



*Fr. Mike Bradley is gearing up to run his 50th marathon! We will be having a special Marathon Weekend parish fundraiser in October. Details are on page 2.*

## St. Gertrude Chicago

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**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Marathon Minute by Fr. Mike Bradley

My first marathon was in April of 1995. I was doing graduate studies at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, and a classmate talked me into driving to Paris and running the marathon with him and a couple of seminarians.

Though I had run 5K and 10K events when I was younger, I had not attempted to run 26.2 miles, but it sounded like a good way to see the Eiffel Tower.

So, the marathon was quite a challenge, and yet the sights and sounds of Paris were awesome!

Another classmate traveled around the marathon route on the subway, and he provided us bananas and trail mix - as well as encouraging words - to get us to the finish line which was at the Arc de Triomphe.

You never forget your first marathon!

*~ Father Mike Bradley*

### A Note from Fr. Mike Gabriel

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for all your thoughts and prayers. They are doing wonders! Your kindness and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

I hope that you'll soon see me walking the neighborhood, and in a few weeks, back in full swing.

Thank you again for your prayers.

*~ Fr. Mike*





## Our Marathon Weekend Parish Fundraiser: How to Help

Our parish fundraiser is just a few short weeks away! There are a few ways to help:

### **Soles of the Parish 3K Fun Run and Walk - Saturday, October 7**

The time is NOW to sign up to participate in our 3k Fun Run and Walk! You can register online or fill out registration forms at the back of the church. You can also find additional information and sign up online for this event at <https://bit.ly/StGerts3K>.

A pep rally for Fr. Mike and all of the other runners will take place after the run, and a special blessing will be given at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please consider attending this, even if you are unable to participate in the Fun Run & Walk!

The event also needs volunteers! Sign up to help at the above link.

T-shirts are available for \$15. Orders can be placed at <https://bit.ly/StGerts3K>.

### **Sponsor Fr. Mike's Chicago Marathon Efforts - Sunday, October 8**

Fr. Mike Bradley will run the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 8. We are seeking sponsorships for Father Mike, with all proceeds going to our parish ministries. You can sponsor him online at <https://bit.ly/FrMikeRuns> or make a donation with a check at church or dropped off at the Rectory. Please add Fr. Mike's name in the memo line.

## Parish Calendar of Events

### Saturday, Sept. 2 & Sunday, Sept. 3

- Donations accepted for asylum seekers in the back of church

### Monday, September 4

- Labor Day
- Rectory office closed/no school

### Saturday, September 9

- 9:00 am - PreCana
- 11:30 am-3:00 pm ~ NCA's Back-to-School Bash

### Sunday, September 10

- 9:15 am - Religious Ed classes begin for the year
- 10:30 am Mass in church ~ Kids Word begins
- 11:00 am-6:00 pm ~ Misericordia Family Fest

### Monday, September 11

- St. Teresa of Avila Seminar begins at St. Gregory's parish, Msgr. Klasen Building, 1609 W. Gregory St.
- 7:00 pm - Book Club in the Ministry Center

### Wednesday, September 13

- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Pastoral Council meeting

### Thursday, September 14

- 11:30 am - Women's Friendship Club

### Sunday, September 17

- 10:30 am - The Gym Mass returns!

### Thursday, September 21

- 7:00 pm ~ Author event - Parishioner Kathleen Osberger to discuss her new book

### Friday, October 6-Sunday, October 8

- Marathon weekend
- Saturday, October 7 - 3K Run
- Fr. Mike to run the Chicago Marathon

**Visit St. Gert's Website:** For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)!

## This Weekend: Donations Collected for Asylum Seekers

Thank you to the many parishioners who dropped off donations for asylum seekers this weekend!

These donations will be sent to Care for Real, who is providing support to families sheltering at the Broadway Armory in addition to feeding neighbors in need.

Our next collection date is in October. A list of needs will be shared in two weeks in the bulletin.



# Rectory Office Closed on Monday, September 4

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Mass is at 7:30 am.



**IN THE PRIMARY CAMPUS PARKING LOT!**

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Saturday, Sept. 9th  
11:30 to 3:00PM

**Schedule:**

**11:30 AM**  
Gates open followed by liturgy in the north parking lot

**12:15 PM to 3:00 PM**  
Food and beverages available  
Craft Tent Available  
Bitty Bounce House  
Live Music and DJs  
Games & Activities

**Admissions (ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT NCA CLASSROOMS!)**  
**Purchase on Schoolspeak or at the event**  
Adults - \$20 Gets you a fresh NCA T-Shirt and all you can eat  
\$10 All you can Eat (no shirt)  
Kids (Preschool to G12) - \$5

**ONCE A WILDCAT, ALWAYS A WILDCAT!**

## NCA's Back-to-School Bash is Saturday, September 9

All are welcome to attend NCA's Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, September 9 from 11:30 am-3:00 pm.

The day will begin with a Liturgy, with crafts, a bounce house, live music, games and food and drinks for sale after 12:15 pm.

Admission for adults is \$20 for all-you-can-eat and an NCA shirts or \$10 for all-you-can-eat and no shirt. Kids from preschool to high schools are \$5.

Stop by to say hello, reconnect, and have fun!

## PreCana Class Offered on Sept. 9

Pre Cana classes at St. Gertrude are primarily intended for couples getting married at St. Gertrude. Before registering you must speak with Father Mike Gabriel about your planned wedding at St. Gertrude or receive consent to attend if you are getting married at a different parish.

Couples can register for the September session by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or by filling out an online form at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/marriage>.



## Countdown to Classes! Religious Ed Begins Sunday, September 10!

Registration is now open for our 2023-2024 Religious Education program! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, with in-person instruction held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am.

Religious Ed registration forms can be found on our website at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>. Forms and our handbook in Spanish are also available on our



website. Please note that students must receive two years of preparation in order to make these sacraments.

The fees for the 2023-2024 school year are \$210 for one child and an additional \$30 for each student from the same family. Tuition can be paid online at <https://bit.ly/StGertsRelEdTuition>.

An additional sacramental fee of \$65 is required for children making their First Communion and First Reconciliation, or their Confirmation. That fee can be paid at <https://bit.ly/StGertsSacramentalFee>.

Completed forms and any questions about the program should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org). Please register before the start date.

**Interested in becoming a substitute catechist teacher?** Contact Eloy Escamilla at the above email address.

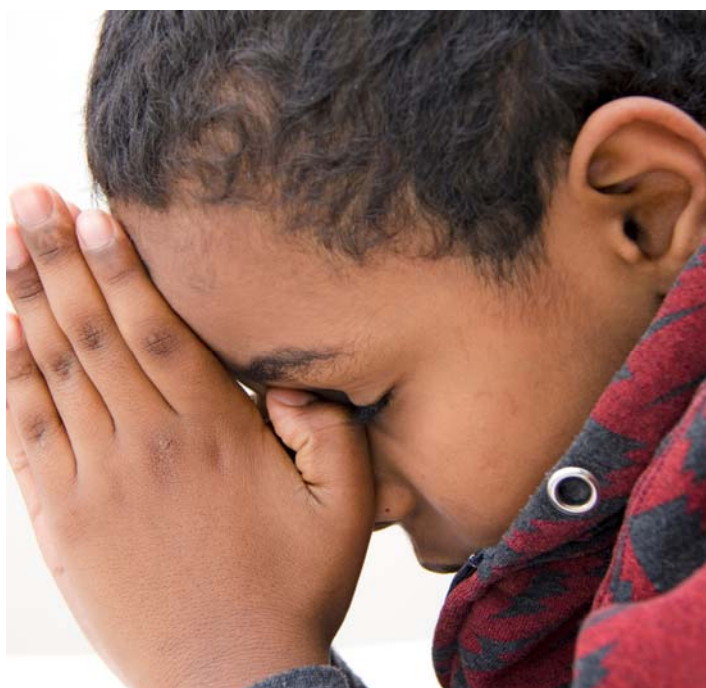
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## Kids Word Returns on Sundays at 10:30 am Masses Beginning September 10

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 in the Rectory.

Children will be invited by the celebrant to come to the altar before the readings and will return to church before the petitions.

Email [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) for details.





## Misericordia Family Fest—Sunday, Sept. 10

Family Fest, Misericordia's largest fundraising event of the year brings our families, friends and neighbors together for a day of celebration.

This is the 41th annual Family Fest and will take place from 11:00 am-6:00 pm at 6300 N. Ridge Blvd. Proceeds support Misericordia's programs for children and adults with

developmental disabilities.

The festivities include food and drink, a cash raffle, children's games, games of chance, in-crowd entertainers, a car raffle, Misericordia art, a live & silent auction, bingo, a quilt raffle, and clowns.

Live entertainment on the main stage will feature Finbarr Fagan, the Shannon Rovers, the Heartzingers, the Heartbreakers, The Chancey Brothers, and In Spite of Ourselves. Dr. Mark and the Sutures, as well as Andrew Blomquist, will perform in the North Tent.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.misericordia.com/store/fest-tickets/> and at the door.

Visit Misericordia's Family Fest page at <https://www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2023/> or call 773.273.2768 for more information.

Misericordia is looking for volunteers at the event as well as in the days leading up to the Fest. This one-day event takes approximately 2,000 volunteers to pull it off and your help would be greatly appreciated. Shifts are generally broken down into 2 ½ -3 hours. Sign up online at <https://www.misericordia.com/events/family-fest-2023/>.

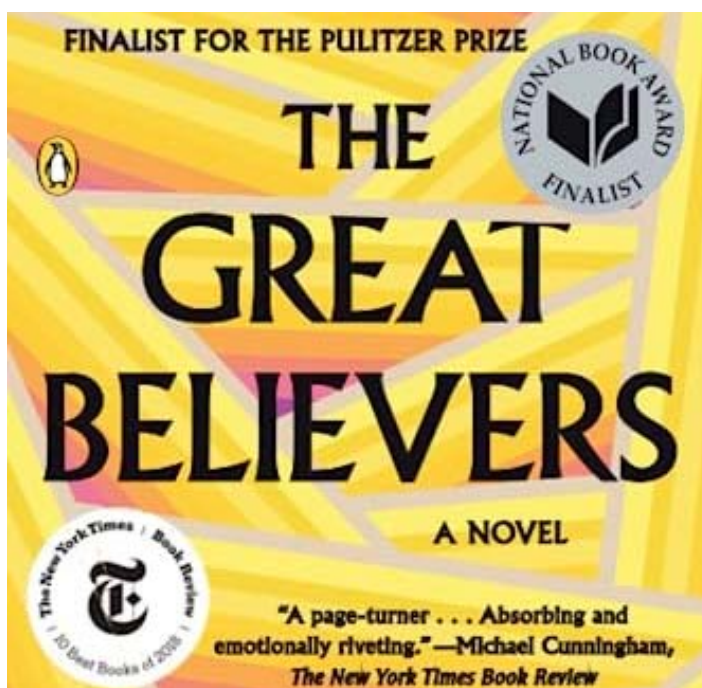
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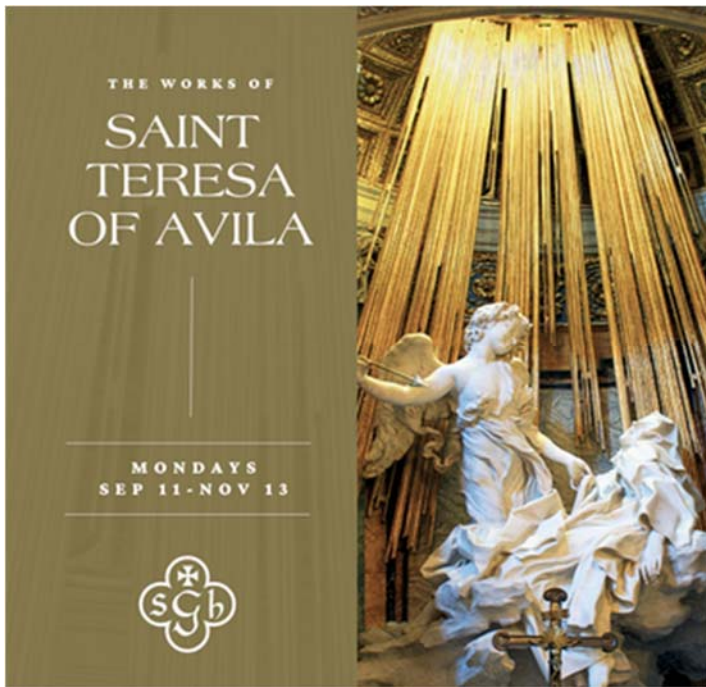
## Book Club - Monday, September 11

On Monday, September 11, the book club will discuss *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai.

We would love new voices and opinions!

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.





## St. Teresa of Avila Seminar at St. Gregory's Held on Mondays from September 11-November 13

On Monday evening from September 11-November 13, St. Gregory the Great will host a weekly seminar on Carmelite Spanish mystic and doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila.

The seminars will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm in St. Gregory's Msgr. Klasen Building, 1609 W. Gregory. There is a suggested donation of \$40. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stgregoryhall.org/teresa.html>.

## PPC Meeting is Next Wednesday, Sept. 13

On Wednesday, September 13, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet in the Ministry Center at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

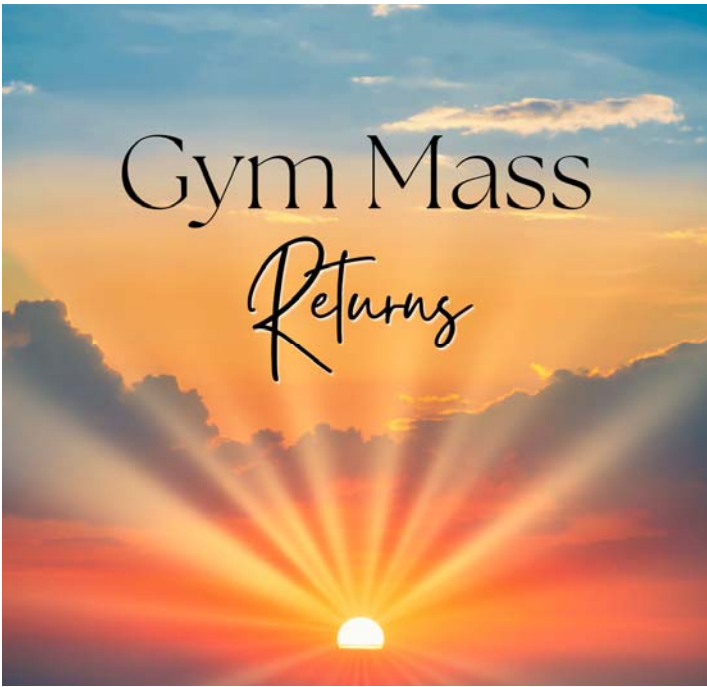
Contact the PPC with any questions you may have at [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).



## Women's Friendship Club to Meet on September 14

The 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!

The next gathering is Thursday, September 14. Please RSVP to Charlotte Sullivan at 773.743.5112.



## The Gym Mass Returns on Sunday, September 17

On Sunday, September 17, the Gym Mass will return at its regular 10:30 am time! This more casual Mass is held at 1401 West Granville Avenue.

The 2023 Gym Mass schedule is posted on our parish website at <https://stgertrudechicago.org>.

## Parishioner Author Event—Thursday, September 21

Parishioner Kathy Osberger has a book coming out August 18th, titled [Surrender A Memoir of Chile's Dictatorship, 1975](#).

On Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Social Hall, St. Gertrude parish and the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN) are partnering to host an author event, with Kathy speaking about her book and time in Chile during the reign of military dictator General August Pinochet and experiences at the hands of Chile's secret police.

Her book will be available for sale at a reduced price this weekend in the back of church, with a portion donated to St. Gertrude.



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## Care for Real Food and Supply Drive on September 23-24

Thank you to those who were able to bring donations to the back of church on August 26-27.

Our next donation drive will be Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24.

Additionally, you can go to Care for Real's website, <https://careforreal.org/wishlist>, to make a donation or drop off items at 5341 N. Sheridan Road from 12:00-3:00 pm Monday-Friday.





## Growing in Faith

The American culture celebrates the rich and powerful. Just look at the news and notice how much is about entertainers and politicians and millionaires and billionaires.

On Labor Day, though, we celebrate the un-rich and the un-powerful — you and me and everyone who works or has worked or will work. It's a countercultural holiday.

Christianity is a countercultural faith. It celebrates the poor and the oppressed and those on the margins — those without power, who wake up every morning and go about their day and go to sleep at night, unnoticed by the influencers of society, ignored. It is a faith that recognizes that, as much as we try

to do right, we are all sinners.

The American culture is built on the illusion of eternal youth, the fantasy of perpetual comfort, the warped "value" of greed and selfishness.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, Christians are told: "Do not conform yourselves to this age." Instead, walk to a different drummer — to the drumbeat of what is good and pleasing and perfect. And how do we know what is good and pleasing and perfect?

God tells us. In our heart of hearts, the Holy Spirit is that still, small voice that points us on the right path. That path is a walk with everyone else, a journey that all of us, as equals, take together to the full richness of human life with all its pain and joy. It is about community rather than isolation, about sharing rather than selfishness. Our job is to listen and act. It's that easy, and hard.

~ Patrick T. Reardon

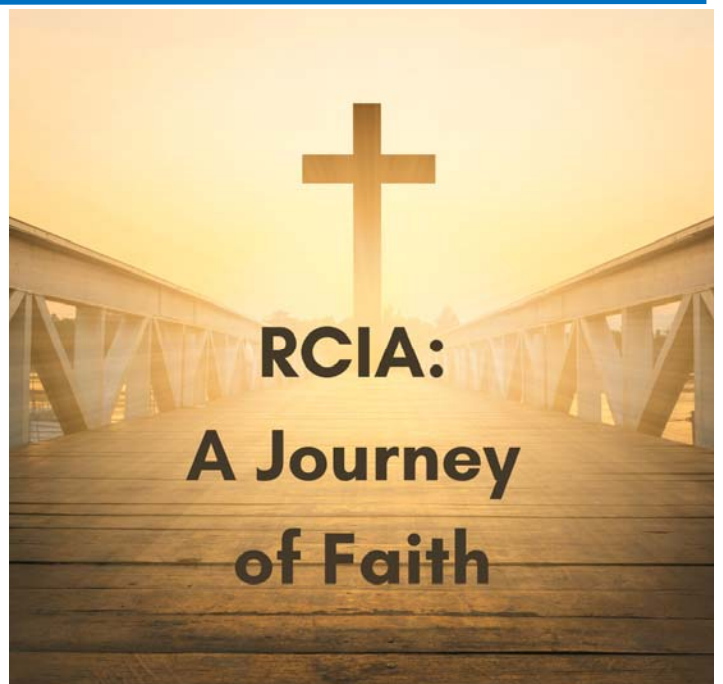
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## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in September and meets until Pentecost.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.





## Join the Choir!

Are you interested in joining St. Gertrude's choir? We'd love to have you!

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 pm in church. The choir sings at the 10:30 am Mass in church.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kathryn at [kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Financial Report from August 26-27

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,474.00

Loose Checks: \$410.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$787.10

Online Donations: \$3,660.32

**Total Collected: \$7,331.42**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: -\$ 2,668.58**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$82,770.25

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00



## Take Advantage of Highest Payout Rates in Over a Decade!

You now have the opportunity to benefit more from your giving and to help ensure that God's good work continues. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact Eduardo Soto at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org), 773-764-3621 or visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga).

# Parish Information

## Labor Day Info

- The parish office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.  
Mass will be held at 7:30 am.

### Rest in Peace

- George Kehoe
- Seamus W. White, nephew of Mary Ann and Rich Goode

### Baptisms

- Celine Cruz
- Anthony Douglas Gatto

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Donald Nydereck      |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Gina Heidkamp    | • Claude Poulsen       |
| • Lilly Buie              | • Maria Hertl      | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Maggie Calloway         | • Erica Maria Kast | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Bernice Kiedysz  | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Claire Conley           | • Marilyn Klein    | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Denise DeBelle          | • Ignacio Lopez    | • Leon Ward            |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Janet McCulley   | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Connie Engelmohr        | • Jack McDermott   | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Karey Myers      | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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, September 2 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Joseph McMahan
- Sunday, September 3 at 8:00 am - Art Lyons, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Anthony Myers

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, September 2 at 5:00 pm - Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Sunday, September 3 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Michael Kowalsky, Stephen Modde

### Altar Servers

- Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 am - Carter Dant, cross bearer; Jason Ameyaw, Wyatt Dant, Acolytes

### Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, September 2 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O'Connor
- Sunday, September 3 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 am - Dana Sullivan

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, September 4:** 7:30 am - Maria Purita Fran Abanes +
- **Tuesday, September 5:** 7:30 am - Louis Picciano+
- **Wednesday, September 6:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Thursday, September 7:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, September 8:** 7:30 am - James Nolan +
- **Saturday, September 9:** 7:30 am - People of God +; 5:00 pm - Carlos Ubanowicz +
- **Sunday, September 10:** 8:00 am - People of God; 10:30 am – People of God

## Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude in various ways:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants)

Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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 (begins Sept. 17); 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](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Heart to Heart Contact Info

To reach our new Heart to Heart director, Sr. Susan Quaintance, OSB, call her at 872.296.2537 or email her at [squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:squaintance@stgertrudechicago.org).

To reach Laurie Hasbrook, our Lending Closet manager, please call 773.973.5464 or email her at [lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:lhasbrook@stgertrudechicago.org).

