

BULLETIN FOR
The Most Holy
Trinity
and
the Most Holy
Body & Blood
of Christ

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From Fr. Rich

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (June 11-12)

Because God is love, as St. John writes, it is not surprising that whenever we are talking about God we are talking about relationships. The

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is an attempt to capture the simplicity that God is essentially in relationship first with God, and then with all God has created and sustains through love.

In this, God is both mirroring and modeling for each one of us the highest purpose of our lives -- loving one another. God's example is both an invitation and a challenge for us to consider how we are relating to each other. There are so many degrees of relationship, from profound love to practical indifference. But regardless of the level of love in the relationship, how well are we treating, respecting, considering each other?

It is easy to "take the temperature" of the relationships we have with the important people in our lives. But it is important to broaden our vision beyond just those people. How well am I treating the person bagging my groceries? How about the clerk being mistreated by another customer? Or the struggling mother with small children trying to keep them in some sense of order while simultaneously doing the grocery shopping? Or the co-worker who is usually unrecognized for their worth, even though they are striving to fit in and accomplish the task?

There is, of course, an endless list of people we encounter in our everyday lives, just as there is an endless expanse of space within which God has created everything. As one scholar has suggested, what holds the universe together IS love. Can we find God's presence in everyone and everything? That is where we will find the Trinity.

Kevin Cheers and Jane Callahan-Moore's Retirement

Join us the weekend of June 11-12 when our Pastoral Associate, Kevin Cheers, and our Heart to Heart Director, Jane Callahan-Moore, say their farewells at each of the weekend Masses. Please stay afterwards and join us for hospitality in the back of the church and to wish them both good things!



From Fr. Rich (cont.)

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (June 18-19)

In the history of the Christian Churches, second perhaps only to our understanding of the role of the Holy Father as a flashpoint of difference among the churches, is the understanding of the Eucharist. For Catholics, our tradition is insistent that when we celebrate the Eucharist, the Mass, we believe that the bread and wine we offer, representing ourselves, truly becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. Which is to say the bread and wine are changed. But of far greater importance is that we are changed. We become the Body and Blood of Christ.



Many other Christian denominations respect and revere the Eucharist, but also believe it is only the significance that changes, not the actual elements. My own personal bias is that for the other, non-Catholic Christians, this is a loss for them and their self-understanding.

“The Word becoming flesh,” when the Son of God was born as a fully human being, is a definitive statement not only on who Jesus was and is, but who we are! As St. Paul has stated unequivocally, we ARE the body and the blood of Christ! God did not just send His Son to resemble our humanity, Jesus, God’s Son, BECAME a human being in order that we might become sisters and brothers of the Lord and through that connection, we become one with the Divinity.

If you are old enough, you may well remember the processions that often occurred on this Feast Day, as well as on the days of the 40 Hours Devotions every parish celebrated. In either of those cases, we process with a monstrance displaying the transubstantiated host. In a true sense, we have become the very thing we are adoring. Such is the gift of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the Eucharist, when we receive Communion, we become the Body and Blood of Christ. This has led a number of saints to remind us that we are now Christ’s hands and his eyes and his feet and his ears. For if we are not, then Christ is not present.

This week, take a few minutes to consider how you are Christ in the world today.



Summer Bulletin Schedule: With this newsletter, we begin an every other week bulletin schedule until August. The scheduled newsletter/bulletin is as follows: June 11-12, June 25-26, July 9-10, and July 23-24. We will resume our weekly bulletin schedule on August 6-7.

If you are submitting anything for the bulletin, please keep this schedule handy. Information for the bulletin must be submitted to stgerbulletin@yahoo.com by the Friday that is ten days before the bulletin will be published. Information for the August 6-7 bulletin is due by July 22.

JUNETEENTH ECUMENICAL SERVICE WITH EDGEWATER COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2022
AT 3P AT EMANUEL

Join us as the Edgewater community celebrates Juneteenth together. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Light refreshments will follow. All welcome!

Juneteenth ECRA Event

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans and is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture.

Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865.

This year it falls on a Sunday. Everyone is invited to the Juneteenth Ecumenical Service with the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) at 3:00 pm at Emanuel Synagogue at 5959 N Sheridan Rd. Light refreshments will follow.



Last Gym Mass Before Summer Break

Please note, Sunday, June 19 is the last Gym Mass the summer break.

Gym Masses will resume in the fall!



Father's Day is June 19th

Please note, Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day. We congratulate all our fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers and all the men who have been great examples to us in our lives. May God continue to bless each of them with grace, mercy, and love.

Care for Our Common Home: Bee Alert: Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's time to remember our small, flying friends - the bees! Bees are integral to our ecosystem and help us care for our common home. Visit <https://thebeeconservancy.org/10-ways-to-save-the-bees/> for a few ways to take action to help protect bees.

Ministry Appreciation Weekend - All Volunteers to be Honored June 25-26

Every week, dozens and dozens of parishioners volunteer their time and talent as ministers and volunteers here at St. Gertrude.

These are the ministers we see in church -- Lectors, Ministers of Communion, and Ushers. There are the Ministers of Care visiting the sick and homebound and there are couples involved in providing the Pre-Cana and FOCCUS (pre-marital inventory) segments of marriage preparation.

There are members of the RCIA Team preparing new members for reception into the church. There are parishioners who every week pray for those in need for a variety of reasons. There are the volunteers who count the weekend Offertory collections.

There are the catechists who share their faith with the students in Religious Education. There are the volunteers who help with the Youth Group. There are members of the Refugee Committee helping families who had to flee their own homeland settle into their new lives in Chicago.

There are parishioners who serve in leadership roles in the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee. There are the volunteers who set up and take down for the Gym Mass. There are cantors and choir members and instrumentalists helping provide music in our liturgies. There are book and poetry groups and Blood Drive volunteers.

I have undoubtedly forgotten some -- so please forgive me! But we want to acknowledge and thank all of our wonderful ministers and volunteers for their great service to the parish.

At the Masses on the weekend of June 25-26, we will have a special blessing of gratitude at the end of Mass and will share hospitality afterwards in the back of church. Please join us!

~ Fr. Rich



Office Hours Change: The Rectory office will temporarily close at 4:30 pm on weekdays. Weekend office hours may be limited. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Priests' Health and Retirement Second Collection June 11-12

The Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA annual second collection will be June 11 and 12. This collection benefits the healthcare, wellness, and retirement for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Your generosity to this special collection directly impacts the 450 active and 254 retired archdiocesan priests who we have come to rely on throughout our lives. These men, who have dedicated themselves to ministry, play a significant role in our personal and spiritual lives, providing counsel and guidance as we deal with life's challenges. They serve our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. And just as we have come to rely on the help of our priests, it is now our turn to show our gratitude and lend them some assistance with their needs.

As we're all aware, healthcare and retirement costs continue to rise, so there is an urgent need for your gifts to this fund. Your generosity will not only safeguard the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parish and in the community.

In addition to the special collection envelopes that you will find in your pews today, you may also take a photo/scan of the QR code on the posters near the exit as you leave church or on the ads in the Chicago Catholic. In addition, gifts may also be made through your will as part of your estate plans.

Thank you for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. May God bless you.

Our Promise to Our Priests

Our annual collection benefitting
**HEALTHCARE, WELLNESS
AND RETIREMENT**
for the priests of the Archdiocese
of Chicago.



Please give today at prmaa.org.

Thank you for your generosity!



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Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA

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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.

Every contribution to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program is eligible for a 75 percent credit on state income taxes. Help a child attend NCA today. Learn more at archchicago.org/tcs.

Growing in Faith

Religious faith is filled with mystery. I can pray and meditate about God and how everything fits together, but, often, I have to stand before mystery and just accept it.

This weekend's first reading is from the Book of Proverbs. It's a beautiful poem in which, in the original Hebrew, the wisdom of God is personified as a woman. Wisdom joyously talks about being with God at Creation: "I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth."

In reading this, I can think of Wisdom as a female aspect of God and celebrate this, just as I celebrate the female aspects of my own personality.

Later Christian writers have identified Wisdom with logos, the Word of God — with Jesus. For example, the start of the Gospel of John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The feminine Wisdom and the masculine Word — does that have any meaning to my daily life? This weekend is a celebration of the Trinity. Does the Trinity have any meaning to my daily life?

These conundrums may seem esoteric, but they are reminders that life is filled with mystery. Much that I experience is beyond my control, and much is beyond my understanding.

But I do understand that I can choose to do good. Or not. It's in my control. I can see others and listen to them and be open to them with loving arms. Or not.

Amid all the mystery of life and faith, I have the power to do good.

~ *Patrick T. Reardon*



St. Gertrude Garden Planted!

Thank you to NCA students Zoe Asnis, Carter Dant, Molly Dunne, and Evelyn Voukides who helped plant veggies and herbs on Saturday, June 4! We truly appreciate their hard work.

If you wish to pitch in with weeding and watering the garden throughout the summer, please reach out to Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meets June 23

The PPC is a unique, collaborative body made up of faith-filled men and women who try to lead the parish into becoming what a community of baptized people is supposed to be. They work with the pastor in determining the matters that affect the life of the faith community.

Members include Michelle Nickerson, Bob Backis, Jen Reyes, Fr. Rich, Ellen Buttitta, Denise Goodman, Timothy Lacy, Tim Love, Meghan Toomey, and Sean Williams.

All meetings are OPEN to parishioners. Our next meeting is on Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Please join us.

If you would like to discuss anything with the PPC, please email us at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Amate House Accepting Applications

Amate House is a year-long social justice leadership development program for college-educated adults between the ages of 21-29.

Based on their professional interests, Amate House matches young adult leaders with full time volunteer positions in non-profit organizations, schools, and ministries in Chicago's most under-resourced communities. These young people live together in an Amate House residence and receive faith formation based on Catholic Social Teaching and intensive leadership development programming.

Applications for the program year beginning in July are being accepted now. For more information, please contact Amate House at volunteer@amatehouse.org or visit <https://amatehouse.org>.



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>.

Peace and Justice Ministry: Thank You to Social Justice Weekend Participants/Fireside Chats Planned

Thank you to members of the Ignatian Spirituality Project, Midwest Workers Association, United Power for Action and Justice, Kolbe House, and St. Gertrude's Refugee and Immigrant Ministry who shared opportunities to put our faith in action at our Social Justice Information weekend, held June 4 and 5! We appreciate their time and information.

Upcoming Events: Fireside Chats

The Peace and Justice Ministry will host monthly informal discussions held around a fire pit this summer, addressing topics that we all struggle with or can be awkward conversations to have. Much like FDR used fireside chats to address the fears and concerns of the American people and to give hope, we hope these casual gatherings open doors for civil discussions, share ideas about how we can take action, and be a source of hope during these very difficult times.

Topics to be discussed around the fire pit include gun regulations, racism, and the Seamless Garment theory. The first one will be Monday, July 18 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory side yard.

We will post some questions in advance so that there is some time to reflect on topics before the fire pit gatherings.



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 Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious

Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.

YOUTH GROUP COOKOUT



**SUNDAY, JULY 10
AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS IN
THE BACK OF THE RECTORY**

Save the Date! Youth Group Cookout Planned for Summer

Join the St. Gertrude Youth Group for food, friends, fun, and faith! Teens in 7th grade and older are invited to the parish youth group cookout, planned for Sunday, July 10 after the 10:30 am Mass in the back of the Rectory.

Additional youth group gatherings have been planned for August 20, September 11, October 15, November 6, and December 10.

For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers for June 11-12 and June 18-19

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, June 11 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, June 12 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan
- Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis
- Sunday, June 12 Gym Mass - TBA
- Saturday, June 18 at 5:00 pm - Susan McKean
- Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti
- Sunday, June 19 Gym Mass - TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, June 11 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 12 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 am - Troy McMullan, Steve Monti, Rafael Melendez
- Sunday, June 12 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA
- Saturday, June 18 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Carlos Barragan, Steve Monti
- Sunday, June 19 Gym Mass - TBA

Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, June 11 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, June 12 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; Denise Goodman-clarinet, Jim Szmurlo-violin
- Sunday, June 12 Gym Mass - TBA
- Saturday, June 18 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, June 19 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis; Dana Sullivan-flute, Amir Ghazaleh-trombone
- Sunday, June 19 Gym Mass - TBA

Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 13: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Tuesday, June 14: 7:30 am - Edna Marie Hewitt +
- Wednesday, June 15: 7:30 am - Evelyn Perloff & Family
- Thursday, June 16: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, June 17: 7:30 am - Helen Yarnold +
- Saturday, June 18: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Betty McKee +
- Sunday, June 19: All Masses - Living & deceased fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners;
- Monday, June 20: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Tuesday, June 21: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wednesday, June 22: 7:30 am - Rose Nugent +
- Thursday, June 23: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, June 24: 7:30 am - Daniel Koss +
- Saturday, June 25: 7:30 am - Enrita Cortes +; 5:00 pm - Marie McKee Boylan +
- Sunday, June 26: 8:00 am - Stefan Oleszczuk ; 10:30 am in Church - Daniel Koss

(+ indicates the person is deceased)

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

New Parishioners

- Barnett and Rachel Koryan

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- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
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