

## St. Gertrude Chicago

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Bulletin for  
**March 5, 2023**  
Second Sunday of Lent

### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

We are a week into Lent. The season of Lent does not end until the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8th. That's a long time when we think

about things we have given up and fasting. It brings up the question, "Do you see Lent as a burden, or as an opportunity?"

We know the burdens, the "rules" attached to Lent. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstaining from meat every Friday. And then there are rules we impose upon ourselves: our self-chosen penance, whatever that might be.

For many it's a matter of giving up something, or a particular behavior or a pattern of thought and perception of others. Some do more positive discipline, more prayer or other spiritual endeavor.

Either way, Lent can be seen as a burden. Lent can become a marathon of good deeds, rather than as a journey of returning to the Lord. The multitude of days of the Lenten season assures us of a multitude of chances to "return to the Lord", to get back on the path, to recommit to the journey itself. Even if so far things haven't gone as planned, you still have days and days to get back on track. To make this the best Lent ever, see it as an opportunity rooted in desire: desire for God, desire to return to God, and desire to draw closer to God.

Last Sunday, we sent our Catechumens and Candidates to Holy Name Cathedral with our pledge to pray for them during this journey to Easter. To get to know them a little better there will be posting, with a little about each of them in future bulletins. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Lenten Activities at St. Gerts

### Almoners Lenten Ministry

Each weekend during Lent, we will have a weekly second collection for the Almoner's Program. The funds raised will be used to purchase \$10.00 McDonald gift cards which parishioners can pick up at the weekend Masses and shared with those in need.

Last weekend we collected \$1,345.00! Thank you for your generosity.



## Lenten Activities at St. Gertrude (continued)

### Lenten Study: *The Crucible of Racism* by Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ - Groups Meet on Thursdays

The Lenten book study this year will continue the work begun last year on racism. We will be reading *The Crucible of Racism* by Patrick Saint-Jean. In this book, Saint-Jean shows how Ignatian Spirituality and faithful hope can, in fact, change us, the Church, our nation, and the world.

Study groups will meet weekly in the Ministry Center on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm until March 30. Each meeting is about one hour. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the back of the church. We have copies of the book available for \$20. For more information, contact Fr. Mike Gabriel at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org).

### Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Every Friday during Lent, we will take time from our busy schedules to reflect on the suffering journey of Christ and others in the world. On Friday afternoons at 3:00 pm, we offer the traditional way of the Cross.

At 6:30 pm, we will also have stations of the Cross joining Jesus' journey recognizing the present struggles and crosses that challenge the modern world.

### The Mystic Path in Song

On Wednesday, March 15th, we will have a special evening in the Church. Titled "*The Mystic Path in Song*", the evening will feature Gerry Digman. It will be a time of reflection on the spiritual journey of the great saints and the ups and downs they faced in their own life.

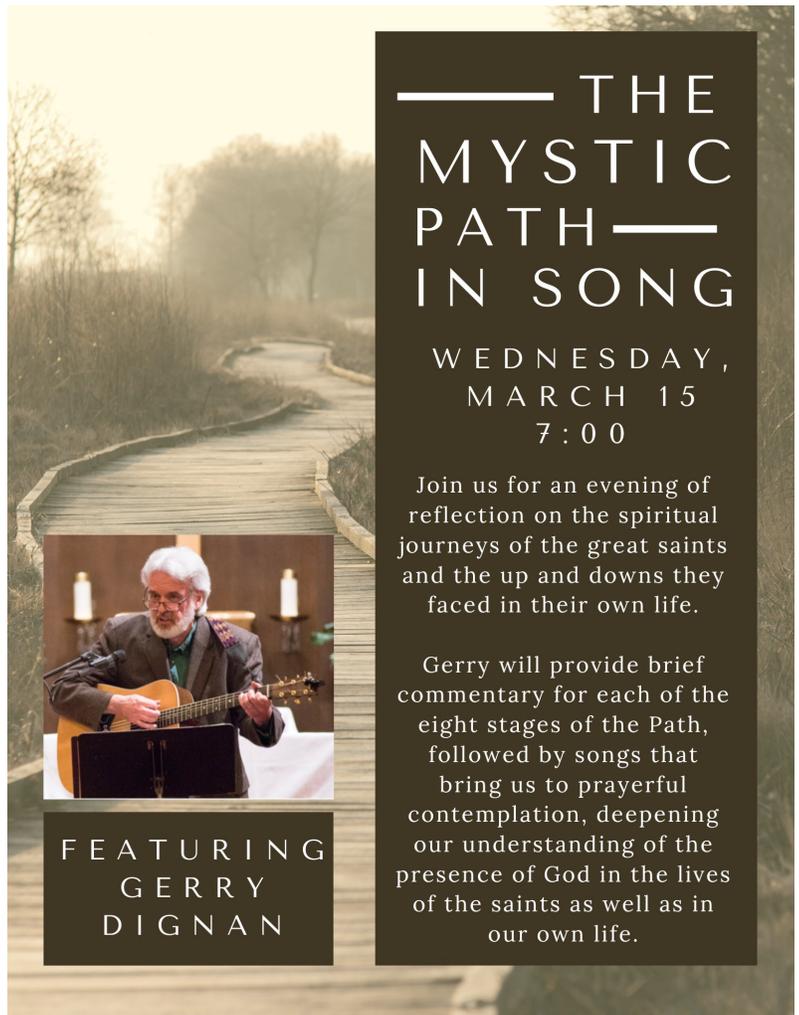
Gerry will provide brief commentary for each of the eight stages of the Path, followed by songs that bring us to prayerful contemplation, deepening our understanding of the presence of God in the lives of the saints as well as in our own life. The presentation will last about an hour. A flyer is available at <https://bit.ly/MysticPathinSong>.

### Care for Real Food Drive on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26

Thank you for donating to the Care for Real Food Drive on February 25-26! So many parishioners gave generously.

There will be a donation weekend on the fourth Sunday of each month. Our next food drive is scheduled for March 25 & 26.

Visit Care for Real at <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> to see what items are requested.



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7:00

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DIGNAN

# SACRAMENTS



## Confirmation & First Communion Information: Important Upcoming Dates

We ask that families of Confirmation students please note all of the dates below and First Communion parents be aware of a parent meeting on Monday, March 13.

- **Saturday, March 4** - There is a Confirmation

Retreat planned in the Social Hall from 9:00 am to noon.

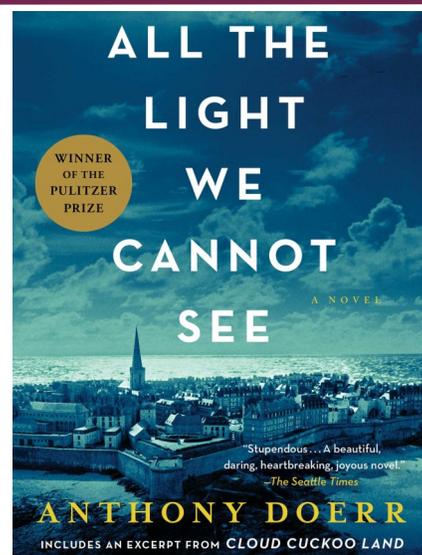
- **Sunday, March 12** - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a rehearsal for Confirmation. Confirmation students are invited to stay after the rehearsal for a board game day and pizza.
- **Monday, March 13** - Family Prayer, Discipleship - Meeting for parents of those who will be Confirmed AND who will make their First Communion this spring at 6:30 pm in Church.
- **Tuesday, March 14** - The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 7:00 pm in Church. Confirmation candidates are expected to attend a meeting with Bishop Bartosic at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

## Book Club Members Wanted - Next Gathering is Monday, March 13

Please join us in the Ministry Center on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, and we would love new voices and opinions.

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.

Please note, the gathering may be virtual if the weather is stormy.



## Interfaith Model Passover Seder



Sunday, March 19th  
4:00pm - 5:30pm



## Interfaith Passover Seder on Sunday, March 19

All are invited to attend Emanuel Congregation's second Model Interfaith Seder! This is a learning opportunity for members of every faith group to celebrate the traditions of a Jewish seder.

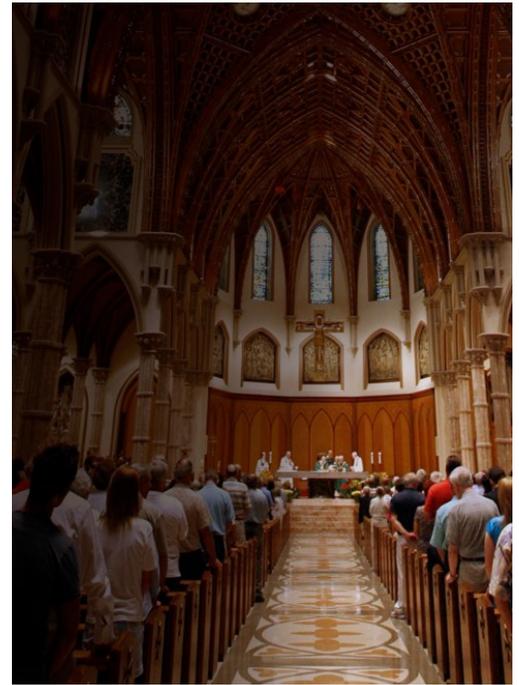
The Passover style dinner is Sunday, March 19 from 4:00-5:30 pm. The menu includes gefilte fish, chicken soup with matzah balls, herbed roast chicken, carrot tsimmes, green beans, and potato kugel. The cost is \$25.

Please sign up and pay at <https://emanuelcong.shulcloud.com/form/ECRA-interfaith-model-seder.html>.

# Loving Eucharistic Revival: Vicariate Prayer Events 2023

The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayers, activities and ministries. Pope Francis recently wrote that "the Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive or it does not exist."

Join us around the archdiocese to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for celebrations of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our auxiliary bishops in each vicariate.



- **Vicariate I:** March 21 at 7:00 pm, St. Emily, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt Prospect
- **Vicariate II:** March 22 at 7:00 pm, Holy Child Jesus, 2324 W. Chase Ave., Chicago
- **Vicariate III:** March 7 at 7:00 pm, St. Mary of the Angels, 1850 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago
- **Vicariate IV:** March 16 at 6:30 pm, Queen of All Nations, 4940 Washington St., Hillside
- **Vicariate V:** March 10 at 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Palos, 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills
- **Vicariate VI:** March 5 at 2:00 pm, Christ Our Light, 13145 S. Houston Ave., Chicago

Join  
**BISHOP MARK BARTOSIC**

**LENTEN TRIDUUM**  
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction  
for Healing, Repentance, and Peace

**March 27, 28, & 29 7pm-8pm**

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Prayerfully journey 1, 2, or 3 evenings  
Uniting the faithful regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis

Mary, Mother of God Parish  
**SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
5545 N Paulina St., Chicago IL

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago>

 **SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS WILL BE PRESENT**

For more info: [vii.taskforce@gmail.com](mailto:vii.taskforce@gmail.com)  
Organized by AOC Vicariate II Committee for Healing and Atonement

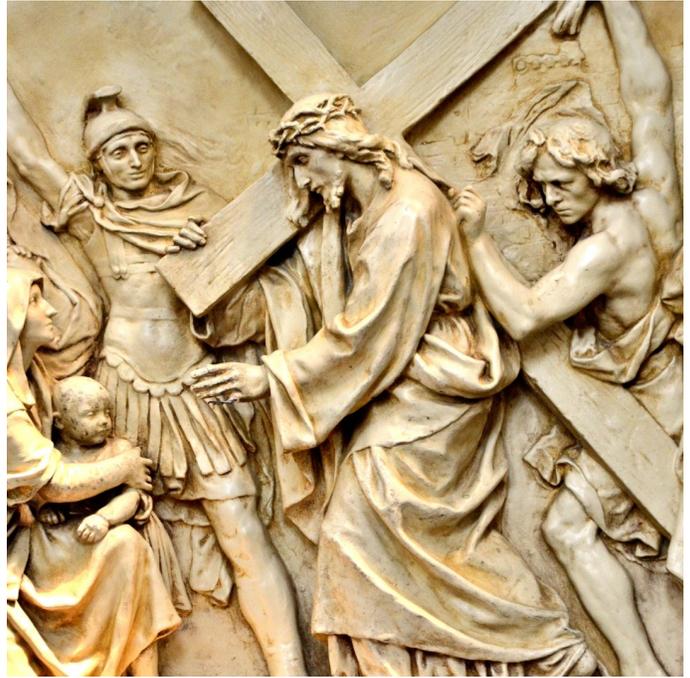
## A Lenten Triduum with the Bishop Mark Bartosic March 27, 28, & 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Please join us for Triduum of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for Healing, Repentance, and Peace. This is the third prayerful journey to unite the faithful regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis and has been arranged by Vicariate II Catholic laity and the Committee for Healing and Atonement.

The three-evening events will feature Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction each evening with a form of prayer: Scripture, Litany, Rosary, respectively. Sign language interpreters will be present. It will be live streamed too on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago/>.

Email [vii.taskforce@gmail.com](mailto:vii.taskforce@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Ways to Deepen Your Lenten Experience



- Attend Mass daily or commit to going on Sundays if you don't attend weekly.
- Spend time with the daily scripture readings.
- Spend five minutes daily in silence with the Lord.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross at church, at home, or live online on Wednesdays at [bit.ly/lenten-rosary](https://bit.ly/lenten-rosary).
- Fast from specific things or foods.
- Turn off electronic devices for 30 minutes daily.
- Behavioral fasting from criticism, negativity, judgmentalism, resignation, self-righteousness, cynicism, know-it-all-ness, provincialism, self-absorption, divisiveness, intolerance, violence in thought, word or deed, excess pride, blindness to your involvement in sin, criticism, anger, bitterness, despair, and hatred.
- Give to those in need. There are so many meaningful programs that could benefit from help! They include Almoners Program, Care for Real, Heart to Heart, our Refugee & Immigrant Ministry, and more!
- Join our choir. One way to deepen your Lenten experience is through music. Please consider joining the choir and singing at the 10:30 am Sunday Masses during Lent and Holy Week. The group practices on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:15 pm in the church and usually gather about 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. Email [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org) if interested.
- *Little Black Books of Lenten Reflections*. These small books offer daily six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Matthew. The books are available for a suggestion donation of \$1.
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to learn more about this long-standing Catholic tradition. CRS bowls are available in Church.

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## Online Lenten Resources

- National Pastoral Migratoria's Lenten Calendar: <https://bit.ly/MigratoriaLentenCalendar>
- 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Action for Immigration Reform-Wednesday Rosaries on Zoom: [bit.ly/lenten-rosary](https://bit.ly/lenten-rosary)
- An Ignatian Guide to Lent: <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/ignatian-lent/>
- An Ignatian eight-week online retreat. <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure/>
- Return to Me: Lenten daily reflections from Holy Cross College. <https://www.holycross.edu/faith-and-service-opportunities/exploring-faith/return-to-me>
- Stations of the Cross: Renew the Earth: <https://www.jrsusa.org/resource/stations-of-the-cross-renew-the-earth/>
- Prayers: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/lent-prayers>
- Lenten audio conversations: <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Audio-Conversations/Lent-Conversations.html>
- Lenten Spiritual Reading: <https://weare.franciscan.university/lent/spiritual-reading/>
- Ignatian Solidary Network: Prayers, a podcast, and daily emails. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/lent-2023/>



## Recruiting Volunteer Drivers for Heart to Heart

Volunteers are the backbone of Heart to Heart. There are opportunities for volunteering to help homebound seniors and disabled individuals in our Edgewater/Rogers Park areas.

We need drivers to take members to the grocery store, medical appointments, and Mass.

Let us know your availability and we will accommodate your schedule.

Contact Pat Sullivan at [psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773-973-5464.

## Weekly Financial Report

The Finance Committee would like the parish to be more aware of the financial situation of St. Gertrude. To inform all of you, we will be publishing the weekly collections and what has been budgeted for the parish so we can continue our ministries.

### February 26, 2023

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$ 2,316.00

Loose Checks: \$605.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$ 899.00

Online Donations: \$ 4,823.51

**Total Collected: \$ 8,643.51**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

**Difference: -\$ - 2,068.49**

Year-to-date Collected: \$321,154.03

Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00

**Difference: -\$236,845.97**

Almoner's Collection: \$1,345.00



## Visit our Parish Website!

For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, recent rest in peace notices, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)!

We also invite you to visit our Lent 2023 page, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/lent-2023>.



## Growing in Faith: Mountaintop Moments by Rich Goode

Thirty years ago, I asked my dad what was the most spectacular sight he'd ever seen. He said the Grand Canyon. In college, a friend assured me that, no matter how much it has been built up, your first sight of the Grand Canyon will not disappoint. Last year, I finally got there. My friend was right. Seeing it for the first time literally took my breath away.

Later in the year, my son and I were able to go to Alaska. One hike up a mountain in Kenai Fjords National Park was the most spectacular I'd ever been on. Before last year, I hadn't been to

a National Park in a long time. When I was younger, I thought the key to a rich life was to have as many mountaintop moments as I could. My thinking has changed since then.

I love "mountaintop" moments. Peter was right when he said to Jesus "It is good that we are here." The top of a tall mountain is beautiful but it is barren way up there. It cannot sustain life. Jesus did not take Peter up on his idea to build a monument. Instead, he brought them back down to where the life awaited - where, indeed, suffering and death awaited him. The mountaintop is awesome, in the truest sense of the word. I love it for that, but it's not where life happens.

I wish you a life sprinkled with awe-inspiring moments to inspire you when you go back down the mountain to live the life God has in store for you.

### New Parishioners

- Alejandro Hurtado and Rachel Ramirez
- Tyler and Katherine Damme

### Rest in Peace

- David Hartigan, husband of Kathleen Barrett, father of Rachel Dewey (Chauncey), David L. Hartigan, Peter Hartigan (Vanessa), Alexander Hartigan, Andrew Hartigan (Aimee) and 11 grandchildren

## Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, March 4 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Joe McMahon
- Sunday, Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 am - Victoria Healy, Martha Mulligan

### Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, March 4 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O' Connor
- Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; Denise Goodman-clarinet, Dana Sullivan-flute, Jim Szmurlo-violin

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, March 4 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 am - Maria Ugarte, Carlos Barragan, Michael Kowalski

### Altar Servers:

- Sunday, Sunday, March 5 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer -Claire McCarthy; Acolytes - Henry Jacobson, Dominic Millar

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 6: 7:30 am - Greg Wall †
- Tuesday, March 7: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wednesday, March 8: 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- Thursday, March 9: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, March 10: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Saturday, March 11: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 5:00 pm - Sheila McGuire †
- Sunday, March 12: 8:00 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 10:30 am - Ernie Garnett †; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Michael Breen †

(† indicates the person is deceased)

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm There is no Gym Mass on March 19.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday 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 Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| • Zara Bradley     | • Gina Heidkamp   | • John Nardella        |
| • Lilly Buie       | • Maria Hertl     | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Aida Calvopina   | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • KC Conway        | • Marilyn Klein   | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Patricia Meade  | • Leon Ward            |
| • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Karey Myers     | • Yyes Yoza            |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org). Names will remain on the list for three weeks. After that time, please renew the name using same contact information.

## 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. Michael Gabriel, Parish Administrator  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate  
Maria Garcia, Rectory Office Manager  
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Andy Mueller, Parish Buildings Engineer  
Tracy Shields, Communications Director  
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management  
Patricia Sullivan, Heart to Heart Director