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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 30, 2022**

## **Farewell & Thank You to Fr. Mike Bradley**

About 15 years ago, in a typical act of generosity on his part, Fr. Mike Bradley moved into St. Gertrude to help Fr. Dominic Grassi, who was having some serious health issues.

Such acts of kindness, which all of us who know Fr. Mike can testify to, are just part of his everyday language. Fr. Bradley is a man of great faith which is lived out every day of his life. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to live in the rectory with Fr. Mike and work with him, (first at St. Josaphat Parish and now here at St. Gertrude). I have many times commented to parishioners that we really don't know how fortunate we have been. Fr. Bradley is technically a "resident" priest living at the rectory. His full-time job has been at the Matrimonial Tribunal downtown at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. But he has done at least as much work as most Associate Pastors! It is a common occurrence that by the time I hear someone is in the hospital or ailing at home, Fr. Bradley has already been there to visit.

As most parishioners know, Fr. Mike has now completed over 50 marathons. And many of those have been fundraisers for one or more of the ministries at the parish. Here at St. Gertrude, his marathon participation has raised many thousands of dollars for NCA and then for our Heart to Heart Ministry. It strikes me that is a perfect description of Fr. Mike—he was never afraid to do the hard work, the training, and then the executing of a demanding enterprise. Besides doing all that hard work, he always was most concerned about how, through that work, he could best care for others -- especially those most in need.

In so many ways, Fr. Mike has been the heart and soul of the parish. He carries with him the many requests for prayers that he includes in his daily prayers. Those who are hurting in any way are always uppermost in his mind. His manner is always gentle, kind, and loving. But unless



*All are invited to walk through a "Tunnel of Love" to Father Mike Bradley immediately after the Combined 10:30 am Mass. Please exit the church doors on Glenwood and start our tribute at the beginning of the church garden. We love you, Father Mike, and it fills our hearts to remember your years at St. Gertrude's and to celebrate the love we have shared!*

## Fr. Rich (cont.)

anyone thinks he is an angel, he also has a wicked, impish wit which he unleashes, oftentimes unexpectedly! If you weren't paying enough attention, you might miss the humorous quip he just quietly slipped into a conversation.

He is the most self-effacing, truly humble people I have ever known. Both Fr. Mike Gabriel and I have been hounding Fr. Bradley for many months about this farewell, insisting he was greatly underestimating the affection with which so many people hold him, and the

need to give everyone more time to get used to the idea of him retiring and no longer being part of St. Gertrude. But he didn't want a fuss made! Finally, he agree to let the parish know a few weeks before his final weekend, and then being present at all the Masses to say farewell and be present for hospitality afterwards.

A wise man once said that to be a good priest, a man first had to be a good human being, then a good Christian, then a good priest. We see the living witness of that truth every day in Fr. Mike Bradley!

Like so many parishioners, I will miss him greatly. But I also want to wish him well and express deep gratitude for his life, his service, his lived faith, his humor. I know I have been greatly blessed to have had him as part of my life, and I know many of you feel the same way. So it is with such mixed emotions we say farewell to him this weekend and wish him well as he enters into retirement.

Thank you, Fr. Mike, for being such an important part of our lives! Thank you for your extraordinary generosity and expansive service. Thank you for living the Gospel and making Christ truly present among us. I hope you will always feel welcome here. St. Gertrude has not only been your home for 15 years, it will always be, and we hope you feel welcome to visit us – for a day, a month, or whenever you simply want to come back home! We will miss you. ~ Fr. Rich (Unfortunately, I am away on vacation and won't be here to join in the Farewell. But we have celebrated this important moment and Fr. Mike is always in my prayers.)





## Growing in Faith

Could there be any more fitting reading for us to ponder this weekend, the last with our beloved Fr. Mike Bradley at St. Gertrude as resident priest, then today's second reading? *Brothers and Sisters:.... Love never fails ~1 Corinthians 13:13.*

Writing to the church gathered in the international metropolis of Corinth at a time of its disintegrating unity, Paul focuses on love. He counsels the followers of Jesus -- especially in light of heightened tensions and deep divisions in their world -- to embrace love!!

How relevant this reading is for us today, as the pandemic continues to upend our lives, and political divisions fray society. If you are like me, you might be struggling to love those who approach the challenges of these times far differently than you do. Do you, like me, look around for people who are managing to navigate life without falling prey to cynicism and despair? People whose light shines in the darkness, just as Paul hoped the believers in Corinth would shine their faith-filled light in the world? Enter Fr. Mike Bradley, who in our midst these past 15 years has exemplified those qualities of love that St. Paul enunciates in today's second reading.

Godspeed, Fr. Mike, may the light of our love for you shine brightly on your journey, as the light of your love shines on us.

~ Laurie Hasbrook

The Bible tells us that you can always tell someone who has been touched by God's Spirit; those people radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. That pretty much covers Fr. Michael Bradley— the poster guy for fruit of the Spirit! Add to those saintly qualities a lot of humility, compassion, stamina, and really, really good listening skills, and it just about describes Fr. Mike to a tee. It's hard to feel like you don't matter when Fr. Mike greets you like you've just made his day simply by showing up, or when you feel like there's not much you can do to help a difficult situation and then Fr. Mike reminds that we can pray for one another.

We have always found in Fr. Mike a man who we knew had been called by God, had responded to that call and was doing just exactly what he knew he was supposed to be doing, honored to be doing it and loving it. We have been so blessed to have had him as our priest, our friend, and our example of the kind of servant of God we'd all like to be.

~ Hallie Burhoe & Carol Ann Munro



## Adios, My Friend

Mike, I am grateful to share these thoughts with you as you begin the new adventure called retirement. Trust me, you're going to enjoy it. Your ministry won't end. It will evolve in ways, this time of your own choosing.

You have been there for me over four decades as co-worker, friend, and most importantly, as my priest. Yes, even we priests need guidance, to be challenged, an example of faith lived, someone to be the conduit that leads us to God's graces and challenges.

You supported my freshman soccer team in the rain at Quigley South. You joined me as I stumbled through being an inexperienced pastor at St. Josaphat. You were here for me at St. Gertrude when I fell ill. You anointed me before my surgeries. Your homilies challenged me. Your washing of feet on Holy Thursdays brought me to tears. Your marathon runs gave needed financial support to Heart to Heart which was so dear to my heart. Your gentle demeanor was infectious. You made me laugh. We cried together. We shared the cup of blessing together. Thank you for it all.

~ Fr. Dominic Grassi

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We love Fr. Mike very much. He has been a beautiful witness of Christ's love and humility and service to our faith community and to our Tobin family. We love how sincere he is, how humble he is, and how kind and thoughtful. We also love his sense of humor. It is a holy experience to be at a Mass which Fr. Mike celebrates. Like most people in the faith community, we feel his love and concern for us, and we see his deep integrated faith through his consistent loving and prayerful actions.

Our family is very grateful to Fr. Mike for his thoughtfulness regarding our deceased son Billy. He has offered special Masses for Billy many times in the last nine years. He anticipates the anniversary of Bill's death and asks if we would like to have another Mass. He visits Billy's grave. We can't articulate what this means to us.

Fr. Mike's presence in the neighborhood is so good for all of us. We are going to miss him terribly.

~ Dorothea & Mike Tobin



When Father Bill retired everyone was so nervous about who would/could take his place. But low and behold St. Gertrude got lucky once again and Father Grassi became part of our community. But what we didn't know is that what a spectacular gift we got when Father Mike came along for the ride. I would often see Father Mike on his way to work in the morning. He always stopped to say hello and to wish me well with my day. That small greeting always helped put a smile on my face throughout my day. Our teachers and students were always happy when Father Mike said Mass for NCA. He always told a great story and made everyone laugh. But my all-time favorite Father Mike Homily was the one Christmas Eve Mass where he had the whole congregation stand and he then took a selfie with us all!! My kids thought, "Wow this guy is cool."



As everyone knows Father Mike is also very famous for running in the Chicago Marathon. It has been great to cheer him on all these years and especially fun the COVID year when there was no Marathon and Father Mike ran through the neighborhood. What an honor it was cheering him on through the streets of Edgewater!

But I have a story many people don't know. My husband, along with Bill Resch, would work the Chicago Marathons setting up the start and finish lines. Theresa Resch and I would then volunteer the day of the Marathon to help hand out water or what ever other task they gave us. One year, Theresa and I worked the hospitality tent for the medical doctors. That year, we got the special task of protecting the MD Port O Potties from the runners. So Theresa and I went to our potty post and who comes out the two reserved Port O Potties...Father Mike and Steve Schreiner!! I still laugh about it today.

Father Mike, when I first heard you were retiring my first thought was man am I jealous!! Then I immediately thought, boy will he be missed. I wish you the best of luck on this new chapter in your life. Keep running and keep putting smiles on your friends and strangers faces.

*- Leigh Holzman*



I did not have the opportunity to meet Fr. Mike's mother Lolly, but I feel as if I knew her. When he gave the eulogy at her funeral he told a story that has stayed with me. He described a woman who never met a stranger and who when she moved into a new living facility would take the time to learn everyone's name. She could name the other residents, the folks at the nursing station as well as the maintenance crew. He told us how important she felt the ability to recognize others was with a fundamental philosophy that "everyone should be called by name." To her it was a way of showing respect for their human dignity. Sound like someone we know?

Working with Fr. Mike these past several years has been a joy, delight and blessing. His gentle loving presence has encouraged me to be a better person. He is active in our lives in ways large and small. He could also be somewhat of a trickster. I would often get roped in by his questions, so gently spoken and carefully phrased, that it was only as I worked out my response and saw the twinkle in his eyes that I knew he had gotten me again, dissolving us both into laughter. Among his many attributes, I will miss his sense of humor.

During this past Christmas season (2021), I stepped in to help a family that was trying to get their annual photo in front of the Nativity after Mass. "Thanks," they said. "We were looking for Fr Mike. He always takes the picture for us. It is a tradition." I told them I'd do my best since Fr. Mike was not available. The picture turned out fine, the family was happy, and I was happy to contribute to one of his many legacies.

Thank you for all the life lessons, the jokes and the collaboration in ministry.

You and Lolly will always be with me.

May it be Your will, Lord, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You lead us toward peace, guide our footsteps toward peace, and make us reach our desired destination for life, gladness, and peace. May You rescue us from the hand of every foe and ambush, from robbers and wild beasts on the trip, and from all manner of punishments that assemble to come to earth. May You send blessing in our handiwork, and grant us grace, kindness, and mercy in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see us. May You hear the sound of our humble request because You are God Who hears prayer requests. Blessed are You, Lord, Who hears prayer. ~ *Traditional Jewish Prayer for Safe Travel*

~ *Kevin Cheers*



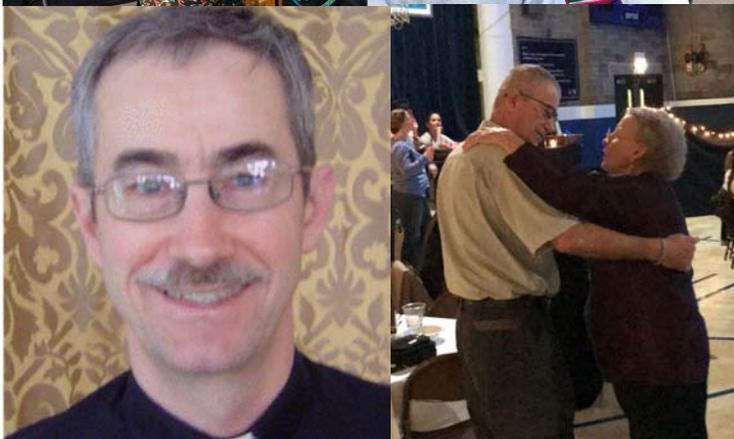
We have had the privilege of knowing Fr. Mike for a long time. We have great respect and love for him. He has been a strong but gentle light in the parish. He brings calmness to everything that he does and a centeredness to our world.

You would never know from his demeanor the role that he plays in the diocese. This is part of his charm.

Fr. Mike has always been a strong supporter of the parish and the Gym Mass that we usually attend. He has always said that he felt blessed to be part of the Gym Mass. We felt blessed to have him there. His homilies were personal and inspirational, filled with humanity.

He has been a good friend to us and our family. When asked, he helped us in any way that he could. He is a man of faith and we always felt that he was with us on the journey. We care about him and will miss him greatly. Above all, we want his well-deserved retirement to be a joyous one.

*~ Therese and Steve Laslo*



# A Thank You from Fr. Mike

I'm very grateful to each one of you for your amazing kindness over the years. With you, I have shared in many joyful moments, which I will always cherish. I have also shared in your times of sorrow and loss, times of sickness and death, when our hearts were broken, and our faith was tested. Your great courage has lifted me up more than my words can ever express!



The other day, a parishioner asked me what gift I'd like for my retirement. My reply is that my material needs are provided for, and so if someone wants to give me a gift, I ask that you please make a donation to "Heart to Heart," Saint Gertrude's outreach program for the elderly and homebound persons in our Edgewater community. A donation to "Heart to Heart" – along with your prayers for me – would be greatly appreciated!

With much joy, I thank God every day for the privilege I have had to be with you here in our wonderfully diverse and welcoming community! May God bless you, and may God bless Saint Gertrude Parish!

~ Father Mike Bradley

Make a donation to Heart to Heart in church, at the Rectory, or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>. Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with *Heart to Heart* written in the memo line.



## Catholic Schools Week - January 30 - February 5

The CSW 2021- 2024 theme is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Catholic schools have a specific purpose—to form students to be good citizens of the world, to love God and their neighbors, to enrich society with the leaven of the gospel, and to be example of faith.

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body, and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

The CSW logo emphasizes that Catholic schools, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God.

May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join together during Catholic Schools Week and always.



## Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord & St. Blase)

This Wednesday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. Candles that will be used throughout the year in church will be blessed at the morning Mass that day.

This Thursday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blase. The traditional St. Blase Blessing of the Throats will take place at the 7:30 am Mass on Thursday morning. We will also use the St. Blase Throat Blessing at the Masses next weekend, February 5-6, as the final blessing.



## MWA Super Bowl Tamale Benefit

The Midwest Workers Association (MWA) is a free and voluntary membership association of low-income workers in the Chicago area. MWA volunteers will be in the back of church next Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6 after Mass to take orders for their Annual Super Bowl Tamale Benefit. Tamales will be brought to St. Gertrude the following weekend, Saturday, February 12 and Sunday, February 13 for pick-up after Mass. Visit <https://bit.ly/MWATamaleBenefit> for more details.

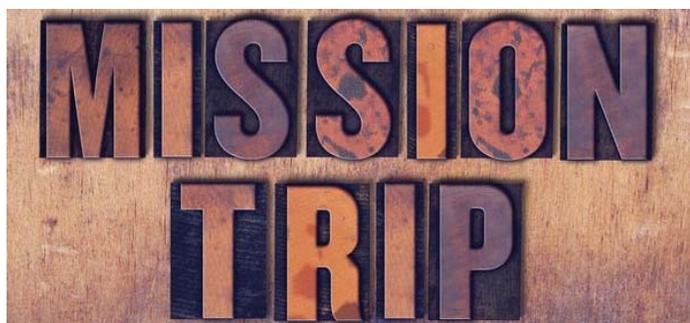
## Palms Up for Lent: Additional Lenten Opportunities

This year, the Peace and Justice Ministry at St. Gertrude's is inviting all to participate in some Lenten devotions. We will be doing this in three ways.

Liturgically, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm. The 3:00 pm will be traditional Stations of the Cross and the 6:30 pm will focus on social justice. We will be engaging in social action on Mondays with the Almoners Program. There will be a morning and evening prayer and then we will go out among the needy. Also, we will be praying and learning in groups to do the work of anti-racism. There will be various groups interested parishioners will be able to join.

This is just a short overview of upcoming events. Next week, information about each opportunity will be shared more in depth.

~ Fr. Mike Gabriel



## Summer Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota Planned from July 17-22

The youth group's Summer Mission Trip will be July 17-22. The group will travel to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. All teens in grades 7-12 who

attend parish youth group meetings regularly are welcome to take part in this jam-packed week of service, friendship, and fun! Space is limited.

The cost is \$379 per person, not including transportation. A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is due by Sunday, February 13, 2022. A nonrefundable half payment of \$100 is due by Monday, February 28. The final payment deadline date will be shared in the future. We are organizing some fundraising events to offset these expenses.

Please consider two factors when deciding about the Mission Trip - the pandemic is likely to still be ongoing in July and we are traveling to and from South Dakota in a passenger van. (A close space considering the pandemic.)

For more information about the mission trip, please visit the Lake Traverse Youth Mission Trip YouthWorks website at <https://youthworks.com/trips/lake-traverse/>. If you have any questions, please email me at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry

**Free At-Home Rapid COVID Test Kits Available:** Every household in the U.S. is now eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests from the government. Visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) and fill out the contact information and shipping address. Orders are expected to ship in 7-12 days and will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

# Student Essay Contest: Sammie Devitt's Submission

Congratulations to the three winners of our student essay contest - Hazel Tabora of Peterson Elementary School, Sam Butler of Pritzker Elementary School, and Sammie Devitt of NCA! The essay prompt challenged students to write about finding the good news within the bad news and how this good news reflects the message of Jesus.

All three essays can be read on our parish website here: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/student-essay-winners>. Thank you to all who participated and to our judges! Below is Sammie Devitt's submission.

## *We Are All in This Together*

The last couple of years have brought new challenges to the entire world. A global pandemic due to COVID-19 has changed everyone's life. Many bad, maybe even horrible, things emerged from the pandemic. There has been an incredible amount of death and suffering due to COVID-19. We experienced a lockdown, unable to go to school, and limited contact outside of our family. The pandemic also caused supply chain issues. Even though bad things have happened, good still shines through. People have come together to help each other. We are all in this together.

The pandemic brought an incredible amount of suffering and death. It was hard to watch the numbers climb out of control. But through these bad times the humanity and goodness of the world shined through. Health care workers were heroes. They not only worked to save lives, but they put their own lives at risk to save others. There was a global effort to stop the spread of COVID and researchers across the world worked together to quickly come up with a vaccine. Through actions big or small, people came together to help each other as Jesus taught us.

Another hard thing that emerged from the pandemic is the lockdown. People were forced to stay in their own homes with their family. Schools, businesses, and restaurants were shut down. Everyone was stuck at home, bonding with their families and pets. There were more family dinners, game nights, movie nights, and time together. Families bonded like never before, since there were no sports, and everyone was working from home and going to schools online. People learned patience and appreciated their families. Jesus told us to love our brothers and sisters. Family is important.

Finally, another challenge that the pandemic brings are supply chain issues. Many things are out of stock or are taking a long time to ship. The supply chain issues have affected the availability of essential items like food and medicine. But with this problem we discovered that many things we think we need, we really don't. We learned how to go without or go with less than we normally would. Whether you had creative new dinners or are wearing your parent's clothes because you grew out of your own, everyone seemed to manage alright. Everyone figured out how to get creative and make our own things and come up with our own ideas. The world's materialistic focus was blurred by supply chain issues. We became grateful for what we had and the time we spent together.

This pandemic may have caused distress, dismay, and sadness. However, it brought us together and brought out the best in us. The world has gone through some tough times - an incredible amount of death, a lockdown, and supply chain problems. But we have managed to figure out how to cope with our family and friends. By practicing what Jesus taught us, we are practicing kindness, patience, and treating others the way we want to be treated. People have come together to help each other. We are all in this together.

## Institutional Racism

On Wednesday, January 19, two days after the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, the Senate was unable to pass the Voting Rights legislation that would have guaranteed access to certain forms of voting throughout the nation, ending some of the ever-increasing restrictions on voting that have been creeping up in individual states the last few years. The irony that the members of the Senate did this within a few days of Dr. King's birthday celebration cries to heaven for redress!



When we talk about racism, there is personal racism and there is institutional racism. Most people have a fairly good grasp of what individual or personal racism is and looks and sounds like. But I often hear people mystified by "institutional racism." If you are one of those persons confused by these categories, what happened on January 19 is a perfect example of institutional racism. Our governments (federal, state, and local) have, for many, many years, written legislation that encodes racism into our laws and the very fabric of our nation. The most egregious of these are the collection of laws enacted in the South after the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation collectively referred to as Jim Crow. Because this is the year when all the redistricting is done following the census, we also see the institutional racism in so much of the gerrymandering going on right now throughout the nation. All of these activities aren't simply political, they are moral or immoral choices and they perpetuate racism or attempt to put pieces of it to an end. What is going on now on a very large scale is immoral and, by its very definition, sinful. As people of faith, we are called upon to be aware of what is being done in our name and to take action to stop this kind of injustice. Failure to do anything is to be complicit in the evil that is being enacted.

It is not accidental that the many citizens of our nation who are supporters of the Big Lie are also supporters of white supremacy. All this is of one cloth. What is terrifying is that we are now seeing politicians willing to attack the Constitution to protect white privilege and continue building on our nation's Original Sin of slavery and racism.

~ Father Rich



## First Communion Parent Meeting

There is a parent meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 West Granville Avenue, for children who will make their First Communion in May.

Please note our requirements stated in our Religious Ed handbook, "Any student who wishes to receive the Sacrament of communion in St. Gertrude Church in 2022 must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, and have completed at least two years of preparation for the reception of the sacrament." We

do ask that parents only attend and thank you in advance for being on time.

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry

## Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal



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Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please

return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, training new Ministers of Care for our Heart to Heart Ministry of outreach to the sick and elderly.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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## NCA Soiree 2022

Join NCA parents and alum for a night of casino-themed fun on Saturday, February 26. The 16th annual NCA Soirée will be held at the Theater on the Lake, located at 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr., and will celebrate NCA teachers, staff, and families.

Tickets includes food, drink, entertainment, and more! Log in to NCA's Bidding for Good website at [ncasoiree.com](https://ncasoiree.com) to purchase tickets today!

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

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, January 29 at 5:00 pm in church - Susan McKean
- Sunday, January 30 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 am in church - Pat Reardon

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, January 29 at 5:00 pm in church - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, January 30 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, January 30 Combined Mass at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis, Nancy Merrill, Troy McMillian

### Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, January 29 at 5:00 pm in church - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, January 30 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 am in church - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso, cantor; Dana Sullivan, flute; Small choir: Monina Cruz-soprano, Therese Schreiner-alto, Joe Pindelski-tenor, Fran Guenette-bass

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, January 31: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Tuesday, February 1: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wednesday, February 2: 7:30 am - Kathleen Naughton +
- Thursday, February 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, February 4: 7:30 am - Mary Shepeck +
- Saturday, February 5: 7:30 am - James Byrnes + ; 5:00 pm - Harold Mann
- Sunday, February 6: 8:00 am - St. Gertrude parishioners ; 10:30 am in church - Delphine Sarley +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Girilia & Matteo Nichele +  
*+ indicates the person is deceased*

## Rest in Peace

- Eric DeSouza, brother of parishioner  
Ivan D'Souza
- Gerardo Carpio, father of parishioner  
Jennifer Reyes

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Jean Bautista
- Zara Bradley
- 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
- Patti Irwin
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Dean Mattoni
- Larry McCauley
- 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.

## Heart to Heart Office

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

## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart  
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate  
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry  
Maria Garcia, Rectory Office Manager  
Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager  
Samantha Lilly, Rectory Office  
Andy Mueller, Parish Buildings Engineer  
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Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management