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Bulletin for

Sunday, November 13, 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Rich

Happy Feast of St. Gertrude! As we celebrate our patroness this weekend, let us keep in mind the presence of Christ's heart beating in all

humanity and expand our definition of family to all our sisters and brothers throughout Creation.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King which concludes the church's liturgical year. We see the year drawing to a close in today's Gospel passage about expectations of anticipating the end of the world.

In the vision of nations rent apart, and society divided we might well see reflections in our own time and place. Through it all, Jesus comforts his followers and assures them they have no need to worry because God is in charge and will bring us all home to heaven.

All of these apocalyptic readings at the end of the Church's year are also invitational for each of us to reflect upon our own inevitable ending and how we best use whatever time we have between then and now.

The month of November is also our Month of Gratitude in which we celebrate Thanksgiving. The spirit of gratitude is what propels us to share what we have with those in need.

Please check two articles in this bulletin which are part of how we are invited to respond to the needs of those in our community. The first is the article on the Parish Food Drive organized by our teens for the weekend before Thanksgiving - November 19-20. The article contains a link to the list of the foods that are most in need.

The second article is about the Giving Tree which will be in the back of church starting next weekend. Again, this year we are asking for gift cards. Please check the article for the specific "asks".

Parish Feast Day Weekend

The feast of St. Gertrude is November 16th. We will celebrate our parish feast day this weekend at all the Masses. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at every Mass.

Anyone who is suffering from any current or chronic ailment is welcome to come forward for the Anointing. Whether the ailment is of body, mind, or soul, you are worthy to receive this sacrament which forgives our sins and strengthens us to bear whatever our burdens may be.

Pastor Column *(continued)*

Biography of our Patroness, St. Gertrude

St. Gertrude the Great was born in Germany and chose to follow the Lord by pursuing a vocation as a Benedictine nun. Her deep relationship with the Lord in prayer led to her being hailed as one of the great mystics of the 13th century. She was a notable early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and urged prayer and tender sympathy towards the souls in Purgatory.

In 1281, 25-year-old Gertrude experienced her first series of visions that would continue until the day she passed away. Her visions altered her life and she saw this moment as her new birth. Her priorities turned away from secular teachings and focuses more on studying Scripture and theology.

Throughout her life, Gertrude produced numerous writings, although only a few still exists today. One of her longest surviving works is *The Herald of Divine Love*. Her other works include her collection of Spiritual Exercises and Gertrudian Prayers.



Visit <https://bit.ly/StGertrudeBiography> for St. Gertrude's full biography.

Giving Tree Program

In time for the Christmas season, the Giving Trees will again be in the back of Church beginning Thanksgiving weekend (November 26-27). Like last year, we will again be asking for gift cards, rather than gifts. This allows flexibility for individuals to get what they need. The benefactors of the Giving Tree collections will be Care for Real and the St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigrant Ministry.

Care for Real is asking for gift cards in \$20.00 increments to Target, Jewel, and Walmart. They are also asking for Ventra passes. The Refugee Ministry is requesting \$20 gift cards to Target. We are also asking for \$10 McDonald's gift cards to provide immediate meals for those who request them.

Beginning November 26, during each Mass, there will be two boxes at the back of church. One will be for Care for Real and one for the Refugee Ministry. Please place your gift cards into whichever organization you would like to support. The McDonald's gift cards can be placed in either box. The last chance to donate gift cards will be Sunday, December 18 at noon.



We hope that in this most joyous of seasons you will be able to support the Giving Tree program. Each gift card will allow others to be able to have a blessed and happy Christmas celebration.

If you have any questions please reach out to the Giving Tree Program coordinator Joe McMahon at jpmgmu@aol.com or at 708.525.5051.



ST. GERTRUDE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

A limited number of balsam pine Christmas trees, wreaths, and garland is available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries!

This order form, along with cash or a check, can be dropped off at the Rectory office, 1420 W. Granville Ave. Forms and funds can be placed in the mail slot on the west side of the Rectory (red door) if the office is closed. Orders can also be sent to NCA to the attention of Eduardo Soto. Checks should be made out to St. Gertrude. Please note "Greenery" in the memo line.

Greenery will also be sold on Sunday, November 27, Sunday, December 4, Sunday, December 11, and Sunday, December 18 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue. Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

To order online, visit <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>
Questions? Contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org
or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Delivery address:

Payment: Cash/Check (circle one)

QUANTITY	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
	6' Balsam Tree	\$45.00	
	18" Wreath	\$20.00	
	24" Wreath	\$22.00	
	36" Wreath	\$30.00	
	5' of Garland	\$35.00	
	Delivery Fee	\$3.00	
TOTAL			

DELIVERY DATES RANK YOUR PREFERRED DELIVERY DATES (1-4)

Saturday, December 3	
Sunday, December 4	
Saturday, December 10	
Sunday, December 11	

The boundaries for deliveries are north to Oakton, south to Irving Park, and east of the North Shore Channel. Deliveries will be made between 10:00 am-2:00 pm on the above dates. The greenery team will do their best to accommodate you and will reach out to notify you when to expect your order.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Greenery Deliveries

One benefit parishioners enjoy about the greenery sale is the delivery service. This service will continue, but in order to be successful, we need volunteers.

Help is needed on Saturday, December 3, Sunday, December 4, Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

If you are available to volunteer your time, email Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.



November 13-19 is Catholic Schools Week

This is *Discover Catholic Schools Week* (November 13-19). This week helps schools connect with prospective families, donors, educators and other community members.

If you have been interested in NCA (Northside Catholic Academy) and would like to learn more, perhaps even considering NCA for your children's school, this would be a great week to connect and find out more about this excellent Catholic school.

Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

You can reach NCA via phone at 773.743.6277 or at <https://www.northsidecatholic.org>.

Film Screening and Panel Discussion of *Unguarded* on Wednesday, November 16

All are welcome to attend a free upcoming screening of the new documentary, *Unguarded*, this Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm at Loyola's Damen Cinema, located in the Gentile Arena, 6511 N. Sheridan Rd.

Unguarded tells the story of successful restorative justice work in Brazil and America through the experience of Association for the Protection and Assistance of the Convicted (APAC). The film takes us inside the walls of APAC, the revolutionary Brazilian prison system centered on the full recovery and rehabilitation of the person.

A discussion with a panel of experts will follow the film. For more details, visit <https://bit.ly/UnguardedatLoyola>.



Peace & Justice Ministry is This Wednesday, November 16

The next Peace & Justice Ministry meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 2:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will be planning a *Longest Night Homeless Memorial Service* to remember those on the streets or in shelters who have died during the past year.

If you cannot attend but are interested in helping, email Fr. Mike Gabriel at mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday, November 17

The next PPC meeting is this Thursday, November 17.

Meetings are held in the Ministry Center from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm and are open to parishioners.

If you would like to discuss anything with the PPC, please email us at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



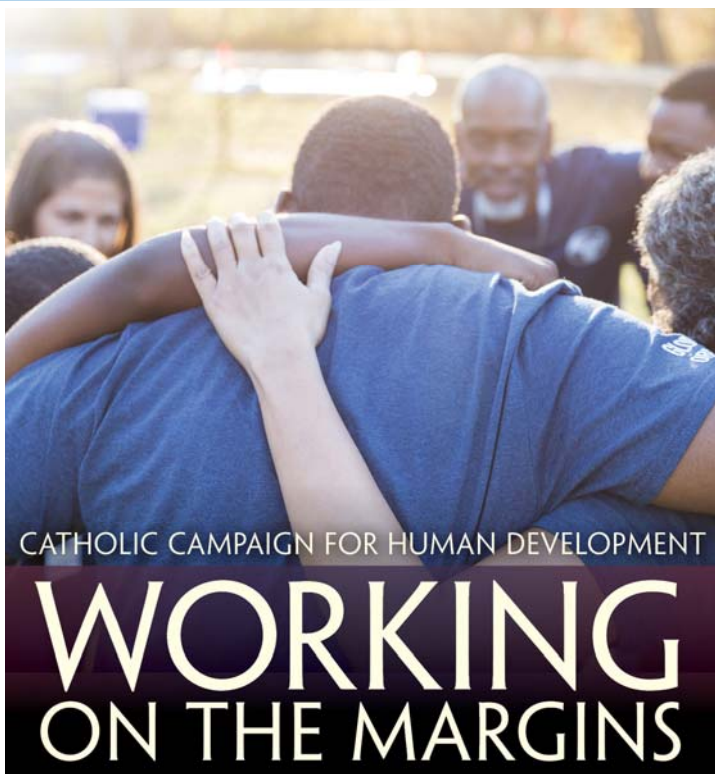
Second Collection for CCHD is November 19-20

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place next weekend, November 20-21. For 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States.

CCHD grantees create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders of the future right here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Visit <https://bit.ly/CCHD2022> for more information and to donate.

Parishioner Ed Jacobs will be presenting the needs of CCHD again this year.



St. Gertrude Parish
FOOD DRIVE
for Care for Real



**Saturday, November 19
& Sunday, November 20**



Food Drive Organized by Parish Teens on November 19 & 20

On Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, our parish teens will host a food drive for Care for Real! Parishioners are asked to donate peanut butter, nuts, tuna, canned chicken and fruits, soups. You can also check out Care for Real's full list of needs at <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> or by scanning the QR code in the attached image.

Donations should be dropped off in the baptistry. All donations will be received after Mass. Confirmation candidates and members of our parish youth group will sort the items prior to dropping them off at Care for Real. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

All are Invited to the Annual ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 20

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) is an interfaith association of religious organizations who work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths, nurture a thriving and just neighborhood, and create solutions to local problems.

ECRA hosts an annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service benefiting Care for Real that bring together Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, as well as our friends from the Jewish, Muslim, and Hindi faith.

All are invited to attend this service on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 pm, hosted this year at Northshore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Ave.

Attendees are encouraged to share their bounty with the food insecure in our neighborhood. Scan the code above to see Care for Real's wish list! A reception will follow the service.

ECRA Edgewater Community Religious Association

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a collection for Care For Real - scan the code to see their wishlist!

3:00 PM **Sunday November 20**

North Shore Baptist Church 5244 N Lakewood Ave



Telephone Visit Ministry: Recruiting Volunteers

Do you have a busy schedule, but your faith is calling you to action? Join the Heart to Heart Telephone Visit Ministry. Phone visits are a huge benefit for homebound individuals. Winter is around the corner making it difficult for the sick and elderly to get around. It just takes one check in call a week to visit with your assigned Heart to Heart member.

Contact Pat Sullivan at 773.973.5464 or email at psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org.

Heart to Heart Volunteer Luncheon Recognition

The Heart to Heart volunteer recognition lunch took place in the Ministry Center Chapel on Saturday, October 29. There was great attendance, delicious food and thoughtful sharing. Again, we thank all of our volunteers, who don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

~ Pat Sullivan

What Causes Depression?

The exact cause of depression is unknown. It may be caused by a combination of genetic, biological, environmental, and psychological factors. Everyone is different, but the following factors may increase a person's chances of becoming depressed:

- Having blood relatives who have had depression
- Experiencing traumatic or stressful events, such as physical or sexual abuse, the death of a loved one, or financial problems
- Going through a major life change, even if it was planned
- Having a medical problem, such as cancer, stroke, or chronic pain
- Taking certain medications. Talk to your doctor if you have questions about whether your medications might be making you feel depressed.
- Using alcohol or drugs

Source: *Center's for Disease Control and Prevention*

St. Gertrude's Thanksgiving Day Mass/Office Hours

Our parish Thanksgiving celebration will be at the 10:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24.

As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, the recipients of the Parish Service Awards will be recognized.

Please note, the Rectory office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25.

There are no Religious Ed classes on Sunday, November 27.



Growing in Faith

What is it that does not allow us to see another as a model of life? When I was a child I used to have lots of people who were my role models. I'd say that I 'wanted to be like my uncle' or someone else I admired. I felt safe with those people I highly regarded.

Then, gradually, I became someone who wanted to succeed in life. I forgot my admiration for other people. Somehow that natural appreciation vanished without my being aware of it. Material things, professional achievements, even becoming older, might have been factors. But I stopped regarding other people as models for my life.

I later realized that I no longer noticed the kindness of those who sought any type of help, or the braveness of those who searched for a new beginning. I no longer appreciated, or imitated, the transparency of a child.

I must neither forget nor deny to myself, that everyone is unique: so unique, that the presence of God is found in that very uniqueness. It's that uniqueness that makes us "different" before others at the same time. And it's important to realize that those most vulnerable ones often become models of courage, simplicity, humbleness, creativity, kindness, and compassion.

This Sunday, Paul invites us to see the uniqueness of everyone so we can continue finding God's presence among us. He goes further and asks us to strive to do our best to become worthy of emulation for the way we are.

~ Eloy Escamilla



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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, November 12 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 am - Jacalyn Meier, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Michelle Kuelhorn

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, November 12 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 am - Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck, Ray Sousa

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Dominic Millar; Acolytes - Grace Cashman, Adonai Agdubai

Cantors:

- Saturday, November 12 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan; John Horan-guitar; Dana Sullivan -flute; Brass players for 10:30 Mass include Tona Palomino-trumpet, Jim Szmurlo-trumpet, Amir Ghazaleh -trombone, Fran Guenette-euphonium

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 14:** 7:30 am - Lillian McCall
- **Tuesday, November 15:** 7:30 am - Maggie Callaway
- **Wednesday, November 16:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of parishioners
- **Thursday, November 17:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, November 18:** 7:30 am - Richard J. Kerwer Sr. +
- **Saturday, November 19:** 7:30 am - Alan Zimmerman +; 5:00 pm – George Cenar Sr. +
- **Sunday, November 20:** 8:00 am - Living & deceased Torreano family members; 10:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Colin McGeary +

Rest in Peace

Julie Wons, beloved wife of Mike, loving mother of Liam & the late Jake, devoted daughter of Leonard & Dawn Lauricella, cherished sister of Sue & the late John Lauricella.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector's Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (**No Gym Mass on Nov. 13**); Mon-Fri: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.); Sat: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rector's Office at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector's Office is open Mon-Fri from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Sat from 9:00 am- 2:30 pm.

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Gina Heidkamp | • Karey Myers |
| • Ryan Bach | • Maria Hertl | • Richard Seitz |
| • Zara Bradley | • Mary Horan | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Sharon Brown | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Lilly Buie | • Marilyn Klein | • Leon Ward |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Steve Laslo | • Yyes Yoza |
| • KC Conway | • Sheila McGuire | |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Larry McCauley | |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rector's Office at 773.764.3621 or email 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
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

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Tracy Shields, Communications
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