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Sunday, October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Rich

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. To help all of us increase our awareness of Domestic Violence, the homilies this weekend will be addressing the issues

around this widespread form of abuse. Domestic violence is not limited to any age, sex, socio-political division, economic status, geographic location, etc. It is present everywhere, among all people. Unless we are willing to recognize it, learn how to change behaviors, respect, and assist victims of abuse, etc., we will never end this scourge.

Our parish website has a section on domestic abuse with a wide range of resources. It can be found there: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help>. These resources are for those experiencing domestic abuse, and also includes resources for those trying to offer support for victims. If you are living or working in a situation with violence in the relationship, please reach out to get help.

All Saints/All Souls Day

Next Sunday, October 31st, is not only Halloween, but also the day we will remember all the parishioners and relatives and friends of parishioners who have died during this past year. We will have our annual Mass of Remembrance at 10:30 am in church. We will take a few minutes to recall the names of all those who have died and to light memorial candles as a sign of our affection and remembrance. Please join us for this special celebration.

Also, because All Saints is on Monday, November 1 this year, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Or, as we might say in English, there is no Holy Day for All Saints this year because the feast falls on a Monday. Tuesday, November 2 is All Souls Day as we commemorate all those who have died. Mass on both Monday and Tuesday is at 7:30 am.

Chicago's Got Sisters Virtual Event—Saturday, October 30

The fall 2021 "Chicago's Got Sisters Virtual Event" will take place via Zoom on Saturday, October 30 from 2:00-5:00 pm. The agenda will include a short talk on the theme of "Discerning with the Saints," time for prayer and reflection, brief introductions to a diverse group of communities and charisms, and breakout room time for questions. This event is for single Catholic women ages 18-40. Register here: https://bit.ly/CGS_Fall2021 or contact Sr. Jess Lambert for more information at jllamb.illinois@gmail.com. Visit <https://www.vocationscava.org/chicagos-got-sisters/> for flyers and a recap of the spring event.

Seeking Nominations for Recognition!

Every year at our Thanksgiving Day Mass, we present the St. Gertrude Parish Service Awards to parishioners who have given generously of their time and talent in 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.

Fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory, or email your nomination(s) to Fr. Rich at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org. The form is also available online here: <https://bit.ly/ParishServiceAwards> and on the back tables in church.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 29.



I nominate _____

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

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

Give a brief explanation for your nomination:

Your name: _____

Your email or phone number: _____



Heart to Heart News: A Note About Fr. Mike Bradley

Every October, Father Mike puts on his running shoes and participates in the Chicago Marathon, raising funds for our senior ministry, Heart to Heart. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners who support his annual run, Father Mike's efforts raise thousands of dollars every year for Heart to Heart.

Unfortunately, Father Mike injured his back and was unable to run the marathon this year. We are so grateful for his many years of running for Heart to Heart and ask that you say a prayer for Fr. Mike's continued healing and good health.

If you would still like to make a contribution to Heart to Heart, donations can be made in church, at the Rectory, or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>. Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with *Heart to Heart* written in the memo line. Thank you!

Heart to Heart Update for September 2021

September events sponsored by our staff | included the second of three workshops creating notarized legal documents such as powers of attorney, wills, etc., for our Edgewater neighbors. Pro bono attorneys from the Center for Elder and Disability

Law completed these vital documents onsite in our Ministry Center. Our dedicated volunteers continued to make weekly telephone calls to our homebound seniors and assisted them with grocery shopping and getting them to and from medical appointments. We are so grateful to have them on our team!

An integral part of our Heart to Heart Seniors Ministry is our free Lending Closet, serving all of Chicagoland and dispensing loans and occasional gifts of durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, rollator walkers, knee scooters, tub transfer benches, shower stools, commodes, canes, and incontinence supplies. This month, we dispensed 37 pieces of this equipment to 23 individuals in 14 zip codes and accepted 16 donations from families who no longer needed these loans for their loved ones. We also helped to connect a family wishing to donate a hospital bed to a family greatly in need of one.

A Blue Cross/Blue Shield van brought one woman, aged 83, to our door to pick up some medical equipment. And another woman drove up to us from 91st Street to obtain some equipment for her father's homecoming from Weiss Hospital after treatment for a stroke. In a note we received from her, she had this to say: "*Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity...Everything worked out perfectly and I can't wait for my father's return home...a super thank you to you, Heart to Heart, and St. Gertrude for your donation*".

Laurie Hasbrook can be reached by telephone at 773.973.5464 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm or by appointment, while Jane Callahan-Moore answers calls Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on her cell phone (773.595.9992).

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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.
- Over 43 million women and 38 million men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

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.

About **1 in 5** women and nearly **1 in 7** men who have experienced



rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

Domestic Violence

If domestic violence is happening to you, please know help is available. There are places you can safely and/or anonymously speak with to ask questions and create a safety plan.

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?

Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Domestic Violence Outreach also has a list of resources, available here: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/domestic-violence-outreach/resource-manual#resources>.



Candlelight Walk for Victims of Abuse Planned for Wednesday

St. Bernadette parish in south suburban Evergreen Park has a Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry that supports domestic violence victims and seeks to educate our community to prevent domestic violence.

On Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm, all are invited to attend a short candlelight walk to pray for victims of abuse. It will be held on the steps of St. Bernadette church, 9343 S. Francisco in Evergreen Park.

The rain date is Thursday, October 28 at the same time and location.

STEPS OF ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH

SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Join us in a short candle walk as we keep the victims of abuse in our thoughts and prayers

**DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2021
(RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2021)**

TIME: 6:30PM

LOCATION: STEPS OF ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 9343 S FRANCISCO AVE, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805

Presented By: Saint Bernadette, Queen of Martyrs & Christ the King Parishes

A lit candle is shown in the bottom right corner of the poster, with a bright flame and a warm glow.

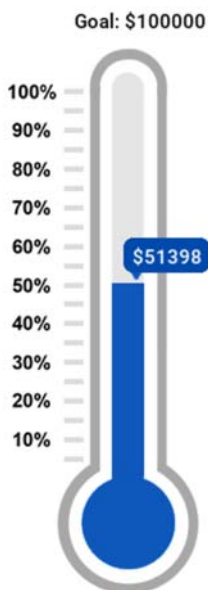
Repair, Renew, Refresh

This is week six of our **Repair, Renew, Refresh** campaign to raise \$100,000 to supplement a recent gift from Ray Simon and the Polk Bros. Foundation. As of Wednesday, October 20, we have received \$51,398 ! Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The first of the five projects to be completed with these funds is being done this week! Here is a photo of the contractors installing some of the new handrails to assist anyone moving between levels in the main body of the church up to the different levels of the sanctuary. Three of the four new handrails have been installed, with the fourth coming soon.



A donation form is part of the **Repair, Renew, Refresh** brochure. Please complete the form, place it and your donation in the return envelope, in the Sunday Offertory, or drop it off at the rectory office, or mail it back. Donations can also be made electronically by accessing GiveCentral through the parish website: <https://stgertrudechicago.org>.



Repair-Renew-Refresh Campaign

DONATIONS TO DATE

\$51,398.00
of \$100,000

Please give as you are able. Gifts of \$500 and more can be paid over six months, if that is helpful. The **Repair, Renew, Refresh** campaign will end on our parish Feast Day weekend, November 13-14.

Thank you for praying over the parish needs and considering what donation you are able to make.

Repair, Renew, Refresh Campaign:

Spotlight on Donors: Thank you so much to those parishioners who have donated so far! We are grateful for your commitment to our parish and for helping maintain our buildings for future generations.

Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be next Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am.

All are welcome to bring framed photos and small mementos to place on our memorial altar/Ofrenda table that will be in church during the month of November.



Religious Ed News

The Presentation of the Confirmation Candidates will be on Sunday, October 24 at the 10:30 am Mass in church. Those students to be Confirmed on March 5, 2022 will be present along with their families.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Kids Word teachers during the 10:30 am Mass in church on Sundays. Email eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org if you can help.

Youth Group Plan Visit to the Chicago Cultural Center's Exhibits

On Saturday, November 13 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Confirmation students and teens in the youth group will head to Chicago's Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington. The students will enjoy a wide range of diverse and engaging exhibitions devoted to the visual arts and contemporary culture. They include *Art and Race Matters*, *The Great Chicago Fire in Focus*, as well as the *Learning Lab*, an interactive studio that offers sights, sounds, and experiences for visitors of all ages and a wide range of abilities. The group will travel via the CTA.



For more information, contact Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



PRIMARY CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 27, 9:00am
6216 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago 60660

Northside Catholic Academy provides students in grades PK-8 with a challenging, well-rounded curriculum that inspires curiosity, creativity and a love of learning. NCA's curriculum aligns with the Common Core Standards and includes Spanish, Technology, Art, Music and Physical Education. We also implement a STEAM philosophy into our technology curriculum across all grade levels in science, math and art. Come and check us out!



NCA Open House This Wednesday, October 27

An open house for prospective families will be held at NCA's Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood, this Wednesday, October 27 at 9:00 am. Please RSVP to Leigh Holzman at holzman@ncaweb.org. Proof of vaccination is required and masks must be worn.

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World Mission Sunday

October 24, 2021

A message from the Cardinal



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we are reminded in two ways to be persistent missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father encourages us, "As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation." At the same time, with the opening of the Synodal Process around the world, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium" (Address for the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015).

We celebrate World Mission Sunday with the Universal Church on October 24, offering prayer and reflection on our mission to proclaim the gospel to all the nations. The collection taken this day supports over 1,000 mission dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These local churches are the poorest in the world and yet they joyfully share the Lord and provide hope amidst struggles in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. The collection also provides for mission dioceses in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Also, during this time, The Church of God is convoked in Synod. Today, the Archdiocese of Chicago is celebrating the opening of the process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, in October 2023. The theme of this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" and so is intimately tied to our celebration of World Mission.

This global pandemic has highlighted the peripheries of our world and the importance of widening our circles to reach out to neighbors both nearby and far away. Let this celebration of World Mission Sunday and the opening of the Synodal Process be an opportunity for pause and prayerful solidarity with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world. May we give thanks for their witness and recommit ourselves to our own call to be missionary disciples. With every wish, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Growing in Faith

The story of Bartimaeus at first thought causes us to pity a person who literally has no power of sight. And then we rejoice when Jesus acts so that the man now sees. What a great and wondrous thing for Bartimaeus!

But it occurs to me that we all are blind in another way that is equally profound to Bartimaeus' disability. I observe in myself and in (just about) everyone: the tendency to see things as we wish to see them, to filter our observations about the world around us—and about ourselves—through the lens that will be most comfortable for us. This tendency is understandable—hey, life is tough enough without denying ourselves those defensive things we use to protect our fragile egos. But at what cost?

I happen to be a lawyer and in litigation, it is always frustrating because witnesses are reluctant to give truthful testimony if that truth threatens that person's interests.

Is it worth examining the ways all of us might hide from the truth to our advantage—but at someone else's expense? If we are blind in this way, how can we sincerely approach an examination of conscience? What other truths do we fail to see which call out for our response as people who worship God? How do we find the courage to mean it when we ask Jesus, as Bartimaeus did, please remove our blindness?

~ Denise DeBelle



Rest in Peace

- Kathleen Anthony
- Genevieve Hane
- Jacqueline Helen White
- Timuel Black
- Rick Sheber

This Weekend's Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Pat Reardon
- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Bob Backis
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Brian DeVarenne
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Debra Novak, Bob Backis
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, October 24 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am in church - Cindy Lawson; vocal ensemble: Dana Sullivan-soprano, Beth Nelson-alto, Joe Pindelski-tenor, Matt Heimer-bass
- Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Mass Intentions

- Monday, October 25: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Tuesday, October 26: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable+
- Wednesday, October 27: 7:30 am - Joan Kuton
- Thursday, October 28: 7:30 am - Communion service
- Friday, October 29: 7:30 am - Greg Wall+; 8:30 am - NCA School Mass
- Saturday, October 30: 7:30 am - Martin Fadonoughot+ (30th anniversary of his death); 5:00 pm - Jeannie Righeimer Balsam+
- Sunday, October 31: 8:00 am - Juanita & Pascual Gusmanos+; 10:30 am - Maria Silva+; 10:30 am Gym - St. Gertrude parishioners

+ indicates the person is deceased

New Parishioners

- Christopher & Susan Helt and their children, Sophia, Chloe, and Grace
- Erin Nixon & Michael Lopez

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Ann Collins Dole | • Karey Myers |
| • Helen Banta | • Shirley Marie Gonzales | • Massielle Ojeda |
| • Jean Bautista | • Felipe Hall and Family | • Tina Piemonte |
| • Walter Bradford | • Lucia Hall | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • Sharon Brown | • Gina Heidkamp | • Richard Seitz |
| • Connie Bueck | • Maria Hertl | • Peggy Stoffel |
| • Lilly Buie | • Daniel Hidalgo | • The Sullivan family |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Dean Mattoni | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Connie Cool | • Sr. Terri McKenzie | • Valerie Williams |
| • Caloy Desembrana | • Molly Morris | • Ken & Vyes Yoza |

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.

Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.

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