



Lord, bless this  
land and its  
people.

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Bulletin for  
Sunday, June 28, 2026  
**13th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

### A Prayer for the United States of America at 250

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire  
that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the  
wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return  
to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given  
this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that  
our Creator has endowed all people with the right  
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*(Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

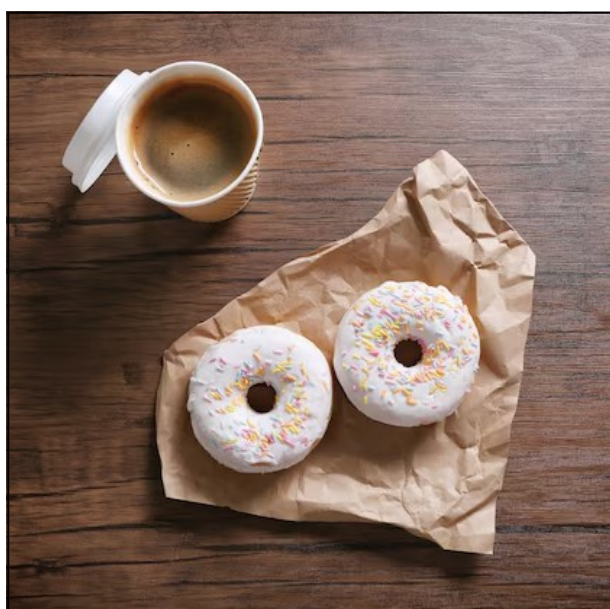
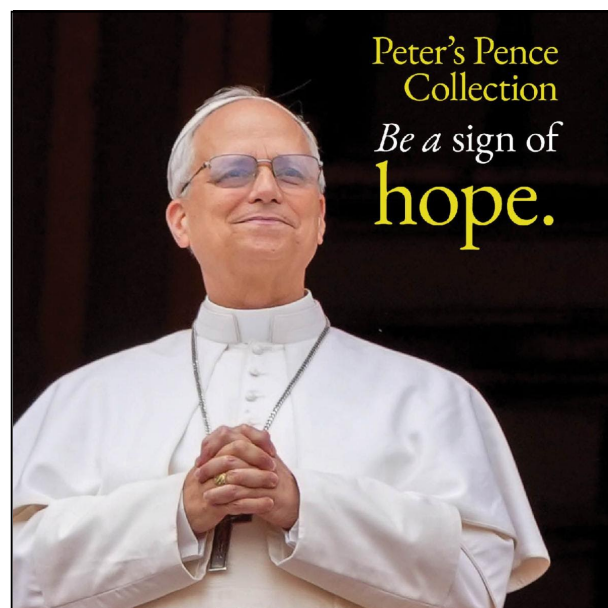


## Parish Events & Activities

### This Weekend: Second Collection for Peter's Pence

On June 27-28, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity!

For more information or to make an online donation, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



### Come to *Brewed at St. Gertrude* This Sunday!

Make plans to linger a little longer after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 28, and join us for *Brewed at St. Gertrude* in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. This monthly gathering offers a chance to enjoy coffee, light refreshments, and conversation with fellow parishioners in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Whether you're new to St. Gertrude, returning after some time away, or a longtime parishioner, *Brewed at St. Gertrude* is a great way to connect with others and build community beyond Sunday worship.

Stop by after the morning Masses, say hello to a familiar face, meet someone new, and enjoy the hospitality that makes our parish feel like home.

Everyone is welcome!

### Thank You for Supporting Care for Real

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend's collection for Care for Real.

Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Our next drive is scheduled for next weekend, July 4-5.



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## Join our Weekly Wednesday Contemplative Prayer Group

Looking for a way to deepen your prayer life? Join St. Gertrude's contemplative prayer group, which meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Ministry Center chapel, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave.

Through silent prayer, scripture reflection, and spiritual reading, participants seek to grow in awareness of God's presence. Whether you're new to contemplative prayer or have practiced it for years, all are welcome. Guidance is available for beginners.

Come as you are and participate as you are able.

For more information, contact Karen Spear at [kspear@marian.edu](mailto:kspear@marian.edu).

## Rectory Office Closed on Friday, July 3

The office will be closed on July 3 in honor of Independence Day.

Mass will be held at 7:30 am.



## Book Club Info

Join the St. Gertrude Book Club on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., as we discuss *Six Days in Bombay* by Alka Joshi.

On Tuesday, August 11, the group will review *Mercy Street* by Jennifer Haigh.

New members are always welcome, and we would love to hear your perspectives! For more information, contact Lea Cloning at 773.213.0509.



## Growing in Faith

How interesting that in today's reading from the Book of Kings, we learn about Elisha, the prophet of ancient Israel. Elisha exerts his spirit, given to him by God, in order to help a barren woman who wanted a son. A Google search of Elisha reveals that this prophet called the people of Israel to covenant faithfulness, meaning that they must reject idols and worship the one true God. It was said that Elisha walked with God.

In today's Reading II from Romans, we hear that Jesus expanded upon the meaning of "walking with God." Sin no longer has any power over Jesus Christ, but it sure does have power over us humans!

Pope Leo's just-released Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, lays out the Christian way to approach Artificial Intelligence and how this technology poses great challenges to humanity. The Pope contrasts two Biblical stories: the Tower of Babel, a story of hubris and lust for domination at odds with God; and the story of Nehemiah, who led, but did not command, his people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, an undertaking with God at the center. The Pope is calling Christians, and all people of good will, to join in communion with others to "rebuild the walls of fraternal coexistence." Is this not a wonderful metaphor for how to abandon sin and instead walk with God?

~ Denise DeBelle

## How to Read the Hymn Board

The hymn board, located on the right side of the sanctuary, lists the readings and hymns for Mass. The first number indicates the readings section, while the remaining numbers correspond to the hymns. Simply find the matching numbers in your hymnal to follow along.

Before Mass begins, take a moment to note the numbers and mark the pages in your hymnal to help you participate more fully in the celebration.

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|-------------------|------|
| Readings for Mass | 1226 |
| Processional      | 923  |
| Offertory         | 869  |
| Communion         | 1042 |
| Recessional       | 857  |
| Mass Parts        | 411  |

## Financial Report for June 20-21

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,313.00  
 Loose Checks: \$810.00  
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$767.00  
 Online Donations: \$5,493.31  
 Total Collected: \$8,383.31

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
 Difference: \$1,616.69  
 YTD Collected FY 2026: \$525,148.40  
 YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
 Difference: -\$24,851.60

## Parish Info

### New Parishioner

- Antony Moyalan
- Montserrat Villasenor

### Baptism

- Cormac Sullivan Kendall, son of Adam Kendall and Moira Sullivan

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Art Lyons
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Suzanne Teberg, Jay Cook
- Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Edie Sheridan

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Adaobi Okoli; acolytes: Wyatt Dant, Mathios Paulus

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Susan Actaboski         | • Maria Hertl           | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Victor Ayes             | • Patricia White Holmes | • Delphine Richert     |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Gertrude Huisman      | • Joan Ross            |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Tony Hunter           | • Rosa Ott Sandoval    |
| • Lisa Bell               | • Forrest Ingram        | • Sherwin              |
| • Zara Bradley            | • John Kahoun           | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Maggie Callahan         | • Mary E. Kelley        | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • Marilyn Klein         | • Mary Pierce Spalla   |
| • Kathy Catrambone        | • Jim Laczkowski        | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Joseph Lambin         | • Marie Tarallo        |
| • Mary DeBois             | • Carleen Lorys         | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • David Denegas           | • Roland Mady           | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • River Malik           | • Joe Touchstone       |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • James Mann            | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Alex Marks            | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Theresa McMahon       | • King Wallace         |
| • Adolf Gabriel           | • Nancy Michael         | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Marie Galoney           | • Steve Monti           | • Kevin Walsh          |
| • Thomas Hajduch          | • Hilda Mora            | • Leon Ward            |
| • Anne Marie Hamde        | • John Nardella         | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Rochelle Hernandez      | • Patti Paul            | • Dawn Wyman           |
| • Tricia Hernandez        | • Dealina Peon          | • Yyes Yoza            |

## Rest in Peace

Christina Hartung+

John F. Scanlon+

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, June 29: 7:30 am - Noreen Tierney+ (Communion Service)
- Tuesday, June 30: 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak+
- Wednesday, July 1: 7:30 am - Edward Kelly+
- Thursday, July 2: 7:30 am - Frederick Gusmanos+
- Friday, July 3: 7:30 am - Patricia Meade+
- Saturday, July 4: 5:00 pm - Paciencia & Roberto Cabrera+
- Sunday, July 5: 8:00 am; 10:30 - Edward Kelly+

## Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, (The Gym Mass is on summer break.); Monday-Friday: 7:30 am; Saturday: 5:00 pm; The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The office will be closed on July 3.**
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Heart to Heart/Lending Closet Contact Info

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## Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

## 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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