

*May the Lord guide you on
your own journeys
this Epiphany and always.*

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Bulletin for

The Feast of Epiphany

Sunday, January 8, 2023

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Special Thanks

As the Christmas season ends and a new year is beginning, I would like to say thank you to some

of the many people who contribute so much to making St. Gertrude the parish that it is.

In the first place, I like to thank Fr. Rich and his service to the Church, especially here at St. Gertrude's. We wish him well. Thank you also to our dedicated parish staff. To our catechists for their hard work and labor of love in teaching the young. To the staff and teachers of NCA, providing Catholic education.

Thanks to our altar servers, ministers of communion, lectors, cantors, choir, musicians in their generous service in the liturgy. Thank you to so many others too numerous to mention by name. Thank you to every single person for your prayers and your contributions that help us to build up the parish and honor God here.

All are Welcome

As I was starting to write this bulletin, I was about to just jump in and tell you all the things that have been happening, but there is something more important and this is it.

You may have noticed at the end of November, new banners were placed at the doors of our church proclaiming, "ALL ARE WELCOME!"

When the parish council and I had listening sessions, one person mentioned it might be good to periodically welcome people. He said that is what brought him here to St. Gertrude's many years ago.

"ALL ARE WELCOME! AND ALL MEANS ALL!"

St. Gertrude extends a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, LBGQT, rich, poor, y no habla ingles. We offer special welcome to those who are young and old, or who have a crying baby.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli, or more like me, who just tries.



Fr. Mike (*continued*)

We don't care if you're more Catholic than the pope or haven't been in church since little Timmy's baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60, but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome starving artist, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, and junk food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery and those who are still addicted. We welcome you if your having problems or down in the dumps. We've been there too.

We welcome those who don't like "organized religion". We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, those who work too hard, those who don't work, can't spell, or came because grandma is in town.

We welcome those who could use a prayer right now, or thought you were on Clark Street, not Granville, and are here by mistake.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We welcome those who laugh at this, as well as those who gasped. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, and bleeding hearts with all our hearts.

We welcome YOU!

Growing in Faith

The Nativity story has a lot of movement. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem. The Magi make a great journey that we celebrate today. And soon, the Holy Family flees to Egypt to escape Herod's vengeance. All of these are infused with both hope and fear.

It makes me think about the many families sponsored by the Refugee and Immigrant Ministry here at St. Gertrude's. What fear and hope they've experienced on their long roads to our neighborhood!

We've been blessed to have sponsored so many families over the past seven years, most recently an extended family from Guatemala last spring and just now a newly arrived Rohingya family. Although their difficulties didn't magically disappear once they came here, with the love of this community they have settled, had children, gotten jobs, found hope.

I think this is one of the messages of Christmas, one to which we are called as Christians. Fear is inevitable, a part of the human condition. Jesus, knowing us, offers hope that far exceeds that fear, and in turn calls us to be that hope for our fellow travelers. The darkness of deep winter is unavoidable, but I take solace in the old spiritual, "This Little Light of Mine." I pray that I am fearless in making it shine.

~ Denise M. Goodman



Christmas 2022 at St. Gertrude Chicago Parish





Thank You to our Singers & Musicians

Mary Clare Barker, our talented Music Minister, wrote a special note for her volunteers:

"I want to extend a heartfelt and sincere thank you to all of the cantors and musicians who contributed mightily to the beauty of our Christmas liturgies.

We are so blessed at St. Gertrude to have so many talented musicians who give so freely of their time and share their prodigious talents with our community. I am deeply appreciative of all that they do."

Thank You for Supporting our Greenery Sale

Thanks so much to those parishioners and neighbors that purchased trees, wreaths, and garland this holiday season.

A total of \$1,253.40 was raised after costs and will go to support St. Gertrude's ministries.

Special thanks to Robert Clark and Quinn McCarthy, who generously volunteered as our delivery drivers.

~ Eduardo Soto, Business Manager



Thank You to our Christmas Pageant Participants

We are so grateful to the many children and families who participated in our Christmas Eve pageant at the 5:00 pm Mass!

The angels, shepherds, sheep, kings, donkey, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus were so charming - we appreciate their time coming to

rehearsals and for making Christmas so special. Thank you!

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate

Heart to Heart Christmas Day Dinner

The Buttitta family and Heart to Heart joined efforts to produce an extraordinary dinner on Christmas day in the Ministry Center. Heart to Heart members attended this event.

Dinner included two donated turkeys, a ham, and all the fixings. A festive gingerbread house festooned the dinner table thanks to Marie Galoney. We sang Christmas carols before dinner and played charades after. Cookies and candy Christmas boxes were given to everyone. The Buttitta family donated gifts for all attendees.

What a blessing to have these relationships in our community! A special thanks to the Buttitta family for all their efforts, as well as our volunteer cookie baking by Jean Laczkowski and Janet Kournetas.

We are planning to expand this event next year by enlisting more elves to bake cookies, make dinner, and deliver meals to our other members who are homebound.

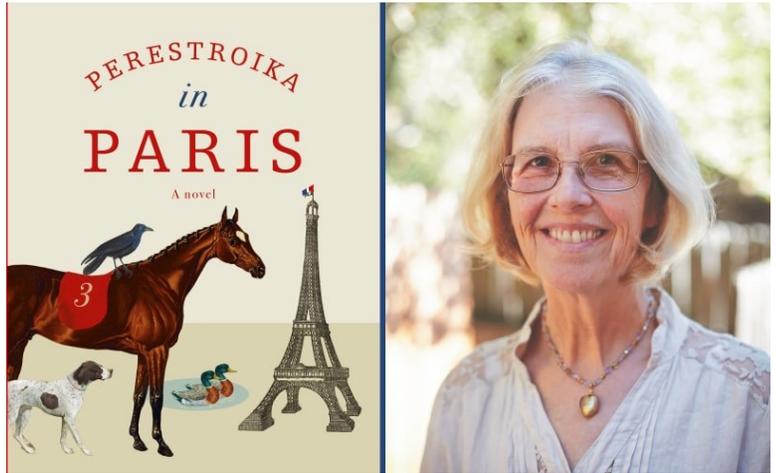
~ Pat Sullivan, Director of Heart to Heart



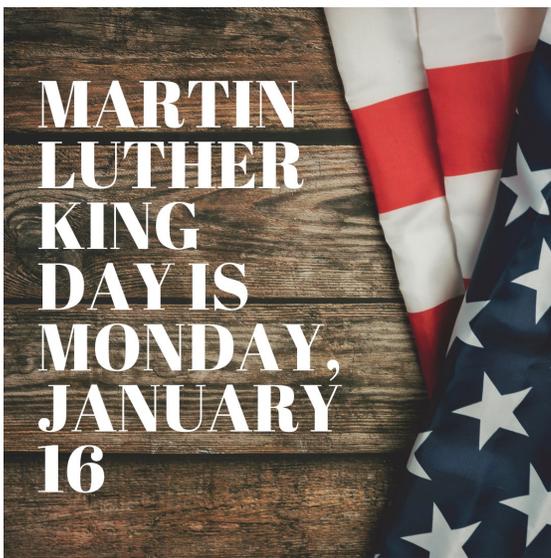
Book Club Planned for Monday, January 9

Please join us in the Ministry Center on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss Jane Smiley's book, *Perestroika in Paris* and we would love new voices and opinions.

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.



Please note, the gathering may be virtual if the weather is stormy.



No Religious Ed Classes on Sunday, January 15/Rectory Office Closed on January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Monday, January 16. There will be no Religious Ed classes on Sunday, January 15.

Additionally, the Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 16.

PreCana Class at St. Gertrude on Saturday, January 21

Are you an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude? Couples that have established a connection with Fr. Mike or another priest are invited to attend St. Gertrude's PreCana course on January 21, 2023.

This full day, in-person gathering is dedicated to considering your life together as a married couple. Led by a facilitator couple from St. Gertrude, the session begins at 9:00 am and features presentations, prayers, and discussions with your partner and 5-10 other couples. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Couples can register for the January session by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or by filling out an online form at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/marriage>. Additional PreCana classes at St. Gertrude will be offered on April 15, 2023 and September 9, 2023.





St. Gertrude Youth Group Get Together Planned for Sunday, January 22

The parish youth group is getting together later this month! We hope to watch a movie on Sunday, January 22, the time will be shared in future bulletins. The youth group is open to anyone in grade 7 and up!

Parent Meeting for First Communion Students/ Confirmation Candidates on Monday, January 23

On Monday, January 23, there is a mandatory meeting of both parents of students making their First Communion in 2023 and those making their Confirmation this year too.

Please meet in the church at 6:30 pm.

Contact Pastoral Associate Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions.



Save the Date! Our Parish Cabaret Night Will be Held on Saturday, January 28

Our rescheduled Cabaret Night is planned for Saturday, January 28. It will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm in the gym. There will be a free will offering instead of an admission fee.

There are currently five performers scheduled, with room for more!

People wishing to perform or help with set up or breakdown should contact Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

Mass Live-Stream Information: Every Sunday, St. Gertrude live-streams our 10:30 Mass on our parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/>. Please note, you do not have to have a Facebook account to view the livestream.

Are Your Plans Up-to-Date?

One of the most effective ways to care for your family is with a current estate plan. Have there been significant life changes with your family (marriages, divorces, births, deaths, etc.) since you last updated your will or trust? What legacy will you leave for your family, your parish, or the Catholic schools you or your children attended?

Update your estate plans today by contacting your estate attorney and financial advisor.

For more information, please contact St. Gertrude Business Manager Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or visit myim-pact.archchicago.org/resources.

For a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Planned Giving Team at 312.534.7959 or plannedgiving@archchicago.org.



New YouTube Mini-Series on Marian Stained Glass Windows

St. Mary of the Woods parish, located on the far Northwest Side, invites Catholics to make 2023 the year to grow spiritually closer to our Blessed Mother with a new 9-part miniseries, *The Marian Stained Glass Windows*, on St. Mary of the Woods YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@smowcatholic>.



Based off the various depictions of Mary in the "stained glass forest" by world renowned artist, Max Ingrand, the series was filmed in conjunction with many Catholic institutions throughout the Chicagoland area. They include St. Catherine Labouré in Glenview; St. John Cantius in Chicago; St. John Vianney in Northlake; St. Mary of Czestochowa in Cicero; National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown in Libertyville; Notre Dame College Prep in Niles; Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview; Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago; Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago; Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines.

We hope the Marian Stained Glass Windows series will educate and inspire you!

Request for Heart to Heart Lending Closet Donations: The Heart to Heart Lending Closet is looking for donations of wheelchairs, transport chairs, and rollators to loan to those in need.

If you know of anyone no longer using this equipment, please contact either Laurie Hasbrook or Pat Sullivan at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 or email heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org.

Help Needed with Baptismal Classes

We are looking for a volunteer(s) for pre-baptismal talks.

A pre-baptismal talk is done once a month and is delivered to those who will be baptized in the Catholic Church, typically parents of babies and young children.

If interested, please contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, at eescamilla@stgertrude.org for details or phone the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.



New Parishioners

- Forest Minx and Anda Matei

Rest in Peace

- William Edward "Bill" Wilson, father of Ann Wilson (*arrangements pending*)
- Elena & Jose Fuentes (*Funeral already held*)
- James Corbett, husband of Carol, father of James, Steve, Laurie, the late Kevin, John, Karen, Brian, Dennis, Jennifer, and Kenneth (*Wake & funeral on Saturday, January 14; 9:00 am visitation; 11:00 am funeral Mass*)
- Larry McCauley

Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, January 8 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, David Sullivan
- Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian, Tim Love

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, January 8 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, January 8 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am - Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck, Lisa Schneider

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Grace Cashman; Acolytes - Claire McCarthy, Carter Dant

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, January 9:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Tuesday, January 10:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, January 11:** 7:30 am - Jeanne Hasbrook †
- **Thursday, January 12:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, January 13:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, January 14:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members;
5:00 pm - Rose Nugent †
- **Sunday, January 15:** 8:00 am - Ernie Garnett †; 10:30am - Manuel and Randy Cruz †;
10:30 am Gym - Larry McCauley †
(† indicates the person is deceased)

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 Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Zara Bradley | • Maria Hertl | • Richard Seitz |
| • Sharon Brown | • Mary Horan | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Lilly Buie | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Marilyn Klein | • Leon Ward |
| • KC Conway | • Sheila McGuire | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Patricia Meade | |
| • Gina Heidkamp | • Karey Myers | |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Names will remain on the list for three weeks. After that time, please renew the name using same contact information.

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
 - GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael Gabriel, Parish Administrator
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Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate
Maria Garcia, Rectory Office Manager
Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager
Andy Mueller, Parish Buildings Engineer
Tracy Shields, Communications
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management
Patricia Sullivan, Heart to Heart Director