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Bulletin for Sunday, November 2, 2025

*The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed/All Souls Day*

The Latest Parish News

Masses of Remembrance This Weekend

Each November, we take time to honor and pray for all who have gone before us—our parishioners, their family members, and friends who have died.

To honor a deceased loved one, you are also invited to bring a photo to the Altar of Remembrance, located in front of the St. Thérèse shrine at the front of the church. Photos may be placed on the tables at any time and should be picked up Thanksgiving weekend. Please write your phone number on the back of each image.

In the back of the church, near the baptismal font, you will also find the Book of the Dead. All are welcome to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in the book.

Rest in Peace

Parishioners & Their Loved Ones who Passed Away Between November 2024-October 2025

Jan Adams	Rev. Wilfred Harrington	Beatrice Muchman	Maria Schamberger
Mary Amelse	Donald Hasselbeck	Ethel Mullin	Mark Schreiner
Joseph Avila	Gina Heidkamp-Hajdich	James Murray	Lyle Rose Slaber
Pierre Betts	Edith Herbin	Delno Nelson	Carol Shields
James Bloomquist, Jr.	Jean-Pierre	Jim Ness	John Staggs
Rosie Bradley	Arlene Kaspik	Donald Nyderek	Cheryl Stanton
Lillie Buie	Paul William Kelly	Abigail Phillips	Fr. James Stoeger
Michael Cannon	Ricardo Martinez	Bob Radycki	Cattarina Valente
Evaristo Centeno	Daniel McCarthy	Phyllis Raine	Kevin Walsh
Kathleen Daniels	John F. McCormick	Elena Rivera	Cornelius Ward
Darlene Durso-Clark	Maggie McSweeney	Enoch Rivers	Bill Washburn
Julienne Fouche	William Iverson Moore	Elizabeth "Betty"	
Bernada Gonzalez	Vincent Moore	O'Boyle Rivet	
Estelle Ann Guardino	Sr. Jean Moylan	Marie Roti	

Parish Events & Activities

Care for Real Collection is This Weekend: SNAP Benefits and Food Pantries

Our Care for Real collection drive for asylum seekers is November 1 and November 2 before and after masses. Your donations in the bins in the back of church.

Please note, our food-insecure neighbors, and Care for Real, are in urgent need of support. At the time of publication, the government shutdown was still ongoing, and funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps has run out.

This means that SNAP recipients will not receive benefits in November. In Illinois, 1.9 million residents rely on SNAP and will lose this assistance unless the shutdown ends or the Department of Agriculture releases contingency funds—resources that are sufficient to cover November benefits. Without this action, food pantries like Care for Real will face an overwhelming surge in demand. Feeding America notes that for every one meal provided by food pantries, SNAP provides nine, underscoring that pantries alone cannot fill the gap.

Please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> to see what Care for Real is specifically looking for at this time.

Thank you for your generosity!

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residents will lose
their SNAP benefits.



The Rosary at St. Gertrude: After the 7:30 am Daily Masses and Friday Evenings

Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

The Rosary is said every Monday through Saturday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!

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.



Save the Date—Catholic Social Teaching in the Past and the Present Moment Discussion This Wednesday, November 5

All are invited to a special event discussing *Catholic Social Teaching in the Past and the Present Moment* on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm in St. Gertrude's Social Hall.



This engaging program will feature two of our own parishioners—Heidi Schlumpf and Michelle Nickerson (pictured above)—both professors at Loyola University, published authors, and past speakers at St. Gertrude's.

Join us for an evening of reflection, dialogue, and inspiration as we consider how the Gospel's call to justice continues to shape our Church and our world today.

Parish Play Planned for Saturday, November 8 to Benefit Heart to Heart

All are invited to attend a play benefiting Heart to Heart! For one night only, Saturday, November 8, the St. Gertrude Parish Players will perform a Mike Tobin production, *Nazareth Revelation*, a Canadian cowboy love story with bandits and a train robbery.

The performance will take place in the Gym, located at 1401 West Granville Avenue, at 7:00 pm. More information about ticket prices will be shared closer to the event date.



We hope to see you at this festive event featuring the many talented parishioners of St. Gertrude!

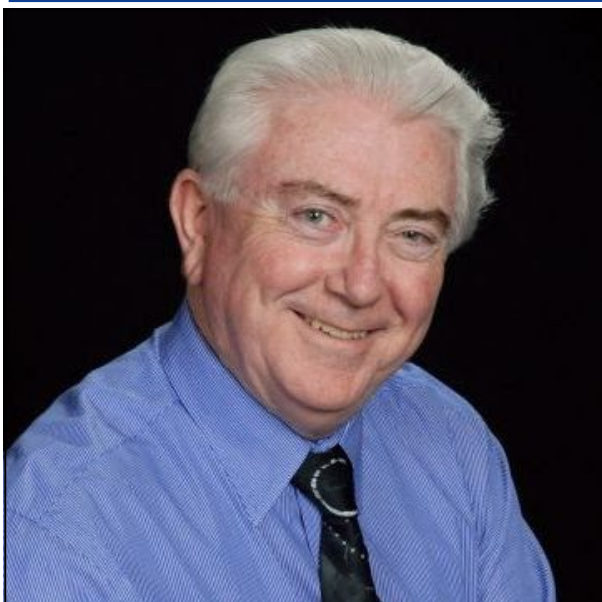
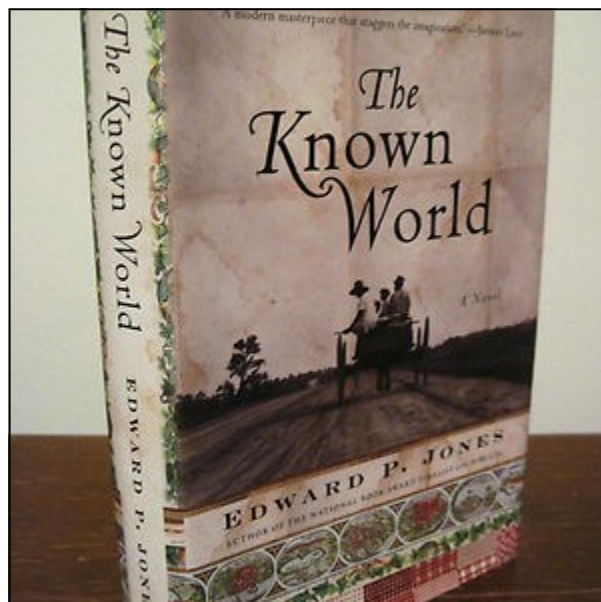
Combined Mass in Church on November 16: On Sunday, November 16, there is a Combined Mass in church. There is no Gym Mass.

Book Club Gathering on Tuesday, November 11

Join us for a discussion of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood.

New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).



Online Discussion on *Rerum Novarum* with Greg Pierce Planned for November 12

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical titled *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things"), a groundbreaking document that responded to the social upheavals of the Industrial Revolution.

Confronted with growing inequality, poor working conditions, and the rise of both socialism and unrestrained capitalism, Pope Leo XIII offered a Catholic vision of social justice rooted in the dignity of work, the rights of laborers, and the responsibilities of employers.

Rerum Novarum became the foundation of modern Catholic social teaching, inspiring later papal documents, and shaping the Church's commitment to justice, fair wages, and the common good for more than a century.

Greg Pierce—former long-time St. Gertrude parishioner, publisher of ACTA Publications, community organizer, and author—will host a Zoom presentation and discussion on this historic encyclical and its enduring relevance today.

As Greg writes, "One of the things to observe about the new pope is his choice of papal name: Leo XIV. His decision clearly links his papacy to the long tradition of Catholic social teaching that began with his namesake, Pope Leo XIII, and his 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*."

Greg has published an updated edition of *Rerum Novarum* that uses inclusive language, making this important document more accessible and meaningful for today's North American, English-speaking readers.

Join Greg for this engaging Zoom discussion on Wednesday, November 12, from 7:00–8:15 pm. Participants will receive a free copy of the encyclical to read in advance. To register and receive the Zoom link, contact Gail Smith at 312.315.9896 or gailbeth316@yahoo.com.

Women's Friendship Club Gathering on November 13

St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center. The gathering begins at 11:30 am, attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch. Dessert is provided!

Their next gathering is Thursday, November 13. Consider yourself invited!

friend

[frɛnd] noun.

a person known well to another and regarded with **liking, affection, and loyalty**. a friend is a person who knows all about you and still loves you



Celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude at our "Brewed at St. Gertrude" on November 16

Join us on Sunday, November 16 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude! Like any family gathering, we'll come together to share food, connect with one another, and look with hope toward the future.

After the 10:30 am mass in church (there is no Gym mass), all are invited to our monthly "Brewed at St. Gertrude" hospitality event in the Social Hall, featuring pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome—new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors!

ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 23

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 Hindu faith.

All are invited to this year's service on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 pm, hosted this year at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, located at 5649 N. Sheridan Rd. If you are able, please bring canned goods or a cash donated to share with our local food pantry, Care for Real.



Order Your Trees, Garland, and Wreaths from St. Gert's Annual Greenery Sale!

St. Gertrude is once again hosting our annual Christmas greenery sale, with a limited number of balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland available for purchase. Our Christmas greenery sale is a great opportunity for parishioners to get ready for the holidays while supporting St. Gertrude ministries.

Each 6' Christmas tree is \$55. Three different sized wreaths are available—the 18" wreath is \$25, the 24" is \$27, and the 36" is \$35. Garland is also available for \$40 per 5' length.



In-Person Sales

Greenery will also be sold at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue, on November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

Online Orders and Paper Forms

The option to purchase greenery online or via paper forms will be available soon.

Deliveries

Deliveries will be offered for a \$6 fee. They will take place on Sunday, December 7 and Sunday, December 14 from noon - 4:00 pm. The greenery team will do their best to accommodate your preferred delivery date and will reach out to notify you when to expect your order.

Please note, the boundaries for deliveries are north to Oakton, south to Irving Park, and east of the North Shore Channel.

Questions?

Contact St. Gertrude Business Manager Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

Our Online Events and Activities Calendar

Upcoming events are listed on the home page and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the *News/Programs* heading! The calendar also lists mass times and weekly activities.

Wondering about some of our [social activities](#) or [prayer groups](#)? Our *Parish Ministries* page, found under our *Get Involved* heading, shares various ways to get involved in the parish, and our [Contact Us page](#) has details on each member of our staff.

Book Parish Photo Directory: Sign Up to Get Your Family Portrait Taken!

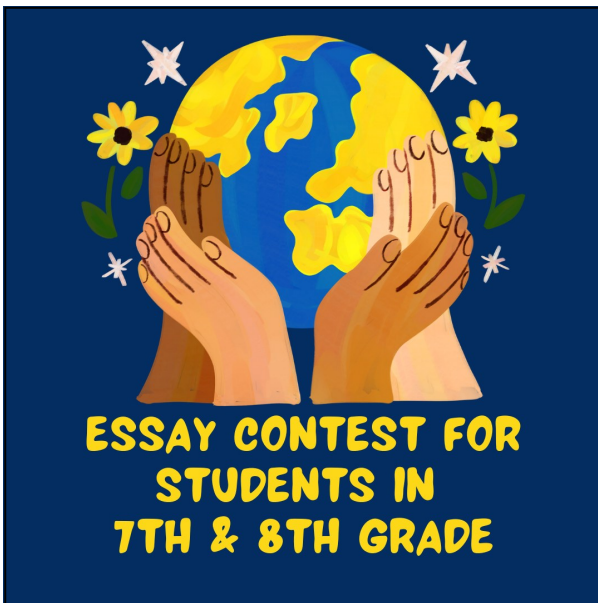
It's time for a new St. Gertrude photo directory!

Photography sessions will take place December 18–20. Every participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free parish directory.

You'll be able to view your photos immediately and have the option to purchase additional portraits—perfect for keepsakes or holiday gifts.

Appointments can be made after Mass or online at schedule.ucdir.com (Church code: IL 457, Password: photos).

Questions? Email Jen Reyes at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



7th & 8th Grade Students: Essay Contest Entries Due December 22

Students in the 7th and 8th grade are invited to take part in our annual essay contest. Participants should write an essay based on this prompt: What is the impact of Christianity on human rights?

Entries should be 500-550 words. Spelling and grammar count!

The top three winners will receive gift cards and have their essays published online and in the

bulletin.

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by Monday, December 22, 2025. Email essays (preferred method) to eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or mail them to Eloy Escamilla, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660.

Tag Us on Social Media! Attending any of our social events? Tag us on Instagram ([@stgertrudeinchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stgertrudeinchicago)) or Facebook ([@stgertrudechicago](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago)) so we see your great posts!

Growing in Faith

The litany of the saints is a very flexible prayer. It can be as long or short as you want to pray it. Maybe, as I'm praying, I want to add, "St. Gertrude the Great, pray for us" because I'm a member of St. Gertrude's parish. Or maybe I want to add Mother Cabrini, the Italian-American nun who conducted much of her ministry in Chicago. Or maybe add Joan of Arc or Thérèse of Lisieux because I admire them.

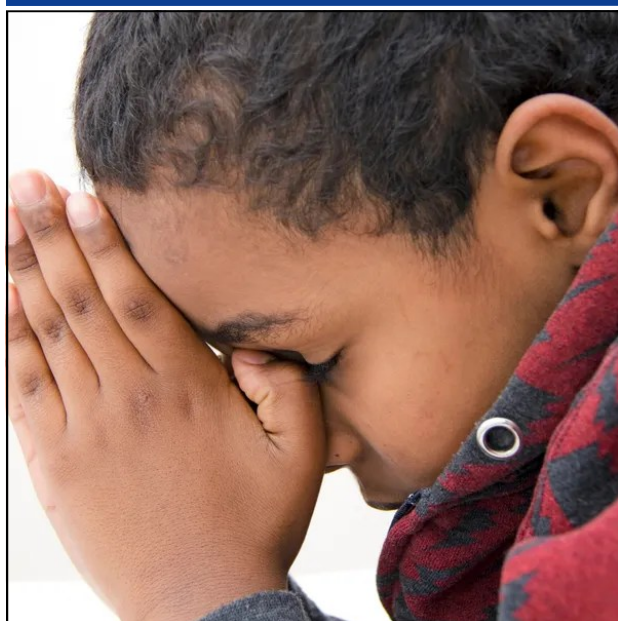
This weekend, we have All Saints' Day on Saturday and All Souls' Day on Sunday. They've been linked together like this for almost exactly a thousand years since Odilo, the Benedictine abbot of the French monastery of Cluny, started this tradition, and the western church soon followed suit.

It makes a lot of sense. The saints who have been canonized were people like us. They got hot and cold. They needed food. They were also sinners, as all of us are, as Pope Francis used to remind us. Despite their failings, they did God's work so well that their holiness was widely recognized.

And those we pray for on All Souls' Day were people like us. Like all of us, they were called to do God's work, and many of them did it very well.

So, when I pray the litany, I like to add the names of people who have died who were saintly in my life — "Saint" Joan who was my seventh grade teacher, "Saint" Aunt Mary who was a nurturing presence in my young life, "Saint" Alexander whom I watched be a strong and strident voice for social justice in Chicago. Maybe, on this All Souls' weekend, you can think of your own saintly souls.

~ Patrick T. Reardon

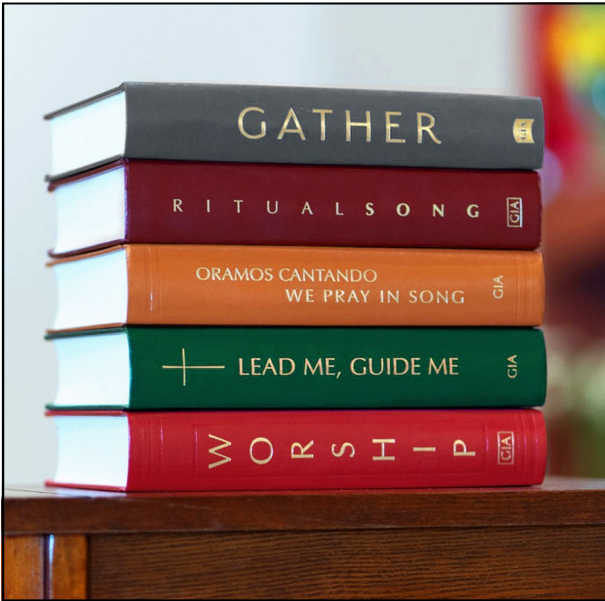


Kids Word Offered at the 10:30 am Masses

On Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass in church, children aged 4-7 years-old are invited to attend Kids Word to hear an age-appropriate Gospel message and do fun, scripture-based activities such as coloring or crafts.

Classes take place in the Junior Disciples Room (formerly the baptistry with glass doors), located at the back of the church just off the vestibule.

Children are invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and return to church before the petitions.



Music Ministry Announcement: Hymnals Update

The music ministry of St. Gertrude's has an exciting announcement! After much thought and careful consideration, we have decided to transition to GIA's *Gather, 4th Edition* hymnal. Not only is this hymnal more sustainable and aligned with our mission to care for the planet, but it is also one of the most diverse and inclusive hymnals available—qualities that best reflect St. Gertrude's dynamic and eclectic community. We are thrilled to begin using this new resource at the start of the new liturgical year on November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.

Now, we need your help and support! Outfitting the congregation with a complete set of new hymnals and musical resources is a significant investment, but it is one that will serve us for many years to come. We have purchased 315 hymnals to replace the current ones and are asking for your generosity in helping us cover the cost.

Each hymnal costs approximately \$26, and you may donate as many as you wish. Every hymnal you give can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family or friends. To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/StGertsHymnals>, or send a check payable to St. Gertrude's. (Please be sure to note that your donation is for hymnals, whether giving online or by check. If you donate via Give Central and would like to make a dedication, please email Jonathan with that information.)

Your generosity and commitment to St. Gertrude's are vital to our success, and anything you contribute toward the purchase of these new hymnals will be deeply appreciated.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering a donation. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact our Music Director, Jonathan Hannau, at jhannau@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.764.3621 ext. 22.

October 25-26 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,316.00

Loose Checks: \$734.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$882.00

Online Donations: \$3,720.34

Total Collected: \$7,652.34

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$2,347.66

YTD Collected FY 2026: \$153,989.47

YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00

Difference: -\$396,010.53



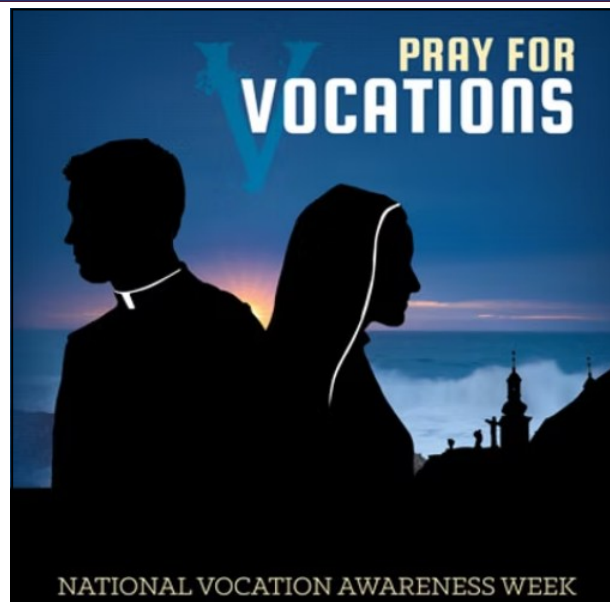
Events Around the Archdiocese

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 2-8, 2025.

Please ask our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

Find out about upcoming vocations events, ways to discover God's will, and more at vocations.archchicago.org.



Banned Books Week Quiet Read-A-Long on Monday, November 10

Even though Banned Books Week officially takes place in October, we believe there's never a wrong time to celebrate the freedom to read. Join us on Monday, November 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for a Quiet Read-A-Long at St. Scholastica Monastery.

Bring a favorite book—especially one that's been challenged or banned—and enjoy an hour of peaceful reading in community. You're also welcome to bring a snack to share. Need ideas?

Visit the American Library Association's list of the Top

10 Most Challenged Books at www.ala.org/bbooks.

Please RSVP to Sr. Susan Quaintance at subprioress@osbchicago.org or 773.764.2413 ext. 231.

Book Discussion Featuring Kristin Grady Gilger – *My Son, the Priest: A Mother's Crisis of Faith* – on Tuesday, November 12: Loyola University's Hank Center is hosting a special conversation with Kristin Grady Gilger, author of *My Son, the Priest: A Mother's Crisis of Faith*, on Tuesday, November 12, from 7:00–8:30 pm at the Hank Center, 1032 West Sheridan Road, in the Information Commons, 4th Floor.

This powerful memoir tells the true story of a young man's journey to become a Jesuit priest—told through the eyes of his mother, a fallen-away Catholic grappling with her son's calling. Honest, intimate, and often irreverent, the book explores faith, family, and reconciliation, offering a rare glimpse into Jesuit formation while tackling difficult questions about the Church's history, its treatment of women, and the meaning of faith in modern life.

Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, November 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, November 4: 7:30 am - Almo Mazardo +
- Wednesday, November 5: 7:30 am - People of God
- Thursday, November 6: 7:30 am - Brian Hickey+
- Friday, November 7: 7:30 am - Carol Shields+; Ginna Barr+
- Saturday, November 8: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann
- Sunday, November 9: 8:00 am - Ethan Seitzer+; 10:30 am - Juanita Tello+ and Antonio Velazquez+; 10:30 am Gym - Jeanne Hasbrook+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday 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 office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

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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Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.

Baptisms

- Serafina Eva Longmore

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, November 2 at 8:00 am - Tim Love, Jim Duros
- Sunday, November 2 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Lily Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 2 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 2 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Steven Monti, Patrick Robinson

Altar Servers

- Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolyte: Esteban Campuzano; Angel Garcia
- Sunday, November 2 at 8:00 am - cross bearer: Viviana Love
- Sunday, November 2 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Raiden Cruz; acolytes: Ethan Craft; Owen Craft

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Marie Galoney | • Dealina Peon |
| • Victor Ayes | • Thomas Hajduch | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Marta Carlson | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mary DeBois | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • King Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Carleen Lorys | • Christian Wallace |
| • Jasmine Drake | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Hilda Mora | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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