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All Are Welcome

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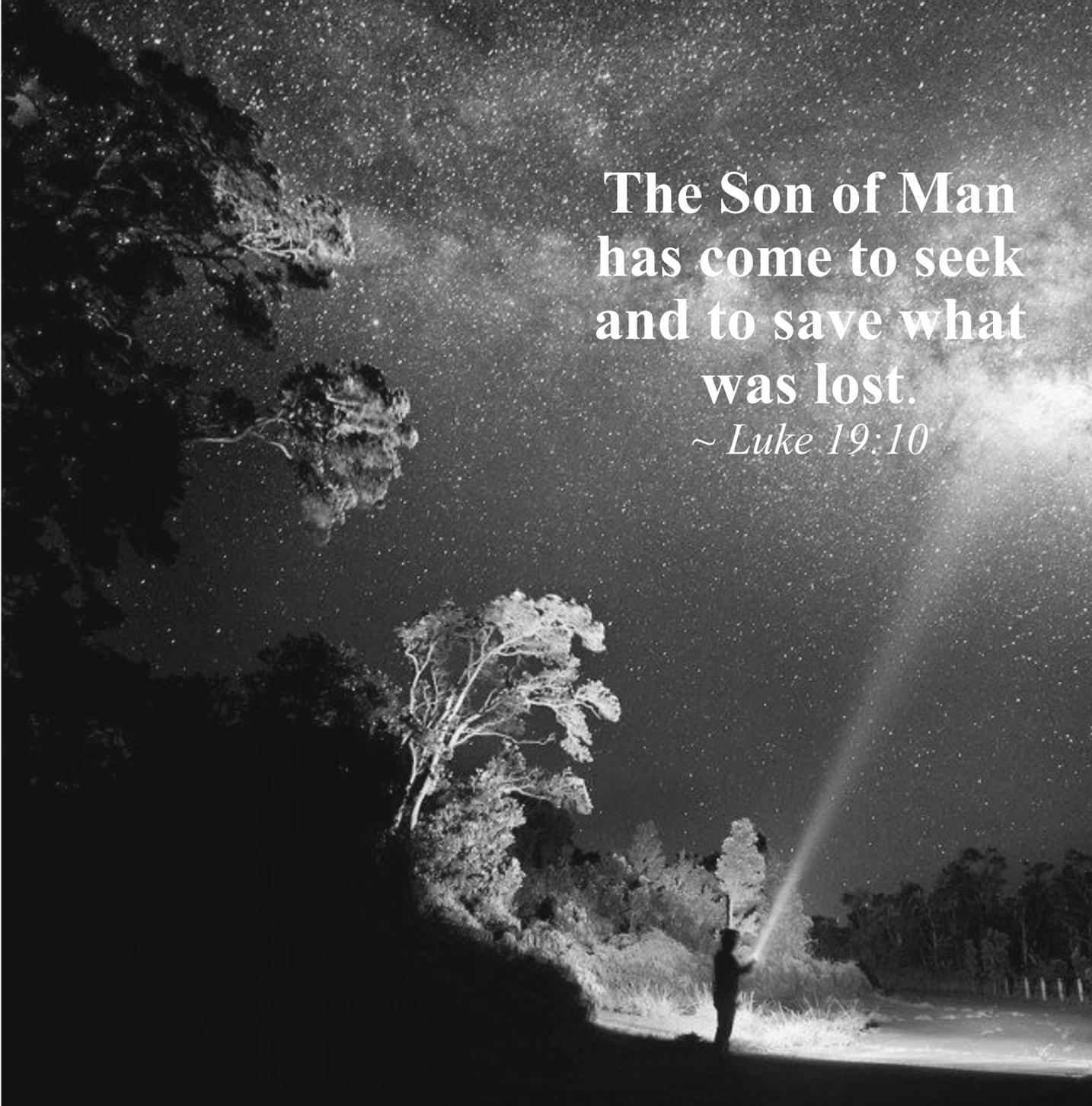
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for November 3, 2019



**The Son of Man
has come to seek
and to save what
was lost.**

~ Luke 19:10

From Father Rich

November is the Month of the Dead and it is also the last weeks of the liturgical year. A new church year starts on the First Sunday of Advent. But the weeks before that bring into clearer focus the universal nature of salvation and the salvation won for all people through the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus. Last Thursday’s celebration of Halloween (“Eve of All Hallows/Holy”) developed as a way to honor the memories of all the faithful who had died in the love and grace of the Lord. As these holy women and men were honored, people became more aware of what we might call our “ordinary” or “everyday” saints whom we also remember. These often include members of our families, our neighbors and fellow parishioners, and our co-workers. There are so many who have showed by their lives how active was their faith. And what better way to honor them than by dressing as they might have dressed. Of course, over time this became much more commercialized and the definition of saints expanded to include heroes—real or fictional—who also inspire us by their lives.

During this month, don’t hesitate to call to mind your own heroes, those who have inspired you and shown you the way. Whether they are in the official litany of the saints, or simply in the litany of our minds and hearts, they all serve to help us recognize God’s love for us which always leads to salvation.

In two weeks, we will celebrate our parish Feast Day honoring St. Gertrude the Great. As we have done for the past few years, we will use this celebration to celebrate, as well the Anointing of the Sick. Each year, I encourage every parishioner to extend an invitation to anyone ailing in your family or down the street to join us in this celebration. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone suffering from any serious illness or any chronic condition which limits their ability to live a full and vital life. This can be a physical, spiritual, mental or emotional condition. This sacrament reminds us that we are embodied spirits and the fullness of who we are can be compromised for so many reasons. In this sacrament, we are promised the healing grace of God’s love—that includes the forgiveness of our sins. Each time we are anointed, all our sins are forgiven. As we prepare for this celebration in two weeks, please keep in your prayers in a special way all those who are ailing for any reason and ask for God’s mercy to be present to them directly and through all those they encounter.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the other events on our Feast Day weekend—the International Dinner on Friday, November 15, the All Are Welcome Concert on Saturday, November 16. Our episcopal vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic, will be here to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16. It’s going to be a great Feast Day weekend!

It is not too late to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is below. Please complete it and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory.

I nominate _____ for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award in the category (circle one):

- Prayer & Worship Education Human Concerns Youth Parish Life Lifetime*

for the following reason(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone or email: _____

Growing in Faith

I love the visual of Zacchaeus climbing a tree to check out Jesus and what he has to say. It just feels super encouraging and loving the way Jesus seeks Zacchaeus out - up there in his "hiding place".

I also enjoy hiding out. For better or for worse, it is especially something I resort to when I am feeling fear, overwhelm, or upset. (It's kind of nice that my neighbors know this. Jackie Blake likes to say I pull a "Houdini".)

This reading really speaks to me in the huge hope it offers: that an encounter, such as Jesus' with Zacchaeus, can bring a shift in an instant. Many times, I have retreated and orchestrated some unhelpful replaying of my poor choices from the day or from my life. However, when I'm able to remember to ask for help from God in those

humbling hiding moments, I feel little reminders that things are always working out somehow.

Our sons, Michael and George, have been my greatest examples in this respect. I see that when they feel overloaded, they seek out alone time and subsequently recover quite quickly. I am not sure what kinds of intentional or unintentional assistance they seek with Jesus, but it sure seems to work for them. So, if you see one of us Hanafees perched in a tree here in Edgewater...

~ Michelle Hanafee
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 3

- 8:00am -1:30 pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ Youth group in the Gym balcony

Monday, November 4

- Baptismal prep class (Registration is required.)

Saturday, November 9

- 6:00 pm ~ NCA Trivia Night at St. Margaret Mary Activity Center, 7341 North Claremont Ave.

Sunday, November 10

- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall

Monday, November 11

- 5:00 pm ~ Friendship Club dinner at Broadway Cellars, 5900 N. Broadway
- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, November 13

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Ministry in the Ministry Center

Friday, November 15

- 6:30 pm ~ "International Night" dinner in the Social Hall

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00 am-11:00 am ~ First Reconciliation retreat

in the NCA cafeteria

- 5:00 pm ~ Anointing of the Sick at Mass
- 7:30 pm ~ "All are Welcome" Concert in Church

Sunday, November 17

- St. Gertrude Feast Day
- Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
- Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in Church. (There will not be a 9:30 am St. Gertrude East Mass nor a 10:30 am Gym Mass.)
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym

Saturday, November 23

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Sunday, November 24

- Second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at all Masses
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Gym
- 3:00 pm ~ ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway Ave.

Thursday, November 28

- Thanksgiving Day
- The Rectory is closed.
- 10:00 am ~ Mass (Parish Service Awards given)

Friday, November 29

- The Rectory is closed. Mass is at 7:30 am.

Parish News

Today—Blood Drive: Today, Sunday, November 3, Vitalant, formerly known as LifeSource, will be in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave., from 8:00 am-1:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome!



Today—Donations for the White Elephant: Contributions for the White Elephant areas will be accepted on Sundays from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave., through Sunday, December 1. Please note, no clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

Today—Youth Group Gathering: Today, Sunday, November 3, the parish youth group will gather in the gym balcony from 6:30-8:00 pm. Students that are freshmen and older are welcome to attend.

November is the Month of Remembrance: During the month of November, the Remembrance Altar is available. Everyone is invited to bring a picture or a memento of a loved one to place on it.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

Friendship Club: The Friendship Club will meet on Monday, November 11 at 5:00 pm at Broadway Cellars, 5900 N. Broadway. Members will pay for their own dinners.

Good Books & Poetry Pilgrims: The book club will meet on Monday, November 11 and Poetry Pilgrims will gather on Monday, November 18. Both groups meet at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, November 13 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry

Center. No experience is necessary!

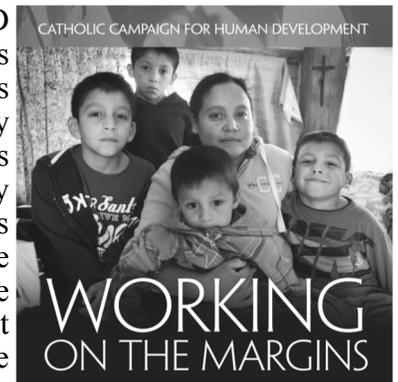
Refugee Ministry: Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

First Reconciliation Retreat: Children making their First Reconciliation are required to attend a retreat with a parent on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00-11:00 am in the NCA cafeteria. The children will make their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. Please arrive by 6:15 pm.

No St. Gertrude East Mass or Gym Mass on Sunday, November 17: On Sunday, November 17, the Mass schedule is 8:00 am and 10:30 am Mass in Church. There is no 9:30 am St. Gertrude East Mass or a 10:30 am Gym Mass.

Upcoming Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (CCHD) will take place November 23-24.

More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.



Thanksgiving Day: This year, Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28. Mass that morning will be held at 10:00 am, with the Parish Service Awards given out during the service. The Rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 29. Mass will be held at 7:30 am on Friday, November 23. There will be no Religious Ed classes or Kids Word held that weekend.

Father Mike's Run for Heart to Heart: As of Wednesday, October 30, more than 200 people have supported Father's Mike's marathon effort and raised \$15,963.97 for Heart to Heart! We are so grateful for your generosity.

Feast Day Celebrations



We will celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude November 15, 16, and 17 with a dinner, a concert, and the Anointing of the Sick.

International Night Dinner: On Friday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall, there

will be an International Night Dinner with food from Eritrea, Nigeria, Austria, and Kenya.

If you are interested in bringing an entrée, side dish, or dessert to share, please email Rita Elue at ritaelue@gmail.com.

All are Welcome Concert is November 16:

All are invited to attend this year's *All are Welcome* concert celebrating our parish feast day on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in Church.

This year's concert will address social justice issues and propose solutions through various choral songs by noted American composers. The center of our concert will focus on children and those with no political voice. The Resounding Wayves will also perform a few pieces.

While the concert is free, your freewill offering will go to support our music ministry programs.

Anointing of the Sick: We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all Masses.

Anointing of the Sick

On the weekend of November 15-17, we will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day.

We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses that weekend. This sacrament is for anyone suffering from any illness or condition, temporary or chronic, and even for those who simply are feeling the effects of aging. The sacrament is one of the oldest rituals in our Christian tradition.

In the earliest days of the Church, some members of the community were dismissed from the celebration of the Eucharist before mass was finished in order to bring the Eucharist and the blessed oil to those unable to attend because of some illness or infirmity.

The Anointing has always been understood to be about comfort and healing of both body and spirit, and so includes every kind of distress—physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual. It is also this comprehensive understanding that led those same early Christians to the conclusion that whenever anyone receives the Anointing of the Sick, all their sins are forgiven. And that remains true to this day! (From the Epistle of James, 5:14-15: 14 “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.”)

The anointing takes place right after the homily and is in two parts. In the first part, there is a prayer for those to be anointed. Then those who wish to receive the sacrament come forward for the imposition of hands which signifies the calling down of the Holy Spirit. In the second part, a Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed over the Holy Oil, and then those to be anointed come forward a second time when the priest will anoint their forehead and the palms of their hands. Once everyone is anointed, there is a Prayer of Thanksgiving and then mass continues as usual.

If you know anyone in your family or in the community who might want to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please invite them to our 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16 or the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, November 17.

~ Father Rich



Christmas Bazaar Information



Help is needed for our Christmas Bazaar! To volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and you can choose how you would like to help. Sign-up sheets are also available in the back of Church.

It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm

This annual event features handmade, fair-trade arts and crafts, plus a fabulous used book sale, Christmas greenery for sale, a White Elephant table, complimentary gift wrapping, and pictures with Santa. A pancake & sausage breakfast with music provided by St. Gertrude parishioners will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

Contributions for the White Elephant areas at the Christmas Bazaar are being accepted on Sundays until December 1 from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

St. Gertrude's Annual Balsam Pine Sale

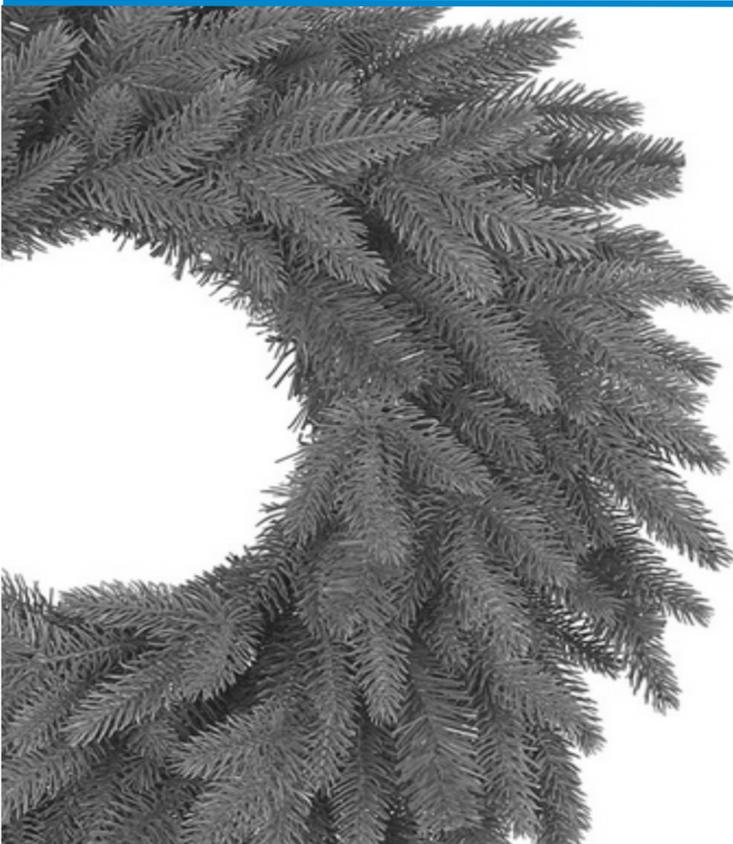
A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

Advance orders must be placed by Sunday, December 1.

Items can be delivered or picked up at our St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Items may be ordered via the forms available at the back of Church. Payment may be made with cash or check.

Or, to purchase online, go to stgertrudechicago.org and click on *Order Your Greenery Here* at the top of the home page to be taken to the items for sale. Click *View More* for large wreaths.



Refugee Ministry

Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director of the Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center, promised to share practical and concrete ideas on how a person of faith can respond to the current human rights violations impacting immigrants and refugees when she spoke to our Ministry last month. They are:

- Write letters to the editors expressing that we need to be a welcoming country and uphold the rights of immigrants and refugees
- Call members of Congress to express that we need to be a welcoming country and uphold the rights of immigrants and refugees
- Stay informed, see www.immigrantjustice.org
- Talk with members of your community
- Educate yourself—use NIJC’s Ambassador Program Toolkit available at <https://www.immigrantjustice.org/ambassadortoolkit>
- Provide financial support to groups providing immigration legal services to low-income individuals

~ Denise Goodman

NCA Trivia Night



On Saturday, November 9 from 6:00-10:00 pm, NCA will host a trivia night at St. Margaret Mary Activity Center, 7341 North Claremont

Ave. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with a Queen of Hearts drawing at 6:30 pm and the first question asked at 7:00 pm.

This year, attendees have the choice of purchasing a regular admission ticket or a VIP ticket that includes admission, participation in Heads or Tails, Stump the Trivia Master (this is a Split the Pot game), and one drink ticket.

Cash prizes will be awarded to top three teams, along with a cash prize for best team table theme. Sign up individually or as part of a team, we recommend teams of 4-10 people. We can place people on teams if needed or requested.

There will be a cash bar available. Participants must be over 21. Visit www.northsidecatholic.org, click on *Calendar*, and scroll to November 9 to purchase tickets.

ECRA Thanksgiving

This year, the annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the combined St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway, on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm. The general theme is compassion and gratitude for all we have received. An ensemble of violins accompanying Bridget Dunne singing “We Sing for the Children” will represent the parish at the event.

All are welcome to attend the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to the service which go to the food pantry at Care for Real.

Following the service, join ECRA and Care for Real for a small reception where snacks and drinks will be served.



Parish Stewardship

“For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated you would not have fashioned.” ~ Wisdom 11:24

God has made us all. Therefore, God loves us. And if God loves us all, then how can we hate others? Or ourselves?

Collection October 26-27	\$4,561.21
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$3,163.80



~ Art Blumberg,
Director of
Parish Management
and Facilities

**Our Parish at Prayer for
November 4-10**

Monday, November 4

7:30 am Living & deceased mothers & fathers of
St. Gertrude parishioners

Tuesday, November 5

7:30 am Martin & Ellen Joyce †

Wednesday, November 6

7:30 am William Lasche †

Thursday, November 7

7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, November 8

7:30 am Ralph Beaudoin †

Saturday, November 9

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Alanna McKee †

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Joe Shields †

10:30 am Bruno & Vincenzia Tassone †
Collette Bennett †

10:30 am Damacia Peon † (Gym Mass)

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

**Ministers of the Word
for November 9-10**

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Jayne Deiters, Pat Reardon

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Mark Kollar, Jacalyn Meier

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Rose Karasti, Victoria Healy

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

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**Readings for
November 4-10**

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

**Eucharistic Ministers
for November 9-10**

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington, Patricia Norcik, Roman Reyes

Sunday, November 10

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Hallie Burhoe, Rob Sierzega, Peter Morin, Mary Wyler

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Kathy Dunne, Nancy Merrill, Ruth Ott, Troy McMillan, Lina Peon, Farrah Healy

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

**Altar Servers
for November 9-10**

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Norah Moran, Nate Fulkerson, Brigid Fulkerson

Sunday, November 10

10:30 am Eva Mueller, Carter Dant, Isabella Brobbey

**Medical Items Needed for Heart to Heart
Lending Closet**

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet needs durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, and tub transfer benches. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.

Milestones



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for Our Parishioners
and Friends*

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Andrew Elwood
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Gina Heidkamp

Maria Hertl
Bernice Kiedysz
Karey Myers
Don Piven
Dave Resch
Kyle Rutherford
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray



New Parishioners

Kathleen Krokar
The Baum Family
The Johnson Family



Rest in Peace

Ralph Beaudoin
William Lasche

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
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Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
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Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center

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