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Bulletin for Sunday, July 6, 2025

14th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Fr. Sergio Romo Begins His Ministry at St. Gertrude Chicago Parish

Fr. Sergio Romo, the new pastor of St. Gertrude parish, has officially joined the staff and will celebrate mass here this weekend! He comes to us after 16 years at St. Andrew parish in the Lakeview neighborhood.

He will officially introduce himself to us in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

We look forward to the blessings he will bring to our community of faith!



Parish Calendar

Saturday, July 5 & Sunday, July 6

- Fr. Sergio's first weekend masses
- Care for Real collection drive before/after masses

Tuesday, July 8

- 6:30 pm - Book Club in the Ministry Center

Thursday, July 10

- 11:30 am - Friendship Club in the Ministry Center

Friday, July 11

- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group in the Ministry Center

Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13

- Missionary Cooperation Plan weekend

Sunday, July 13

- 12:00 to 5:00 pm - Edgewater Glen Garden Walk

Friday, July 18

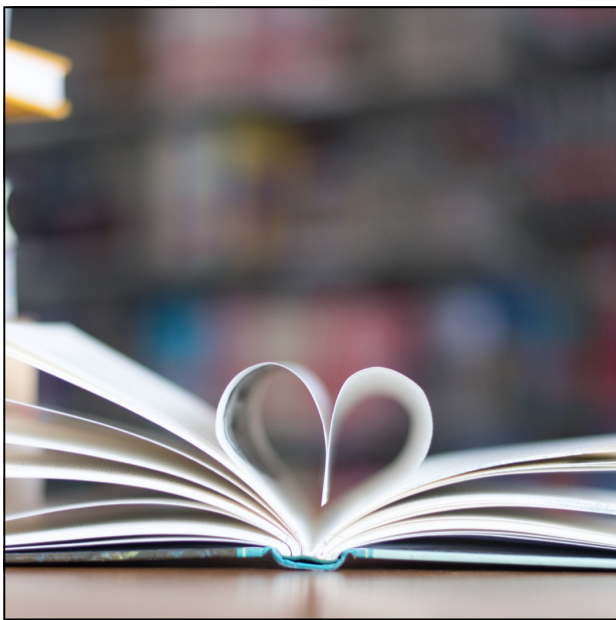
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group in the Ministry Center

Sunday, July 20

- After the 10:30 am mass - "Brewed at St. Gertrude" social gathering in the Social Hall
- 12:00 pm - Commonwealth Action meeting in the Ministry Center

Saturday, July 26 & Sunday, July 27

- Care for Real collection drive before/after masses



Book Club Gathering is Tuesday, July 8 - Please Note New Time

The book club will discuss *Still Life* by Sarah Winman on Tuesday, July 8. The gathering is at now at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

On Tuesday, August 12, the group will meet to talk about *Life After Life: a Novel* by Kate Atkinson.

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

Friendship Club is Thursday, July 10

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

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

friend

[frɛnd] noun.

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



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

All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 N. Glenwood Avenue.



Mission Appeal Planned for July 12-13

Each summer, the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago facilitates an opportunity for foreign missionary and organizations to share their stories and invite support from our faith communities.

This annual second collection provides vital support to ministries that witness and proclaim the love of Jesus in areas of the world affected by poverty and upheaval. Missionaries travel great distances to evangelize in remote and persecuted communities. They form priests and lay leaders, educate adults and children, offer medical care, provide safe

homes, administer the Sacraments and more.

Sr. Rubi Arellano, a Sister from the Servants of the Visitation, will visit St. Gertrude on July 12–13 as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan. With 29 years of missionary life, Sr. Rubi serves vulnerable children in Brazil and the Philippines.

She will share the mission of the Ain Karim Children's Home—the only accredited orphanage in Eastern Samar, Philippines—offering a loving home to children who are disabled, malnourished, orphaned, and abandoned.

Please be as generous as possible!

"Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Gathering is Sunday, July 20

Please join us on Sunday, July 20, for a parish hospitality event, "Brewed at St. Gertrude!"

Following the 10:30 am mass, come to the Social Hall for pastries and beverages.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors!



Thank You for Your Generosity! St. Gertrude has its monthly collection drive for asylum seekers this weekend! Please place donations items in the bins at the back of church before and after mass times. Our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of the month and the regular collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month. We are so grateful for your help supporting Care for Real as they work to provide food and much needed supplies to our neighbors who are struggling.



Commonweal Action: Next Meeting Planned for July 20

St. Gertrude's Commonweal Action will meet again on Sunday, July 20, in the Social Hall after the 10:30 am Mass.

At our June 22 meeting, we discussed the results of the "Faith in Action" survey and, in small groups, began planning ways to respond to those results by opposing the current administration's unchristian policies—policies that harm the poor, the elderly, children, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, and veterans.

Commonweal Action is committed to protecting access to healthcare (Medicaid) and food (SNAP), ensuring safety from wrongful deportation, and upholding the dignity of our most vulnerable neighbors. We take action through protests, letter-writing, educational efforts, and collaboration with like-minded community groups.

To move forward with the plans we've developed, we need your input, your energy, and your help!

Please join us on Sunday, July 20, around noon in St. Gertrude's Social Hall—after the 10:30 am Mass and once everyone has had a chance to grab a coffee and connect at Brewed at St. Gertrude's social gathering. The meeting will last approximately 90 minutes. All are welcome.

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Register Your Children for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed School Year in August!

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed school year will open in August!

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus. They will begin in September.

The goal of the Religious Education program at St. Gertrude is to teach children to listen for and respond to God's invitation to love.

The fees for the 2025-2026 school year are \$230 for one child and an additional \$40 for each student from the same family. Children making their First Communion/Reconciliation or their Confirmation will also need to pay a \$75 sacramental fee.

Questions should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Growing in Faith

Seventy-five years ago, in the movie *Summer Stock*, an elegant Judy Garland sings, "Forget your troubles, c'mon, get happy. You better chase all your cares away. Shout hallelujah, c'mon get happy. Get ready for the judgement day."

That could be the theme song of this weekend's readings. In Luke's gospel, Jesus sends forth 72 disciples in pairs to bring peace and the good news, and they come back rejoicing. The responsorial refrain is "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy, "and the verses are from Psalm 66, beginning: "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,/sing praise to the glory of his name;/proclaim his glorious praise./ Say to God, 'How tremendous are your deeds!'"



The first reading really goes whole hog into the idea of joy, inviting the faithful to relate to God (through the metaphor of Jerusalem) as our doting mother: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her...Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts!...As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

In following Jesus, we are called — sent out to the world — to be as fully human as we can, to live our lives so that we are fully alive, especially to each other. We do that by following in Jesus's footsteps, and, in that way, we find the deepest happiness possible. So, rejoice because God is our Mother and our Father and our Brother and our inspiring Spirit and because we — all of us — are a family, together, one body.

C'mon, get happy.

~ Patrick T. Reardon

Financial Report from June 28-29

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,837.00

Loose Checks: \$505.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$884.00

Online Donations: \$3,552.54

Total Collected: \$6,778.54

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$3,221.46

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 (as of 6/29/2025): \$537,053.64

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

Difference: -\$12,946.36

Peter's Pence: \$1,038.00



Thank You From the Catholic Extension Society

Dear St. Gertrude parish community,

On behalf of all of us at Catholic Extension Society, thank you for your generous gift of \$952.83, received on May 5. Your support is a true blessing, bringing hope and strength to underserved Catholic communities in need across the United States.

Because of your generosity, we are able to fund critical ministries that keep faith alive in economically poor, but spiritually vibrant Catholic communities. Your gift helps build churches, educate seminarians, religious sisters, and lay leaders - ensuring that vibrant Catholic communities can continue to grow and thrive.

Your belief in our mission is a testament to the enduring power of faith and the strength of our Catholic family. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this work, and I pray that God blesses you abundantly for your kindness.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rev. John J. Wall, President

P.S. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the help of the good people of St. Gertrude. Thank you for walking the journey with us!

Neighborhood News

Edgewater Glen Garden Walk – Sunday, July 13

Come explore the beautiful gardens of West Edgewater Glen on Sunday, July 13, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm., rain or shine! This annual event showcases the creativity and hard work of local gardeners in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Norwood, Glenlake, Hood, and the south side of Granville—all within an easy walking distance.

A suggested donation of \$5 per adult (cash preferred) is appreciated. Children are welcome at no charge. The walk begins at 1354 W. Norwood, at the corner of Norwood and Glenwood. Street parking is readily available.



For more information, contact Kim at kaulas@rcn.com or 773.368.3949.

Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, July 5 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, July 6 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, July 6 at 10:30 am - Eric Ameyaw, Bob Backis

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, July 5 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, July 6 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 6 at 10:30 am - Ellen Pierce, Carlos Barragan, Michael Kowalsky

Altar Servers

- Saturday, July 5 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolyte: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, July 6 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Xavier Lassus; acolytes: Jason Ameyaw; Diarmuid McKeown

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Hilda Mora |
| • Victor Ayes | • Adolf Gabriel | • Dealina Peon |
| • Andrea Banicki | • Marie Galoney | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Thomas Hajduch | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Rose Mary Bradley | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Maria Hertl | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Aida Calvopina | • John Kahoun | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Marta Carlson | • Paul Kapczuk | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Mary E. Kelley | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Cavicke Family | • Marilyn Klein | • King Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • Christian Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Euman | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| | | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Rest in Peace

- James Bloomquist, Jr.
- Delno Nelson

New Parishioners

- Marla Westervelt & Greg Berg

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 7: 7:30 am - James Bloomquist, Jr.+
- Tuesday, July 8: 7:30 am - Billy Tobin+
- Wednesday, July 9: 7:30 am - Glenn Martin+
- Thursday, July 10: 7:30 am - Communion service
- Friday, July 11: 7:30 am - Delno Nelson+
- Saturday, July 12: 7:30 am - Lillie Buie+; 5:00 pm - Joseph & Isabelle Laczkowski+
- Sunday, July 13: 8:00 am - William Patterson+; 10:30 am - Robert Preuss, Sr.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church; 10:30 am Gym Mass (1401 W. Granville Ave.); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

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