



Bulletin
for
**November 5,
2023**

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Sunday, November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude. Why do we celebrate our name-sake's feast day? Acts 4:32-37 is the reference. The early Christian community who embraced their new life and faith, felt that their

unity needed to be celebrated. The spirit and heart of the new community of the Resurrection did not want to keep this to themselves, but wanted to share the joy and invite others as well.

So Who is St. Gertrude?

St. Gertrude the Great, or St. Gertrude of Helfta, was born on January 6, 1256 in Germany. She eventually 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 a mystic. She was also regarded as a great theologian.

Although little is known about Gertrude's childhood, it is widely accepted that at just four-years-old, she was enrolled in the Cistercian monastery school of Helfta in Saxony, under the governance of Abbess Gertrude of Hackerborn.

The Cistercian movement was an effort to bring the Benedictine religious community back to a stricter and more faithful adherence to the original "Rule" or way of life encouraged by St Benedict. Some sources speculate that Gertrude's parents offered their child as an oblate, a lay person especially dedicated to God or to God' service, while others believe she may have entered the monastery school as an orphan.

St. Mechtilde, the younger sister of the Abbess Gertrude, took care of young Gertrude. Gertrude and Mechtilde had a strong bond that only grew deeper with time, allowing Mechtilde to have a great influence over Gertrude. Gertrude, known for being charming and able to win people, devoted herself to her studies, and received an education in many different subjects. Gertrude was both fluent in Latin and very familiar with scripture and works from the Fathers of the Church, including Augustine.

As we unite in mind and spirit next weekend, we especially remember those among us in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. At all of the masses next weekend, November 11 and 12th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. The anointing is for anyone who is suffering, short-term or chronic illness, or anything in between.

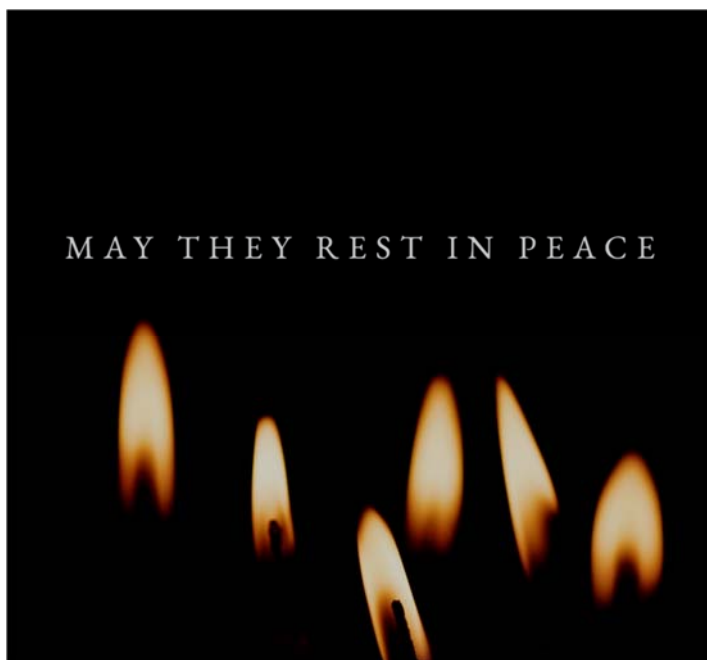
From Fr. Mike Gabriel (*continued*)

It may be physical, psychological, or emotional health issues. Feel free to invite relatives, friends, and neighbors who could receive some comfort in receiving this sacrament.

Coming up: On November 18th and 19th, we will welcome guest speaker Ed Jacobs, who is the former Director of Franciscan Outreach. Ed will speak about the important work and our participation in the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are envelopes at the back of church this weekend and next.

Rest in Peace (Parishioners & Their Loved Ones who Passed Away Between November 2022-October 2023)

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



- Aboubakar S. Ahouno
- Kelly Barone
- Victoria D. Centeno
- Robert Collins
- James Corbett
- Janette Cordero
- Mike Cordis
- Joan M. Crowley
- Carmeline DeFranco
- Elena Fuentes
- Jose Fuentes
- Eileen Gormaly
- Michael D. Groark
- David Matthew Hartigan
- Josephina Hernandez
- Jo Anne Joyce
- George Keheo
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Kevin Kirland
- Irene Mac
- Phyllis Mahoney
- John Francis "Jack" Manion
- Almo Manzardo
- Kathleen Marrin
- Larry McCauley
- Sheila McGuire
- Mary McKean
- Patricia Meade
- Mary Ellen Mellon
- Charles "Chuck" O'Connor
- Edward O'Connor
- Ronald Schlachter
- Rose Shori
- Michael Signa
- Bernadine "Suzie" Sierzega
- Mary Simon
- Bernadette Stanis
- Marian Stanley
- Janet Swoboda
- Seamus W. White
- William "Bill" Wilson
- Julie Leoner Wons
- Claude J. Zajakowski
- Roberta Zapata

The Altar of Remembrance/Book of the Dead: We invite you to bring a photo or other small item for the Altar of Remembrance, and you can pick them up Thanksgiving weekend. Next to the Altar of remembrance is the Book of the Dead. Everyone is invited to inscribe the name of your loved ones into the Book of the Dead and they will be remembered throughout November.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 5–11 we are praying, educating and promoting all vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and marriage. In addition to your prayers, you are invited to join a Holy Hour of Adoration at the parish, or a sponsor parish, to pray for our priests, seminarians and all those who are discerning their vocation. Visit vocations.archchicago.org.



Women's Friendship Club Gathering/Next Meeting is November 10

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!

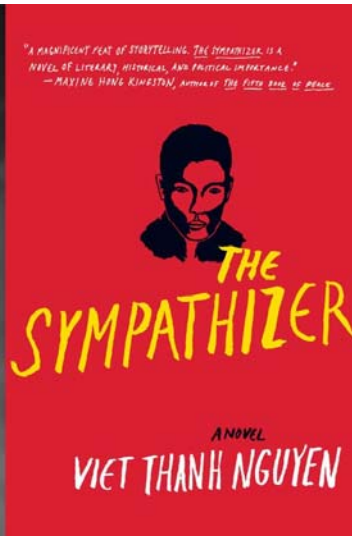
Their next gathering is Thursday, November 10. Consider yourself invited!

Pictured: The Women's Friendship Club's October gathering. Photo credit: Laurie Hasbrook

Financial Report from October 28-October 29

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,034.00
 Loose Checks: \$790.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$687.02
 Online Donations: \$3,021.87
Total Collected: \$6,532.89

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$3,467.11
 Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$168,539.68
 Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00
Difference: -\$217,860.32



Book Club is Nov. 13

On Monday, November 13, the book club will discuss *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Our December book club is planned for Monday, December 11. We'll be discussing *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell.

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

Parish Pastoral Council Info/Next Meeting is November 15

The parish council continues to meet and discuss the vitality of the parish through its various groups and ministries. We have been referencing the ideas brought forth from the town hall.

The next parish pastoral council meeting is on November 15 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

If you have anything that you'd like to discuss with the PPC, please email stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.



LIVING WITH GRIEF WORKSHOP



Grieving and Honoring Your Spouse/Partner Amidst Holidays and Celebrations

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
18

Living with Grief Workshop on Nov. 18

Join others who are also grieving the death of their spouse/partner, in a safe, understanding space.

An in-person grief workshop will be led by parishioner Jim Manzardo, Board Certified Hospital Chaplain and Intern Counselor. The program is Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 am-12 pm at the Center for Grief Recovery and Therapeutic Services, 1261 W. Loyola Ave.

The cost is \$10 and is limited to 20 participants. RSVP to Jim Manzardo at 773.274.4600 or j.manzardo@griefcounselor.org.

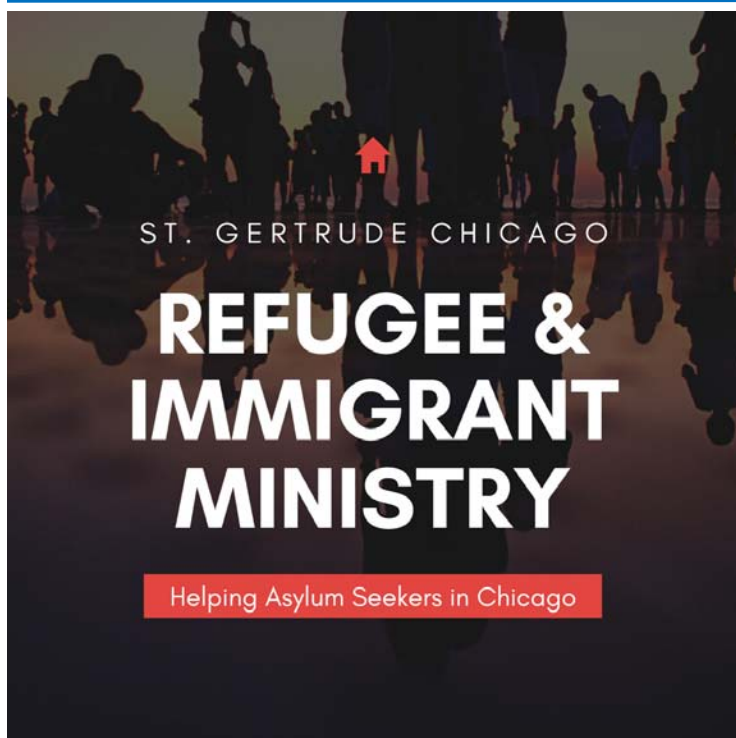
ECRA's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is November 19

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.



Each year, 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 attend this year's service on Sunday, November 19 from 2:00-4:00 pm, hosted this year at Ismaili Jamatkhana Social Hall, 1124 W. Rosemont Ave. St. Gert's choir will sing at the event too!

Attendees are encouraged to share their bounty with the food insecure in our neighborhood. Visit <https://careforreal.org/wishlist/> to see Care for Real's wish list! A reception will follow the service.



Today's Collection for Asylum Seekers

Thank you to the many parishioners who dropped off donations for asylum seekers this weekend!

These donations will be sent to Care for Real, who is providing support to families sheltering at the Broadway Armory in addition to feeding neighbors in need.

Our next collection date is in December. A list of needs will be shared in two weeks in the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Help Needed with our Monthly Online Baptismal Classes and with our Sunday 10:30 am Mass Live-Streaming Team: We are looking for help with our monthly pre-baptismal sessions for new parents and guardians planning to have their child/children baptized at our parish. The classes are typically held on Zoom on a Monday evening and last around 45 minutes. Every Sunday, our 10:30 am Mass in church is live-streamed by volunteers. Team members using a phone provided by St. Gert's, as well as a camera stand. Please reach out to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with questions or if you can help.



Order Your Christmas Trees, Wreaths, & Garland From St. Gertrude's Greenery Sale!

St. Gertrude will once again host 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.

Buyers can purchase items online at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery> or by scanning the QR code. A paper order form is available at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery> and on the next page. 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. 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.

Delivery Available

Deliveries will be offered for a \$6 fee. They will take place on Saturday, December 2 and Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 am-11:00 am, and Thursday, December 7 and Thursday, December 14 from 6:00-8:00 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.

In-Person Sales

Greenery will also be sold at the playlot on the west side of the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Avenue on Sunday, November 26, Sunday, December 3, Sunday, December 10, and Sunday, December 17 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Only cash and checks will be accepted for in-person purchases.

Questions? Contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.



Scan the QR code
to order online.

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 2, Thursday, December 7, Saturday, December 7, and Thursday, December 14 from 9:00-11:00 am on weekends and 6:00-8:00 pm on weeknights. If you are available to help, please email Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

ST. GERTRUDE GREENERY ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Delivery address:

Payment: Cash/Check (circle one)

QUANTITY	ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
	6' Balsam Tree	\$55.00	
	18" Wreath	\$25.00	
	24" Wreath	\$27.00	
	36" Wreath	\$35.00	
	5' of Garland	\$40.00	
	Delivery Fee	\$6.00	
TOTAL			

DELIVERY DATES	RANK YOUR PREFERRED DELIVERY DATES (1-4)
Saturday, December 2	
Thursday, December 7	
Saturday, December 9	
Thursday, December 14	

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Growing in Faith

I am struck today with images from Psalm 131, and from Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians: a weaned child on its mother’s lap, and a nursing mother caring for her child.

These images of peaceful contentment are the love letters of God’s motherhood, reminding us of God’s tender care of children.

People who have nursed babies know the extent of commitment that breastfeeding takes, likewise the bittersweet relief when that phase of motherhood ends.

Recent shortages of infant formulas scared and stressed the families relying on it. In ancient times, it must have been common enough to see women nursing babies for

writers to include them in the scriptures we still read.

As a mother and grandmother, I know from experience and observation of what I speak, but also, I am aware of that in the Gospels, Jesus warns of the woes that will befall pregnant people, mothers and their infants in the calamities yet to come.

In modern times, the rights of the unborn may be at odds with the rights of the women who carry them. In endless wars, in climate destruction, and in refugee crises, the global poor face undernourishment, and starvation in unprecedented numbers. News stories and photos in the past weeks have graphically depicted scenes of yet another gruesome genocide with no consideration for the sanctity of life.

How can each of us bring the contentment, stillness, and tender care of our loving God to this suffering world? Jesus tells us: in humble service, for the good of others.

~ Nancy Bujnowski

Prayer for Peace

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

- Reverend Said



Parish Information

Rest in Peace

- Kathleen Marrin

New Parishioners

- The David family
- The Liesen family

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- Maggie Calloway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Denise DeBelle
- David Denegas
- Ann Collins Dole
- Connie Engelmohr
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Rochelle Hernandez
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Matilde Manzardo
- Janet McCulley
- Jack McDermott
- Nancy Michael
- Andy Mueller
- Karey Myers
- Donald Nyderek
- Denise Plunkett
- Claude Poulsen
- Richard Seitz
- Willy Spalla
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Janice Wittenberg
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

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.

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, November 4 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 am - Stephen Modde, Martha Mulligan

Altar Servers

- Saturday, November 4 at 5:00 pm - Kathryn Flynn
- Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, November 4 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Sarah Millar, Rafael Melendez

Cantors and Musicians

- Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 am - Carter Dant, cross bearer; Henry Villareal, Mathios Paulus, Acolytes

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 6:** 7:30 am - Bernice Kiedysz+
- **Tuesday, November 7:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, November 8:** 7:30 am - Maggie Callaway
- **Thursday, November 9:** 7:30 am - Communion service
- **Friday, November 10:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, November 11:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Hal Mann+
- **Sunday, November 12:** 8:00 am - Living and deceased members of St. Gertrude parish; 10:30 am in church - Delores Marie Winslow+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Quinn Michael Bringas +

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/allevants

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
- 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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