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Sunday, October 31, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1-7:30 am Mass

All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 2-7:30 am Mass

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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.

- Virginia Barrelier
- Rosemary Barrett
- Joan Bartosic
- Barbara Bernacchi
- Mary Binsfeld
- Ester Bugler
- Matt Bussey
- Dorothy Castronova
- Geraldine Clark
- Sarah Cole
- Larry Crumlish
- Patrick Cunningham
- George Dempsey
- Dorothy Denapoli
- Leo DeVarenne
- Mary J. DuCharme
- Donald Elster
- Patrick Fahey
- Paul Foley
- Francine Garmisa
- Grace Gaughan
- Andres Gonzalez
- Daniel Goodman
- Gregory Gormaly, Jr.
- Natalie Gramata
- Norah Greene
- Dennis Griffin
- Mary Grover
- Alan Haas
- William Hartnett
- Sr. Mariella Hathorn OSB
- John Heitz
- Stella Hernandez
- Peter Hertl
- Robert Howe
- Nancy Huddlestun
- Clara Isaacs
- Michael Jeffers
- William Jesse
- Ninette Joseph-Larochi
- Gerald Lawler
- Amie Leagans
- Mary Mann
- Evanzuela Manuel
- Sr. Victoria Marconi OSB
- Richard L. Martin
- Olga Cecilia Gaitan
Martinez
- Eileen McGuire
- Bonnie McWayne
- Diana Ann Miller
- Marcel Molins
- Jerome Molitor
- Joseph Muraca
- Bren Murphy
- Audrey Nchee
- Cecilia Onyibor
- Robert Potenza
- Eileen Quinlan
- Joy Ransdell
- Mickey Resch
- Zaida Reyes
- Ann Marie Robinson
- America Rodrigues
- Francesca Teresi
Rodriguez
- Bruno Roti
- Elizabeth Seitz
- Maria Silva
- Marty Stanton
- John Sullivan
- Valerie Swanson
- Lawrence Swoboda
- Ruth Timmons
- Lolita Tuohy
- Margaret Waaler
- Carol Wittwer
- Mary Wolff
- Rosemary Zajakowski

From Father Rich

Mass of Remembrance

This weekend at the 10:30 am Mass in church, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance. Each year around the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, as we begin the month of November, we celebrate the lives of all those parishioners and relatives and friends who have died this past year. In a simple ritual after the homily, the names of all those who have died will be read and a candle with their name will be lit.

Another part of our remembrance is the Ofrenda Table in front of Mary's Shrine. Everyone is invited to bring a small, framed photo or other item of remembrance and place it on the Ofrenda Table for the month of November - the Month of Remembrance. Positioned nearby the Ofrenda Table is the Book of the Dead in which are written the names of all those parishioners, relatives and friends who have died. Please feel free to add any names that have not already been written into the Book of the Dead.

All Saints and All Souls' Days

Because All Saints is on Monday 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 is All Souls' Day as we commemorate all those who have died. Mass on both Monday and Tuesday is at 7:30 am.

Farewell, Margie

Margie Guadagno, who has been our Rectory office receptionist since last October, is leaving us to become the Director of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer Parish in Evergreen Park. Margie has been a great and positive presence in the Rectory and we wish her well in her new position.

We are currently exploring new candidates for this position and hope to be hiring someone soon.



Rectory Office Hours Extended

The St. Gertrude Parish office has expanded its operating hours. The Rectory is now open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-7:00 pm, Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Saturdays from 9:00 am-2:30 pm, and Sundays from 8:30 am-noon.

Per the City of Chicago mandates, please wear masks when stopping by the

Rectory office. This is required of both vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors.

Seeking Nominations for Recognition—Our New Deadline is Monday, November 1

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 now Monday, 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:

Your name: _____

Your email or phone number: _____



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

At all the Masses on our parish Feast Day weekend, November 13 - 14, 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: A person who is considered in danger of death.

- A person who has a serious disease or medical condition (e.g. cancer, heart disease, mental illness). The sacrament may be repeated if the person's condition becomes more serious.
- A person preparing for surgery, if a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.
- An elderly person if they have become notably weakened by age, even if there is no particular serious illness present.
- A seriously sick child.

October is Heart to Heart Month

Heart to Heart is a ministry grown at St. Gertrude that serves some of our most vulnerable residents in Edgewater—our senior citizens. The outreach program's mission is to help seniors who need minimal assistance to enable them to remain independent in their home. Heart to Heart staff complete assessments and connect our seniors in need to community services and agencies that can assist them with financial and home care functions. Additionally, the program offers a medical lending closet.

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

This ministry is traditionally funded by two major events, Father Mike participating in the Chicago Marathon and our annual Heart to Heart play or cabaret. Unfortunately, Father Mike injured his back and was unable to run the marathon this year and COVID protocols prevented any performances.

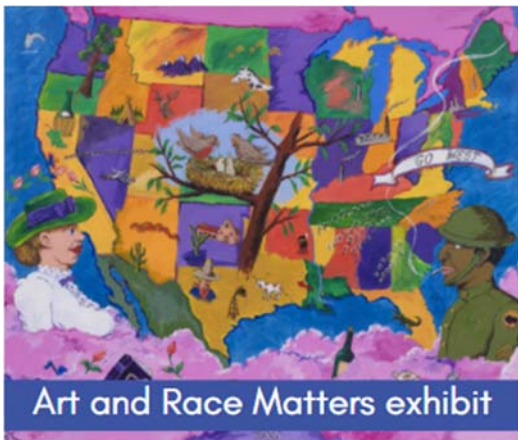
Please consider supporting our work by making a donation to Heart to Heart in church, at the Rectory, or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>. Donations made with a check should be made payable to St. Gertrude Parish with Heart to Heart written in the memo line. Thank you!

Commemorating Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on the 25th Anniversary of his Death

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, beloved and esteemed Archbishop of Chicago, died on November 14, 1996. He had arrived in Chicago in August 1982 and served here for 14 years. During his time as Archbishop, he left an enduring mark on the Catholic Church in Chicago as well as on the civic community. He also had significant impact and influence on the nation and the world at large.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is preparing to remember Cardinal Bernardin in two events at the beginning of November. On Monday, November 1 at Holy Name Cathedral (750 N. State Street) at 7:00 pm, there will be a commemoration of Cardinal Bernardin's contribution to the Church and to our civic life. The evening is entitled "Now More Than Ever: The Enduring Prophetic Voice and Legacy of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin 25 Years after His Death." Five speakers will briefly address aspects of his legacy and its continuing relevance in today's world.

On the following day, Tuesday, November 2, again at Holy Name Cathedral, the annual memorial Mass for deceased bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will be celebrated at noon. At that Mass, Cardinal Bernardin will be specially remembered.



Youth Group Visit to the Chicago Cultural ; Mission Trip Planned for This Summer

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.

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

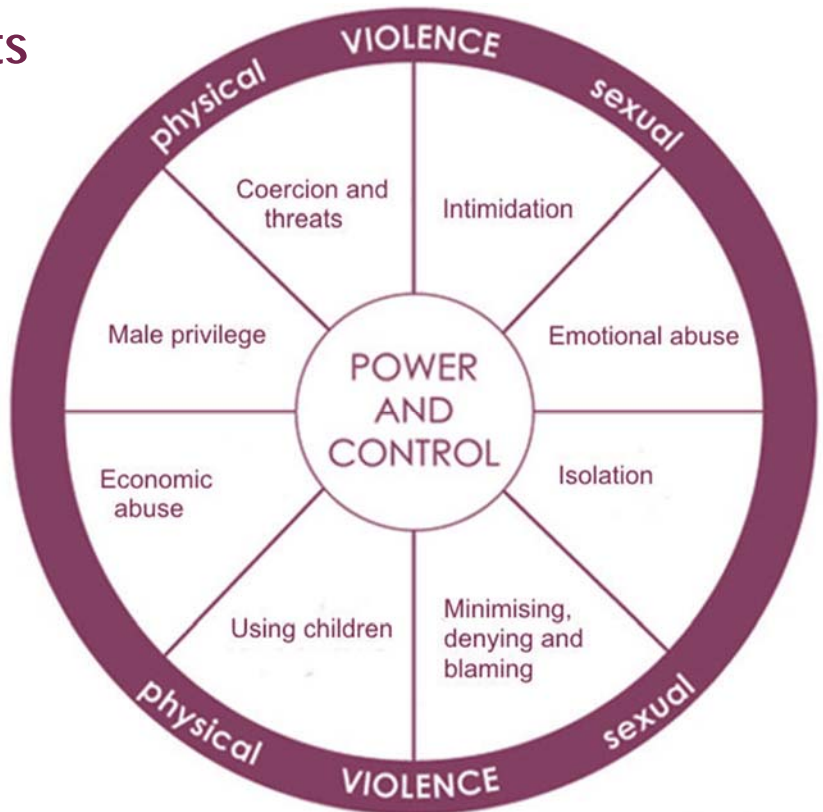
Domestic Violence Facts

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:

- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- 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.
- Telling you that you never do anything right.
- 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.



Domestic Violence Resources

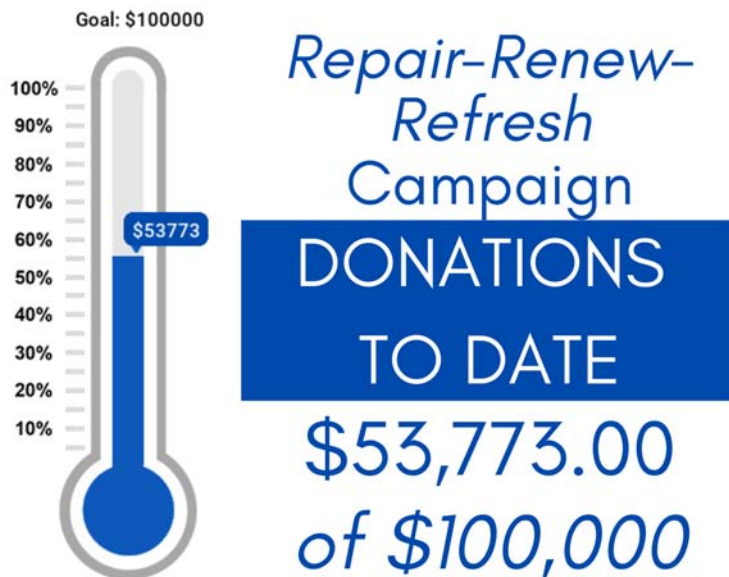
If domestic violence is happening to you, please know help is available. There are places you can safely speak with to ask questions and create a safety plan. St. Gertrude's website information here: <https://stgertrudechicago.org/domestic-violence-help> on abusive relationships, including:

- 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?

Repair, Renew, Refresh

This is week seven 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 27, we have received \$53,773! Thanks to all who have already contributed.

Donation forms are 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>.

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

Repair, Renew, Refresh Campaign: Spotlight on the St. Gertrude Catholic Education Support Fund: Part of the funds raised will help parish families with children attending NCA in need of financial assistance, as well as to have funds available for families in crisis.

Upcoming United Power for Action and Justice Meeting; Feature in Washington Post Article



Next Sunday, November 7 from 2:30-4:00 pm, all are invited to a United Power in-person meeting to check in with one another, celebrate the group's collective progress, and plan for the year ahead. The outdoor meeting will be held at 906 S. Homan in Chicago, in the parking lot of Nichols Tower. In the event of inclement weather, meet across the street, indoors, at DRW High School, with an option to observe online. Masks are required.

If not fully vaccinated, please participate online. Visit <https://bit.ly/November7RSVP> to register and to receive details about viewing the meeting online.

United Power and IAF were featured in this Washington Post article: <https://bit.ly/UPWashPostArticle>. This will be a major focus of the November 7 meeting.

Growing in Faith: Remembrance Sunday

This weekend, we remember those we have lost this year and, oh my, who among us hasn't had a loss or felt lost of late! Perhaps you've reflected on over 700,000 Americans lost to COVID. Or maybe it's closer to home. I lost someone very dear just a few months ago. It'll take time to regain some semblance of normalcy. Sorrowful, bewildered, alone, the world seems to have lost its color.



The psalmist felt this too. The entrance antiphon, "*Make haste and come to my help, O Lord...*" and the psalm, "*My God, my rock of refuge, my shield...*" are cries of someone who knows they cannot bear this alone. Through the fog and confusion there is one constant call from Deuteronomy, "*Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.*"

Observant Jews place a small container, a mezuzah, at their home entrance holding a scroll with those words. It's a constant reminder of God's presence. Jesus knew this too, adding that the way to truly experience God's presence is through our love for each other. God may seem far away during times of pain, but to grieve deeply is to honor a deep, abiding love for the person we've lost.

Jesus wants us to know that this is a two-way street: that we, too, are loved by those around us and by God who is with us, whether we're aware or not.

~ Denise Goodman

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Come Along for the *Meet Our Sisters Tour!*

Get an insider's view of the life, prayer, and ministry of Catholic Sisters in Illinois. During National Vocation Awareness Week, November 7-13, you can choose from a host of virtual and in-person activities ranging from

webinars and videos to prayer and free-flowing conversations with Catholic Sisters about their life of community, prayer, and ministry. Learn how you can contribute to a culture of vocations in the church and be inspired by the lives of dedicated Catholic sisters who serve right here in Illinois.

Visit <https://c4wr.org/MOST/> for a schedule of events and registration details or email MeetOurSistersTour@gmail.com for more information.



Baptisms

- Aqsa Aziz, daughter of Addnan & Tabatha Mohammed
- Emilia Mae Burgner-Adorno, child of Orrie Burgner and Valery Adorno-Cruz
- Caelen Delos Reyes, child of Christopher Delos Reyes and Carol Ramos Arucan
- Fiona Ann, daughter of Bridget Kelly
- Joseph Michael, son of Jacob & Mary Kate Kreiner
- Oliver Reed, son of Eric & Gina Nikchevich
- Olivia Eleanor, daughter of Marvin Rivera & Nicole Dawson

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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 pm - Victoria Healy
- Sunday, October 31 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am in church - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 pm - Victoria Healy
- Sunday, October 30 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar, Marty McDermott
- Sunday, October 30 at 10:30 am in church - Steve Monti, Patrick Robinson, Troy McMillian
- Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Cantors and Musicians:

- Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 pm - Siobhan O'Neill Meluso
- Sunday, October 31 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am in church - Kate Hibbs Davis, Dana Sullivan-flute, Denise Goodman, clarinet
- Sunday, October 31 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Mass Intentions

- Monday, November 1: 7:30 am - Kathleen Keable+; 8:30 am - NCA
- School Mass - Deceased students and teachers
- Tuesday, November 2: 7:30 am - Martin+ and Ellen+ Joyce
- Wednesday, November 3: 7:30 am - Maria Soto Silva+
- Thursday, November 4: 7:30 am - Communion service
- Friday, November 5: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Saturday, November 6: 7:30 am - Nguyen family: deceased and orphaned souls+; 11:00 am - Sacred Heart Confirmation; 2:00 pm - Sacred Heart Confirmation; 5:00 pm - Alanna McKee+
- Sunday, November 7: 8:00 am - Kathleen Keable+; 10:30 am - Dorothy E. Miller+; 10:30 am Gym - St. Gertrude parishioners

+ indicates the person is deceased

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff
Tracy Shields, Communications
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management

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