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Bulletin for

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome the Stranger: Second Collection This Weekend to Support Catholic Charities Efforts to Help Asylum Seekers

From Fr. Rich

Welcome the Stranger: Your Support Honors Jesus' Call: *How You Can Help*
Make a financial donation at Mass on

November 5th & 6th. A second collection will directly support our collective response. Catholic Charities is serving as the central collection point for donations, which can also be made online at www.catholiccharities.net or by calling 312.655.7525.

Join response efforts by contacting Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities at WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net.

Pray for our brother and sister asylum seekers arriving in Chicago. Pray for these mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, that they are welcomed and embraced with Jesus' compassion — and pray that those serving them are sustained by God's grace.

Pastor's Column

At this Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass, we remember in a special way all those parishioners and relatives and friends who have died this past year. During this Month of Remembrance let us call to mind and present prayers to God in thanksgiving for their lives, their love and friendship, their presence in our lives. The greatest honor we can offer in remembering those who have gone before us is in spreading their love and friendship to those who are in such need of it today.

Today's scripture readings each provide a strong example of encouragement in the face of difficulties. In the first reading from the Book of Maccabees, as well as in today's Gospel passage from St. Luke, we hear an almost-contrived set of stories about multi-sibling families getting caught in the religious law obligations of marriage upon the death of a spouse. In both cases, rather than crashing against this seemingly intractable situation, the Gordian knot of the insoluble problem is sliced through with the blade of a much broader vision of reality. The laws we have created - often with very good purpose -- cannot always solve our problems. Sometimes we have to realize that we are less than perfect; our laws are less than perfect; and we need to turn to God and trust in God's loving mercy which resolves what we cannot because God's love is beyond our limitations and can, therefore, solve what we cannot.





Pastor Column *(continued)*

Throughout history, great leaders and creators, when confronted with seemingly impossible-to-solve situations, have found that letting go, taking a step back, releasing personal responsibility for getting the answer, have found to their amazement, that in letting go they are often surprised that the solution suddenly makes itself known.

This week, what situation or problem might we practice letting go of and entrusting to God's care? Even if the answer doesn't suddenly appear, at the very least, our anxiety level will be lowered and we can more fully appreciate God's presence all around

us.

Parish Feast Day Celebrated Next Weekend

The feast of St. Gertrude is November 16th. We will celebrate our parish feast day next weekend at all the Masses. As we have done in the past, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at every Mass. Please feel free to invite any family member, friend, or neighbor who might be interested in receiving the Anointing of the Sick.

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.

Also for the Feast Day, everyone is invited to the International Dinner on Friday, November 11th. Please see the article on page 4 for complete information.

Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, we had to cancel the Cabaret Night on Saturday, November 12. We hope to be able to reschedule it in the new year.

Who Should Receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

At all the Masses on our parish Feast Day weekend, November 12-13, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. To help everyone self-determine if they would like to be anointed, here is a brief article explaining the "rules" for this sacrament.

According to the Roman Ritual, anyone among the faithful "whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age" not only may but should receive the sacrament. Some examples include:

- Any person who is considered in danger of death.
- Any person who has a serious disease or medical condition (e.g. cancer, heart disease, mental illness, diabetes). The sacrament may be repeated if the person's condition becomes more serious.
- Any person preparing for surgery.
- Any elderly person, even if there is no particular serious illness present.
- Any seriously sick person.



Rest in Peace (Parishioners & Their Loved Ones who Passed Away Between November 2021-October 2022)

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.



- Deacon Sonny Annonero
- Tomas Bissonnette
- Frank Bornhofen
- Walter Bradford, Jr.
- Connie Bueck
- Gina Calderon
- Gerardo Carpio
- Anthony Cherek
- Sheila Clerkin
- Blanca Isabel Coello
- Karen Conway
- Steve Cook
- Catherine Egloff
- Gareth Foster
- Mary Grover
- Diane Gulczynski
- Lucia Hall
- Jeanne Hasbrook
- John Herbin
- Frank Hogan
- Fr. Bill Kenneally
- Paul Knuerr
- Daniel Koss
- Richard Kerwer
- Marion Kryczka
- Daniel Kuhn
- Roy Lipscomb
- Harold Mann
- Mary Ann Maloney
- Patricia Martin
- Irma A. Martinez
- Peter McManamon
- Victor Melendez
- Mary Ellen Mellon
- Patricia Messbarger
- James Nolan
- Thomas Eugene O'Malley
- Mary Aileen Pelrine
- Diego Rodriguez
- Natasha Rodriguez
- Jane Elizabeth Sheilds
- Michael Thompson
- Ruben Villa – Ignacio
- Mireille Volet
- Ronald Wilczynski

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

Mass of Remembrance - Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm: Each year, during the Month of Remembrance, November, we remember in a special way all those who have died in our parish and families in the past year. This special Rite of Remembrance takes place after the homily at the 5:00 pm Mass. The names of each of those who had died in each month is called out and a candle with their name is lit. Families and loved ones are encouraged to come forward after Mass and take home the candle with their loved one's name on it.

Welcome, Alumni!

This weekend, the alumni of the St. Gertrude Class of 1982 is celebrating their class reunion at the 5:00 pm Mass this Saturday, November 5, followed by a reception in the Social Hall.

Welcome to all the members of the Class of '82, and their relatives and friends! We are glad to have you back for your celebration!



Parish Teens: Interested in Going to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day? Meeting on Sunday, November 6

St. Gertrude parish would like to send a group to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Students age 14 and older are invited to an information meeting on Sunday, November 6 at 11:30 am in the Ministry Center. Students aged 14 and up are welcome to attend.

Additional upcoming youth group gatherings are Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, January 22.

Feast Day International Dinner Planned for November 11

It's time to celebrate this year's International Night! This fun, free, annual event is usually held in the Social Hall, with parishioners bringing their favorite or ethnic dishes to share. If you are interested in bringing your unique main dish/appetizer/side dish/dessert (this could be one or a variety of food), here's what you need to do or know:

- The event is Friday, November 11th at 6:30 pm.
- Decide which favorite/ethnic food to share with 20 people (optional).
- Email Rita Elue your favorite dish(es) to bring at ritaelue@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us!



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



Countdown to Christmas and St. Gertrude's Annual 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 \$45. Three different sized wreaths are available—the 18" wreath is \$20, the 24" is \$22, and the 36" is \$30. Garland is also available for \$35 per 5'

length.

Buyers can purchase items online at <https://bit.ly/ChristmasGreenery>. A paper order form is available at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery>. 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.

Deliveries will be offered for a \$3 fee. Deliveries will take place from 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday, December 3, Sunday, December 4, Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11. 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 27, Sunday, December 4, Sunday, December 11, and Sunday, December 18 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.

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, business manager, at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

Parish Service Awards

Every year at our Thanksgiving Day Mass, we present the St. Gertrude Parish Service Awards to parishioners who have been giving generous service through a parish ministry or volunteer activity. Awards are given in the areas of Youth Ministry, Human Concerns, Education, Parish Life, Prayer & Worship, and Lifetime Service.

Please consider any parishioner you feel should be recognized for her or his outstanding service to the parish and the broader community and email your nomination(s) to me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or you can fill out the nomination form below (or at

stgertrudechicago.org) and drop it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Rectory.

I nominate _____

for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award in the area of (circle one):

Youth Ministry | Human Concerns | Education | Parish Life | Prayer & Worship | Lifetime Service

Give a brief explanation for your nomination:



Pictured: The final harvest of 2022

Compost Season Ends

Thank you to all of you who participated in our composting project this year. Our new system is working much better, although hopefully next year we will have more production out of our garden. Unfortunately, because of the cold and damp spring, our plants got a very late start and we did not harvest as much as last year. I am hoping to move the composter to another location next spring where it can get more hours of sunlight. Heat is an essential ingredient in the composting process and again we got off to a slow start because of the inclement weather.

This notice will serve as official END to our composting project for 2022. We can not make compost in this cold weather so please DO NOT drop off any more items for the composter until next spring when we start up again. Please don't hesitate to spread the word.

~ Mary Clare Barker



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.

What is Depression?

Depression is more than just feeling down or having a bad day. When a sad mood lasts for a long time and interferes with normal, everyday functioning, you may be depressed.

Symptoms of depression include:

- Feeling sad or anxious often or all the time
- Not wanting to do activities that used to be fun
- Feeling irritable, easily frustrated, or restless
- Having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep
- Waking up too early or sleeping too much
- Eating more or less than usual or having no appetite
- Experiencing aches, pains, headaches, or stomach problems that do not improve with treatment
- Having trouble concentrating, remembering details, or making decisions
- Feeling tired, even after sleeping well
- Feeling guilty, worthless, or helpless
- Thinking about suicide or hurting yourself

The above information is not intended to provide a medical diagnosis of major depression and cannot take the place of seeing a mental health professional. If you think you are depressed, talk with your doctor or a mental health professional immediately. This is especially important if your symptoms are getting worse or affecting your daily activities.

Financially Supporting our Parish

If you have an individual retirement account and you are 72 or older, you probably know that you must take your required minimum distribution (RMD) before the year ends. However, did you know that you can fulfill all or part of your RMD and reduce your taxable income by transferring funds directly from your IRA to your parish or the Archdiocese of Chicago?

Don't wait until it's too late to benefit from reduced taxes.

Learn more at archchicago.org/qcd. If you would like

more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Gertrude, please contact Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.



Growing in Faith

"May the mystery beyond fuel our hope in the unseen and not yet..."

With Election Day looming, our attention is to earthly matters: civic leadership, among other tangible concern. The here and now occupies our attention, and indeed the Church holds the ordinary of great value, sanctifying creation, liberating the oppressed, reconciling the outcast---matters of utmost of importance to Catholics participating in civic life.



At the same time that Jesus invites us into corporal ministry, He also directs our focus to the transcendent, that what is beyond our present reality. In today's Gospel, the Good News according to Luke, Jesus defies the mocking Sadducees to remind us of the afterlife so central to Christian belief. The beautiful image of children as angels of God elevates our attention to the horizon beyond. As we head to the polls this Tuesday, and otherwise execute our Catholic duty in the polis, may the mystery beyond fuel our hope in the unseen and the not yet.

~ Matthew Couture

Rest in Peace

- Mary Ellen Mellon, nee Joyce

New Parishioners

- John Schwind & Catherine Nordloh
- Marie Sensenbrenner

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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, November 6 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan, Jay Cook
- Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Victoria Healy

Cantors:

- Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm - Amir Ghazaleh
- Sunday, November 6 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis; John Horan, guitar

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, November 6 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Steve Monti

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, November 6 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Clare McCarthy; Acolytes - Carter Dant, Alise Veleta

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, November 7:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, November 8:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Wednesday, November 9:** 7:30 am - Odhran Marsh
- **Thursday, November 10:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, November 11:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased Torreano family members
- **Saturday, November 12:** 7:30 am - Kathleen Sanders +; 5:00 pm – Pedro & Consuelo Viray; Benjamin Viray
- **Sunday, November 13:** 8:00 am - Living & deceased members of St. Gertrude parish;
10:30 am - Living & deceased members of St. Gertrude parish

(+ indicates the person is deceased)

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (**No Gym Mass on Nov. 13**); 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 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 Rectory 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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Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate
Maria Garcia, Rectory Office Manager
Laurie Hasbrook, Heart to Heart Lending Closet Manager
Andy Mueller, Parish Buildings Engineer
Tracy Shields, Communications
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management
Patricia Sullivan, Heart to Heart Director