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Bulletin for Sunday, January 19, 2025

*The Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Endurance Prayer of Martin Luther King

Most gracious and all wise God, before whose face the generations rise and fall;
Thou in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

We thank thee [for] all of thy good and gracious gifts, for life and for health;
for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and human nature.
We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings.
We realize that we stand surrounded with the mountains of love
and we deliberately dwell in the valley of hate.

We stand amid the forces of truth and deliberately lie.
We are forever offered the high road
and yet we choose to travel the low road.
For these sins O God forgive.
Break the spell of that which blinds our minds.
Purify our hearts that we may see thee.

O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high
give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance. and for a brother/
sisterhood that transcends race or color.
In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr. 1929 -1968, American pastor and civil rights activist
Never to Leave Us Alone: The Prayer Life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Second Collection for the Refugee and Immigration Ministry: This weekend, there will be an announcement from the Refugee and Immigration Ministry here at St. Gertrude. As many as 100 million people worldwide today have been forced to flee their homes because of violence, persecution, lack of education, poverty, or simply for the dream of a better life.

St. Gertrude's remains committed to helping others find a safe place to begin anew. There will be a second collection to assist in fulfilling this mission.

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*)



Midwest Workers Super Bowl Tamale Benefit - Orders Taken This Weekend

This Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19, Midwest Workers Association (MWA) will be taking orders of tamales after Mass for their annual Super Bowl Tamale Benefit. MWA volunteers will return on Sunday, February 9 to deliver the tamales after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses. Saturday mass attendees are asked to pick up their orders on Sunday morning.

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.

If you are interested in ordering tamales, please stop by their table at the main church entrance or call their office at (773) 285-0485. Supporters can place orders by the half dozen for chicken in green sauce, cheese and jalapeno (vegetarian), or black bean and cactus (vegan.) There is a suggested donation of \$10 for a half dozen tamales or \$20 for a dozen.

Groups of volunteers are urgently needed to play a role in making tamales from February 3 through February 6, as well as participating in MWA's membership canvasses and benefit advocacy sessions. Speak with an MWA volunteer next weekend about how you can play an ongoing role in MWA's Winter Survival Campaign.

No Religious Ed Classes on Sunday, January 19/Rectory Office Closed on January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 20. There will be no Religious Ed classes on Sunday, January 19.

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 20. Mass will be held at 7:30 am.





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 January and February.

They are at the St. Gertrude Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood. We meet for social conversation at 7:45 am and begin prayer at 8:00 am.

We read and share our insights into the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. We want to better live the Gospel in our daily lives and we share what the readings mean to us, from our personal perspectives rather than a scholarly point of view. We finish with an "Our Father" at about 9:00 am.

Some opt to linger longer as their schedule permits.

An option to meet via Zoom is also available here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84331230411?pwd=rnUN9lmpTxiVg6bdiQ5QnsbBlpcptc.1>

Meeting ID: 843 3123 0411; Passcode: pray

There are currently about 6-8 guys participating in a typical Friday morning gathering. We hope several who are reading this will also find this to be appealing and give the group a try. If you are interested and plan to come, it would be helpful – but not required – if you let Allen Stryczek know you are coming by sending him an email at astryczek@sbcglobal.net.

Care for Real Collection is January 25-26

Our next collection drive for Care for Real is January 25-26. Care for Real is urgently needs 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, and 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.



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.

Reconciliation for First Communion Candidates is Monday, January 27

Please keep the young students of our parish in their prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in church.

Contact Eloy Escamilla, our Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org if you have questions.



Upcoming Trainings for Ministers of the Word (Lectors) and Altar Servers

Interested in being more involved in church? We are looking for Ministers of the Word to read at weekend masses. There will be a training on Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 pm in church.

Additionally, students are welcome to attend a training to become an altar server on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 pm in church.

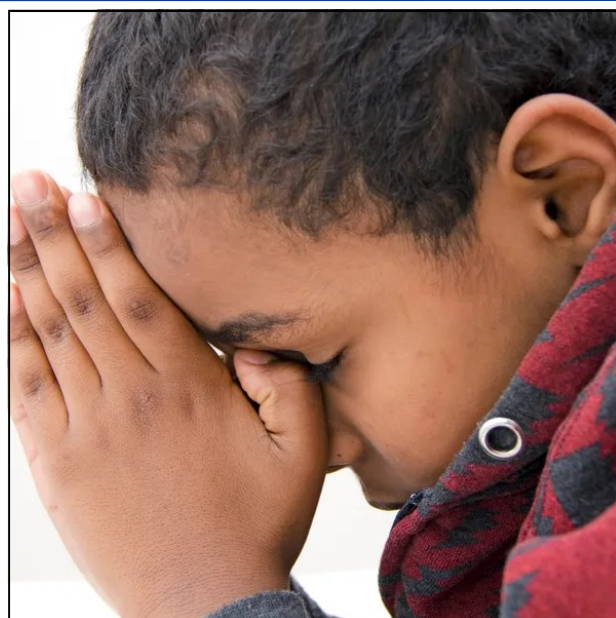
Questions? Please reach out to Eloy Escamilla after Sunday, January 26

at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

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.



You're Invited to An Evening of Romance

Save the date! St. Gertrude's Marriage Ministry is planning a special evening for couples on Saturday, February 8. The night will celebrate, renew, and strengthen your sacred commitment to your life partner.

The night will start off at 5:00 pm mass, followed by cocktails, appetizers, dinner, and dancing from 6:00-10:00 pm. Dim lighting, romantic decorations, and great food will set the mood for an evening for you and your partner to reconnect and socialize with other couples in the Social Hall.

The cost is \$125 per couple and includes dinner, beer, and wine. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/NightofRomancetickets>. Only 25 tickets are available. In order to prevent cancellation of event, we need at least 15 couples to purchase tickets.

For more information, contact mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.

Help Wanted!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with bartending, serving, and dishwashing. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/NightofRomanceVolunteers>.



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

God This summer, from June 23-27, parish teens are invited to take part in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience! Teens in seventh grade through high school will volunteer with a different Chicago-land 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 Information

Join our Choir!

Happy 2025! As the new year begins, are you looking for other ways to contribute to the Mass that you know and love? Consider joining the choir to help us further make a joyful sound!

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All voices are welcome. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please email me at jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org.



Prayer for a New Pastor

God of new beginnings, be with us, the people of St. Gertrude, as we await the appointment of our next Pastor. Enable us, in this time of waiting, to be a people of hope, trusting in the presence and power of the Spirit.

We thank you for the pastoral leadership of all who have been pastors of our faith community, for those who have ministered as members of pastoral staffs over the years, and for the gifts of the Spirit shared in countless ways by those whose lives have graced this sacred space.

May the community of St. Gertrude continue to be a beacon of welcome, of hope, of reconciliation, of peace and justice for all who seek you.

Bless those priests who may be considering applying to be the next pastor of our faith community and of all who will be a part of the discernment and selection process. Bless the works of our hands. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Financial Report for January 11-12, 2025

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,169.00

Loose Checks: \$355.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$633.00

Online Donations: \$7,723.80

Total Collected: \$10,880.80

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: \$880.80

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$311,032.81

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00

Difference: - \$238,967.19

Growing in Faith

The last two weeks have been full of rich, spirit-filled images of ordinary people accomplishing remarkable achievements. People have responded through both quiet, humane acts of kindness and superhuman feats—both now and in the past. These are stories of individuals who have listened to a spiritual call rather than a selfish urge. Our beautiful readings today abound with images of the many ways the gifts of the Spirit manifest in our lives and those around us.



The other day, I took the time to watch the eulogies honoring Jimmy Carter at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. If you missed it, I recommend checking out YouTube to watch the Jan. 9 funeral recording. From beginning to end, it was a moving and extraordinary testament to a faith-driven life. If you have children who are old enough to understand, please watch it with them. Carter's funeral highlights an inspiring example of a life gifted and led by faith, and it's also a fascinating lesson in history.

I've also been reflecting on the aftermath of the horrific fires in Los Angeles. These incredible reports remind me of other recent accounts of people coming together to help their neighbors in different parts of the nation—after hurricanes, floods, and shootings. And then, we can simply look around us at St. Gertrude's church community, at the many people we know who help others through meaningful and profound acts of kindness.

The Holy Spirit is here—with us, in us, and working through us. Especially today, we need to gratefully remember that.

~ Claire Conley



Catechist Needed

Our Confirmation catechist recently needed to step down to address health issues. We are now in urgent need of a new Confirmation teacher.

If you can help, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Events & Activities at NCA and in the Archdiocese

listed in chronological order



Northside Catholic Academy Event Planned for Sunday, January 26

NCA will host a State of the School address on Sunday, January 26 from noon-1:00 pm at 6216 N. Glenwood Avenue.

Following the update, there will be a curriculum fair from 1:00-2:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend!

Ignatian Spirituality Project: Join Us for Chicago's Winter Walk on February 9

Mark your calendars for Chicago's inaugural Winter Walk on Sunday, February 9, at 10:00 am!

Winter Walk is a community event designed to raise awareness and challenge stigma surrounding homelessness in our city. The day includes a 2-mile walk around Humboldt Park, speakers sharing their lived experiences with homelessness, refreshments (plenty of hot cocoa and coffee), and fellowship!

One of our partner organizations, the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), is collaborating on the walk alongside Franciscan Outreach, The Boulevard, and the Chicago Help Initiative. All funds raised from the walk go directly back to these organizations. If you register to walk with ISP, all funds will directly support ISP!

Check out the postcards at the back of the church for more information. To register, visit <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/winterwalk2025-chicago/>.



Ways you can help:

- **Join us at the walk!** Let's come together as a team to support the cause and spend a meaningful morning together!
- **Invite others to participate!** Encourage friends, family, and members of your community group to walk with you. If they can't join the walk, ask them to support ISP walkers by donating. ISP's goal is to have 100 participants, and they can't achieve it without your help!

Parish Information

Rest in Peace

- Estelle Ann Guardino, mother of Sam Guardino (Laurie Hasbrook)

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, January 18 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joseph McMahon
- Sunday, January 19 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar, Jay Cook
- Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Sarah Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, January 18 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, January 19 at 8:00 am - Josephine Delgado
- Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, January 18 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Ethan Craft; acolytes: Owen Craft, Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Angel Garcia; acolytes: Dominic Rubino, Sammy Kloster

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

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, January 20: 7:30 am - Cheryl Stanton+
- Tuesday, January 21: 7:30 am - Laura Linke+
- Wednesday, January 22: 7:30 am - Gerardo Carpio
- Thursday, January 23: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, January 24: 7:30 am - Michael Mason+
- Saturday, January 25: 7:30 am - Valerie Patterson+; 5:00 pm - Paul Kelly+
- Sunday, January 26: 8:00 am - Joe McMahon; 10:30 am - Valerie Patterson+; 10:30 am Gym - Estelle Ann Guardino+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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 Rector at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The office will be closed on January 20 for MLK day.**

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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