

St. Gertrude Chicago

1420 N. Granville, Chicago, IL 60660

773.764.3621

stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org

www.stgertrudechicago.org

Sunday, August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for Haiti This Weekend

The death toll is rising from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti on Saturday, August 14. Thousands are injured and many more have lost their homes and loved ones—while an unknown number are still missing.

Families in Haiti face tragedy from this devastating earthquake—while still recovering from the last one. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are on the ground, in the places most heavily hit in Les Cayes and Jeremie, working with partners and affected communities to identify the most urgent needs. Meanwhile, tropical depression Grace is threatening further devastation, food is in short supply as stores and stocks have been destroyed and a landslide has blocked access. Timing is critical.

This weekend, a second collection will be taken for CRS and their work in Haiti. Donations can be made in church or directly to CRS at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>. Your gift will help provide essential relief, likely to include clean water, sanitation, shelter, and emergency supplies, giving immediate aid to families affected.



Live in love, as
Christ loved us.

EPHESIANS 5:2



Gregory Andre shows a photo of his brother Remossa Andre, who died during the earthquake in Camp-Perrin, Les Cayes, Haiti. AP Photo/Joseph Odelyn

Please be as generous as possible.

Registration Open for our 2021-2022 Religious Ed Classes

Are you interested in signing your child/children up for our 2021-2022 Religious Education classes? Applications are available online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education-news>.

Completed forms should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.





Meet our new Pastoral Associate, Eloy Escamilla!

Hello! My name is Eloy Escamilla, and I am the new Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry here at St. Gertrude Church. I am from Pachuca, Hgo., Northeast of Mexico City. I obtained a Master of Arts in Theology, majoring in Scriptures (New Testament) and a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. I am so excited and thankful to God to be a new member of the staff!

It is always exciting to come to a new place and learn new things, get to know new people, and share our talents so together we can all build up the Kingdom of God that Jesus would always talk about.

Teaching Religion is one of my passions, so I am looking forward to meeting with our students who attend Religious Education classes. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with catechists/teachers and parents who share their faith with our students. And of course, I am looking forward to meeting you all!

I am always going to try to do my best with a big smile!

Prayers!

~ Eloy Escamilla

Catechists Needed to Teach Religious Education This School Year

We are looking for catechists to teach in our parish's Religious Ed program! Catechists are usually not professional teachers, just willing parents and parishioners who enjoy kids and want 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. Thank you for your consideration!



Reminder: Masks Required in Church and at the Rectory: Per the recommendations of the CDC, please wear masks when at Mass, stopping by the Rectory office, or when visiting other indoor Archdiocese spaces. This is required of both vaccinated and unvaccinated visitors.

Growing in Faith

Last week's readings for the Assumption contained Mary's Magnificat which has always resonated very deeply in me: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." It also has the wonderful lines: "The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away."

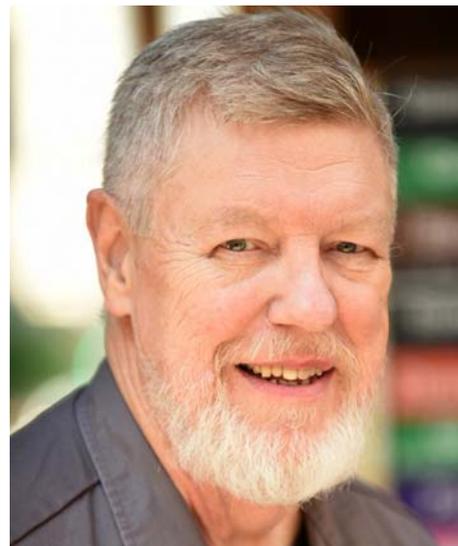
You might notice that I'm using an older English version of Mary's prayer. I like its poetry. It speaks to me much more than recent renderings.

I mention this because, at times when there are aspects of the Catholic faith and church that are troubling, I find it helpful and spiritually rich to recall the Magnificat and other prayers and Bible verses that touch me deeply. These are wellsprings of my personal faith. They are the deep soil that has nurtured me as a believer.

I'd imagine that any Catholic — well, any religious believer of whatever sort — would be able to call to mind such personally important spiritual touchstones. Perhaps, for you, it is the story of the Good Samaritan. Or the Beatitudes. Or Psalm 23. Maybe it's a novel, such as Muriel Spark's Memento Mori. Or a John Donne poem. Or a movie, such as The Passion of Joan of Arc.

Or maybe it's another of my favorites, The Exsultet, usually sung by a cantor on Holy Saturday, a 1,500-year-old song filled with wonder and awe, repeating the phrase "This is the night," including the lines: This is the night/of which it is written:/The night shall be as bright as day,/dazzling is the night for me,/and full of gladness."

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*



Additional Openings Available for our Resurrection Compost Garden Program

There are several openings for people interested in participating in our compost garden program.

Parishioners that wish to join in this program will lease a 5 gallon Resurrection Compost bucket for \$10 and can deposit appropriate materials in the bucket to St. Gertrude's deposit compost bin, which will be used to

fertilize our vegetable garden that feeds patrons of Care for Real and the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen.

Interested people should speak with Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, after any of the weekend Masses or send her an email at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.



Welcome Back Sunday Planned for September

As a way to reconnect as a parish and to welcome new parishioners from St. Ignatius, we will host a *Welcome Back Sunday* on Sunday, September 12.

We will have a Welcome Mass at 10:30 am, followed by hospitality and music.

We hope to see you there!

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 the fall and meets until Pentecost.



Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

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. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.



Wanted: Ushers, Greeters, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist at Masses, including ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and Ministers of the Word. If you are interested, email Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org. Thank you!



Heart to Heart Needs Wheelchairs

St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart Ministry is looking for wheelchairs to loan to those who need them. Currently, there are none to share.

Contact Laurie Hasbrook at the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595.9992 Monday through Friday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

NCA Accepting Students for 2021-2022 School Year

At Northside Catholic Academy, we believe no education is complete without addressing the whole child: mind, body, and spirit, providing a rich educational experience rooted in values of inclusion and service for PreK-8th.

Northside Catholic Academy has persevered despite the countless obstacles the pandemic has presented. We not only have kept students academically progressive but have successfully met students' social and emotional needs during this difficult time.

We still have seats available for the 2021-2022 school year.

For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org. If you would like to schedule a private tour, please email Shakira Morrissette at smorrissette@ncaweb.org or give us a call at 773.743.6277 ext. 207.



This Weekend's Cantors, Ministers of the Word, and Eucharistic Ministers

Cantors:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Cindy Lawson
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder; Dana Sullivan-flute, Denise Goodman-clarinet

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, August 21 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti, Kathy Wall
- Sunday, August 22 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, August 22 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Carlos Barrigan, Patrick Robinson

Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 23: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Mario Perez
- Tuesday, August 24: 7:30 am - Rommie Villanueva+
- Wednesday, August 25: 7:30 am - Special Intention for Renard Fatonubo
- Thursday, August 26: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, August 27: 7:30 am - Vivian Shanahan+
- Saturday, August 28: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Daniel Goodman+
- Sunday, August 29: 8:00 am ~ Maggie Callaway, in Thanksgiving; 10:30 am - Richard L. Martin+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Ann Collins Dole | • Bernie O'Connor |
| • Helen Banta | • Mary Grover | • Tina Piemonte |
| • Jean Bautista | • Felipe Hall and Family | • Braedon Rimpson |
| • Walter Bradford | • Lucia Hall | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • Sharon Brown | • Gina Heidkamp | • Richard Seitz |
| • Connie Bueck | • Maria Hertl | • Peggy Stoffel |
| • Lilly Buie | • Bernice Kiedysz | • The Sullivan family |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Art Lyons | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Sr. Terri McKenzie | • Manuel Viray |
| • Geraldine Clark | • Molly Morris | • Norma E. Viray |
| • Connie Cool | • Karey Myers | • Ken & Vyes Yoza |

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

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

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Our Heart to Heart office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Contact them at 773.973.5464.

Parish Staff

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident Priest
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director, Heart to Heart
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Youth Ministry
Margie Guadagno, Office Manager
Laurie Hasbrook, Office/Heart to Heart Staff
Tracy Shields, Communications
Eduardo Soto, Director of Parish Management

Visit St. Gertrude's website at www.stgertrudechicago.org for the latest parish information, details about our office hours, Mass times, staff contact information, our ministries, phone numbers, sacraments, Religious Ed program, bulletins, and more!