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Bulletin for Sunday, September 14, 2025

*Feast of the Exaltation of the
Holy Cross*

The Latest Parish News!

There are many opportunities to connect, pray, and grow in faith at St. Gertrude this week.

On **Thursday, September 18**, students in grades 5 and up are invited to altar server training—a meaningful way for young people to deepen their connection to the Mass and serve our parish.

On **Friday, September 19**, the Guadalupanos Rosary Group will gather in the Ministry Center for prayer and reflection. All are welcome to join this supportive space of faith and fellowship.

And **next weekend**, we celebrate the return of the 10:30 am Gym Mass, a beloved tradition that brings our community together in joyful worship.

We hope you'll join us—prayer, fellowship, service, and worship are at the heart of what makes St. Gertrude so special.

Compassion in Action: \$4,210 Donated for Gaza Relief

Last weekend, all parishes in the Archdiocese participated in a special collection to help ease the suffering of our Palestinian brothers and sisters. The funds raised were designated for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services. Both organizations have the infrastructure, local partners, and personnel needed to deliver aid quickly where it is most needed.

As always, St. Gertrude parishioners responded with remarkable generosity. A total of \$4,210.97 was donated.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your support provides not only material assistance but also serves as a powerful sign of compassion and solidarity with those who may feel forgotten in their time of greatest need.



**THANK
YOU** FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

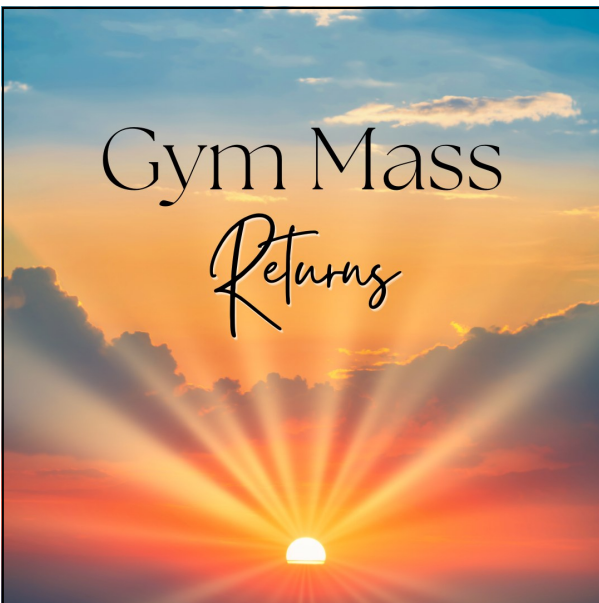
Training to Become an Altar Server Lector is Thursday, September 18; Lector Training is Thursday, September 25

Would you like to play a more active role in our parish liturgy? This September, we are offering training for two important ministries.

Altar server training will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm in the church and is open to students in grades 5 and up.

Lector training will follow on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 pm in the church, open to youth and adults who wish to proclaim God's Word.

Both roles are a meaningful way to grow in faith and serve our parish community. All are welcome!



Gym Masses to Begin Again Next Sunday, September 21

Next weekend, the Gym Mass will return to its regular 10:30 am time!

This more relaxed Mass is held in the Gym at 1401 West Granville Avenue.

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

In Two Weeks, Fr. Sergio Romo to Be Installed as Pastor

We are delighted to announce that Fr. Sergio Romo will be formally installed as Pastor of St. Gertrude Parish on Sunday, September 28, at the 10:30 am Mass, with Bishop John S. Siemianowski presiding. All are welcome.

The Installation Mass is a beautiful sign of stability and unity, marking the beginning of a new chapter of shared ministry. As pastor, Fr. Sergio will continue to lead our parish family in prayer, service, and mission, helping us live out our faith with joy and commitment.



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Please join us for the
Installation Mass
of Fr. Sergio Romo as Pastor of St. Gertrude Chicago
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
10:30 AM



Brewed at St. Gertrude Afterwards—Please Consider Bringing Treats to Share!

After Mass, please join us in the Social Hall for our monthly hospitality gathering, *Brewed at St. Gertrude*, as we celebrate this meaningful moment together.

To make the gathering even more festive, we invite you to bring a treat to share—a plate of cookies, a family specialty, brownies, a favorite snack, or anything you enjoy will add to the celebration.

Items can be dropped off as early as 9:00 am at the Social Hall.

Care for Real Collection Drive is September 27-28

Our next collection for Care for Real is in two weeks - September 27 and 28 - before and after masses.

Please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> for information about donating and links to their Facebook and Instagram pages to see what they are specifically looking for at this time.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!



care for real
FOOD • CLOTHING • SUPPORT

Food & Supply Drive
September 27 & September 28.



Growing in Faith

This time of year is often the busiest and most overwhelming for moms of school-aged children. As the absolute crush of September begins, it's hard to think of anything but school forms, daily schedules, activities, supplies, etc.

It's easy to feel unique and misunderstood, but when Jesus was walking among us, Jesus jumped into all of our chaos and human experiences. No stone was left unturned. The chaos of a busy month would have been high class problems and pales in comparison to the pain of hanging by nails on a cross, but the point is, Jesus knows.

God is not a leader who sits on the top of the humanity pyramid. God holds us all on his shoulders at the bottom of the upside-down pyramid. Great leaders are always a paradox - blending humility with strength of character, insuring everyone in the pyramid above them thrives within their unique strengths and weaknesses.

Jesus was the ultimate leader - experiencing the human condition in all its glory, pain, torture and perfection. Showing us our capabilities has no limit if God is the center of our world. Our reality is so much greater than our human-made plans if we follow God's will for us. If we are part of the pyramid God leads, sitting in our unique place among history, following God's lead, we will play a part in something so much greater than we will ever know.

~ Kari Robbins

Helping Hands Needed with our Brewed at St. Gertrude Social Gatherings

Brewed at St. Gertrude, our monthly hospitality following the 10:30am Mass, is gearing up for the coming year. Thrilled by the participation of so many parishioners in this gathering, we want to make it a regular event that continues into the near future.

Would you like to join our ministry team? We seek additional volunteers who can help with one or more of the following: set up, serve, bring food, and/or clean up. Our dedicated crew has been making each hospitality welcoming each month, but could benefit from some more hands! Reach out to Steven Patzke at stevenjcpatzke@gmail.com with interest or questions.



Religious Education Classes: It's Not Too Late to Sign Up

Interested in signing your child up for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed school year? It's still possible!

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am on the St. Gertrude campus. Sign up at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>

Looking for more information? A handbook and Religious Ed calendar is available in both English and Spanish. Questions can also be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

Registration opens in August!



**CLASSES
BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER**



Kid Word is Available at the 10:30 am Masses: Children Will Gather in the Baptistry

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.

Children will be invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and will return to church before the petitions. Classes will take place in the newly renamed Junior Disciples Room (formerly

the baptistry with glass doors), located at the back of the church just off the vestibule.

Keeping Hope Alive in Polarized Times with Sister Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, PhD, Emerita Professor of Theology, Boston College

Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 am

**St. Nicholas campus of St. John XXIII Parish following the 10:30 am Mass
Oldershaw Hall, 1108 Washington St., Evanston**

It is no secret that we are living in polarized times. Our planet, our country, our church, and even our own families, face difficult situations that tempt us to withdraw, "play it safe" lest we offend others. How can we be our authentic selves in such a context? How can we have the important conversations that will enable us to make difficult decisions?

During Dr. Hinsdale's presentation, we will learn from Catholic women religious as well as theologians and spiritual writers who have engaged in "contemplative practices" in the face of perceived "impasse." By exploring the processes engaged in by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) during their official Vatican investigation as well as by looking at the contributions of theologians and spiritual writers, we just might learn how we can "keep hope alive."

Substitute Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education

We are looking for catechists to be substitute teachers in our parish's Religious Ed program and Kids Word! Catechists don't have to be professional teachers.

Most are parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and are willing to help them grow in a personal relationship with God, participate in the sacraments, and develop a mature conscience, and integrate faith in all areas of their lives.

Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.



Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Faith?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly called RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in the fall and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin OCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Others who take OCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The OCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their

denominational experiences. Rather, the OCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the OCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

Contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org for more information.

September 6-7 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,967.00
Loose Checks: \$745.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$777.76
Online Donations: \$11,132.54
Total Collected: \$14,622.30

Difference: \$4,622.30

Year-to-date Collected FY 2026 : \$94,454.97

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00

Difference: -\$455,545.03

Second Collection for Gaza: \$4,210

Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, September 15: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, September 16: 7:30 am - The deceased of the Kelly family
- Wednesday, September 17: 7:30 am - Elio Rossi+
- Thursday, September 18: 7:30 am - Donald Nyderek+
- Friday, September 19: 7:30 am - Ricardo Martinez+
- Saturday, September 20: 7:30 am - Daniel McCarthy+; 5:00 pm - Antoinette G. Linke+
- Sunday, September 21: 8:00 am - Julienne Fouche+; 10:30 am - John Staggs+; 10:30 am Gym - Billy Tobin+

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm. (The Gym Mass is on summer break.)
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.

Donate to our Parish

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

Parish Staff and Contact Info

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To reach our Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org. To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464 or email her at lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org.

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our weekly live-stream, bulletins, images from recent events, rectory hours, staff members, funeral announcements, and updates about our various ministries, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.

Schedule for Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, September 13 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, September 14 at 8:00 am - Jay Cook, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Lily Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 13 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, September 14 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, September 13 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Wyatt Dant; acolytes: Carter Dant, Danna Salinas
- Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Viviana Love
- Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Angel Garcia; acolytes: Javier Lassus, Mathios Paulos

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Mary Amelse | • Marie Galoney | • Dealina Peon |
| • Victor Ayes | • Thomas Hajduch | • Claude Poulsen |
| • Carlos Barragan | • Anne Marie Hamde | • Willy Spalla |
| • Patrick Barton | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Mary Pierce Spalla |
| • Zara Bradley | • Tricia Hernandez | • Floret Spalle |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Aida Calvopina | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Marta Carlson | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Cavicke Family | • Marilyn Klein | • Tayana Wallace |
| • David Denegas | • Joseph Lambin | • King Wallace |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Carleen Lorys | • Christian Wallace |
| • Jasmine Drake | • River Malik | • Leon Ward |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • James Mann | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Alex Marks | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Luke Fitzgerald | • Steve Monti | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Adolf Gabriel | • Hilda Mora | • Joel Pozzi Zio |

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page, stgertrudechicago.org, and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the News/Programs heading!