



"Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and
destroy the poor of the land!...The LORD will
never will forget a thing you have done!"

- Amos 8:4 & 7

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 21, 2025

25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

The Latest Parish News!

We're excited to welcome back the Gym Mass this Sunday! This cherished St. Gertrude tradition offers a vibrant, family-friendly space to gather in worship and share the Eucharist together.

Looking for a way to get more involved at Mass? Consider becoming a lector! Training will be held on Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 pm in church. Youth and adults are welcome.

Join us next Sunday, September 28, at the 10:30 am Mass as Fr. Sergio Romo is officially installed as pastor of St. Gertrude. All are welcome to this joyful celebration!

After the Mass, come to the Social Hall for our monthly *Brewed at St. Gertrude* hospitality. Please help make the reception festive by bringing a treat to share—cookies, brownies, fruit, or your favorite snack.

Check out our Website and Social Media for Events Information!

Looking for our upcoming events or details about something you plan to attend? In addition to information on our homepage, stgertrudechicago.org, we have a brand-new events calendar that can be found under the *News/Programs* heading. Events can be viewed by day, week, or month.

Follow us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/stgertrudeinchicago) (@stgertrudeinchicago) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago) (@stgertrudechicago) for parish news and photos. Attending an event? Don't forget to tag us!



All are
Welcome!

**Next Sunday,
September 28**

at 10:30 am
for the

Installation Mass of Fr. Sergio as Pastor of St. Gertrude Parish

Please join us in the Social Hall afterwards for our
Brewed at St. Gertrude parish hospitality gathering!

Please bring a treat to share!

Events & Activities at St. Gertrude



This Weekend: the Gym Mass is Back!

This weekend, the Gym Mass returns to our mass schedule, resuming its regular 10:30 am time!

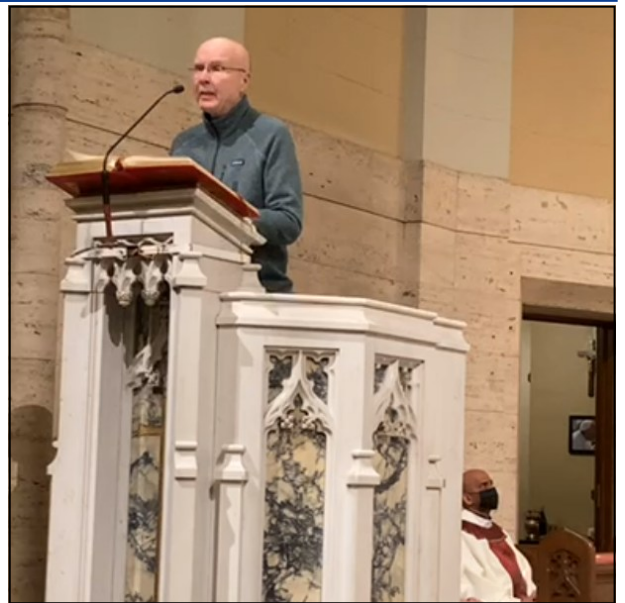
This more relaxed Mass is held in the Gym at 1401 West Granville Avenue.

A schedule, including when there are combined masses in church and no Gym Mass, will be posted online in the near future.

Training to Become a Lector is Thursday, September 25

We are looking for parishioners to take a more active role in our liturgies! This Thursday, September 25, we are holding Lector training at 6:30 pm in the church. It's open to youth and adults who wish to proclaim God's Word.

This role is a meaningful way to grow in faith and serve our parish community. All are welcome!



Care for Real Collection Drive is September 27-28

Our next collection for Care for Real is in next weekend - 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!

Fr. Sergio Romo to Be Installed as Pastor Next Weekend!

Next Sunday, September 28, at the 10:30 am Mass in church, Fr. Sergio Romo will be formally installed as pastor of St. Gertrude Parish. Bishop John S. Siemianowski will preside at this joyful liturgy. All are warmly invited to join in this special celebration of faith and leadership in our parish.

The Installation Mass is a moment of grace for our community, as we gather with our bishop to give thanks for Fr. Sergio's ministry and pray for God's blessing on his service among us.



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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!

Following Mass, everyone is invited to the Social Hall for our monthly hospitality gathering, Brewed at St. Gertrude. To make the celebration especially festive, we encourage you to bring something to share: cookies, brownies, fruit, your favorite family recipe, or any snack you enjoy.

Your contribution will help create a warm and welcoming table for all to enjoy.

Save the Date! This Year's Pet Blessing Planned for Saturday, October 4

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4, which falls on a Saturday. This year, we will celebrate it with a Blessing of the Pets on the actual saint's day, Saturday, October 4 at 11:30 am on the church steps.

Please join us with your furry (or scaly!) loved ones!



Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership Meeting Planned for Saturday, October 4

St. Gertrude is a member of CSPL, a faith-based organization that brings together people of different ages, ethnicities/races and socio-economic backgrounds across the Chicago area to transform racial, economic, social and environmental systemic structures through grassroots coalition building, community organizing, and liberative formation.

The group meets the first Saturday of each month. Come together with other parishioners on Saturday, October 4 from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Ministry Center to build community and discuss how to help advance our parish's commitments to social justice, human concerns and faith formation through our participation in CSPL. Learn more about CSPL at <https://www.csplaction.org/>.

All are welcome!



Parish News



Growing in Faith: *Living Life As Jesus Showed Us*

In today's short but stark first reading from the Prophet Amos, those who "trample upon the needy" and "destroy the poor of the land" are quoted extensively. Exultant in declaring their greed, and boastful announcing their intent to cheat the less fortunate, their arrogance is palpable. Sound familiar?

How many of us awaken each day dreading the latest news cycle? The unrelenting attacks by government officials on our immigrant friends and neighbors, the rapidly fraying social safety net, the escalating genocide of the Palestinian people... Those who "trample upon the needy" and "destroy the poor of the land" seem to be in full control of our world.

But Amos reminds us that the Lord never will "forget a thing they have done." To God is left judgement. To us is left the task of living life as Jesus showed us: a life defined by compassion for others, and reliance on God's wisdom and grace to survive whatever trials we and our fragile world face.

~ Laurie Hasbrook



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.

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.



September 13-14 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,378.00
Loose Checks: \$395.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$830.32
Online Donations: \$7,077.22
Total Collected: \$9,680.54

Budgeted: \$10,000.00
Difference: -\$319.46
YTD Collected FY 2026 : \$104,135.51
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00
Difference: -\$445,864.49



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

On most 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.

Please note, there is no Kids Word offered next Sunday, September 28.

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.

Events Around the Archdiocese

Keeping Hope Alive in Polarized Times: Lessons from Contemplative Dialogue Practices

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."

Parish Information

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, September 22: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, September 23: 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos+
- Wednesday, September 24: 7:30 am - Ben Keefe+
- Thursday, September 25: 7:30 am - Marie and Michael Adler+
- Friday, September 26: 7:30 am - Mary Monahan+
- Saturday, September 27: 7:30 am - Sheila McGuire+; 5:00 pm - Mary DeBois
- Sunday, September 28: 8:00 am - Adam Kwiecien+; 10:30 am - Mickey Resch+; 10:30 am Gym - Mary DeBois

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rector 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

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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 20 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker, Tim Love
- Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Liam Benham

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 20 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 am - Michelle Kuehlhorn, Carlos Barragan, Ellen Pierce

Altar Servers

- Saturday, September 20 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano; acolyte: Angel Garcia
- Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 am - cross bearer: Viviana Love
- Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Owen Craft; acolytes: Ethan Craft, Sammy Kloster

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 |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Maria Hertl | • Frannie Swaine |
| • Marta Carlson | • John Kahoun | • Christopher Thomas |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Paul Kapczuk | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family | • Mary E. Kelley | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Mary DeBois | • 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!