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## Bulletin for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

The beauty of autumn, filled with abundant harvests, brilliant colors, and magnificent cloud formations, is one thing that many of us can agree on.

This Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day. This election season has left many feeling anxious, hopeless, and heartsick. Many of us are obsessively scrolling through the latest polling averages, overwhelmed by campaign ads about the threats to our democracy, and paralyzed with worry about this election.

This campaign season has gone too far. It has caused a even deeper division in our country. To start healing in our country and in our homes, we must start by being servants for others and to grow closer in our relationship with God.

What should we do? Here at St. Gertrude's, we are gathering to pray for our country on the eve of this election. We are aware that we come from varied backgrounds and ideologies that may have put us at odds with family and friends. This is a opportunity to be united, be one.

**Please come and invite a friend to join us on Monday, November 4th at 6:30 pm for a pre-election prayer service in church.** Come hear God's words of peace, hope, and unity. It will also be live-streamed on the parish's Facebook page.

Let us use the gifts of prayer and peace to speak of hope and life, and to give a future to the poor and brokenhearted. Let us use the gifts we have received to build the kingdom of God here on earth. And let us pray for the Spirit to renew us and unite us in Christ.

### Pastor Search Update

Last weekend, I was contacted by the Priest Placement Board, as the search of a new pastor continues. They will be meeting with the leadership teams of the parish, (Pastoral Staff, Parish Council and Finance Board) to see the hopes and direction of St. Gertrude's. The Parish Council will soon come up with ways you can share your hopes for the parish's future.

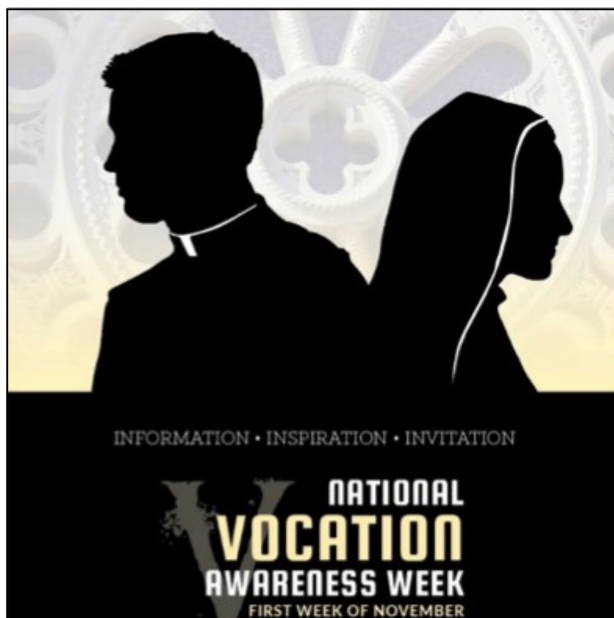


# National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9.

Please ask our Lord for dedicated women and men to consider religious life and the priesthood. 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](http://vocations.archchicago.org).



## Weekly Caregiver-Toddler Playdates at NCA

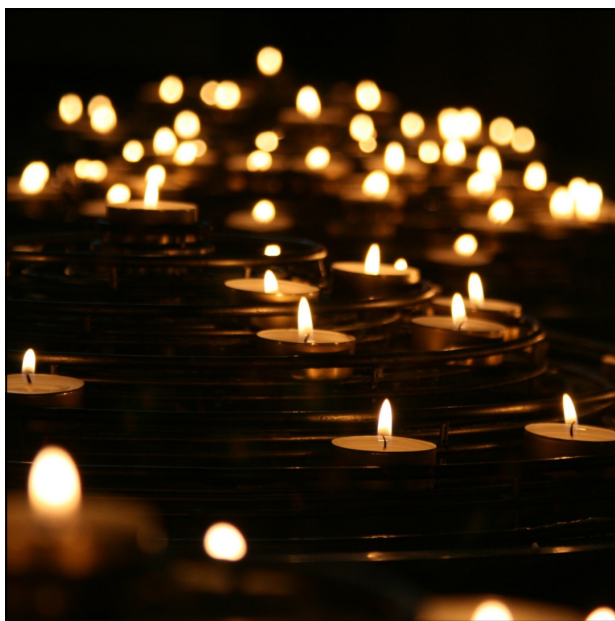
Looking after your child/children or caring for a little one? You're invited to our weekly get-together for caregivers and toddlers! Held at Northside Catholic Academy, 6216 N. Glenwood, every Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am, the hour is filled with a story, craft, and sing-a-long for kids, and adult interactions for the grown-ups.

RSVP to [gmalfatti@ncaschools.com](mailto:gmalfatti@ncaschools.com).

## Altar of Remembrance/Book of the Dead

We invite you to bring a photo or other small item for the Altar of Remembrance (or Ofrenda) which is in front of the Blessed Mother's shrine in the front of church. Items may be placed at any time, and can be picked up Thanksgiving weekend.

Next to the Ofrenda is the Book of the Dead. Everyone is invited to inscribe the names of their loved ones into the book.



## Book Club Gathering is Tuesday, November 12 (New Meeting Day!)

The book club will discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare on Tuesday, November 12. Please note, we now meet on the second Tuesday of the month! The gathering is at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue. We would love new voices and opinions! Contact Lea Cloninger at her new number, 773.213.0509, or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.



# 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

## Women's Friendship Club Gathering on November 14

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 14. Consider yourself invited!

## It's Not Too Late to Donate to Fr. Mike's Run for Heart to Heart!

Fr. Fr. Mike Bradley ran the Chicago Marathon, raising funds specifically for our Heart to Heart ministry. Donations are still welcome!

Please consider supporting his efforts by donating online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns4Heart2Heart>, scanning the QR code, or via a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory.

Please add *Heart to Heart* in the memo line if you are writing a check.





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

St. Gertrude is once again hosting our annual Christmas greenery sale this Christmas season, with balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland available for purchase. Proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's 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.

## Order Online

Purchase greenery online at <https://bit.ly/StGertsChristmasGreenery> or by scanning the QR code.

## Order via Paper Form

A paper order form is available for download at the above link.

Forms and checks or cash can be dropped off at the Rectory office, 1420 W. Granville Ave or placed in the mail slot in the side (west) red door next to the Rectory side yard if the Rectory office is closed. Checks should be made out to St. Gertrude. Please note "Greenery" in the memo line.

## Deliveries

Deliveries will be offered for a \$6 fee. They will take place on Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 14, times are TBA. 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.

## In-Person Sales

Greenery will also be sold at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue, on the first four Sundays of December: the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

Questions? Contact St. Gertrude Business Manager Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.



## Parish Blood Drive Planned for Sunday, November 17

The next blood drive at St. Gertrude Church is Sunday, November 17 from 8:00 am–1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gert's.

Blood donors are greatly needed in our area to help local patients. Every blood donation can save up to 3 lives in our community!

Please prepare for your donation by eating well and hydrating before your appointment. Additionally, bring ID.

To schedule your donation, scan the QR code in the image, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825, or register online at [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) and use code ORD00591. Walk-ins are welcome!



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Vitalant Bloodmobile



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## Thank you for Supporting Care for Real and Our Neighbors in Need!

Thank you to those you brought items for Care for Real last weekend and this weekend!

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.

## Financial Report from Oct 26-27

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,092.00  
Loose Checks: \$825.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$832.04  
Online Donations: \$4,277.55  
**Total Collected: \$8,026.59**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
**Difference: -\$1,973.41**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025 :\$167,663.77  
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00  
**Difference: -\$382,336.23**





## Growing in Faith

The gospel reading this weekend is a very familiar one — and with good reason.

An expert on Jewish law and belief asks Jesus which of the commandments is the most important. This is a potentially tricky question because there are hundreds of laws that govern Jewish life. This expert, however, isn't trying to trip up Jesus but is honestly seeking wisdom.

Jesus responds by quoting first from the Book of Deuteronomy: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."*

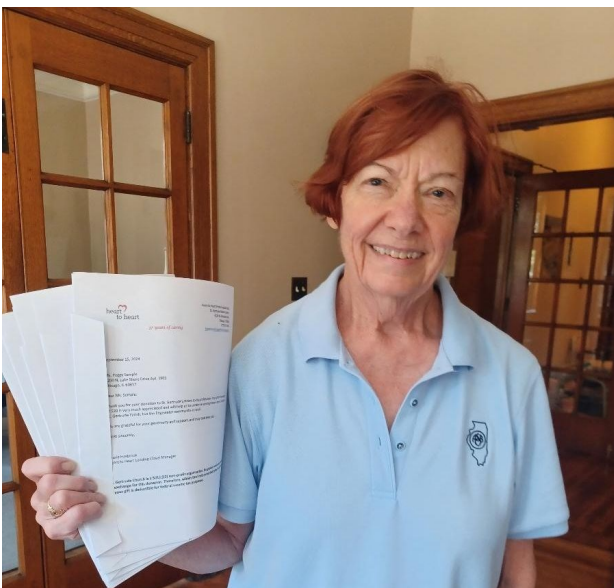
And then he links that law with another from the Book of Leviticus: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

All of the laws and all of the commandments, not only of Judaism but also of Christianity, come down to this: Love God and love your neighbor. It's that simple.

How do you love your neighbor? Well, first off, see your neighbor as the human being that they are. It means putting yourself in their shoes to try to understand how they are trying to live life. And listening to them, hearing them when they talk about their hopes and dreams. It's about trusting your neighbor, trusting that your neighbor is trying to do the right thing, just as you are trying to do the right thing.

Forget about the us-and-them poison that demonizes your neighbor. Remember that, when it comes to the teachings of Jesus, we are all "us." There is no "them."

~ Patrick T. Reardon



## Heart to Heart Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Jeffers

We are so grateful for Linda Jeffers! Linda handles our Lending Closet correspondence, helping us thank those who keep us well stocked! She also prepares all of the thank you letters to Fr. Mike Bradley's Marathon donors.

Thank you, Linda, for your time! We are so glad to have you as a part of our team.

## Parish Information

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

#### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, November 2 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Stephen Modde
- Sunday, November 3 at 8:00 am - Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Rose Karasti

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, November 2 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, November 3 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Michelle Kuehlhorn

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday, November 2 at 5:00 pm - Esteban Campuzano, cross bearer; Wyatt Dant and Camille Buquerin, acolytes
- Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am - Henry Villareal, cross bearer; Mathios Paulus and Diarmuid McKeown, acolytes

### Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| • Mary Amelse Victor Ayes | • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Dealina Peon         |
| • Andrea Banicki          | • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Tim Giles               | • Joan Ross +          |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Estelle Guardino        | • Bill Salek           |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Thomas Hajduch          | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Gina Heidkamp           | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Hallie Burhoe           | • Rochelle Hernandez      | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • The Buttitta family     | • Maria Hertl             | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • John Kahoun             | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Marilyn Klein           | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Carleen Lorys           | • King Wallace         |
| • Claire Conley           | • River Malik             | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Denise DeBelle          | • Matilde Manzardo        | • Leon Ward            |
| • David Denegas           | • Nancy Michael           | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Hilda Mora              | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Donald Nyderek          | • Yyes Yoza            |
|                           |                           | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

## New Parishioners

- Thomas Cook
- Chike Nwabuo
- Eileen Holland

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 4:** 7:30 am - Lourenca Soares
- **Tuesday, November 5:** 7:30 am - People of God
- **Wednesday, November 6:** 7:30 am - Brian Hickey+
- **Thursday, November 7:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, November 8:** 7:30 am - People of God
- **Saturday, November 9:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Alanna McKee
- **Sunday, November 10:** 8:00 am - Tim Giles+; 10:30 am - Kathryn Worthen; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rector at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

## Donate to our Parish

- 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/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)

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