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## Bulletin for Sunday, June 15, 2025

Pentecost

### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

As I write this, I'm reminded of these words

from Ecclesiastes 3:1–8:

For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:

*A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest.*

*A time to kill, a time to heal; a time to tear down, a time to build up.*

*A time to cry, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, a time to dance.*

*A time to scatter stones, a time to gather them.*

*A time for a warm embrace, a time to keep your distance.*

*A time to search, a time to give up as lost; a time to keep, a time to throw out.*

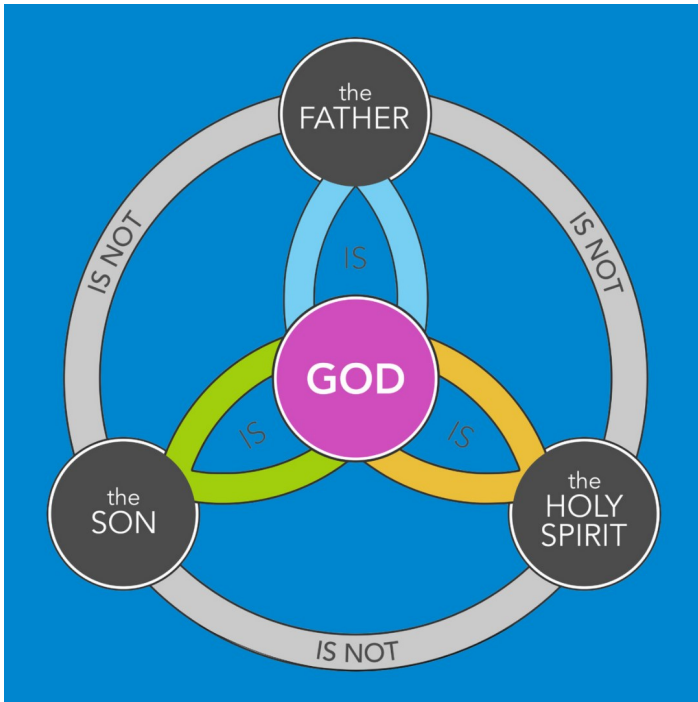
*A time to tear apart, a time to bind together; a time to be quiet, a time to speak up.*

*A time to love, a time to hate; a time for war, a time for peace.*

Over the last few years together, I believe we've experienced nearly everything on that list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, and funerals; our Advent and Lenten practices; our Christmas and Good Friday pageants; the singing, praying, preaching, and friendship. I remember it all.

We've had disagreements and found resolutions, remembered and forgiven. We've collected food and clothing for Care for Real, gathered necessities for migrants and immigrants, and donated gift cards and McDonald's cards for those in need.

We've laughed and cried, mourned and celebrated. We've said goodbye to beloved members who moved away or went home to God—and we've welcomed new faces into our community.



## From Fr. Mike (continued)

We've added staff, and seen growth in our Religious Education program, choir, and other ministries. We've weathered storms and floods—literally and figuratively.

Through it all, we've bonded and grown in beautiful ways, experiencing so much mercy, grace, joy, and love. The Lord has blessed us more than we can count. God has truly been with us, showing again and again that what seems impossible, God makes possible.

We may not have accomplished everything I had hoped for—but still, much was accomplished. My greatest desire was to serve you in a way that made you stronger disciples of Christ. And now, as we welcome Fr. Sergio as our new pastor, I pray you continue that journey as strong, committed disciples.

When Jesus was preparing to leave his disciples, he shared three promises with them:

First, He promised to make a home in their hearts.

Second, He promised to fill them with a spirit of courage and comfort: "The Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

Finally, He promised to sustain them with a peace unlike any other: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Please remember: you will always be a part of me, and I will always be a part of you. Thank you for all the patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity, and love you've shown me. You are a remarkable community, and I wish you all the best. May you continue to grow in faith, hope, and love—worshiping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body, and soul. And may you always do everything for the glory of God.

*I thank God for you.*

~ Fr. Mike

P.S. I may have said this already, but I leave here with overwhelming gratitude—a love that never dies, and a place in my heart that is eternal.

Last Sunday's Pentecost celebration was over the top. I'm still on a high from it. I'll never forget it—the hard work that went into planning the liturgy, the reception, the love tunnel, the baked goods... the list goes on. I hope to personally thank everyone who helped make it so spirit-filled. Just seeing you all interacting together—it was truly out of this world.

Thank you.



# Parish Calendar

## Father's Day, Sunday, June 15

- Last Gym Mass until September
- Last day to fill out our parish's *Faith in Action* survey

## Thursday, June 19

- Juneteenth
- The Rectory office is closed.
- There is a communion service at 7:30 am.

## Friday, June 20

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

## Saturday, June 21

- Care for Real collection drive before/after masses

## Sunday, June 22

- Care for Real collection drive before/after masses
- After the 10:30 am masses - *Brewed at St. Gertrude* social gathering in the Gym
- Noon - Commonweal: *Faith in Action* meeting in the Ministry Center

## Friday, June 27

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

## Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all of men in our lives who support and encourage us--whether they are fathers, step-fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers, coworkers, or neighbors!

### Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

- Rev. Chuck Currie



## Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

### Gym Mass to Go on Its Annual Summer Hiatus

Please note, this Sunday, June 15, Father's Day, is the last Gym Mass before it goes on its annual summer break.

Gym Masses will resume in the fall!



### Rectory Office Closed on Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19

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.

The rectory office will be closed. There is a at 7:30 am.

### "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 North Glenwood Avenue.



## Collection Drive for Care for Real is June 21-22

Our collection drive for Care for Real is June 21 and June 22 before and after masses.

Care for Real is urgently seeking donations of new socks and underwear, diapers in sizes 4-6, shampoo, hand soap, and adult incontinence briefs.

Our collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, and our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of each month.



## "Brewed at St. Gertrude" Social Event - Next Gathering is Sunday, June 22

Please join us on Sunday, June 22, for a parish hospitality event, "Brewed at St. Gertrude!"

Following the 10:30 am mass, come to the Social Hall for pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors! We would love for the entire parish to be there!

## Commonweal Faith in Action Meeting on Sunday, June 22

St. Gertrude's Commonweal Action thanks everyone who completed the Faith in Action survey (open until June 15 and on page 8). It is now time to look at the opinions of our fellow parishioners and decide what action we wish to take!

Please join us for this vitally important meeting on Sunday, June 22. We will come together after Mass (and after allowing time for parishioners to attend the *Brewed at St. Gertrude* parish coffee) at around noon in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood. The meeting will last until about 1:30 pm. Please bring your thoughts on how our parish community should move forward. Coffee and cookies will be served. All are welcome.



### Growing in Faith

On the day our son arrived in our home, my mother gave me a statue of St. Joseph. She encouraged me to seek guidance from “the most important adoptive parent of all time.” My prayer was often, “I don’t know what I’m doing—please don’t let me mess this up.”

I find myself sometimes crying, sometimes chuckling, as I pray to St. Joseph. Through it all, I know I’m growing—always landing in a place of immense joy and a kind of love I had never experienced before.

I’ve received a great blessing: to shepherd a soul entrusted to me as “father.” Through my own son, I experience the divinity of Christ, the Holy Spirit playfully surprising and renewing me, and our awesome God in every breath I take. Each day brings an invitation to be more compassionate, merciful, tender, forgiving, and loving. Sometimes I accept it; sometimes I don’t.

My father was a man of faith who sought wisdom. I’m sure Joseph had to do the same in raising Jesus. I think my father, the land surveyor, knew what Joseph, the carpenter, must have known: that whether through flesh or divine providence, they were shepherding a soul created by God, loved by God, and called to a unique destiny known only to God. They were simply participating—willingly and lovingly—in God’s grand plan.

~ Gordon Hannon



### Thanks for Coming out to the Youth Group's Hot Dog Sale

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our parish youth group during the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, June 7.

Whether you stopped by for a hot dog, grabbed a cold drink, or simply offered encouragement, your generosity made a difference!

Thanks to your support, the teens raised \$236, which will go toward future youth group activities and events. We're so grateful for a community that continues to show up for our young people.

# Composting Project: What Can & Cannot Go in the Compost Bin

Now that the weather is helping our composting project, we want to thank everyone who contributes to our compost bin. Mary Clare especially appreciates the compost soil that she uses to produce her beautiful vegetables in the St. Gertrude garden.

We are including reminders of what can and cannot be added to the bin.

## Yes, Can Compost:

- Food Scraps: Fruit and vegetable scraps (including peels and cores), bread, pasta, rice, cereal, cooked meats, fish, and bones. Cut these in small pieces to help the process.
- Coffee and Tea: Grounds, filters, and tea bags.
- Yard Waste: Leaves, grass clippings.
- Other Organics: Feathers, flower bouquets, dry grains.
- Household Plants: Including soil.

## No, Cannot Compost:

- Meat, Bones, and Fish: Large quantities or raw meat/fish/bones can attract pests and create odors.
- Waxed Paper or paper plates: The wax coating can slow decomposition and contaminate the compost.
- Large branches
- Dairy Products
- Grease and Fats: Can slow decomposition and attract pests.
- Pet Waste: Dog and cat waste, and cat litter.
- Plastic, Metal, Glass
- Weeds with Seeds: Can re-grow in the compost pile.
- Diseased Plants: Can spread disease to other plants.
- Chemical-Treated Yard Trimmings: Can contaminate the compost.
- Oily Foods: Large amounts can slow decomposition.
- Onions, Garlic, and Citrus Fruits: Can negatively impact the microbial balance in the compost.

~ Guy and Andrea Banicki



## Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, upcoming events, bulletins, rectory hours, funeral announcements, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Sunday is the Last Day to Fill Out Our Faith in Action Survey



### Faith in Action (FiA) Survey

Which social and political issues do you care about?

How well is the Church speaking to the things that you care about?

What does Christ-centered activism look like?

We want to hear your views on the St. Gertrude Parish Faith in Action (FiA) Survey. The survey is open to all ages and allows you to share your views anonymously and shape civic engagement and educational opportunities in the parish.

Visit [bit.ly/FiASurvey](https://bit.ly/FiASurvey) or use the QR code and take 5 minutes to complete the survey in English or Spanish



**Survey Closes  
June 15th**

**El Domingo es el último día para completar nuestra Encuesta Fe en Acción**



### Encuesta Fe en Acción (FiA)

¿Qué temas sociales y políticos te preocupan?

¿Qué tan bien está hablando la Iglesia acerca de las cosas que a usted le preocupan?

¿Cómo se manifiesta el activismo centrado en Cristo?

Queremos conocer su opinión sobre la encuesta Fe en Acción de Santa Gertrudis. La encuesta está abierta a todas las edades y le permite compartir sus puntos de vista de forma anónima y dar forma al compromiso cívico y las oportunidades educativas en la parroquia.

Visita [bit.ly/FiASurvey](https://bit.ly/FiASurvey) o usa el código QR y tómate 5 minutos para completar la encuesta.



**La encuesta cierra  
el 15 de junio**

## Adult Faith Formation Commission Forming

One of the “hungers” identified in the St. Gertrude Parish Strategic Plan is that of developing and supporting opportunities for ongoing adult faith formation in our parish.

If you are interested in being part of a group whose mission will be to support current adult faith formation ministries in the parish as well as to discern and develop new possibilities for adult faith formation, please send your name and email address to Bob Backis, PPC Co-Chair, at [rjbackis@gmail.com](mailto:rjbackis@gmail.com) by June 1st.

For more information, please email Bob or call him at 773.510.6553.

An initial meeting of an Adult Faith Formation Commission will be held in June.



## New Members Needed for the Parish Pastoral Council!

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is renewing its search for new members. If you are interested in learning more about the PPC or are interested in joining, please complete this at <https://bit.ly/JointhePPC>.

Questions or comments for the PPC can be sent to [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Financial Report from June 7-8

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,561.00  
Loose Checks: \$780.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,118.00  
Online Donations: \$8,371.67  
**Total Collected: \$12,830.67**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: \$2,830.67**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 (as of 6/8/2025): \$514,203.38

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

**Difference: -\$35,796.62**

**Priest Retirement Collection: \$3,789.92**

## Neighborhood/Archdiocese News



### Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

Want to make a difference? Want to grow in your faith? The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need.

IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

Learn more by attending an upcoming information session at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (in Glenview) on June 17, 2:00 pm or Old St. Mary

Parish (Chicago) on June 26, 2:00 pm

Register online at [www.ivcusa.org/chicago](http://www.ivcusa.org/chicago) or call Program Manager Cathy Buescher at 201.407.6052.

**EDGEWATER COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION**

# **JUNETEENTH SERVICE**

**AMERICA THE FREE?** **JUNE 19, 2025** **7:00 PM**

**EDGEWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1020 W BRYN MAWR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60660

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**  
ANNMARIE BROWN,  
CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

**PERFORMANCE BY:**  
CIRCLES AND CIPHERS

**FREE PARKING:**  
ST. ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
5649 N SHERIDAN RD, CHICAGO, IL 60660

## Parish Information

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

#### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, June 14 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, June 15 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 15 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Liam Benham

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 14 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane
- Sunday, June 15 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, June 15 at 10:30 am - Michelle Kuehlhorn, Rafael Melendez, Tim Love

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday, June 14 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolyte: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, June 15 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Viviana Love; Angel Garcia

### Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

### Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 16: 7:30 am - Lyle Rose Slaber+
- Tuesday, June 17: 7:30 am - Joe Biden
- Wednesday, June 18: 7:30 am - People of God
- Thursday, June 19: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, June 20: 7:30 am - James Murray+
- Saturday, June 21: 7:30 am - Billy Tobin+; 5:00 pm - Bartley McKee+
- Sunday, June 22: 8:00 am - Thomas Richmond+; 10:30 am - The Buckingham family (Bruce+)

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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 Rector at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The Rector office will be closed on June 19 for Juneteenth.**

## Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)

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