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*Bulletin for*

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### From Fr. Rich

Today's gospel passage is that very human story of the Pharisee ("good guy") and tax collector ("bad guy") who go to the temple to pray. But in Jesus' telling of this story, the roles

are flipped, and expectations are turned upside down. The tax collector, who would have been hated by everyone because of the way his job worked, turns out to be the humble one, not even glancing heavenward in his prayer. The Pharisee, a respected religious leader, was so full of himself, in his prayer, he "spoke to himself."

Upon reflection, I suspect most of our prayers usually fall into one of those two categories. We are either stroking our own egos - i.e. praying to ourselves, or we are truly in conversation with God, aware of our smallness and dependency upon God's loving mercy.

This actually makes perfect sense. Why would God be listening to a conversation in which the other party isn't really speaking with him? Prayer is never a contest to show God how wonderful we are! God already knows us inside and out. Prayer is about deepening our relationship to God, which in turn makes it possible to have better relationships with others and myself.

Our titles, our job descriptions, our income, our place on the corporate ladder -- none of them mean a thing to God. God's concern is our heart. How can we be as loving and merciful to others and God is loving and merciful to us?

#### **Presentation of Confirmation Candidates**

This Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass in Church, the candidates for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation are formally recognized in their presentation to the community. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they enter into their final preparation for Confirmation in the spring.

#### **Mass of Remembrance—Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm**

Each year, during the Month of Remembrance, November, when we celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls - 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 will take place immediately after the homily at the 5:00 pm Mass on November 5th. In this simple ritual, the names of each of those who had died in each month is called out and a candle with their name is lit. After the names of those who died in one month are read, the congregation sings a refrain. Families and loved ones are encouraged to come forward after Mass and take home the candle with their loved one's name on it.

## From Fr. Rich *(continued)*

If you have any family members or friends who died in the past year, including outside of the city/country, and we do not already have their name, please email [mgarcia@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mgarcia@stgertrudechicago.org) or call **773.764.3621** and ask that their name and the month in which they died be added to the list.

### **The Ofrenda & All Saints/All Souls Day**

A week from Monday is Halloween (Eve of All Hallows) and ushers us into the Month of Remembrance. All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be a Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm on Halloween, Monday, October 31, and on Tuesday, November 1, Masses will be at 7:30 am and the NCA Mass at 8:30 am. Mass on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2, is at 7:30 am.



We also invite you to bring a photo or other small item for the Altar of Remembrance (the Ofrenda) which will be 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.

### **Parish Service Awards: Seeking Nominations for Recognition**

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](mailto:rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org), or you can fill out the nomination form below (or on our parish website, [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org)) and drop it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Rectory. The deadline is now Tuesday, November 1.

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:*

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# Today is World Mission Sunday

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we join Catholics worldwide in the annual Eucharistic celebration of World Mission Sunday. We remember our common call to both live the mission that is entrusted to us and proclaim the person of Christ and His message. Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.



Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided approximately seven million dollars in help to the new and growing Church in the United States.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago and established a network of prayer and collections for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission "to the ends of the earth." Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support global missionary activity.

Your prayers and generous support today sustain communities of faith in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay leaders can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

In this bicentennial anniversary year, I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday.

Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago*



## 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!

Contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621. The RCIA meeting schedule is available here: <https://bit.ly/RCIACalendarUpdated>.



## Fill out our Parish Survey! Listening Session Today After the 10:30 am Mass in Church

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invites you to fill out a survey online at <https://bit.ly/PCCSurvey2022>, by scanning the QR code in the image below, or filling out a paper survey in church. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available at the following Mass times to listen to parishioners: Sunday, October 23 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church and Saturday, October 29 at 5:00 pm.

## Youth Group News: World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal 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 gathering are Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, January 22.



## 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. Proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's ministries.

Prices, an order form, available delivery dates, and on-site sales information will be shared in coming weeks!



## Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) News: International Dinner in November

An International Dinner will be hosted in November as part of the St. Gertrude Feast Day celebration, planned for the weekend of Sunday, November 13.

If you are able to help make dishes or set up, please contact Rita Elue at [ritaelue@gmail.com](mailto:ritaelue@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance!

## Help Needed for Feast Day Cabaret Night

As part of our parish feast day celebration we would like to have a Cabaret Night on Saturday, November 12 from 7:00-9:00 in the gym.

We are looking for about 10-11 music acts to perform for a **MAXIMUM** of 10 minutes. **Besides musicians, we need a decorating and set up committee, and a clean up committee.**

People wishing to help out should contact Mary Clare Barker at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org).



## What Will Your Legacy Be?

Please consider including a gift to our parish in your will to support the future of our faith community.

A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language: "I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Gertrude; located in Chicago, Illinois. However, if St. Gertrude ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit [giving.archchicago.org/bequest](http://giving.archchicago.org/bequest).



## El Señor de los Milagros Mass Celebrated at St. Gertrude Church

Last Sunday, October 16, St. Gertrude welcomed Bishop Bartosic and members of the Peruvian community in Chicagoland for a Feast Day celebration of El Señor de Los Milagros (Our Lord of the Miracles).

In Lima, Peru, homage to the Peruvian Shrine of El Señor de los Milagros is known as one of the largest Catholic processions in the world. It is venerated for three days every October and attended by thousands. Devotees pray to the Lord for miracles for health, relationships, jobs, or any life challenge.

This devotion began in 1687 after the original image of our Lord, painted by an African slave, remained unscathed after a high magnitude earthquake in 1655 destroyed everything. This was the first of many miracles.

In 1979, the Lord of Miracles Mass, procession, and the Hermandad of El Señor de los Milagros (Brotherhood of the Lord of Miracles) was established by six founders at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Over the past 43 years, thousands have attended the Chicago annual Mass and procession. There are countless testimonials of miracles to this day.

El Señor de Los Milagros shrine is now permanently housed in our parish after St. Ignatius closed. The shrine will temporarily be located in back of church. Its permanent home will be on the south wall just outside the shrine of the Little Flower (St. Therese of Lisieux).

# Domestic Violence Information

Domestic violence is common, affecting millions of people in the United States each year. Data from CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicate about 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of IPV-related impact.

Common signs of abusive behavior in a partner include:

- Telling you that you never do anything right.
- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.
- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with.
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.
- Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- Destroying your belongings or your home.

The St. Gertrude website has a domestic violence information page listing organizations that provide housing, legal help, Spanish-speaking assistance, Asian, Arabic, & Korean specific assistance, LGBTQ help, teens and young adults help, and more at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help>.



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## How can you help someone EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

- LISTEN** to them without judgement.
- BELIEVE** them. It takes courage to break the silence.
- ENCOURAGE** them to seek professional help.

ILLINOIS DV HOTLINE 800-799-7233



## Did You Know?

At least **1 in 4** women,



and **1 in 7** men, are victims of severe violence from a partner at some point in their life.



Interpersonal violence can be physical, sexual, or psychological, and also includes stalking.

## Hurricane Ian Help

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, launched a dedicated disaster donation page with 100 percent of the monies raised going to support people impacted by Hurricane Ian and served by their local Catholic Charities agencies.

There will be a special collection in church for hurricane relief within a few weeks. If you wish to donate immediately, you can go online to the CCUSA website: [https://lp.catholiccharities.us/Hurr\\_Ian](https://lp.catholiccharities.us/Hurr_Ian).



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## Volunteer Drivers Needed for Heart to Heart

Volunteers are the backbone of Heart to Heart. We are in special need for drivers to take seniors and disabled individuals to Mass. With the winter coming on, this need will increase.

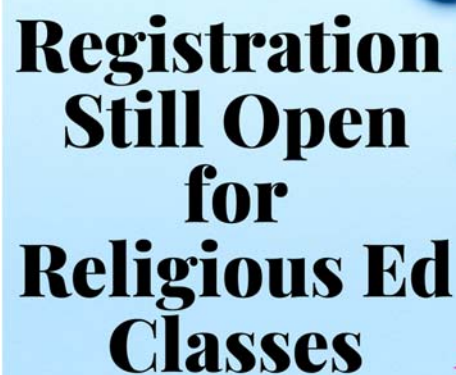
Contact Pat Sullivan at [psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.973.5464.

## It's Not Too Late to Sign up for Religious Ed Classes!

Registration is still open for our 2022-2023 Religious Education program! In-person instruction is held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am at Northside Catholic Academy.

All Religious Ed forms can be found at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news> both in English and Spanish.

**Registration  
Still Open  
for  
Religious Ed  
Classes**



**Kids Word Offered at 10:30 am Mass in Church:** On Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass in church, children aged 4-7 years-old are invited to attend Kids Word to hear an age-appropriate Gospel message and do fun, scripture-based activities such as coloring or crafts in the Rectory.

Children will be invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and will return to church before the petitions.



## Growing in Faith

*Pope Francis shared this on World Mission Day in 2021.*

"...Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere.

The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude, and nobility typical

of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that "even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations" ...

To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples."



**No Gym Mass on Sunday, October 30:** Next Sunday, there is no 10:30 am Gym Mass. There is a combined 10:30 am Mass in Church.

### Rest in Peace

- Jeanne Hasbrook, mother of parish staff member Laurie Hasbrook

### New Parishioners

- Robert & Amanda Clarke
- Kelly Marinovic
- Maria Luisa Ugarte

## Cantors, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

### Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Susan McKeon
- Sunday, October 23 at 8:00 am - Jacalyn Meier, David Sullivan
- Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am - Stephen Modde, Rafael Melendez

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, October 23 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am - Ray Sousa, Annie Hasselbeck, Steve Hasselbeck

### Cantors:

- Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 pm - Cindy Lawson
- Sunday, October 23 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 24:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased Torreano family members/Tony Zevallos+
- **Tuesday, October 25:** 7:30 am - Gilda Moore + (*+ indicates the person is deceased*)
- **Wednesday, October 26:** 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude
- **Thursday, October 27:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, October 28:** 7:30 am - Greg Wall +
- **Saturday, October 29:** 7:30 am - Barbara Zonzious +; 5:00 pm- Hal Mann +
- **Sunday, October 30:** 8:00 am - Living & deceased Torreano family members; 10:30 am - Roy Lipscomb & Mary Grover +

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass (**No Gym Mass on Oct. 30**)
- 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- 2:00 pm.

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Luke Fitzgerald        | • Sheila McGuire       |
| • Ryan Bach               | • Christine Frisoni      | • Dean Mattoni         |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Larry McCauley       |
| • Sharon Brown            | • Gina Heidkamp          | • Karey Myers          |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Maria Hertl            | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Maggie Callaway         | • Mary Horan             | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Bernice Kiedysz        | • Leon Ward            |
| • KC Conway               | • Marilyn Klein          | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Caloy Desembrana        | • Steve Laslo            |                        |

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](mailto: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](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.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
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