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Bulletin for

Sunday, October 2, 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Rich

Congratulations Hallie & Carol Ann!

This afternoon (October 2) at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, Cardinal Cupich will present the Christifideles award for St. Gertrude Parish



to Hallie Burhoe and Carol Ann Munro at a special service at Holy Name Cathedral.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has established the Christifideles award, which is given to a layperson (or couple) in each parish who demonstrates faithfulness and dedication in ministry.

Carol Ann and Hallie have consistently responded to whatever needs arise in the parish, from signing on for the special activities for managing health and safety during the covid pandemic, to taking a leading role in the Peace & Justice Committee, to liturgical ministries. In so many ways they have lived out their faith for the good of all the members of the parish.

Thank you to both Carol Ann and Hallie and may God continue to bless all of their efforts!

Reflection for Sunday, October 2

"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The opening line in today's Gospel passage once again places the apostles in the position of the confused, misunderstanding followers of Jesus. He patiently answers their concern by indicating, once again, the relationship between us and God in terms they might better comprehend: a master and his servant.

Analogies like this easily lead us to grind our teeth -- for we are NOT servants! Or so we would like to believe! But, in fact, God is master of all Creation.

This week, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is famous for his all-encompassing view of Creation. This is the gift God has given us. Not only life itself, but a certain "dominion" over "lesser" creatures and the planet itself.

We once trumpeted the idea that we were to "dominate", be the lords of creation. But a rereading of the original story of creation in the Book of Genesis might provide a slightly more cooperative sense of how we are to interact with Creation. It seems pretty clear we

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were to be responsible stewards for the care of the Creation God entrusted into our hands.

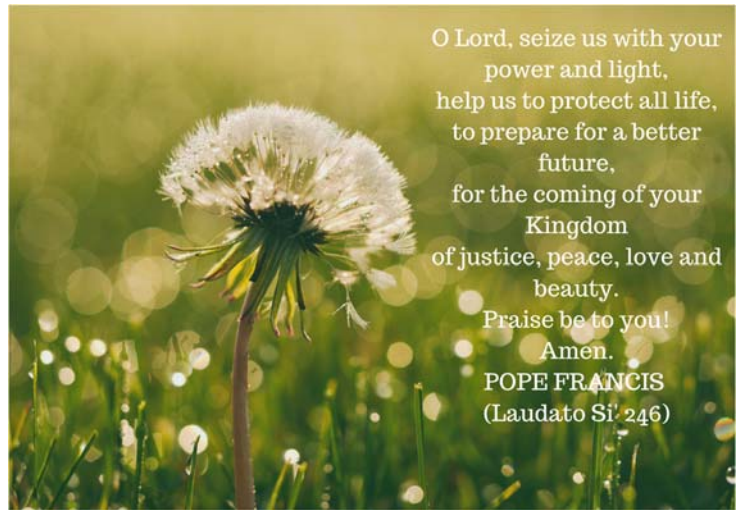
So, it is important to ask ourselves, "How are we doing with this task?" A two-word answer might be, "climate change!" In other words, collectively, we have abused the gifts of Creation to the point that we are now in danger of poisoning the entire planet - killing ourselves and our planet in the process. The correct answer is probably, "We've not done very well."

Part of this situation we find ourselves in is also related to the great chasm between the "haves" and the "have nots." The wealthy and powerful have simply taken whatever they wanted to enrich themselves. The consequences of this long-term approach only really became clear when the poor nations of the world chafed at those same wealthy and powerful countries now telling the poor and vulnerable countries not to do what we have done, not to take what we have taken, etc.

Perhaps it all comes back to the analogy Jesus uses. Being a servant means taking orders from someone who is over and above us. In this case, from God. But so much human energy is spent trying to "play" God. We consider ourselves Masters of Creation, but it now seems clear we didn't comprehend how sensitive our relationship to Creation truly is. Which is also right back to the apostles' request, "Increase our faith."

Care for all Creation is a spiritual concern. It severely affects our very spirits. Just as the overwhelming misuse of the abundance in our lives can quickly dis-spirit us, leaving us with lots of stuff but unfulfilled, so also the care for each other and our world.

Maybe this week, in honor of St. Francis, we might consider why St. Francis considered all the creatures, and Creation itself, as our "brothers and sisters." As members of this one family, how are we treating one another? And what can we do to improve the situation?



Pastoral Parish Council News: Upcoming Survey, International Dinner, Next Meeting

Be on the lookout for a survey to go out the weekend of October 8-9. There will be various ways to provide input, including electronic, in-person, and paper options.

The PPC is looking for someone to help organize an International Dinner on Friday, November 11. If available, please reach out to Jen Reyes at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

The next PPC meeting is Thursday, October 20. Meetings are held in the Ministry Center from 7:00 pm-

8:30 pm and are open to parishioners.



Pet Blessing TODAY, Sunday, October 2

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is this Tuesday, October 4. As we do each year, there will be Blessing of the Pets next Sunday at 11:30 am on the front porch of church.

Fr. Mike Gabriel will be there to bless all types of pets. Please join us for this special event!

Needed: New Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers/Training Sessions Offered This Week

We are recruiting new Ministers of the Word, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers! We are also looking for a captain for the ushers at each of the three Sunday Masses.

All trainings will take place in church at 6:30 pm on the following dates:

- Monday, October 3—Altar servers
- Tuesday, October 4—Ministers of the Word
- Wednesday, October 5—Eucharistic Ministers



For people interested in serving as ushers, the training will be 30 minutes before the 5:00 pm and 10:30 am Masses; and 15 minutes before the 8:00 am Mass during the first weekend of October.

Please note, altar servers must have received his/her First Holy Communion and be in 7th grade or older.

New schedules will include all these ministers beginning the weekend of October 15-16.

Please consider how you might participate in our Sunday Masses as a minister in any of these capacities. Reach out to our Pastoral Associate, Eloy Escamilla, at 773.764.3621 or eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org with any questions, or simply to volunteer.

Help for Pakistan: If you would like to donate to help the Pakistani people displaced by floods, please consider making a contribution to Catholic Relief Services for emergency aid at <https://support.crs.org/donate/pakistan-crisis>.

Help for Puerto Rico: CRS' sister organization, Catholic Charities' local agency, Caritas de Puerto Rico is helping those harmed by Hurricane Fiona at <https://bit.ly/3eYSyW2>.



It's Heart to Heart Month! Please Support our Ministry for Seniors in our Community

This October, we celebrate the work of Heart to Heart, a ministry grown at St. Gertrude that serves some of the most vulnerable residents in

Edgewater and Rogers Park—senior citizens. The outreach program works both to connect those in need with programs they may be eligible for, and to provide practical help.

Volunteers drive seniors to Mass, doctors' appointments, the grocery store, run errands, pick up prescriptions or check in with a phone call. With the help of dedicated volunteers, we have been able to help hundreds of seniors live quality, dignified, and independent lives in their own home.

Equally as important as tending to basic needs is the human connection that Heart to Heart provides. Social services at St. Gertrude is about showing love and care through a listening ear, a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand. It is about putting faith into action by loving our neighbors and tending to their needs.

Please consider supporting our work by volunteering or making a donation to Heart to Heart in church, at the Rectory, or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>.

Donations made with a check make payable to St. Gertrude Parish with Heart to Heart written in the memo line. Thank you for supporting our work!

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a volunteer, I can be reached at psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.973.5464.

~ Patricia Sullivan

Heart to Heart Events

Save the Date—Educational Program Planned for Sunday, October 16

Maureen Burns, a community health worker from the HAP Foundation, will be presenting "Support and Care when Living with a Serious Illness" after the 10:30 am Mass in the Ministry Center on Sunday, October 16. This presentation will help us understand the differences between palliative care and hospice care, and how to access them. Additional details will be shared in upcoming bulletins.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to be Held Saturday, October 29

Heart to Heart will be hosting a recognition luncheon for all its volunteers on Saturday, October 29 at noon in the Ministry Center. Our volunteers deserve a huge appreciation for serving Heart to Heart members in the Edgewater and Rogers Park areas. There will be a raffle for first and second prizes.

Volunteers should RSVP by contacting Pat Sullivan at psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org or 773.973.5464.



Heart to Heart

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Sunday, October 9 -
No Religious Ed Classes

Religious Ed News: No Class on October 9

There will be no Religious Ed classes held on Sunday, October 9.

Visit <https://bit.ly/RelEd2022Calendar> to see the 2022-2023 Religious Ed calendar.

Youth Group Outing to Holy Fire Chicago on Saturday, October 15

All students in grade 7 and above are invited to attend the next youth group gathering! The group will attend Holy Fire Chicago on Saturday, October 15 at Credit Union 1 Arena (formerly known as UIC Pavilion).

Holy Fire is a powerful moment of encounter, worship and fun for young people. It offers students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation an engaging and significant experience of the broader Church to which they and their parish or school belong. Event information can be found here: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/holy-fire-chicago>.

Please contact Eloy Escamilla to RSVP, as well as for details about purchasing tickets, the time and location of where to meet and when the outing will end.



PreCana Class at St. Gertrude on October 15

Are you an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude? Couples that have established a connection with Fr. Rich (or another priest) are invited to attend St. Gertrude's PreCana course on Saturday, October 15.

This full day, in-person gathering is dedicated to considering your life together as a married couple. Led by a facilitator couple from St. Gertrude, the session begins at 9:00 am and features presentations, prayers, and discussions with your partner and other couples. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Couples can register for the October session by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or by filling out an online form at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/marriage>. The cost of PreCana is covered by the church fee couples planning a wedding at St. Gertrude are charged.

Additional PreCana classes at St. Gertrude will be offered on January 21, 2023, April 15, 2023, and September 9, 2023.



HIDDEN MERCY

LOYOLA COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB: BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION WITH MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

Michael O'Loughlin, award winning reported and national correspondent for America Magazine, will discuss his book *Hidden Mercy* AIDS, Catholics, and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear (2021)

In conversation with Dr. Claire Noonan, Vice President of Mission Integration, and Fr. Richard Prendergast, Pastor of St. Gertrude Church, O'Loughlin paints a tapestry of those quiet heroes who, in the height of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, responded to human suffering with absolute heroism. A community event hosted by the Hank Center, St. Gertrude Church, and Loyola's Office of Mission Integration.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
7PM / IN-PERSON
MCCORMICK LOUNGE
COFFEY HALL**



The Joan & Bill
Hank Center
FOR CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE



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THEOLOGY



The Yale Whiffenpoofs to Perform on Thursday, October 20

Join the Yale Whiffenpoofs for an evening of music featuring Chicago's own Dania Baig on Thursday, October 20 at St. Gertrude's church.

The event begins at 8:00 pm with doors opening at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$45 for priority seating, \$15 for general admission, and \$5 for children and students. To purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/WhiffenpoofsChicago>.

Masks are not required but are encouraged. Vaccinations are strongly encouraged.

The Whiffenpoofs are the country's oldest collegiate a cappella group. Founded over a hundred years ago, the Whiffenpoofs have been singing around the country (and the world!) delighting audiences with a wide variety of a cappella music.

Rest in Peace Notices: Please note, in addition to notifications in the weekly bulletin, we will now share news of the death of a parishioner or their loved on the homepage of the parish website, stgertrudechicago.org, and in our emailed daily reflections.



RCIA: A Journey of Faith—Classes Open to All!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about

the Catholic Church. Interested participants are still welcome to sign up! Please note there is no class next Sunday, October 9.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

The RCIA meeting schedule is available here: <https://bit.ly/RCIACalendarUpdated>.

Please Consider a QCD Gift for Our Parish

You can help to support our parish and cover our increased operating costs by making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account. A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level. If you are age 72 or older, the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.



For more information on how to make a QCD gift, contact to Eduardo Soto at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Available Resources

For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. And during the pandemic, domestic abuse incidents have skyrocketed.



St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website has a Domestic Violence information page at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help> and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
- Organizations that Provide Housing
- Legal Help
- Spanish-Speaking Assistance
- Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance
- LGBTQ Help
- Help for Teens & Young Adults
- Help Securing the Safety of Pets
- What Does Abuse Look Like?
- How to Help a Friend or Family Member
- Emotional Abuse
- Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach also has a list of resources, available here: <https://bit.ly/ArchChicagoDVResources>.

Baptisms

- Deirdre Linda Anne McKeown Meyers, daughter of Michael Meyers and Grainne McKeown Meyers

Rest in Peace

- Roy Lipscomb

Cantors, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm - Susan McKeon, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 2 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Jacalyn Meier
- Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 am - Victoria Healy, Rose Karasti

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, October 2 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian, Steve Monti, Victoria Healy

Cantors:

- Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, October 2 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 3:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, October 4:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Wednesday, October 5:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Thursday, October 6:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, October 7:** 7:30 am - Cecilia Onyibor +
- **Saturday, October 8:** 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 5:00 pm - Joseph & Michael Laczkowski +
- **Sunday, October 9:** 8:00 am - Rosario Batungakala (thanksgiving)+; 10:30 am - Bill O'Toole +; 10:30 am Gym Mass - World Peace

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 - 2:00 pm.

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Christine Frisoni | • Larry McCauley |
| • Zara Bradley | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Molly Morris |
| • Sharon Brown | • Jeanne Hasbrook | • Karey Myers |
| • Lilly Buie | • Gina Heidkamp | • Richard Seitz |
| • Claire Bushey | • Maria Hertl | • Peggy Stoffel |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Daniel Hidalgo | • The Sullivan family |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • KC Conway | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Connie Cool | • Steve Laslo | • Leon Ward |
| • Caloy Desembrana | • Sheila McGuire | • Ken & Vyes Yoza |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Dean Mattoni | |

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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