physical therapist in Northern Peru with Global Health Volunteers working with an underserved population in the campo. My Spanish was iffy: my professional experience had been primarily in the hospital or rehab, not in the clinic; I did not believe myself to be the ideal choice.

But the call was pretty clear. The opportunity was pretty golden. It was easy to see it and answer. But sometimes, I wonder how many other calls/opportunities I have missed or ignored: not the big, obvious calls, but the little, daily calls.

So I believe discipleship is not just answering the obvious calls, but tuning our ears, or our faith to hear God's call, not just obvious ones, but the day-to-day calls to speak truth to power, to stand with those who are powerless, to lend our voice and protection, to demonstrate God's love by how we live our life.

~ Jay Lamble



Timeline for New Pastor Placement

Here is an **estimated** timeline of the pastor placement process:

- **End of January:** A list of parishes looking for a new pastor will be released.
- **February/March:** Discernment for pastors takes place.
- **March/April:** Hopefully we will have an announcement of a new pastor.

Events & Activities at NCA and in the Archdiocese

Monthly Caregiver-Toddler Playdates Begins on Monday, February 10 at NCA

Looking after your child/children or caring for a little one? You're invited to our monthly get together for caregivers and toddlers! The gatherings will be held next Monday, February 10, as well as March 10, April 7, and May 12 at Northside Catholic Academy, 6216 N. Glenwood, from 9:30-10:30 am.

Each hour is filled with story times, crafts, and free play for little ones. Caregivers must attend.

RSVP to gmalfatti@ncaschools.com.



Loyola University's The Hank Center: *Envisioning a Livable Future* Lecture on Monday, February 17

Join Loyola's University for an online serial symposium in collaboration with John Carroll University marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The event will be held via Zoom

from 5:30-6:45 pm CST.

The topic is the Contribution of Catholic Social Thought. A synopsis of the discussion is: *Ten years after the publication of Laudato Si', what are, or ought to be, the growing edges of Catholic social thought? What does it have to contribute to our understanding of the climate crisis and the development of an ecological conscience?*

Additional sessions will be held on Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, April 9. This is a free online event, and registration is required for each session.

Visit <https://www.luc.edu/ccih/conferences/archive/laudatosiat10series.shtml> for more information and to sign up.

'Make me what thou wilt': On Conversion and Surrender

Annual St. John Henry Newman Lecture
Featuring Abigail Favale

This year's St. John Henry Newman lecturer is Dr. Abigail Favale of the McGrath Center at the University of Notre Dame. Favale's is a thoroughly 21st-century conversion, a compelling account of recovering "the startling beauty" of an ancient faith after a decade of doubt.

As Dr. Favale, a scholar of theology and literature, writes, "There are events in life that leave you changed forever, right down to the very roots and heart of your being, because they go 'into the deep.'"



**Attendance is free &
all are welcome**



February 19, 7–8:30 PM
Information Commons,
4th Floor, Lake Shore Campus



LOSS Group - Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Loss (LOSS) offers in-person and online support groups for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Our individual and group sessions provide safe, nonjudgmental environments where survivors can share their feelings and experiences.

Participants receive information and hope from veteran facilitators who help new members realize that they are not alone, and that they will not feel this confusion and deep sadness for the rest of their lives. For more information contact us via email at loss@catholiccharities.net or call 312.655.7283.

Parish Information

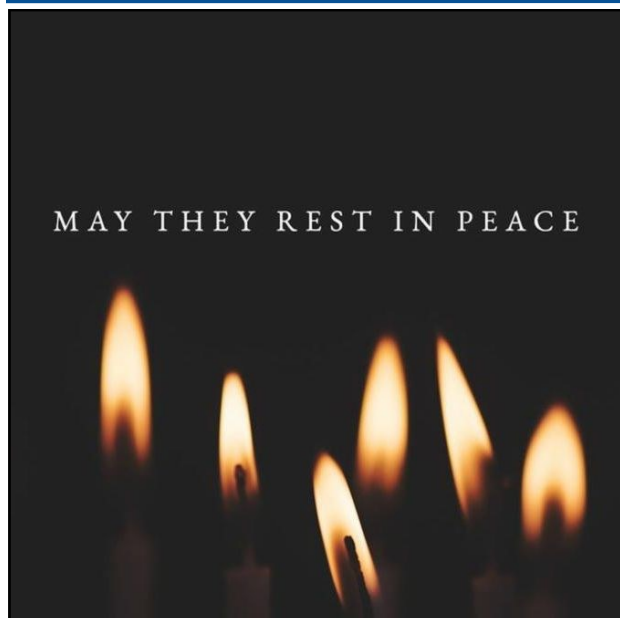
Baptisms

- Callie Ann Arseneault



Rest in Peace

- Darlene Durso-Clark+
- Kevin Walsh+



Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!

If you would like to receive parish bulletins/emails from our parish or your email address has changed, please let us know!

Send an email to news@stgertrudechicago.org and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, distributed on Thursday afternoons, or our daily prayer/reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.



New Parishioners

- Rheame family
- Maria Mendoza, Leonides Ramos and family
- Brittany Jasin
- Allison Ledwon and Sean Goldman
- Susan Lorimor
- Anne Morris
- Camacho family
- Jan Shenko
- Matthew Dillon
- Katie Diggins, Michael Skokna and family



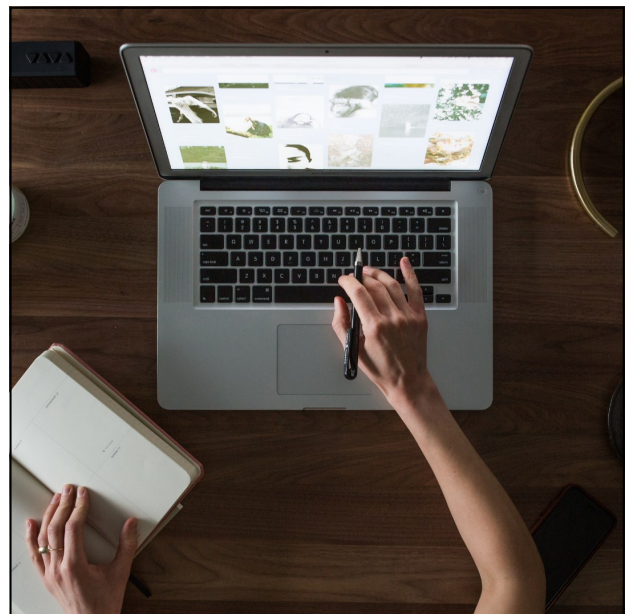
Kids Word Offered at the 10:30 am Masses

Kids Word is offered during the 10:30 am Mass in church. This program provides children aged 4-7 years-old an age-appropriate Gospel message and to do fun, scripture-based activities such as coloring or crafts in the Rectory.

Children are invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and return to church before the petitions.

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.



Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, February 8 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, February 9 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Eric Ameyaw

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, February 8 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, February 9 at 8:00 am - Josephine Delgado
- Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Troy McMillan, Rafael Melendez

Altar Servers

- Saturday, February 8 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano; acolytes: Danna Salinas, Wyatt Dant
- Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Dominic Rubino; acolytes: Jayson Ameyaw, Henry Villareal

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Bob Radycki |
| • Victor Ayes | • Adolf Gabriel | • Bill Salek |
| • Andrea Banicki | • Marie Galoney | • Willy Spalla |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Thomas Hajduch | • Floret Spalle |
| • Patrick Barton | • Edith Herbin | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Zara Bradley | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Lilly Buie | • Maria Hertl | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • John Kahoun | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Aida Calvopina | • River Malik | • King Wallace |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Matilde Manzardo | • Christian Wallace |
| • Cavicke Family | • Nancy Michael | • Kevin Walsh+ |
| • Denise DeBelle | • Steve Monti | • Leon Ward |
| • David Denegas | • Hilda Mora | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Donald Nyderek | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • Dealina Peon | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Claude Poulsen | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Joan Ross + | |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, February 10: 7:30 am - Fr. Brian Fisher+
- Tuesday, February 11: 7:30 am - William Iverson Moore+
- Wednesday, February 12: 7:30 am - Vincent O'Malley+
- Thursday, February 13: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, February 14: 7:30 am - Valerie Patterson+
- Saturday, February 15: 7:30 am - Deceased members of the Gillespie and Kelly family+;
5:00 pm - Waldemor Roman++
- Sunday, February 16: 8:00 am - Cheryl Stanton+; 10:30 am - Isabelle Lackowski+; Ed De-Wolf+; 10:30 am Gym - Estelle Ann Guardino+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

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

Donate to our Parish

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

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