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*First Sunday of Advent*

### From Father Rich

#### Advent 2021

It is no accident we celebrate the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas at this time of year. Since we really have no idea of the date Jesus was born, the Church determined

the liturgical calendar for Advent & Christmas based upon the positioning of the sun in the greatest part of the world. And it is in this season of the decreasing amount of sunlight each day that we prepare for the birth of Light! The symbolism is clear -- in lives darkened by sin and sorrow, God sent His Son, Jesus, the Light, into the world to offer us hope and new life and the forgiveness of our sins.

As we continue struggling our way through the effects of the pandemic, we have never been more in need of hope and light to lift our spirits and lighten our hearts and heal our souls. The many months spent in some form of isolation or restricted movement has been an enormous burden upon many people. The dramatic increase in incidences of depression and the rise in reported cases of domestic violence are both indicators of the stress the pandemic has placed upon people. Any of us with elderly relatives or friends is aware of how difficult their lives have been when some people could not receive any visitors for months at a time.

It is in such times as these we need to identify the smallest kernel of our faith and cling to it. It is in times such as this we need to fan into a bright flame what seems to be barely an ember. We need to invite the light into our darkness and then let that light penetrate into our deepest core so that we, in turn, can bring that light to others so desperately in need of the Good News.

The four Sundays/weeks of Advent each have a specific message for letting that light in and responding to it. As we walk this journey towards Christmas, let us find some time each week, each day, if possible, to invite in the Light of Christ and let that light penetrate the darkness in our own lives and in our world. St. Luke's Gospel offers a more specific invitation for us. The Gospel of Social Justice reminds us that if we want peace, we must work for justice. As soon as we are able to be active in the works that will make that a reality, we discover how quickly the light banishes the darkness and restores hope.

#### First Sunday of Advent

The start of the Advent season is always jarring. We hear about signs in the heavens, about the universe being shaken, about the Son of Man coming. We are directly told to 'be alert

and ready'. We cannot let our hearts become drowsy. All the early Advent activities echo that same message as we decorate outdoors and indoors with lights that become even brighter when there is snow. We light the first light of the Advent Wreath, anticipating the increase of light every week until the great Light of Christmas is here. Throughout the Advent season we sing "Christ Be Our Light" as part of the wreath lighting. And the seasonal psalm, "Turn to Me" reminds us it is to Christ we must turn to find our way out of the darkness.

But even with the jarring note, reflected in the ministry of the prophet, John the Baptizer, the other central character within this season is the Virgin Mary, pregnant with child. The two major feasts of Mary, the Immaculate Conception on December 8th and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, encourage us to slow down, to reflect, to wait in peaceful reflection. It is so difficult to slow down as we anticipate the celebration of Christmas. I often think that Advent is probably better named the "pre-Christmas season"! But we do ourselves no favors by rushing ahead. This, after all, is God's timetable. Our very salvation is accomplished according to God's schedule. Letting go of our own determined schedule is never easy. But we can't invite Christ the Light into our lives unless we are willing to let go. For whenever Christ is born into our minds and hearts, God is making something new. And that always requires patient waiting -- just as any pregnancy requires the same.



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### **Advent Liturgy**

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' summons us into Advent. As we begin each of the Sunday liturgies singing this ancient hymn, we adopt the appropriate stance of asking God to help us and doing our best to invite God in, and, hopefully, getting ourselves out of the way to let God do what only God can do! The weekly lighting of the Advent wreath shows us our path towards the light, reminding us as we sing the refrain after each weekly lighting that what we most of all need is that, "Christ Be Our Light." The seasonal psalm, "Turn to Me", instructs us in our primary disposition as we get ready for Christmas.

### **No More 9:30 am Sheridan Road Masses**

When we shut down in March of 2020, that included not only the Masses in church, but also the gym masses and the 9:30 masses at Sacred Heart on Sheridan Road. In June of 2020, we resumed Masses in church, following the COVID protocols. And in September of this year the Gym Mass resumed. But we will not be resuming the 9:30 am (Sheridan Road) Mass. As many people will remember, at the time we shut down, the 9:30 am (Sheridan Road) congregation was trying to build up its membership in the hopes of being able to continue. But during the pandemic we lost some of the key players to COVID or other illness and the limitations of age.

We are so grateful to Sacred Heart for their hospitality throughout the years as they generously allowed us to use their vestibule on Sunday mornings for worship. Our relationship with Sacred Heart will continue as we provide presiders for various school



liturgies and their sacramental celebrations are held every year here at St. Gertrude. And special thanks to all those who worked so faithfully in the weekly set-up and take-down for the Mass, for all those who were liturgical ministers at the 9:30 am Mass and all those who found a home congregation there.

### **St. Gertrude Parish Service Awards**

At our parish Thanksgiving Mass, this year's Parish Service Awards were presented to the recipients. These are parish members, selected by you and the parish staff, to be recognized for their outstanding service in different areas of Ministry and Service. Congratulations to all of this year's

award recipients! And thank you for your continuing generosity of your time and talent to St. Gertrude Parish!

Here are this year's recipients and the areas in which they were honored:

- Human Concerns: Laurie & Ed Jacob, Tom Deske
- Education: Peter & Ellen Buttitta, Ginevra Clark, Dorothea Tobin
- Parish Life: Kathy Krokhar, Laura Pigozzi, David Sullivan
- Prayer & Worship: Bernie O'Connor
- Lifetime Service: Jackie & Jon Blake, Marie Galoney

### **Christmas Schedule**

Here is the schedule of services this holiday season. Please note two important changes from regular weekend schedules. Because Christmas Eve is a Friday and Christmas Day is a Saturday, we will have two morning Masses on Christmas Day. But there is no 5:00 pm evening Mass of anticipation for the Sunday Feast of the Holy Family.

The 5:00 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve will be live-streamed, as well as the 10:30 am Masses on Christmas Day, on Sunday, December 26, and Sunday, January 2, as well as the 10:00 am Mass on New Year's Day.

### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

- Sunday, December 12 - 1:00 pm

### **Christmas Eve**

- Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm (live-streamed) & 7:00 pm (No 5:00 pm Mass.)

### **Christmas Day**

- Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)

### **Feast of the Holy Family**

- Sunday, December 26 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)

### **New Year's**

- Friday, December 31 - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, January 1 - 10:00 am (live-streamed)

### **Feast of the Epiphany**

- Saturday, January 1 - 5:00 pm
- Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am (live-streamed)



## Second Collection for the Refugee & Immigrant Ministry This Weekend

As the Syrian refugee crisis unfolded in the fall of 2015, our parish stepped up in partnership with Catholic Charities to start the Refugee and Immigrant Ministry. Since then, we have officially sponsored nine families, helping with rent support, housewares, and accompaniment.

This fall, we assisted a Syrian family, a single mom with three kids. That's a total of 18 adults and 17 children with an opportunity at a new life. We have also been able to help four more households who have benefited from the ministry with interim rent support and/or friendship. Your generosity has made all this happen.

We've been privileged to sponsor speakers, links to others in the community working with refugees, and opportunities for broader partnership to amplify this ministry.

Thank you for your support! We can only do this work because of the support of this loving community. We also need your continued help to continue to provide rent and resettlement support.

This weekend, November 27-28, there will be a second collection at each of the Masses to help fund the work of this ministry for the coming year. Donations made by check should be written to St. Gertrude with 'Refugee Ministry' in the memo line. Donations can also be dropped off at the Rectory or made electronically via GiveCentral here: <https://bit.ly/RefugeeandImmigrantMinistry>.

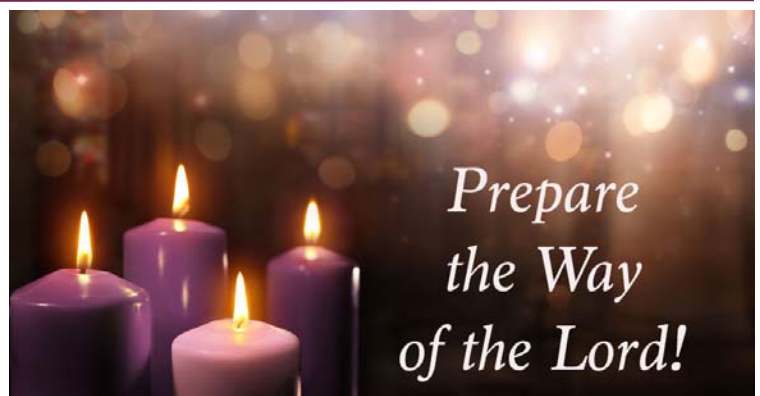
Over the past six years, we've seen crisis and conflict throughout the world, most recently with events in Afghanistan. In our small corner, the St. Gertrude community has been and is a source of blessing and a light of healing. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers.

~ *The Refugee & Immigrant Ministry*

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## Our Advent Reconciliation Service is Sunday, December 12

Our annual Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in church. This is a reflective service, offering songs, scripture readings and a guided examination of conscience. It usually lasts about 45 minutes. During the holiday season, it is a great opportunity to spend some quiet time in church, to reunite with the Lord, have our sins forgiven and be ready for the celebration of Our Lord's birth.





## Place Your Orders! Our Annual Balsam Pine Sale Has Begun

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

### Online Orders

For sale are 6' trees for \$45; 5' lengths of garland for \$35; 18" wreaths for \$20; 24" wreaths for \$22; and 36" wreath for \$30. Online orders can be placed at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>. If requesting delivery, please add the delivery fee of \$3 to your order.

### In-Person Purchases

Greenery will also be sold on Sunday, November 28, Sunday, December 5, and Sunday, December 12 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue.

### Greenery Order Forms/Paying Via Cash or Check

Paper order forms are now available in church and available for download on the parish website, [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org). Orders using the greenery order form can be paid for with cash or checks made out to St. Gertrude. Please note *Greenery* in the memo line.

### Where to Drop Off Paper Forms

These forms, 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 in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard if the Rectory office is closed. Orders can also be sent to NCA to the attention of Eduardo Soto.

### Deliveries

Deliveries of items are available for a \$3 fee! The boundaries for deliveries are north to Oakton, south to Irving Park, and east of the North Shore Channel. Deliveries will be available between 10:00 am-12:00 pm on:

- Sunday, November 28
- Saturday, December 4
- Sunday, December 5
- Saturday, December 11
- Sunday, December 12

When placing an order for delivery, please rank your top three choices. The greenery team will do their best to accommodate you and reach out to notify you of when your order will be dropped off.

Email Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 with any questions.

## St. Gertrude's Giving Tree

This Advent, St. Gertrude Parish's Giving Tree will once again support people in need in our community. Gift cards to Target, Jewel, and Aldi will be collected in support of Care For Real and the Refugee & Immigrant Ministry.

The gift cards may be brought to church or dropped off/mailed to the Rectory, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660. (Even if the Rectory office is closed, you can always put mail through the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard.)



Purchased cards can be placed in one of two boxes, one for Care for Real and the other for the Refugee Ministry, on the table in front of Blessed Mother's shrine in the front of church. When you have placed your gift in the box, please take one of the ornaments and place it on the Giving Tree in the back of church. Please be sure all gift cards are delivered by Wednesday, December 15.

**Care for Real** is collecting \$20 gift cards to Target to give to their clients with children. Last year, they were able to give one gift card for every child so that parents/guardians could purchase a gift for the child.

### St. Gertrude Parish Refugee & Immigrant Ministry

We are also collecting gift cards for the refugee families sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish. For these families, we are requesting gift cards from Target, Jewel or Aldi for gift items, household needs, and groceries.

Thank you for your generosity to those most in need in this special time of the year!



## The Season is Over for our Resurrection Compost Garden!

St. Gertrude's Resurrection Compost Garden has come to the end of a successful first season! We thank all of our composting program participants who leased a bucket and contributed materials to fertilize our garden.

We are so grateful for the many hands that made our composting program and our vegetable garden a success! From building the composting bins, to preparing a space for them and digging up part of the Rectory yard for the garden, to planting seeds, weeding, watering, and harvesting produce, our volunteers were so generous with their time and talents.

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We look forward to another successful program and harvest next year!

~ Mary Clare Barker

# Advent 2021 - Start of Year C - The Gospel of Luke

With the beginning of the Advent Season, we begin a new liturgical year. We are on a three-year cycle. Each of the three years contains Sunday readings predominantly from one of the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, & Luke -- which means these three were written based upon some common documents and/or the oral tradition which can be detected in both the stories all three tell, and some of the stylistic components of the gospels. St. John's gospel is a unique opus, not directly connected to these same sources.)



Luke has the most complete Infancy Narrative. Like the other synoptic gospels, the Passion was probably written first, or at least passed on in the oral tradition before the gospel was written. Everything in Luke's Infancy Narrative anticipates or pre-figures the Passion and Death of the Lord.

St. Luke's gospel is the first of a two-part work. The Acts of the Apostles is Part II. When put together, they form a kind of "travelogue" which is symbolic of the Word of God in the world. It begins in the small town of Nazareth and moves to Jerusalem -- the "capital" of Judaism. Acts opens in Jerusalem and moves to Rome - the capital of the world. So, the Word of God is now proclaimed to all the world.

Luke's icon, the bull, symbolizes themes of strength and sacrifice in his gospel. Luke is known as the gospel of social justice. Pervading this gospel is a concern for the poor, weak, alienated, dispossessed, etc. In Luke's gospel, more women are mentioned by name and Jesus has more conversations with women than in the other three gospels combined. It is from this gospel and the Acts of the Apostles we see women as integral parts of the mission of Jesus and present at key moments and leading even when the male disciples were hiding. It is first to the women that the resurrected Jesus appeared.

In Year C, we hear large portions of the first four chapters of Luke (up to the beginning of the public ministry of the Lord) throughout Advent, Christmas, and even into the first weeks of Ordinary Time. The key to understanding all of Luke's gospel is in the fourth chapter (read on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time), when Jesus returns to Galilee, goes to the synagogue on the sabbath day, and reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord....(then) He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

In this, he ties the fulfillment of God's promise directly to himself, and professes that the promise IS now fulfilled! So begins the struggle in the rest of the gospel between what he is proclaiming is the fulfillment of God's promise and what his hearers are or are not able to take in. The immediate response in the synagogue is to kill him.

If our own hearts are not also cut to the quick by what we hear, then we are not listening. The kingdom of God the Lukan Jesus proclaims isn't a far away, some time in the future kingdom -- it is here and now. Sin prevents it from being realized. But God will triumph with unlikely characters -- a virgin from Nazareth, fishermen from Galilee, women from Jerusalem, oppressors on the road -- all leading to the victory of Christianity brought to Rome -- that is, brought to the ends of the earth. Hope will not be disappointed.



## Growing in Faith

"Anticipate! Anticipate!" My dad sometimes barked out these words when I helped him side by side with carpentry, camping or boating projects. When I was younger, I would grumble under my breath after hearing these words, but it forced me to think of the next step or steps needed to complete the task. I learned to anticipate and be ready for what came next.

Advent is about looking ahead to and preparing for the arrival of our Lord, a time for getting into the spirit of Christmas. This season can be wonderful and joyful, but also difficult for those who get caught up with, as today's gospel says, the "anxieties of daily life" which prevent an openness to the spirit. I am one of those people who tends to focus on these concerns. 'Anxieties' come in many forms, from being overwhelmed with work, family obligations, relationships, house chores, expectations, shopping, cooking, illness, loneliness.

Knowing and anticipating these daily life anxieties can get in the way of my receptiveness to the Christmas spirit. I have decided to be kind to myself when I feel these anxieties arise. How? By taking time for a walk, phoning a family member or friend, smiling, lighting a candle, stretching, having a cuppa tea, writing down reasons to be grateful, treating myself to chocolate, praying. I am hoping these conscious small activities during this Advent season will ready me to receive the spirit of this season.

~ Elaine Cerny

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## Essay Contest for 7th & 8th Graders

Students in 7th and 8th grade are invited to submit essays based on this prompt: *We have been experiencing a lot of different catastrophes all over: the pandemic, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, war, etc. What we also see on the news are "bad news" stories that tell of people expressing hatred, violence, discrimination, and other evils demonstrating the worst of humanity. But there are many people who are making the world a better place...you!*

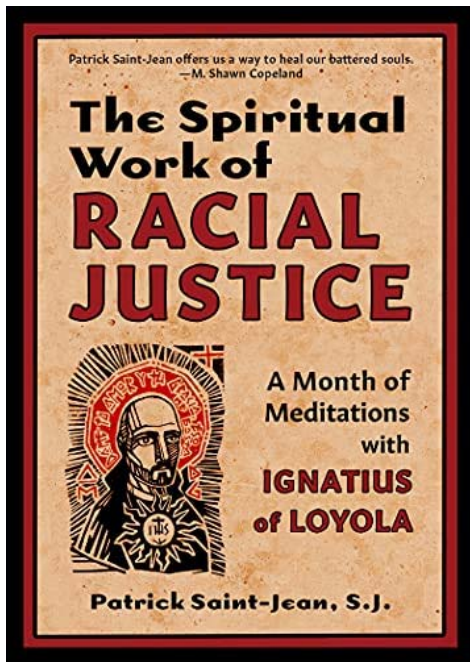


The essay should focus on where the good news can be found within the bad news and explain how the good news you are sharing in your essay reflects the message of Jesus

Entries should be 500–650 words. Spelling and grammar count. Students may send their essay entry to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or mail/drop it off at the Rectory at 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660.

Entries must be submitted online or postmarked by Monday, December 13, 2021. The three best essays will receive a gift card and will appear on our website.





## Peace & Justice Committee Meeting—Monday, Dec. 6

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

We will be spending the next several meetings reflecting on "The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola" by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J. The book can be ordered via [www.anacharabooks.com](http://www.anacharabooks.com) -- look under "Featured Works."

Email Fr. Mike Gabriel at [mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org) or call him at 773-764-3621 if you plan to attend, or if you have any questions!

## Remembrance Altar Items

Thank you for sharing images and memories of your special someone with us during the month of November. If you have not yet picked up your photo or memento, please collect them from the altar after Masses this weekend. Next week, they can be picked up in the Rectory office.

The Rectory office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-7:00 pm, Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am-2:30 pm, and Sundays from 8:30 am-noon.



## Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Remember Our Priests

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including the Priests' Health and Retirement Fund in your will. Your donation will support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please contact Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's Business Manager, at 773.764.3621 or [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or [visit https://](https://www.archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/priest-health-and-retirement)

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## Youth Group Gathering Planned

The next gathering of the parish youth group will be Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. The teens will gather in the Ministry Center in the second floor parlor.

All teens in middle and high school are invited to consider joining the parish youth group. Students interested in going on this summer's mission trip must attend youth group meetings regularly.

For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Wheelchairs Needed for Heart to Heart

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 or [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595.9992 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.



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# NCA Event: Primary Campus Open House/Milk & Cookies with Santa—December 2

NCA will host an open house on Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 am. The event will be at the primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Come hear about NCA's curriculum and enjoy a visit with Santa, milk, and cookies!

Please RSVP to Leigh Holzman at [lholzman@ncaweb.org](mailto:lholzman@ncaweb.org).



**No Christmas Bazaar This Year:** Given the uncertainty of the COVID variants, as well as concerns about social distancing and the safety of our staff and volunteers, the Christmas Bazaar will not be held.

**Little Blue Books Available:** The Little Blue Book - Advent and Christmas Season are available in the back of church. These booklets provide a six-minute reflection each day. The readings are a great way to slow down, focus, and dedicate some time to God during this holy season. There is a suggested donation of \$1.

## New Parishioners

- Rachel Kirpes

## Rest in Peace

- Walter Bradford, Jr.
- Richard Kerwer
- Mary Aileen (Garvey) Pelrine

## This Weekend's Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, November 27 at 5:00 pm - Pat Reardon
- Sunday, November 28 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 am in church - Debra Novak

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, November 27 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, November 28 at 8:00 am - Brian Devarne
- Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 am in church - Patrick Robinson, Bob Backis, Debra Novak

### Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, November 27 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, November 28 at 8:00 am - Cindy Lawson
- Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 am in church - Peter Knippel; Dana Sullivan-soprano, Susie O'Toole-alto, Michael Callahan-tenor, Matt Heimer-bass

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, November 29: 7:30 am - Norman Linke+
- Tuesday, November 30: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Wednesday, December 1: 7:30 am - Mary Heidkamp +, Kathleen O'Toole + and Patricia Conway +
- Thursday, December 2: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, December 2: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Saturday, December 4: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable +; 5:00 pm - Deceased of St. Gertrude's Class of 1950; Frank Lenahan +, Judy Irving O'Connell + and Mary Anne Liske Woodcock +
- Sunday, December 5: 8:00 am - The Grandchildren of Martin Fadonoughbo; 10:30 am - Harry Glotkowski +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Healing for Shirley Gonzales and Dolores Candelaria

*+ indicates the person is deceased*

## Baptisms

- Adrian Logan, son of Dilan Martinez & Adriana Trespuentes

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Caloy Desembrana       | • Karey Myers          |
| • Helen Banta             | • Ann Collins Dole       | • Massielle Ojeda      |
| • Jean Bautista           | • Christine Frisoni      | • Tina Piemonte        |
| • Sharon Brown            | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Charley Scantlebury  |
| • Connie Bueck            | • Gina Heidkamp          | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Maria Hertl            | • Peggy Stoffel        |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • Daniel Hidalgo         | • The Sullivan family  |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Bernice Kiedysz        | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Connie Cool             | • Dean Mattoni           | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Barb Daly               | • Molly Morris           | • Valerie Williams     |
|                           |                          | • Ken & Vyes Yoza      |

## 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.

*Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.*

## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart  
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate  
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry  
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff  
Samantha Lilly, Rectory Office  
Andy Mueller, Parish Buildings Engineer  
Tracy Shields, Communications  
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management