

**Whoever loves me will
keep my word.**

John 14:23

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Bulletin for Sunday, May 25, 2025 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

I hope everyone is doing well as we move through the Easter Season. Pope Leo seems to be capturing the world's attention in so many positive ways: his gentle, disarming smile, his humble nature, and his witness to the Gospel through the simplicity of his life and ministry are truly beautiful to see.

Did you notice that his first words to the world were, "Peace be with you"? These are the same words we heard on the Second Sunday of Easter in the Gospel, when Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection.

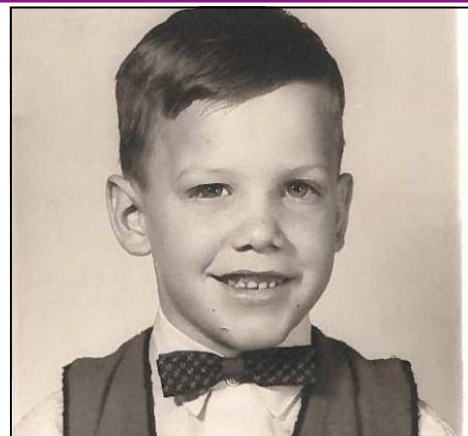
"Peace be with you" is truly a message of the Resurrection. I'd like to think that Pope Leo XVI was speaking to all of us—members of St. Gertrude's. In truth, he was!

He was speaking to us and to the entire Universal Church about the mystery of Christ rising from the dead. Let's hold fast to this message and strive to live it in our daily lives.

June 8 is the Feast of Pentecost—a time when we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue strengthening and empowering us to spread the Gospel.

It will also mark the parish celebration of my retirement. I ask all of you to join me in making this a joyful celebration, but also one of deep gratitude.

I know I have so much to be thankful for—and so do you. This isn't just about me; it's about all those who have served our wonderful community here at St. Gertrude's.



I'm grateful for those who can join us in person, and for those who cannot but may watch via livestream. So many of you minister here in a variety of ways.

I humbly ask that we all come together in gratitude for those who have served St. Gertrude's over the years, helping to make it a vibrant, faith-filled community.

Let us show our gratitude to God—who is so good, generous, and spirit-filled. I pray that our hearts will overflow with gratitude.

Please pray for me as I prepare for this next chapter of my life.

As I look ahead to what God has planned for me, my heart is overflowing with thankfulness for the privilege of being part of—and serving—this great community.

~ Fr. Mike

For information about helping out at the party and special efforts to celebrate his years of ministry, please see page 6!

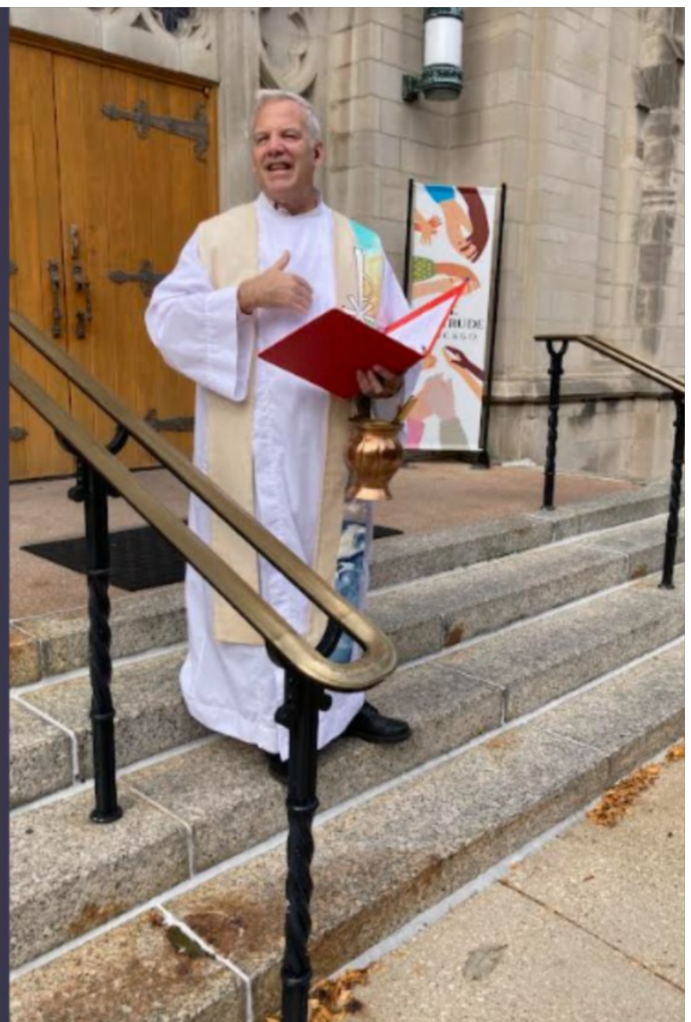


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Fr. Mike Retires!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Join us for a for a special celebration following the 10:30 am Mass. We'll gather in the Gym for hospitality, fellowship, and a chance to personally thank Father Mike for his years of ministry, guidance, and compassion.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 25

- Before/after masses - Care for Real Collection Drive

Monday, May 26

- Memorial Day
- 7:30 am - Mass
- The Rectory office is closed.

Thursday, May 29

- 7:00 pm - Recital of 20th century women composers (classical and jazz) performed by Mary Clare Barker in church

Friday, May 30

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

Saturday, May 31

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm - Car wash hosted by the youth group in the parish parking lot

Friday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 7

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm - Youth group to sell hot dogs and pop at Edgewater Yard & Sidewalk Sale in the parish parking lot
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

- Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers before/after masses
- Second Collection for Priests' Health and Retirement
- Combined 10:30 am mass in church (No Gym mass)
- After the 10:30 am masses - Fr. Mike Gabriel's retirement celebration

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



Right now, Care for Real is experiencing the highest demand for food assistance in their history, serving 1,400 families each week.

Collection Drive for Care for Real is This Weekend/Next Collection is June 7-8

St. Gertrude has its monthly collection drive for our neighbors in need this weekend! Please place non-perishable items in the bins at the back of church. Items will be donated to Care for Real who is working hard to help these newly-arrived neighbors.

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, which is June 7-8.

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.

Rectory Office Closed on Memorial Day

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Morning mass will be held at 7:30 am.



A Celebration of 20th Century Women Composers Planned for This Thursday, May 29

Please join us in church on May 29 at 7:00 pm in church for a free concert! The event will feature compositions from Amy Beach, Florence Price, Marian McPartland, and Dana Suesse, noted 20th century female musical trailblazers.

Mary Clare Barker, our former Music Director and an accomplished pianist, will perform.

All are welcome!

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.



Upcoming Youth Group Activities: Car Wash on May 31 and a Hot Dog Sale During the Edgewater Yard & Garden Sale on June 7

The parish youth group has two upcoming events: a car wash and a hot dog sale. All proceeds will go towards youth group activities.

The car wash is planned for Saturday, May 31. Teens will be available to wash cars from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the parish parking lot. The cost is \$15 per vehicle.

The Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale is Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Our parish youth group will sell pop and hot dogs to attendees in the parish parking lot from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

If your teen in grades six and up is interested in joining our youth group, please contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Second Collection on June 7-8 for Priests' Health and Retirement

The Priests have dedicated their lives to ministry, serving our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life.

A second collection on June 7-8 will provide for the health and well-being of 386 active and 247 retired archdiocesan priests.

Your generosity to this special collection directly impacts both the many active and retired archdiocesan priests who we have come to rely on

throughout our lives.

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 ensure the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parishes and communities.



Volunteers Needed for Fr. Mike's Retirement Celebration

After years of dedicated service, Father Mike Gabriel is heading into a well-deserved retirement—and we want to send him off with all the love and gratitude he deserves!

To make this June 8th event a success, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the following:

- Set-up & clean-up in the gym
- Staffing during the event (planned for after the 10:30 am combined mass in church), including monitoring food and beverages
- Baking for our sweet treats table

If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Michael Kowalsky at mkowalsky@rcn.com or call 773.633.6692.

Thank you in advance for your help—and we look forward to celebrating together!

Letters of Gratitude

As a part of our celebration of Father Mike, we would like to compile a book of letters from St. Gertrude parishioners, and from the many people he has served in his 41 years as priest. It would be a very special remembrance for him as he begins his retirement, and is indeed a perfect gift!

There will be a table at the reception where people can write a note of thanks and good wishes for the future.

But if you would like to compose your letter beforehand, it would allow you more time to include some memories, stories, and perhaps include a picture.

You can send your letter:

- Via email to marinaparis@gmail.com
- By sending it to the parish office to the attention of Eduardo, 1420 W Granville Ave, Chicago, IL, 60660
- By bringing it to the reception on June 8

Thank you!





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 or use the QR code and take 5 minutes to complete the survey in English or Spanish



**Survey Closes
June 15th**



Volunteers Needed!

We need more volunteers to sustain the programs and ministries we currently offer! The list includes help with baptismal preparation classes, live-streaming our 10:30 am Mass in church, our Heart to Heart Ministry, and church environment/decoration, and joining our choir.

If you have interest in any of these ministries, please reach out to Fr. Mike Gabriel at mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.

Growing in Faith

You and I live in a world that can be scary in many ways. In the face of our fears, we can curl up in a ball and hide out. But that's not the way of Jesus.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus tells us: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." And he adds: "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

In the world, people try to achieve peace by protecting themselves with as much money as they can gather, with as much power as they can accumulate, with as much stuff as they can clutter around them.

Jesus, however, is countercultural. When asked the greatest commandment, he said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." In other words, instead of running away in fear from other people, run toward them, embrace them.

Although he warned the disciples that he would leave, Jesus told them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." That's because the Holy Spirit is with us. There is no way for me or you to control our world. We have to trust that the Spirit will show us the right way to go. And we have to be willing to follow the Spirit.

If we believe, we will trust. And, if we trust, we will feel the presence of the Spirit, the way that the great Jesuit poet Gerard Manly Hopkins did when, in "God's Grandeur," he wrote: "The Holy Ghost over the bent World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings."

~ Patrick T. Reardon



Heart to Heart's Ministry of Prayer

Did you know that despite your being homebound or physically inactive, there is a special and valued ministry here at St. Gertrude which we invite you to consider?

There are no meetings, no dues or calls required; yet as a participant you will have a valued connection to the parish life by enriching others and yourself through your own dedicated, daily prayer time!

It works like this: We provide you with a monthly prayer sheet that has some of the prayer petitions taken from the "Prayer Wall" in the back of our

church. As one of our prayer angels, you will include these petitions in your daily prayers; thereby becoming an unseen blessing for so many!

Please contact Sr. Susan Quaintance at Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 or squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org. We welcome your interest in this caring ministry.

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 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.



Easter Flower Offerings

- ♦ *In memory of Helen and Andrew Galoney from Marie Galoney*
- ♦ *In memory of: Beatrice "Trixie" Muchman from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of Mary A. Pierce and John A. Pierce from Ellen Pierce*
- ♦ *In memory of Pope Francis from Marilyn Klein*
- ♦ *In memory of the Charles Strubbe Family from Marie Galoney*

Financial Report from May 17-18

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,311.00
Loose Checks: \$720.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$679.00
Online Donations: \$4,993.51
Total Collected: \$7,703.51

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$2,296.49
Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$487,807.79
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00
Difference: - \$62,192.21

NCA/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:

- St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 11:00 am
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm
- Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

Register online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago or call Program Manager Cathy Buescher at 201.407.6052.





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ADVISORY BOARD



Northside Catholic Academy, a multi-parish Pre-K-8 school in the Edgewater community, seeks additional community partners to serve on our committees (finance, enrollment, advancement, marketing, and others) and Advisory Board. We need the thought partnership of strong community leaders with a passion for faith-based education to help guide our school and administration.



Scan the QR code to complete an application.

SEEKING MEMBERS



NOW ENROLLING

Northside Catholic Academy
PreK-8th Grade
6216 N. Glenwood Ave.
773-743-6277

CALL TO SCHEDULE A PRIVATE TOUR

Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, May 25 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Patrick Robinson

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, May 25 at 8:00 am - Josephine Delgado
- Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Stephen Hasselbeck, Annie Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 24 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Carter Dant; acolytes: Wyatt Dant, Angel Garcia
- Sunday, May 25 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Diarmuid McKeown; acolytes: Mathios Paulus, Adaobi Okoli

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

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Baptisms

- Kaitochukwu George Okoye
- Atlas Tadeo Gomez Tran

Rest in Peace

- James Murray

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, May 26: 7:30 am - Sherl Patterson
- Tuesday, May 27: 7:30 am - People of God
- Wednesday, May 28: 7:30 am - Fr. Mike Gabriel
- Thursday, May 29: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, May 30: 7:30 am - Billy Tobin+
- Saturday, May 31: 7:30 am - Eduardo Soto; 5:00 pm - Helen Ann and Helen Mary Long+
- Sunday, June 1: 8:00 am - Larry Rossi+; 10:30 am - Sr. Susan Quaintance; 10:30 am Gym mass - People of God

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 Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The Rectory office will be closed on Memorial Day.**

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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