

A bulletin for Sunday, October 29, featuring a lit candle in the foreground and a background of many small, glowing candles. The text is overlaid on a yellow rectangular background.

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Sunday, October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

This coming week, we celebrate All Saints Day on Wednesday, November 1st and All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2nd.

I wish these two celebrations were further apart in the calendar. Coming one after the other as they do, it's easy for them to kind of blend one into the other, with each losing its distinctive character.

They are different feasts. All Souls Day is for many people the most important, at least emotionally, since on that day, we remember and pray for people we knew and miss. It is a day for honoring all our loved ones who have died, often marked with visits to cemeteries. We mourn them, and once more commend these loved ones to God's mercy, in the hope that they rejoice in heaven with Him.

All Saints Day is more about those who are strangers to us, yet who are our ancestors in the faith. Many people who have gone before us have had their sanctity officially recognized by the Church. These are the people we call "Saints", whom the Church assures us rejoice with God in heaven. They include martyrs and preachers, missionaries, and mystics. Some of them achieved fame during their lives, while others were much more obscure. All are recommended to us as examples of faith, of perseverance, and of hope. Stretching back to the earliest decades of the Church, they are those from whom we have inherited the gift of faith.

And then there are all the people who fall somewhere in the middle. I'm thinking here of the countless people in the Church whose holiness and faith were recognized by only a few, or who were simply never brought to the attention of the Church. While there are many, many saints from every century, the Church in no way suggests that only those named "Saint" were particularly holy. There are countless others who are rejoicing with God in heaven, whose names have been forgotten to history. This recognition—that the company of holy people extends beyond the listing of official saints — is good news indeed. The fact is that we have probably known people ourselves who might well be saints in their own way, even if they are never recognized by the Church.

The people in our lives who have taught us faith, who have given us examples of selfless service, who have remained faithful even in the face of difficulty — these too are worthy of our respect. They are the ones whose examples can sometimes inspire us the most. In their lives, we also see a possibility of holiness for ourselves — by God's grace, of course.

From Fr. Mike Gabriel (*continued*)

Our Mass of Remembrance is next Saturday, November 5th. At the 5:00 pm Mass, come and pray and remember all of our loved ones who have died. May they rest in peace!

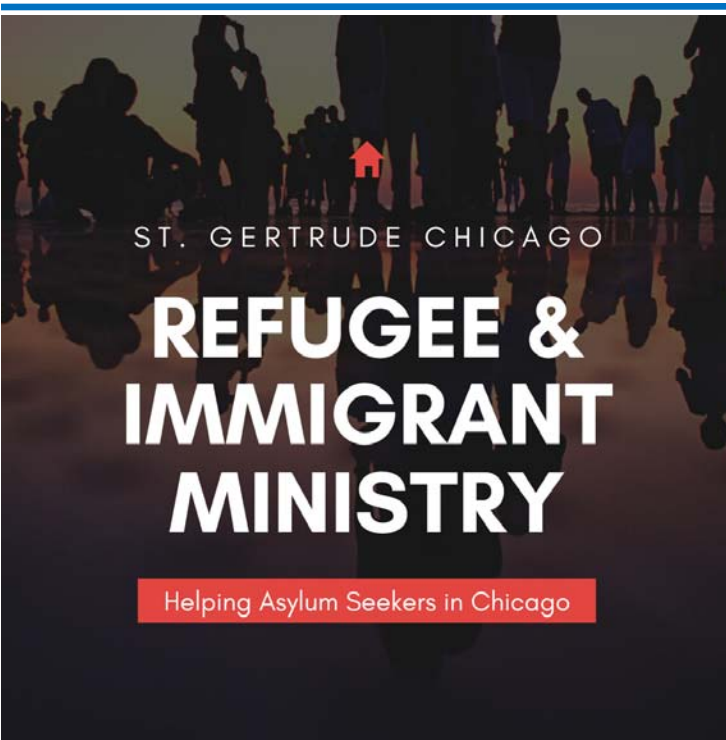
Anointing of the Sick: The weekend of the Feast of St. Gertrude, November 11 and 12, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses. This sacrament is for everyone suffering from any illness or condition, temporary or chronic, and even for those who simply are feeling the effects of aging. The Anointing has always been understood to be about comfort and healing of both body and spirit, and every kind of distress- physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and psychological.

All Saints Day (November 1) & All Souls Day (November 2) Mass Times

This Tuesday is Halloween (Eve of All Hallows) and ushers us into the Month of Remembrance.

All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be at 7:30 am, 8:30 am (NCA school Mass), and 6:30 pm.

Mass on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2, is at 7:30 am.



Collection for Asylum Seekers on Nov. 4 and 5

A collection for asylum seekers will be held next weekend in church for Care for Real, who is providing support to families sheltering at the Broadway Armory in addition to feeding our neighbors in need.

This month, the top requests from CFR are things to keep people warm, specifically stretchy gloves, hats, and hand warmers.

Their clients also are in desperate need of toiletries and baby care items.

Items brought to mass can be dropped off in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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| • Aboubakar S. Ahouno | • Jo Anne Joyce | • Edward O' Connor |
| • Kelly Barone | • George Keheo | • Ronald Schlachter |
| • Victoria D. Centeno | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Rose Shori |
| • Robert Collins | • Kevin Kirland | • Michael Signa |
| • James Corbett | • Irene Mac | • Bernadine "Suzie" Sierzega |
| • Janette Cordero | • Phyllis Mahoney | • Mary Simon |
| • Mike Cordis | • John Francis "Jack" Manion | • Bernadette Stanis |
| • Joan M. Crowley | • Almo Manzardo | • Marian Stanley |
| • Carmeline DeFranco | • Larry McCauley | • Janet Swoboda |
| • Elena Fuentes | • Sheila McGuire | • Seamus W. White |
| • Jose Fuentes | • Mary McKean | • William "Bill" Wilson |
| • Eileen Gormaly | • Patricia Meade | • Julie Leoner Wons |
| • Michael D. Groark | • Mary Ellen Mellon | • Claude J. Zajakowski |
| • David Matthew Hartigan | • Charles "Chuck" O' Connor | • 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 (or 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 4 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, as well as parishioners' loved ones in the past year.



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!

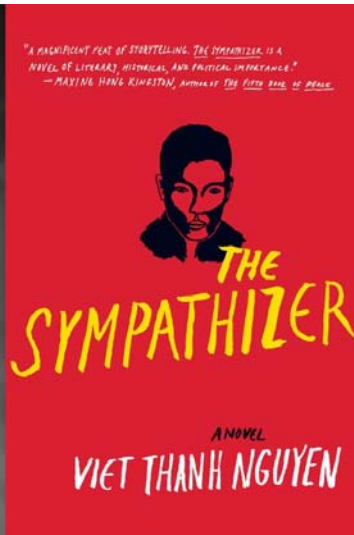
Their next gathering is Thursday, November 10. Consider yourself invited!

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

Financial Report from October 21-October 22

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,454.00
 Loose Checks: \$540.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$788.50
 Online Donations: \$5,390.52
Total Collected: \$8,173.02

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$1,826.98
 Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$162,006.79
 Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00
Difference: -\$224,393.21



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.



Countdown to St. Gert's Annual Greenery Sale!

St. Gertrude will once again host our annual Christmas greenery sale this Christmas season, with balsam pine trees, wreaths, and garland available for purchase. Proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's ministries.

An order form will be available in the near future, with options for deliveries as well as dates greenery will be available for sale after the 10:30 am masses.

LIVING WITH GRIEF WORKSHOP



Grieving and Honoring Your Spouse/Partner Amidst Holidays and Celebrations
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
18

Led by St. Gertrude parishioner
Jim Manzardo, Board Certified Hospital
Chaplain and Intern Counselor

Living with Grief Workshop on November 18

Grieving and Honoring Your Spouse/Partner Amidst Holidays and Celebrations

How do you anticipate and want to move through winter and the holidays in a way that honors both your grieving and your loved one?

Join others who are also grieving the death of their spouse/partner, in a safe, understanding, non-judgmental space to connect and share stories, explore ways of living without your loved one, and how to honor your loved one.

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 to noon at the Center for Grief Recovery and Therapeutic Services, 1261 W. Loyola Ave.

The cost is \$10 and is limited to 20 participants. Coffee, bagels, and fruit will be provided. Masks are optional.

Please RSVP to Jim Manzardo at 773.274.4600 or j.manzardo@griefcounselor.org.

ECRA's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is Sunday, November

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 Hindi faith. All are invited to attend this year's service on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 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.





Safe Travels to Fr. Paul!

Fr. Paul is traveling home to Nigeria to see his family on October 30! It's the first time he's gone home in eight years!

We are so excited for him and hope his visit with his family and friends is wonderful.

*Pictured: Fr. Paul with Dorothea Tobin and her granddaughter, Lilia Dorothea Palomino.
Photo credit: Laurie Hasbrook*

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

Last weekend at the 10:30 am mass in church, students who will be confirmed in March 2024 were called forward and acknowledged by the whole community.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn and grow spiritually!



Thank you for Supporting World Mission Sunday and Care for Real Last Weekend

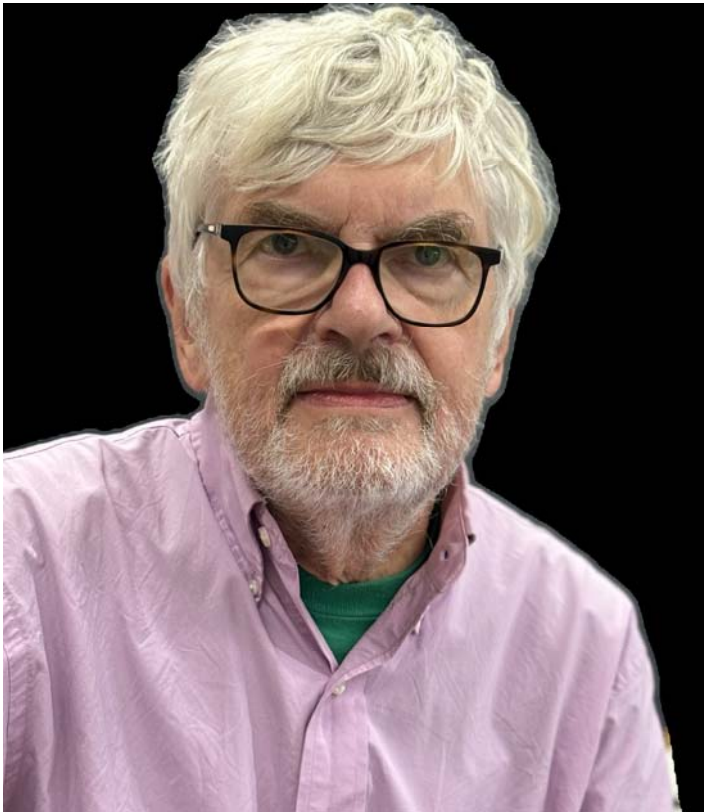
A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday, held last weekend. Our fervent prayers and daily witness to the Gospel are the primary source for the Church's mission.

Together, our parish raised \$1,551.39 to benefit the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

We are also so grateful to those who brought supplies for Care for Real last weekend!

Our next supply drive is November 25-26.





Growing in Faith

"KISS. "Keep it simple, stupid!" I first heard this in the 60s and it did not then strike me as the most useful of advice. But as life experiences unfolded, it's punchy utility began to strike me. And now KISS is an algorithm for most anything in my life. If I am using lots of effort and words to explain something, I probably don't know what I am talking about!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is being tested by the scholars. The Pharisees appear uncomfortable with the KISS rule of thumb. But apparently not Jesus. When he's asked by a scholar of the law, "which commandment in the law is the greatest", Jesus keeps it simple.

Jesus had hundreds of laws to choose from, but he says he can answer the Pharisaical question quite simply. There are two. Number 1 is love the Lord, your God. Number 2 is love

your neighbor as yourself. Definitely, a KISS answer.

Jesus gets a bit wordy by then explicating that "the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments". But that rounds out the KISS insight and puts it all in proper scholarly/legal context. Like the "scholars", we all really want more. But there really is a KISS answer: Love. All-encompassing.

~ John Williams

pray for peace in the Holy Land

God of our longing,
Remember those who wait
and hope for peace.
Hear our prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters
in Israel and Palestine.
With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.
Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace
for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.
Open ears, eyes and hearts
And make a way toward justice

In our war-torn world.
God all merciful,
you dwell in all human hearts
And the Holy Land
is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places
where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad
kept faith with you.
Be a sure support for those
who work toward reconciliation
And make us all,
however far away,
Steadfast in their cause. Amen
Prayer from Catholic Relief Services

Parish Information

Rest in Peace

- Bernice Kiedysz

Baptisms

- Nora Lucia Vergara
- Clara Marie Scoles

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

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, October 28 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes, Millie Slane
- Sunday, October 29 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 am - Anthony Myers, Rose Karasti

Altar Servers

- Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 am - Wyatt Dant, cross bearer; Henry Villareal, Xavier Lassus, Acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, October 29 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Troy McMillan, Steven Monti

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 pm - Tim Dowling
- Sunday, October 29 at 8:00 am - Michael Callahan
- Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, October 30:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, October 31:** 7:30 am - Dorothy Bavaro
- **All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parish; Deceased members of the Gusmanos family; 8:30 am - NCA school mass; 6:30 pm - Deceased members of the Gusmanos family
- **Thursday, November 2:** 7:30 am - Communion service
- Friday, November 3: 7:30 am - People of God
- **Saturday, November 4:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; Mass of Remembrance-5:00 pm - Alanna McKee+
- **Sunday, November 5:** 8:00 am - Bernie Sierzega; 10:30 am in church - People of God; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Ethan Seitzer +

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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