

# Combined Bulletin for July 24 & July 31

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*Combined Bulletin for*

**July 24 & July 31, 2022**

17th & 18th Sundays in Ordinary Time

### From Fr. Rich

#### Reflection for Sunday, July 24

The readings on Sunday, July 17 are all about hospitality and its importance in our everyday lives and in our spiritual development. The first

reading on Sunday, July 24 is from the Book of Genesis, telling the story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. This is perhaps the most misunderstood story in all the Bible! For some years a groups of people with a homophobic outlook and punitive agenda have insisted Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed due to homosexuality. Which would be humorous if it weren't so damaging and wrong-headed.

In fact, the great sin of Sodom and Gomorrah had little to do with any sexual sins, EXCEPT insofar as those sins were but one more aspect of the great sin of being inhospitable in those communities. To be certain, if you read the whole story, it is quite clear that some of the people of those infamous cities did sexually assault some of those who were traveling through. But the shock and outrage wasn't primarily about the sexual assault, but about the horrible mistreatment of anyone seeking shelter in a strange place.

Hospitality has been a virtue of enormous significance in the Judeo-Christian tradition for thousands of years. This reflects not only the graciousness with which God has welcomed us into Creation, but also the life-or-death necessity of treating strangers with gracious hospitality because most people could barely afford to feed and clothe themselves, and paying for an inn was well beyond their means. And in many, many locations, there was no inn so any traveler was literally dependent upon the kindness of strangers to find food and shelter overnight.

My own suspicion on how we got the misinterpretation that Sodom and Gomorrah was about gay sex instead of the violations of hospitality is because everyone is called to practice hospitality. But that requires making space and time and using resources to help strangers. And we know, right down to this present moment, it is always easier to target some minority group than to do the actual, responsible work of caring for others -- including (especially!) strangers.

If you are uncertain how this is being played out today, you might want to spend some time examining the antics of a certain governor of Florida who has played the "blame the gays" card to the hilt in order to lock in his right-wing followers. I don't know if that kind of hate-politics will lead him to the White House, but I do know that it is wrong, evil, and contrary to everything our sacred scriptures have called us to live.



## From Fr. Rich (cont.)

(By the way, just another factual item worth noting: always be suspicious whenever anyone tells you that anywhere in the Bible homosexuality is condemned. The reality is that word didn't even exist until a few centuries ago, and previous generations simply assumed a much more fluid sexuality than the "black and white" notions that are popular today.)

### Reflection for Sunday, July 31

Greed! One of the seven deadly sins. In the Gospel passage on Sunday, July 31, Jesus speaks strongly and clearly about the damage it can do. But all three of the readings are about how we can become ensnared in the category of what we might call "personal" sin, as opposed to "societal" or "communal" sins. These readings discuss vanity, all sorts of immorality and evil desires, and other sins.

Regardless of which of the named sins we might spend some time reflecting upon, they all pretty much operate the same way in their destructive behavior. That is, we cut off our focus on ourselves within the context of and as responsible members of a broader community. And we focus only on ourselves and our wants. None of these named sins in the three readings are about normal, everyday human needs. All of those basic needs -- for food and drink, for clothing and shelter, for employment and leisure time, for respect and justice, for love and affection -- all of them are the foundation for all the social justice efforts of any believing person. We all need these things and we should always be tireless in working to be sure every human person also has access to those foundation blocks of a healthy life.

But that is the opposite of what these personal sins are. These sins are about demanding I get treated differently and better than you, that I get more of what I desire -- regardless of its effect on you or the broader community. In a word, all personal sin is built upon selfishness. And as soon as we engage any of these sins -- greed, envy, impurity, vanity, etc. -- we immediately begin to distort and eventually destroy the person I truly am. Or, as Jesus put it so well elsewhere, "*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*" (Matthew 6:24) All sins finally come down to the selfish statement, "I am more important than my relationship to you or God or anyone else."

So why do we get these readings in the middle of summer? Because they provide us with time and ease to be able to reflect on such important parts of our lives. As we've seen, while each of the Sunday readings are a unit in themselves, it is also clear that, just as we are experiencing again this week, the readings spread over a larger number of Sundays offer us a chance for a more directed, serious examination of my life and how I am doing personally, in my relationship with others and God and myself, and what might I do to -- in the words of our Ash Wednesday blessing, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

A good starting point for any of these sins is always to ask the most basic question, "How much do I actually need -- of money, food, clothing, work, leisure, affection, etc.?" And then to honestly look at myself and ponder what good might be accomplished if I only held on to what I actually need, and let what is beyond that go to help others?



## Registration Open for our 2022-2023 Religious Ed Program

Registration is now open for our 2022-2023 Religious Education program! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 18, with in-person instruction held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am at Northside Catholic Academy.

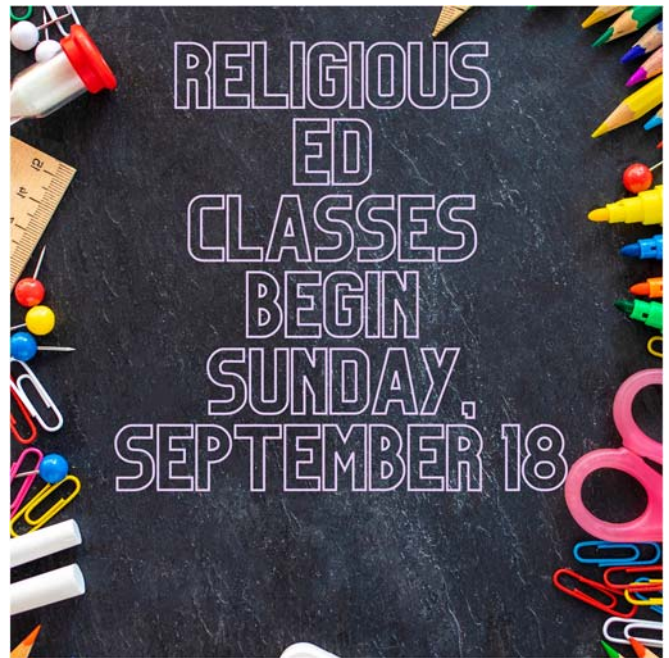
All Religious Ed forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/StGertsRelEdForms>, including a Religious Ed registration form, the calendar of classes for the year, and this year's handbook.

Parents of students making their First Communion/Reconciliation or their Confirmation this year should also fill out a sacramental registration form. Confirmation candidates also require additional paperwork, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/ConfirmationForms>, along with the deadlines. Please note that students must receive two years of preparation in order to make these sacraments.

The fees for the 2022-2023 school year are \$210 for one child and an additional \$30 for each student from the same family. Tuition can be paid online at <https://bit.ly/RelEdTuition>.

An additional sacramental fee of \$65 is required for children making their First Communion and First Reconciliation, or their Confirmation. That fee can be paid at <https://bit.ly/SacramentalFee>.

Completed forms and any questions about the program should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org). Please register before the start date.



## Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education

We are looking for catechists to teach in our parish's Religious Ed program this Fall!

Catechists are usually not professional teachers, just willing parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and want to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith.

If you have any questions, please reach out to pastoral associate Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.764.3621.

**Join our Community of Faith:** To join St. Gertrude parish, download the registration form at <https://bit.ly/JoinStGerts> and email it to [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org). Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 with any questions.



## Growing in Faith

July 25th is the Feast of St. James. Recently, I had the opportunity to hike part of the Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James, in Spain. This pilgrimage has been called one of the three greatest pilgrimages of Christianity. Over 200,000 pilgrims set foot on the Camino each year. Many walk the Camino for various reasons. The scenery is breathtaking, and it is a chance to meet people from all over the world, doing a common thing - walking and willing to share their faith and why they are walking.

For me, walking the Camino has not only been breathtaking, but given me a very deep value, a personal transformation. The Camino calls me to reflect on areas of my life that need attention and/or change. It is in this time of solitude that I have a chance to be nearer to God than ever. I have been on the Camino three times, and each time I have been reminded just how much God loves me. Each day reminded me no matter what happens that day, tomorrow would bring a fresh start. That love is farther than my eyes can see, or my feet can walk. The Camino has called me to be honest with myself, to check on my patience, perseverance, tolerance, acceptance, and gratitude.

Of course, you don't have to walk the Camino to experience this. We can do this around our neighborhood or homes, any place that we can find some peace and solitude, with little or no distractions. It has been a privilege for me to walk the Camino. Join me whether you are able to ever do the Camino or do a pilgrimage anywhere. Walk this beautiful journey of knowing God loves you.

~ Father Mike Gabriel



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## Meet Our New Heart to Heart Director!

Hi, my name is Patricia Sullivan, and I received a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies in May 2022, from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. My business background includes database and office management experience in a mid-sized patent and trademark law firm.

Working as a volunteer this past year at the Archdiocese of Chicago Kolbe House Jail Ministry has allowed me to do in jail service, as well as accompanying men released after incarceration. I am an active participant in other organizations like the Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition, the Catholic Mobilizing Network, and Restore Justice Illinois.

I joined St. Gertrude during COVID and felt privileged to be a companion on the RCIA journey this past year, as well as a participant in the Peace and Justice Ministry. I look forward to the new challenge of guiding St. Gertrude's long-standing Heart to Heart Ministry, serving the Edgewater/Rogers Park communities. For me, growing in faith is a lifelong process moving us to continual and constant development, advancing in spirituality, coming up against social justice issues, and taking action towards improving conditions in our society.



## Commonweal Dialogue Forum on Tuesday, July 26

Commonweal Dialogue of St. Gertrude will host a special discussion among parishioners and guests concerning the recent Supreme Court ruling, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

Please join us on Tuesday, July 26 starting at 7:00 pm in the chapel of the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

Whatever one's views on this ruling and on other recent Supreme Court decisions, we are already seeing an increase in discord and polarization around the issues of abortion law and related public policies.

Commonweal Dialogue wants to provide a forum in which we can freely air our views and sort out our feelings on this issue in a safe and supportive space. As Catholics, we seek to respond to abortion, an issue involving both personal morality and public policy, in a way that will be faithful, civil, practical and compassionate.

Light snacks and lemonade will be served.

Any questions may be directed to Denise DeBelle at 312.305.5499 or Verna Foster at [vfoster@luc.edu](mailto:vfoster@luc.edu). We ask that you RSVP to [ddebelle@gmail.com](mailto:ddebelle@gmail.com), but we welcome your attendance in any case.



## Ignatian Volunteer Corps Morning of Reflection Planned for Thursday, July 28

In celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps will host their annual Morning of Reflection. It will be held at the Church of the Holy Family, 1080 W. Roosevelt, from 9:00-1:00 pm. There is a \$35 fee.

This year's presenter is Joseph Simmons, SJ, who will discuss "But Few Things Are Needed: From Distraction to Dedication". The day will also include

time for reflection and discussion, Mass, and lunch at St. Ignatius College Prep in Tully Hall.

In this talk, Fr. Joe Simmons discusses a sketched out, but never-written, letter by Father Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, former superior general of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Simmons will trace out some of Nicolás's nuanced observations: how 'distraction in prayer' is part of a more general "distraction in life"; how even noble causes can become temptations when totalized; how ego and perfectionism distract; and how social media and marketing have stolen our attention.

To register for the event, visit <https://bit.ly/IVCMorning2022>. Contact Jackie Fitzgerald at [jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org) or 312.961.6206 with questions.



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## St. Gertrude Blood Drive - Sunday, July 31

The next parish blood drive will be held on Sunday, July 31 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gertrude Church.

To sign up, visit [Vitalant.org](http://Vitalant.org) and click on *Donate Now*. Use group code: ORD00591

when searching by group code for St. Gertrude's blood drive to select your appointment time. You can also search by the blood drive date. Walk-ins are welcomed. Masks are highly recommended. Participants will receive a \$5 prepaid gift card redeemable by email. For more information, please contact Pat Knowles at [pknowles2@gmail.com](mailto:pknowles2@gmail.com).

## Hidden Mercy Book Discussion

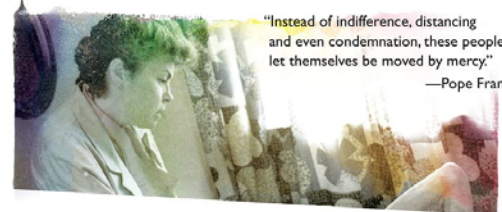
Everyone is invited to join in a Summer Book Read! We will be reading Michael O'Loughlin's, *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear*.

The book discussion group will meet on three Sunday afternoons: August 7, August 21, and September 4. We gather in the Ministry Center at 12:00 pm. Each meeting will last about 90 minutes and we will use a discussion guide provided by the publisher.

Then, St. Gertrude parish will jointly host a one-time event with The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University for an evening with the author in the fall. We are still narrowing down a date -- but it will probably be held on a Tuesday in late September or mid-October.

If you are interested in joining this book group, we have a limited number of copies of the book - which lists for \$28.99 - available for \$20.00! (First-come, first-served!) Books can be purchased at the Rectory office. If you are paying by check, please make out the check to St. Gertrude Parish. The book is also available for purchase on Amazon and can be ordered at local bookstores.

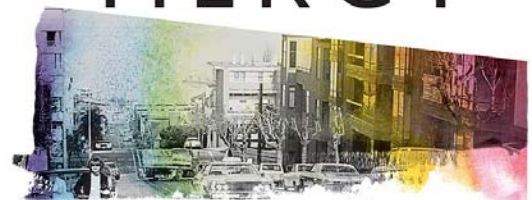
MICHAEL J. O'LOUGHLIN



**HIDDEN**



**MERCY**



AIDS, CATHOLICS, AND THE UNTOLD STORIES  
OF COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF FEAR

## Tax Credit Scholarship Program

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for low-income students to attend the Catholic school of their choice? More than 30 children are on the waitlist for Northside Catholic Academy. Help fund a child's future and donate to the Archdiocese Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Learn more at [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs).



## Fireside Chat — Discussion on Racism Planned for Monday, August 15

Thank you to the 15 parishioners that joined us on Monday, July 18 to discuss gun violence around the firepit!

We will discuss racism and what our faith teaches us about it on Monday, August 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm on the Rectory lawn. Bring your lawn chair, a beverage of your choice and snacks to share, if you choose.

Attendees are asked to be mindful of the rules of engagement and read the two articles. Both are listed/linked below.

Questions can be sent to Fr. Mike Gabriel at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org).

### Fireside Covenant

As we engage in conversation, please observe the following:

- **Confidentiality** - What's said here, stays here.
- **No preaching** - We speak from our personal experiences, we are not here to judge, we avoid saying "we should" or "you should".
- **No cross talk** - We listen in silence while others are speaking. We do not comment or ask questions about what others say.
- **Respect time** - Our gathering is 90 minutes. Please respect time so we can all share.
- **All are asked to share** - By coming to this gathering, you agree to participate in some way. Even if it's just your name, we ask you to share something.

### Readings

- American Magazine: *The Holy Spirit is moving us to act against racism*  
<https://bit.ly/FirepitRacism1>
- Medium: *Do You Really Think Black Lives Matter as Much as White Ones?*  
<https://bit.ly/FirepitRacism2>



## Leave Your Legacy Through a Bequest

Please consider including a gift to our parish in your will or trust to support our faith community well into the future.

Consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust.

Contact Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or visit [myimpact.archchicago.org](http://myimpact.archchicago.org) for more information. If you have any questions, contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org) or 312.534.7461.

St. Gertrude Youth Group  
is heading to  
**RAGING WAVES WATERPARK**  
Saturday, August 20

RSVP by August 10  
[eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org)

Tickets are \$35  
Prepayment will be required



## Youth Group Outing to Waterpark Planned

Join the St. Gertrude Youth Group for food, friends, fun, and faith! Teens in 7th grade and older are invited to [Raging Waves Water Park](#) on Saturday, August 20.

Tickets are \$35 and payment will be required in advance.

For more information and to register, contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) by August 10.

## Parish Potluck Planned

All are welcome to attend a parish potluck, planned for Sunday, September 11 from 11:30 am-3:00 pm in the church parking lot.

Bring your favorite side, salads, and desserts to share!

Additional information and an RSVP link will be shared in future bulletins.



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass – September 18

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30 pm.

The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral. For more information and to register, visit <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding>.

**Help for Ukraine:** If you would like to donate to help the Ukrainian people, please consider making a contribution to Catholic Relief Services for emergency aid to the people in Ukraine at <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.



## Meet the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC)

The PPC is a unique, collaborative body made up of faith-filled men and women who work with the pastor in determining the matters that affect the life of the faith community.

We will feature all of the lay members of the PPC in the next few bulletins. Below are some information about our two members, Ellen Buttitta and Denise Goodman.

### Ellen Buttitta

I am a life-long member of St. Gertrude Parish, beginning with my baptism in 1994. I attended Northside Catholic Academy from preschool to 8th grade and have continued attending the 10:30 am Gym Mass since then. It has been a pleasure to sing with the talented musicians of the Gert's community, as well as work with the youth of the parish through Religious Education this year.

As my son grows in his faith and asks the hard questions, I look forward to asking those questions with my fellow community members: who are we? what do we stand for? and how do we get there? Thank you for the opportunity to learn from, grow, and collaborate with the St. Gertrude's community!



### Denise Goodman

I'm originally from Upstate New York, the Finger Lakes region, but I've been a member of St. Gertrude for over 20 years now.

I have been continuously nourished by its people, its liturgy, its openness, and its vision. I've been involved in the music ministry, Refugee and Immigrant Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, and Growing in Faith. I have met wonderful people and feel this is a true faith family.

I work as a pediatrician at Lurie Children's.

**Summer Bulletin Schedule:** This is our final every other week bulletin! We will resume weekly bulletins on August 7.

The deadlines to submit information for the August 7 bulletin is Friday, July 22 by 9:00 am. Info for the August 14 bulletin must be sent by 9:00 am on Friday, August 5.

Please send information to [stgertbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stgertbulletin@yahoo.com).

Summer  
BULLETIN  
SCHEDULE



# RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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

program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.

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.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact me at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621. The RCIA meeting schedule is available here: <https://bit.ly/RCIACalendar>.

~ Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate

## Art & Environment Volunteers Needed

Want to get involved in something? We are looking for parishioners who are interested in being part of an Art and Environment Committee. The team's goal is to create an environment inside and outside the church that enhances prayer and worship according to the liturgical seasons.

A variety of talents are needed. Having a background in art and interior design, woodworking, lighting, sewing, and floral arrangements would be good, but not necessary! The team meets as needed to plan and/or prepare. To get involved, contact Fr. Mike at [mgabriel@stgertudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertudechicago.org).



## Wanted: Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, & Ministers of the Word

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Masses, including ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and ministers of the word. If you are interested, please email Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).





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**Text STGERTS to 22828 to get started**

## New Parish Email Marketing Platform

Beginning this week, the parish e-blast platform switched from MailChimp to Constant Contact.

To join our email communications list (or if you unsubscribed in the past, and now wish to receive emails), text *STGERTS* to 22828. You'll be prompted to enter your email address and will receive our e-reflections and e-bulletins. Additionally, if you prefer to just receive the weekly e-bulletin, typically emailed on Thursday afternoons, send an email to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:news@stgertrudechicago.org) and your email will be manually added to a separate, e-bulletin-only list.

## Rest in Peace

- Samir Aliev
- Frank Hogan (St. Ignatius)

## New Parishioners

- Jorge Martinez & Veronica Meza
- Kyle Kresge & Cheryl Amado-Kresge
- Anne Comeau
- Jan Pasek

## Baptisms

- Angelo Wesley Sandoval, child of Ricardo and Rosa Sandoval

## Cantors, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, July 23 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, July 24 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 am - Patrick Reardon
- Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, July 31 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan
- Sunday, July 31 at 10:30 am - Victoria Healy

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, July 23 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, July 24 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Debra Novak, Steve Monti
- Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, July 31 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, July 31 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Bob Backis, Rafael Melendez

### Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, July 23 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, July 24 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder
- Saturday, July 30 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, July 31 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, July 31 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, July 25:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society (+ indicates the person is deceased)
- **Tuesday, July 26:** 7:30 am - Sheila Ingram +
- **Wednesday, July 27:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Thursday, July 28:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, July 29:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, July 30:** 7:30 am - James Hand +; 5:00 pm - Eileen McGuire +
- **Sunday, July 31:** 8:00 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 10:30 am in Church - Parishioners of St. Gertrude
- **Monday, August 1:** 7:30 am - Peter & Mary Tunney +
- **Tuesday, August 2:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, August 3:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Thursday, August 4:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, August 5:** 7:30 am - Greg Wall +
- **Saturday, August 6:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 5:00 pm - Augusto Batungbakal +
- **Sunday, August 7:** 8:00 am - World Peace; 10:30 am in Church - Lt. Victor H. Strubbe, CFD +

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Caloy Desembrana       | • Dean Mattoni         |
| • Helen Banta             | • Ann Collins Dole       | • Larry McCauley       |
| • Tomas Bissonnette       | • Christine Frisoni      | • Molly Morris         |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Karey Myers          |
| • Sharon Brown            | • Gina Heidkamp          | • Tina Piemonte        |
| • Connie Bueck            | • Maria Hertl            | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Daniel Hidalgo         | • Peggy Stoffel        |
| • Claire Bushey           | • Patricia Irwin         | • The Sullivan family  |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • Bernice Kiedysz        | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Marilyn Klein          | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • KC Conway               | • Roy Lipscomb           | • Leon Ward            |
| • Connie Cool             | • Sheila McGuire         | • 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.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
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