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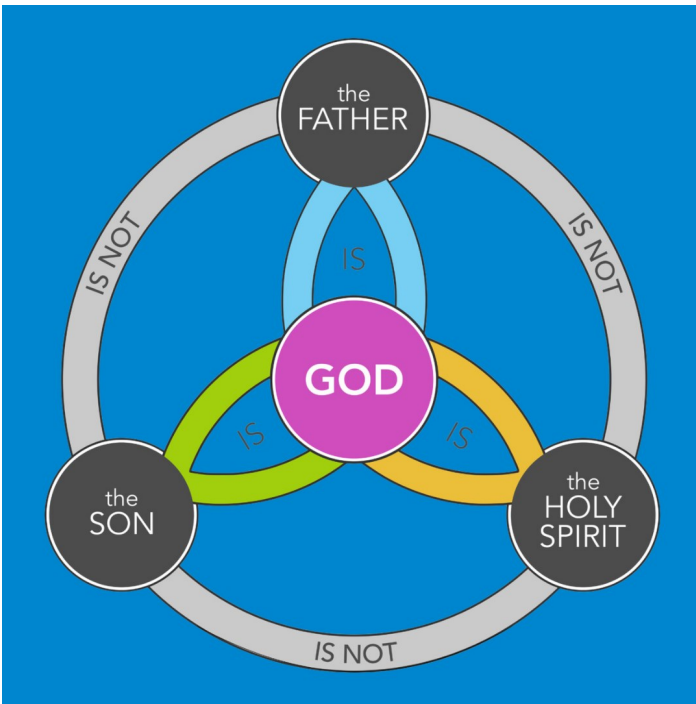
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Bulletin for Sunday, May 26, 2024

*The Solemnity of the
Most Holy Trinity*

From Fr. Mike Gabriel



Today, as daughters and sons of God, we are invited into a great, all-embracing love.

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, summarizes all we have been celebrating over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas to Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Guide and sending us forth in service.

The triune God is the basis of all of us, who we are and what we do as Christians. In the name of this triune God, we are baptized. As baptized, we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. Trinity holds a central place in our faith. May our faith be strong and may we experience God's love and Peace.

Monday is Memorial Day. It's a holiday, but hopefully also a day with meaning for each and every one of us. We want to remember and give honor and thanks for those who have given their lives, so we can enjoy freedom and peace.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

At the end of the month, there will be some Eucharistic processions and liturgies. They will offer time to join other from many other parishes to celebrate the Eucharist as the source of unity. Our Deanery will have a process and devotions on Friday, June 28, starting at 6:00 pm at Holy Child Jesus Parish (formerly St. Margaret Mary Church), 2324 W. Chase. Our Vicariate will have a celebration on Saturday, June 29, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash.



- Size 5 and 6 diapers
- Juice boxes
- Snack sized chips
- Wet cat food
- Dry dog food
- Men's clothing
- Sneakers

Drop off between 12-3 Mon-Sat at back entrance of 5339 N Sheridan.

This Weekend: Care for Real Food and Supply Drive; Next Weekend: Collection for Asylum Seekers

St. Gertrude has its monthly food drive this weekend! Missed it? Donations can be dropped off between 12:00-3:00 pm every Monday-Saturday at the back entrance of 5339 N. Sheridan.

Next weekend, June 1 and June 2, we will collect food and supplies for our neighbors seeking asylum.

Rectory Office Closed for Memorial Day

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Morning mass will be held at 7:30 am.



Going to the Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale? Visit our Youth Group's Hot Dog Stand!



The Edgewater Yard and Sidewalk Sale is Saturday, June 1 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.

Funds raised will go towards youth group activities. Please come out and support our parish teens!

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



Our Promise to Our Priests



Second Collection on June 8-9 for Priests' Health and Retirement

The Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA annual second collection will be June 8 and 9. This collection benefits the healthcare, wellness, and retirement for the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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. 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.

Thank you in advance for your support of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Registration Deadline for our Teen Mission Experience is June 8

The deadline for this summer's Mission Experience is fast approaching! Registration is due by Saturday, June 8. Our youth mission experience is planned for the week of July 22-26. Teens in our parish youth group, in sixth grade through high school, are invited to volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day.

There is a \$100 fee for the week. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. Please note that there are scholarships available! All participants will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack. Email Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org to register or for more info.



**TEEN
MISSION
EXPERIENCE**

July 22-26, 2024

**DEADLINE TO
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Book Club is Monday, June 10

Please join the book club in the Ministry Center on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride.

There are many copies of the book available at the Chicago Public Library.

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

CLG Workers Forum on Tuesday, June 11

The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago (CLG) has undertaken an initiative to highlight the long-standing Catholic teaching supporting the rights of workers. A committee of CLG members has put together this forum to educate and enlighten attorneys—and the larger community—about the meaning of Catholic social justice teaching and its continuing relevance for workplace justice and labor advocacy.

The Forum will take place on Tuesday, June 11 from 11:45 am until 2:15 pm. It will be held at the Carpenters Council Hall located at 12 East Erie Street in Chicago. Lunch will be provided.

Two-hours of Illinois general CLE credit will be provided for this program. Registration is required to attend, please provide ARDC during registration to attain CLE credit. Sign up at <https://clgchicago.wildapricot.org/event-5719483>.



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.



Commonweal Dialogue Returns June 14! Reading Info is Below

After a two-year hiatus, Commonweal Dialogue is returning to St. Gertrude's Parish this June!

Commonweal Dialogue provides opportunities for civil and cordial conversation about topics of contemporary concern at the intersection of faith and politics.

We plan to meet several times a year and to alternate Sunday afternoon tea parties with Friday evening wine and pizza events in the hope that as

many people as possible will be able to participate. The readings we have selected we believe will encourage meaningful and enlightening conversation.

Topic: Please read Ursula K. LeGuin's very short sci fi story *The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas* (available online). This story symbolically raises questions about inequality, individual human suffering, and the common good in many areas of our contemporary social and political life. (Even if you don't have time to read the story, join us anyway, and we'll get you up to speed so you can join in the discussion.)

The first meeting will be held on the evening of Friday, June 14 at 6:30 pm in the backyard of John Williams, 1305 West Glenlake in Chicago.

Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to buy! Email Denise DeBelle at ddebelle@gmail.com, John Williams at joolikar@gmail.com, or Verna Foster at vfoster@luc.edu.



Wildcat Summer Camp Begins June 17th

Have you made summer plans yet for your kids? Register them for Wildcat Camp! Camp begins June 19 and will provide a safe, engaging experience with a variety of recreational, educational, athletic, and fine arts programs at an affordable price!

For more information on dates and pricing, visit www.northsidecatholic.org or call 773.743.6277. Register at <https://bit.ly/49CGPmH>.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Items Needed for the Lending Closet!

The Lending Closet is in dire need of rollator walkers (walkers with a seat) and tub transfer benches.

Please e-mail or call Laurie Hasbrook at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org or 773-973-5464 ext. 115 if you are able to donate one of these items.

Lending Closet Needs



Thank You for Supporting our Youth Group's Car Wash Fundraiser!

Thanks so much to those that had their car washed by our parish teens! We appreciate your support!

Proceeds will go towards youth group activities.

Thank You for Joining us on Pentecost!

We are so grateful to the many parishioners who joined us for our 10:30 combined mass in church!

We were so glad to see you and hope you enjoyed Misericordia's Sweets on Wheels and the company of others!



Growing in Faith: *In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!*

There is a story told of St. Augustine, that one day as he was walking by the Mediterranean Sea, trying to grasp the mystery of the Trinity, he saw a little boy making a hole in the sand. The boy would run to the water, fill a little pail, and run back to pour the water down the hole. He told Augustine, "I'm going to put this whole sea, into this hole!" And Augustine responded, "Well the sea is so vast, you will never be able to fit it into something that small". Then, as the story goes, the little boy showed himself as an angel and told him "And you, Augustine, will never be able to take into your human mind, the full mystery of God."



In the best article on Trinity that I have ever read, "Trinity: the Living God of Love," theologian Elizabeth Johnson CSJ counsels that, since the sole source of the dogma of Trinity is found in scripture, that is where all our discussions should take place. These diagrams of an equilateral triangle with a big eye in the middle miss completely the warm communication of love that forms the context of Jesus' teachings. He tells his apostles, "The Father and I are one", (John 10:30), and St. Paul explains to his Corinthian community "the Lord is that Spirit" (2 Cor 3:17).

So what is the message of "Trinity" Sunday? It is our invitation to celebrate our being loved by God, known to us, thanks to Jesus, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D. (This column was initially shared in 2020.)

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.

- May 23 - **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, Gurnee
- May 29 - **Holy Family Parish**, Inverness
- June 4 - **St. Francis Xavier Parish**, LaGrange
- June 13 - **St. John XXIII Parish**, Evanston
- June 18 - **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**, Glenview
- June 20 - **Old St. Mary Parish**, Chicago
- June 25 - **St. John of the Cross Parish**, Western Springs

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago
Or Call: **201.407.6052** Or Scan QR Code:



Experience Making a Difference

Financial Report for May 18-19

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$4,334.00
Loose Checks: \$445.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$701.00
Online Donations: \$5,010.07

Total Collected: \$10,490.07

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: \$490.07

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$509,236.83
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00
Difference: \$122,836.83

Parish Information

Rest in Peace

- Mary Jane DeSloover, mother of Mary Ann Collins: Visitation Saturday, June 1 at 9:30 am at St John XXIII Parish at St. Mary Church, 1012 Lake Street, Evanston, until time of the funeral Mass at 10:30 am

Cantors, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for This Weekend

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, May 25 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Roman Reyes
- Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Jay Cook
- Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Steve Modde

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, May 25 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Carlos Barragan, Steven Monti

Altar Servers

- Saturday, May 25 at 5:00 pm - Carter Dant, cross bearer; Carter Cartwright and Wyatt Dant, acolytes
- Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am - Mathios Paulus, cross bearer; Mary Kate Cashman and Henry Villareal, acolytes

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Carlos Barragan | • Luke Fitzgerald | • Andy Mueller |
| • Patrick Barton | • Tim Giles | • Donald Nyderek |
| • Zara Bradley | • Estelle Guardino | • Dealina Peon |
| • Lilly Buie | • Gina Heidkamp | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Tricia Hernandez | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • The Buttitta family | • Maria Hertl | • Willy Spalla |
| • Maggie Callaway | • John Kahoun | • Floret Spalle |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Marilyn Klein | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Claire Conley | • Carleen Lorys | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Denise DeBelle | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • David Denegas | • Matilde Manzardo | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Janet McCulley | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Renee Elhoumaide | • Nancy Michael | • Joel Pozzi Zio |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Daniel Moore | |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27: 7:30 am - Susan Dalski-Lombardi, Ginea Davis

Tuesday, May 28: 7:30 am - Richard O. Barnhart, Jr.

Wednesday, May 29: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 30: 7:30 am - Communion Service

Friday, May 31: 7:30 am - Helen+ and Helen Mary Long+

Saturday, June 1: 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Jenny Wyman+

Sunday, June 2: 8:00 am - Billy Tobin+; 10:30 am - Jack Taylor+ and Billy Tobin; 10:30 am Gym - Billy Tobin

**If you would like a Mass Intention said for a person that needs prayers or in memory of someone who has died, please stop by the Rectory office. We'll help you find an available Mass and prepare a card for you to give to the person or family of the intention. A \$20 donation is suggested.*

Donate to our Parish

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory 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 **(The Rectory office will be closed on Memorial Day.)**
- 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.

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