

St. Gertrude

ALL ARE WELCOME

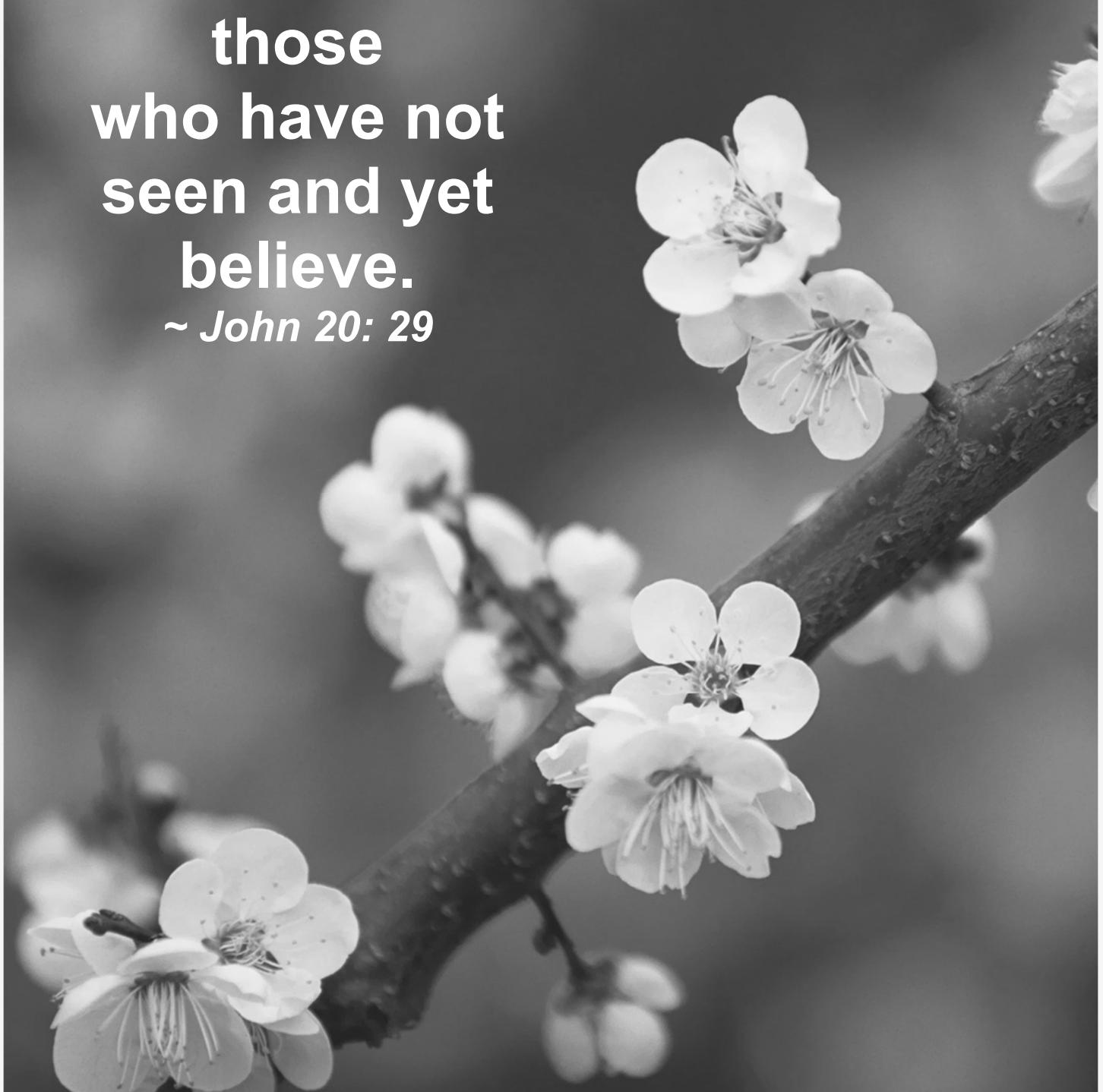
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Second Sunday of Easter • April 28, 2019

**Blessed are
those
who have not
seen and yet
believe.**

~ John 20: 29



From Father Rich

This Sunday within the Octave of Easter is also called the 2nd Sunday of Easter; once it was called “Low Sunday” - in counterpoint to the great feast of Easter; and for some recent years it is Divine Mercy Sunday. By whatever name we call it, however, the Gospel passage remains the same. It is the story of one of the first appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus and how his disciples and followers grappled with this new reality. Today’s passage captures the not-unexpected doubt of Thomas. It strikes me that Thomas gets a bad shake in our “myth-memory” - for by naming only him, we fail to recognize that none of the other disciples seemed to have had the credibility to convince him that they had, indeed, been visited by the Risen Lord! (After all, if they were so taken by that encounter, why were they still locked in that room?) Nevertheless, once Thomas is with them when the Lord appears, it is he who makes the great proclamation of faith, “My Lord and my God!”



As we continue into this Easter season of fifty days, we also are challenged to be open to encountering the Risen Lord in our own lives, in places we did not expect, at times we did not arrange. The power of the unbelieving narrative is in claiming this event doesn’t make any difference in our lives or in our world. It is the stance of the cynic. And so those unbelievers are only too happy to announce that nothing has really changed. The foundation for the unbelievers is the same as the foundation upon which the apostles stood in those first days - it is fear. That is why they were in the locked room. And that is the constant threat and reminder of those who cannot capitalize on the Resurrection event for their own purposes.

Each of us must decide where we will place our lives. Will we follow the path of the Risen Lord in which mercy and love are the necessary prerequisites? Or will we fall back into the old way things once were, the illusion of better times - or at least times in which, although they weren’t very good, at least we knew what to expect? This cynical approach was first recorded in the Bible when Moses led the people out of slavery from the Egyptians. No sooner were they out of captivity than the grind of daily life, “What shall we eat? Where will we go?” became too much and they complained to Moses that at least when they were slaves they would be fed every day! And so we see the temptation to sell hope for a piece of bread.

Of course we sell hope for many reasons - but always they return us to fear. We fear being hurt again in love. We fear being powerless in a world which claims power is everything. We fear being left behind while others are going somewhere else. We fear what we might be trading away, never to be seen again. And many, many other fears.

In today’s Gospel story, and in nearly every story of God’s messenger delivering God’s blessings to us, those messengers, those angels begin with, “Do not be afraid!” It is hard to let go of thinking we are in charge. (Even here, the reality is usually different from what we would like it to be.) Usually we are not actually in charge. But we hold on to that notion because it gives us the illusion of power and control. What would it mean to let Jesus be in charge? How would my life be different if I truly trusted in God?

Easter is fifty days to revel in the gifts of salvation and mercy so generously showered upon us by God’s Son. Look for opportunities to trust, for opportunities to believe, for opportunities to love.

~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith

This Thursday, May 2, we honor the day as both the Holocaust Remembrance Day as well as the National Day of Prayer. As many know, the very last survivors of the Holocaust are now dying and an astonishing number of young people now know nothing of the Holocaust.

With a precipitous rise in nationalism here and throughout the globe, we also see increasing incidents involving anti-Semitic perpetrators, not to mention racist acts against all manner and type of people. Now more than ever, I believe we need to inform ourselves and those we love, about what happened eighty years ago. Five years ago, I wrote a GIF piece about my visit to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. It is a great place to learn anew and remember.

ILHMEC is a treasure in our own backyard! It's the world's third largest Holocaust museum behind Jerusalem and Washington D.C. Even though the

subject matter is deeply disturbing, I found myself uplifted. There you find both a global message and a local flavor. Over 7,000 Holocaust survivors lived in Skokie. The idea of a museum arose as a "call to action" when Neo-Nazi's amassed in Skokie in 1976. Today's remarkable museum opened ten years ago and is both educational and personal. Look for our dear late friend, Rabbi Herman Schaalmann of Edgewater's Emanuel Congregation, in a video about adjusting to life here.

Please check it out. Make your museum visit an Easter Season pilgrimage. It seems to me we must first educate ourselves and then stand with all humanity to combat hatred and bigotry in our world.

~ Claire Conley for
Growing in Faith



Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 28

- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by 7th graders and their families from our parish

Friday, May 3

- 8:30 am ~ NCA's primary campus' May crowning

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 am ~ Last Religious Ed classes of the 2018-2019 school year
- After Mass ~ Loom artists in the back of Church
- 6:00-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens gathering in the balcony of the Gym

Monday, May 6

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal preparation class in the Rectory (Registration is required)

Wednesday, May 8

- 6:30 pm ~ First Communion rehearsal in Church

Saturday, May 11

- 10:00 am ~ Sacrament of First Communion (Children should be brought to the NCA cafeteria by 9:30 am)

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

- 10:30 am ~ Combined Family Mass and May Crowning (in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses)
- Second Collection for Catholic Charities

Tuesday, May 14

- 8:00 am ~ NCA's middle school campus' May crowning
- 2:00 pm ~ Ignatian Volunteer Corps meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, May 19

- 10:00 am ~ Last Kids Word session until September

Sunday, June 9 Pentecost

- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses)

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day

- 10:30 am ~ Last Gym Mass until September

Holy Week at St. Gertrude

Easter Sunday was a wonderful day at St. Gertrude, with Masses packed with parishioners and guests joining together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

We appreciate the many people who came out for our Holy Week services or joined a Lenten faith-sharing group. Every person who comes to St. Gertrude adds blessings to our parish, whether it be through volunteering, stewardship, or the power of their prayers.

We also thank the many people who worked so hard to make Lent and Holy Week special. So many stepped up to help—our singers and musicians, our team that decorated the church, the many lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, our RCIA leaders, the teens who helped at the Masses and participated in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, those who led our faith-sharing groups, and many other unsung helpers—we appreciate your time and efforts!

Great churches don't just happen—they are created and nurtured by active, generous parishioners.

Thank You from Our Music Minister: I wish to extend my most hearty and sincere thank you to all of the instrumentalists and choir members who gave untold hours in practice and preparation to make our Holy Week services so spiritually moving and beautiful. For this, I am deeply appreciative. Our community is truly blessed to have an abundance of talented musicians in its presence.

~ Mary Clare Barker

Together We Are St. Gertrude



Pictured: A packed church on Easter Sunday (top left), teens from the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (top right), Holy Thursday's Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (bottom left), Father Rich distributing daffodils on Easter (bottom middle), and our R.C.I.A. class and their families at the Easter Vigil (bottom right).

Parish News

Family Mass Today: Today, Sunday, April 28, the 10:00 am Family Mass is hosted by 7th grade students and their families. Hospitality will be offered afterwards in the back of Church.

W.O.W. Gathering: Teens are welcome to attend our next W.O.W. get-together next Sunday, May 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the balcony of the Gym.

Baptismal Class: The next baptismal prep class will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up for the class.

Loom is Coming to St. Gertrude Next Sunday! Loom is a social and economic enterprise of Catholic Charities where refugee women come together to use their creative skills to bring in extra income and build community. The women gather weekly in the Loom studio to weave their creativity and cultural traditions together, teach each other skills, welcome new artisans, and enjoy the company of other brave, creative, and enterprising women.

Loom artisans create hand-made products, including knit items, jewelry, naturally dyed silk scarves, leather products, and more, designed in collaboration with local Chicago artists.

The Loom sale will be held on Sunday, May 5 after Masses in the back of Church. Stop by to take a look at the spring line these talented women are working on!



Religious Ed & Kids Word for the School Year Comes to an End: The Religious Education program will meet for its final session on Sunday, May 5. The last Kids Word session for the 2018-2019 school year is Sunday, May 19.

First Communion

Information: The Sacrament of First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 am. Children making their First Communion



should be brought to the NCA cafeteria by 9:30 am. A rehearsal for the event will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in Church.

Combined Mass on Sunday, May 12 and Sunday, June 9: On Mother's Day, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Family Mass and May Crowning in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses. Additionally, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass on Pentecost, Sunday, June 9.

Summer Combined Mass Schedule: As mentioned last fall, this year we will be experimenting with a summer combined Mass schedule. Summer is generally a time of vacation for many of our parish families, and many of our helper priests are Jesuits from Loyola and following an academic schedule.

For the summer months when school is not in session, June 23 to August 11, we will follow this Mass schedule:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am – Combined Mass

The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. The 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on its annual summer hiatus which runs from the Sunday after Father's Day to the Sunday after Labor Day.

New Parish Website: We recently updated our website. We hope you find it easier to navigate and make an online donation, discover upcoming events, or learn more information about our ministries and community life.

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday, April 25. The agenda is below. Minutes from the meeting will be posted online at www.stgertrudechicago.org and published in an upcoming bulletin.

- I. Opening prayer and Gospel reflection
- II. Old business
 - a. March PPC minutes
 - b. April 10 Simple Supper update
 - c. One-on-one initiative
 - d. Parish commissions
 - e. Vision statement
 - f. Renew My Church updates
 - g. New items updates
- III. New business
 - a. Bylaws
- IV. Closing prayer
- V. Adjournment

Parish Council One-on-One Initiative: As you have read in the minutes of our monthly meetings, the Parish Pastoral Council is engaging in a process of conducting one-on-one meetings. Parishioner Greg Pierce, who has extensive experience as a community organizer and is currently working with United Power, has trained the council members in this strategy which comes from community organizing.

The members of the council have begun this initiative by having one-on-one relational meetings with other council members. We will soon reach out to meet with the leaders of our parish ministries. The goal is to build relationships within the parish by conversing for about forty-five minutes about topics that are important to us. There is no other agenda.

We believe that by building these relationships, we will extend our connections within the parish, which will enrich the work of our ministries and further our outreach into the community. We hope this process will eventually help us to discern the current needs and longings of our parishioners and to welcome new participants in our ministries. This relationship building will also help St. Gertrude Parish to be prepared for our work with Renew My Church in the near future. We find these one-on-ones to be very interesting and inspiring.

To accomplish the next phase of this initiative, Parish Council members will be contacting parish ministry leaders to set up one-on-one meetings. We appreciate the openness and willingness of parishioners to participate in this process.

~ Colleen Fulkerson, Parish Council

Catholic Charities



As an ailing senior, Cochise relies on the help of a dependable home aide to help her with daily tasks and errands so she can

continue to live in her own home and enjoy a high quality of life. When she had trouble finding an aide that would fit her needs, she reached out to Catholic Charities, who worked with her to find someone she was comfortable with.

Last year, 364,373 seniors were supported by Catholic Charities through many programs including home delivered meals, adult day care, senior centers, congregate meals, family caregiver assistance,

transportation services, the hospital transition program and more. The support seniors receive from Catholic Charities, ensures that they continue to live comfortably in their own homes and communities for as long as possible with dignity and compassionate support.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, to help seniors stay healthy. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

"In the poor and outcast we see the Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." ~ Pope Francis

Parish Stewardship

"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you." ~ John 20:21

We echo Jesus's words through the handshake of peace. Can we live them?

May be the peace of Christ be with us. May we bring his peace into the world.

Sunday Collection April 13-14	\$6,215.03
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$1,509.97
Sunday Collection April 20-21	\$4,650.00
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$3,075.00
Easter Collection YTD *	\$23,432.53
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
*Donations still being accepted.	(-) \$6,567.47

Easter Flowers

We thank everyone for your generous donations to beautify St. Gertrude with the Easter flowers that helped decorate the church. The flowers are in loving memory of beloved family members and friends. We are grateful for the beauty afforded our sanctuary during the Easter season by our parishioners.



We commend to your prayers the following who are memorialized.

† Catherine Arditto	† Joseph Laczkowski
† Sam Bethia	† Isabelle Laczkowski
† J. H. Cook Family	† Michael Laczkowski
† Fr. Matt Crighton, S.J.	† J. Schaefer Family
† Lori Fitzgerald	

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Semi-Retired? Retired? Open the doors of your heart! Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org

Please attend an information session to learn more and meet current IVC volunteers on Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00 pm at the Ministry Center. Register by contacting Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312.961.6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org.

NCA News

On Friday, May 3, NCA's primary campus will have their annual May crowning in Church at 8:30 am. The middle school campus will hold their May crowning on Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00 am at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 2324 W. Chase Ave .



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 am Thomas Joyce †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:30 am Michael Joseph Bowers †

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:30 am Theresa Cenar †

8:30 am NCA's May Crowning

SATURDAY, MAY 4

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

5:00 pm The deceased of the Galoney-Strubbe family

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am Lydia & Rodolfo Gonzales †

9:30 am Joseph "Terry" Shields †

10:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

10:30 am Matthew Nichelle †

11:30 am Joseph Lopez †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott

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

10:00 am Debra Novak, Donna Whalley

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Steven Monti, Richard Ashbeck

**Support the Archdiocese of Chicago
Domestic Violence Outreach**
Donations may be made at
[https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/
event/12645](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9;
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Joan Harrington, Tim
Harrington, Kathleen Dawson, Michelle
Kuehlhorn

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am Barb Daly, Hallie Burhoe, William
Mitchell, Brian DeVarenne, Mary Wyler
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Rafael
Melendez, Debra Novak, Patrick
Robinson, Ruth Ott, Gail Smith
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Steven Monti, Richard Ashbeck, Karen
Griebel, Troy McMillan, Lina Peon

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:00 pm Miles Reynolds, Nolan Reynolds, Jayden
Reyes

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:00 am Jack Casey, James Casey, Henry Villareal
11:30 am Ellie Siegle, Sam Ingram, Isabella
Brobby

Milestones

**Please Pray
for Our
Parishioners
and Friends**

Ed & Ester Bugler

Geraldine Clark

Mary Fitzgerald

Helen Stryczek

Mary Ferguson

Maria Hertl

Joan Harrington

Maggie Callaway



**New
Parishioners**

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of our parish community, please consider registering.

Applications to register as a parishioner are available in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

Parish Information**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
 Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
 Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
 Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
 Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
 Kevin Chears, Pastoral Associate
 Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
 Amanda Kvansica, Office Staff
 Jim Potthast, 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, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
 9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
 10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
 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
 Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
 E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
 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 - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 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.
 Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
 Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center