

# St. Gertrude

*All Are Welcome*

1420 W. Granville Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660

[www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)

773.764.3621

**17th & 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bulletin for July 28 & August 4, 2019**

Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

*~ Luke 11:9*



## *Mission Appeal for the Persecuted Church in Zaria Diocese, Nigeria*

*On August 3-4, we will have our annual mission appeal for the church's missionary activities throughout the world. Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma, originally from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, Tanzania in East Africa, will speak at all the Masses. A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses that weekend for the Archdiocese of Mwanza. Please be as generous as you can to help our brothers and sisters in Mwanza.*

My name is Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma and I am originally from the Archdiocese of Mwanza, located in the northwestern part of Tanzania. An East African country, Tanzania is bordered by Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Kenya, and Uganda.

The Archdiocese of Mwanza is struggling to better serve its people. An urgent need is education. We would like to establish a kindergarten in order to build up a strong faith foundation for children, as well as to construct secondary schools for girls to provide them with a better education, so that they be better equipped for their future.

Vocations are another need. We are working hard to develop the formation of future priests. Right now, we have 86 seminarians, but the widespread poverty and lack of resources in Tanzania is affecting our ability to accept more vocations. We would like to train more seminarians to become ordained priests, both for our own Diocese and to send others overseas as missionaries.

We are also coordinating water projects for our people in the rural areas, creating both shallow wells and boreholes for domestic use and to care for animals.

However, the greatest need of the Archdiocese is caring for the great number of orphans in Mwanza. These are children whose parents are absent—one or both parents, but especially the mother. The most common reason for a child becoming an orphan is the death of the mother during childbirth or before the baby is five years of age. Many of these parents have HIV/AIDS.

Another reason for the large number of orphans is the situation surrounding the baby's birth. It should be understood that in some parts of Africa, children are expected to be born after marriage. When a girl gets pregnant out of wedlock, she will not get a husband to marry her because her reputation has been ruined. It is considered shameful not only to her family, but the entire community she lives in. Girls live in fear of this. When it happens that a young woman becomes pregnant outside of marriage, this stigma makes her look for ways to avoid shame for herself, her family, and community. Options young women typically think of are having an abortion, committing suicide (either while pregnant or after delivering), killing the baby if the baby is born alive, or leaving the baby with her parents or other relatives and disappearing to places unknown.

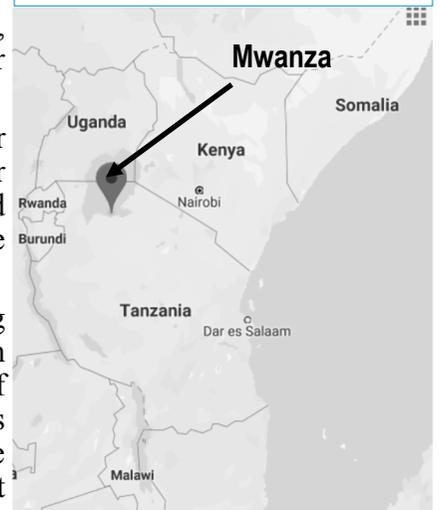
We desperately need moral and financial support so that we can take care of these children. Funds are especially needed for:

- Healthcare and immunizations as these children are very susceptible to diseases, especially when they are left alone after their mother's death.
- Food, shelter, clothing, and other basic needs and necessities.
- Spiritual and intellectual education and moral support when they get to be of school age.
- Pay for the ones who help in this project.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and your kind and generous support. May the Lord reward your generosity and bless your families.



*Fr. Maximilian  
Francis Buluma*



Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma*

## Growing in Faith

The beginning of the book of *Ecclesiastes*, the first reading for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, is the famous line: “Vanity of vanities, . . . vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!”

According to some translators, the word “vanity” isn’t exactly right, and some versions have the opening words as “Everything is meaningless” or “Pointless! Pointless!” Famed translator of the Hebrew Bible, Robert Alter, renders it: “Merest breath, . . . merest breath. All is mere breath,” explaining that “mere breath” isn’t the taking in of life-giving air, but the exhalation of the unusable vapor, the small quickly disappearing white cloud that is visible when you breathe out on a very cold day.

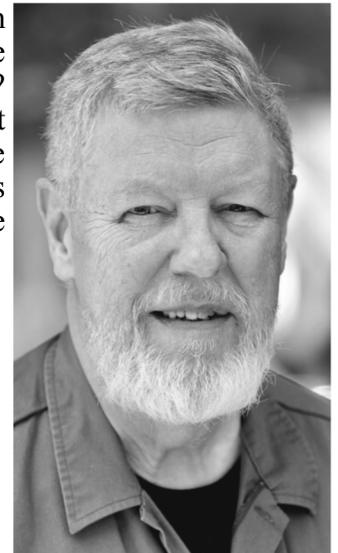
The rest of the Bible sees God as more or less involved in human destiny, and, despite the many bad things that happen, there is much hope that, by living a good and moral life, the righteous will win some divine reward and the wicked will be damned. Not so the subversively grim *Ecclesiastes*, a bleak

book which asserts that life is short and hard and ends with death. Period. “All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest.”

So why was it included in the canon of the Bible? I think it’s there as a contrast and a challenge to faith. Am I willing to hope in the face of such a desolate view? Will I have faith and act right despite the randomness and unfairness of life and the unavoidability of death?

Well, will I?

~ Patrick T. Reardon for  
*Growing in Faith*



## Parish Calendar

### Friday, July 26 - Sunday, August 4

- Teen summer service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

### Saturday, August 3 & Sunday, August 4

- Mission Sunday - Fr. Maximilian Francis Buluma to speak at the Masses in Church
- Second collection for the Archdiocese of Mwanza

### Monday, August 5

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

### Monday, August 12

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

### Wednesday, August 14

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

### Thursday, August 15

- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Mass will be held at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

### Monday, August 19

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

### Saturday, August 24

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm ~ VIRTUS training session in the Social Hall (Registration required.)

### Sunday, August 25

- 1:00-4:00 pm ~ Renew My Church presentation at St. Gregory Parish’s Social Hall (1609 W. Gregory Ave.)

### Monday, September 2

- Labor Day
- Mass will be held at 9:00 am
- The Rectory will be closed.

### Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00-11:00 am ~ Powers of Attorney and Wills seminar in the Ministry Center

### Friday, September 20

- 12:00-2:30 pm ~ Powers of Attorney and Wills seminar in the Ministry Center

## Parish News

**Teen Summer Mission Trip 2019:** On Friday, July 26, thirteen teens and two adult chaperones left on a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The reservation is home to the Oglala Lakota, a tribe that is part of the Sioux people, and one of the poorest areas in the United States. The group is working hard around the reservation, learning about the Lakota people and their history, and exploring South Dakota. They return home on Sunday, August 4.

Please keep our teens (and their chaperones) in your prayers during the trip.

**Baptismal Preparation Class:** The next class will be Monday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

**Good Books:** The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover for book information at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com).

**Knitting Group:** The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center and continue to gather on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** This holy day of obligation is celebrated on Thursday, August 15. Mass will be held at 7:30 am and again at 7:00 pm.

**Poetry Pilgrims:** The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, August 19 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, contact Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com).

**Calling all Heart to Heart and Helping Hands Volunteers!** Volunteers that are active in Heart to Heart or Helping Hands ministries must receive VIRTUS training in order to continue with these ministries. The training will be Saturday, August 24 in the Social Hall. Sessions will start promptly at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. No late-comers will be admitted. Please call the Heart to Heart staff at 773.973.5464 to reserve a space.

**Renew My Church:** The very first gathering for our grouping (the parishes in our area who will be working together) for the Renew My Church initiative has been scheduled. Parish leadership and anyone who is interested is invited to a presentation/ice cream social on Sunday, August 25 at St. Gregory Parish's Social Hall, 1609 W. Gregory Ave. The presentation will be from 1:00-3:00 pm, followed by ice cream.

At the gathering, updates will be shared about how we will be proceeding in Renew My Church.

**Labor Day:** The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 2. Mass will be held at 9:00 am.

**Catechists Needed:** We are in need of men and women to serve as catechists and Kids Word leaders for the 2019-2020 year. Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. If you are interested in helping us either as a catechist or as a substitute catechist, email our Youth & Family Minister, Jim Potthast, at [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org).

**New Start Time for Religious Education:** The Religious Education program for the 2019-2020 school year begins on Sunday, September 8, 2019 and concludes on Sunday, May 3, 2020. This school year, classes will now be held from 9:00-10:15 am. A registration form is available in the back of Church or online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/religious-education>. Forms should be emailed to Jim Potthast at [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org) or dropped off at the Rectory.

**Save the Date—Powers of Attorney and Wills Presentation Planned:** Heart to Heart is sponsoring an outreach meeting for all parishioners on powers of attorney and wills presented by attorneys from The Center on Disability and Elder Law. The date for the outreach meeting is Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00-11:00 am in the Ministry Center.

On Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:30 pm, attorneys will conduct a free workshop in the Ministry Center to assist participating parishioners with completing personalized powers of attorney forms and wills. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in August.

## *Changes to the Mass Schedule*

I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an update on our ongoing Sunday Mass schedule plans. As you know, during this past (school) year we increased the number of "Combined" Masses to about one per month. This was to try out this schedule to see how well it accommodated everyone.

The parish staff, in evaluating this experiment, found it was a great improvement in a number of areas, including: a better level of participation when there were more people gathered in church at one time; a more robust musical experience enhancing people's involvement and adding an additional, positive dynamic to our worship; a better opportunity for hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass because we didn't have to have everyone cleared out before the 11:30 am Mass; and the possibility of more ministers regularly available for all the Masses.

We found the schedule to be so effective that we are going to try it out in the regular (school) year after Labor Day. Which means our current "summer" schedule will continue as our regular schedule for weekend Masses (Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am, and the 10:30 (Gym) Mass.) In preparation, I recently informed the 9:30 am (Sheridan Road) Mass that their last Mass will be on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. For some years, their attendance has veered downward so there are rarely even thirty-five people at that Mass. Also, while its original intent was to provide a local Mass for seniors, especially those with any physical limitations, most seniors and persons with disabilities come to the church for Mass. We will have a special celebration at their final Mass to commemorate the many years of worship at that site.

The other change is that there will be no 11:30 am Mass as we move forward. And we hope to have the 10:30 (Gym) Mass come to the 10:30 am Mass in church once a month.

During the (school) year, we will also invite every parishioner to reflect and share their own thoughts, opinions and ideas on the Sunday schedule. At the June Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, the members unanimously adopted a proposal which will begin after Labor Day, in which individuals members of the PPC will invite conversations with individuals and small groups to gather data about people's experiences at the Masses and what they feel is most important about scheduled times for

Masses, the various charisms or unique dimensions of various Masses, and how we might better incorporate those positive elements into more Masses.

Among the input we hope parishioners will share with the PPC members are considerations such as whether or not the schedule meets not only the question of convenience, but also the question of necessity. What would the ideal schedule look like? Which Mass do I want to attend, AND which Mass do I need to attend because of work or other considerations? Along with that data, the slightly more difficult information about what are the characteristics, charisms, etc. in any of the particular Masses and how those can be sure to be continued in whatever the schedule ends up being. For example, some Masses offer hospitality on a fairly regular basis: the 9:30 am has once a month hospitality, the 10:30 am (Gym) Mass has weekly hospitality, and the monthly 10:00 am Family Mass has offered hospitality. This is a very positive value and therefore one we want to be sure we respect and maintain as we go forward. Besides these smaller conversation with members of the PPC, we also will have one or more town halls offered to gather people's thoughts and opinions on the schedule.

Finally, a word about "rules" for these conversations. It is important for this be a positive discussion. Everyone knows change is difficult. That's the given. But how we approach the change makes all the difference! That we have to change to better reflect our present reality is not a punishment on anyone. It is simply a reflection on reality. Intransigent, non-negotiable points aren't helpful. And no bullying will be allowed. Of course there is often a lot of emotion around certain topics. But civility is requested and required for the conversations. This is as true for the individual and small group conversations as it will be for the town hall gatherings.

From a slightly broader picture, I think this is a good practice for all of us as we anticipate the Renew My Church process coming in the fall of next year. As I consider what all this will mean, it seems only fair that both the pain and the good that comes from the change(s) should be equally distributed, as much as is possible.

~ Father Rich

## Parish Council Minutes

Below are the minutes from the last Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, held on Thursday, June 29.

The PPC had the opportunity to review the latest regarding the mission statement process. Members will reflect over the summer and the PPC will finalize a mission statement in the fall. Additionally, for further reflection, the chair requested that PPC members reflect over the summer as to whether they would like to continue to serve on the PPC and/or to identify potential new members to join the group.

**Bylaws:** The PPC approved the proposed bylaws (pending minor revisions) unanimously.

**Proposal for Sunday Mass Schedule:** The PPC had the opportunity to discuss the proposed changes to the Mass schedule and expressed, along with Fr. Rich, a desire to identify the distinguishing components of the various impacted masses that can ultimately be incorporated into the new Mass schedule. The PPC encourages a welcoming environment for all during this transformation of the parish.

### Parish Stewardship Report

*“You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.”*

~ Colossians 2:12

We work to die to the life of sin and rise to the life of grace, as we are forgiven our sins, receive God’s mercy, and are incorporated in Christ.

Sunday Collection July 13-14	\$5,920.20
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$1,804.80</b>

Sunday Collection July 20-21	\$5,397.25
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$2,327.75</b>

<b>Second Collection Results:</b>	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$6,193.14
Catholic Relief Services—Rice Bowl	\$214.21

~ Art Blumberg,  
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

**Parish Commissions:** Leaders of various parish ministries should expect, over the summer, PPC members to begin to contact them and begin the process of introductions. In the fall, these ministry leaders should expect to engage in one-on-ones with PPC members as well as meetings across the commissions.

**PPC Survey:** The PPC conducted its first ever survey of itself as an entity and individual members of the PPC. This information sets a baseline for reflection so that the PPC may always reflect on its efficacy and growth. The PPC will annually assess itself in the spring of each year.

The next PPC meeting will be Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

~ Colleen Fulkerson,

### Interested in Being 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.

For information about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude or to register for the program, contact me at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

~ Kevin Chears,  
Pastoral Associate

**Our Parish at Prayer for  
July 29-August 4**

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

7:30 am Daniel Mellon †

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

7:30 am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

7:30 am Sarah Sheridan †

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

7:30 am Barbara Silazi †

5:00 pm Greg Wall †

† Indicates  
person listed is  
deceased.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30 am Gilbert Gallagher †

10:30 am Jack Degnan & Kevin Corbett †

**Ministers of the Word  
for August 3-4**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Jayne Deiters

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:00 am Jaclyn Meier, Marty McDermott

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

10:30 am Patrick Robinson, Steven Monti

**Requests for Hospital Visits**

If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464. Then the Heart to Heart staff will notify the Rectory.

Because of government regulations, hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities cannot contact us directly with this information.

**Readings for  
July 29-August 4**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**Eucharistic Ministers  
for August 3-4**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Tim Harrington, Patricia Norcik, Kathy Wall

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Peter Morin, Brian DeVarenne

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

10:30 am Bob Backis, Carlos Barragan, Mary Donlan, Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak, Chris Lincoln, Lina Peon

**Altar Servers  
for August 3-4**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

5:00 pm Ethan Vargas, Leila Vargas, Grace Cashman

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

10:30 am Nonso Okoye, Jean Rosenmayer, Henry Jacobson

### Our Parish at Prayer for August 5-11

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

7:30 am Hiro Vignon Adjahi  
Agboton †

† *Indicates  
person listed is  
deceased.*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6**

7:30 am Frank Joyce †

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7**

7:30 am Lt. Victor Strubbe, CFD †

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

7:30 am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

7:30 am Donald Lavine †

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

7:30 am Rose Peters-Strike †  
5:00 pm Donald Goodman †

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:00 am Nancy Crandall †  
9:30 am Sally Chavez †  
10:30 am Bruno & Vincenzina Tassone †  
Carlos Garcia †

### Ministers of the Word for August 10-11

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

5:00 pm Steve Matre, Pat Reardon

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:00 am Mark Kollar, Hallie Burhoe  
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward  
10:30 am Ruth Ott, Troy McMillan

### Readings for August 5-11

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

### Eucharistic Ministers for August 10-11

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington,  
Roman Reyes, Michelle Kuehlhorn

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, William Mitchell, Mary Wyler, Peter Morin  
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward  
10:30 am Sharon Brown, Karen Griebel, Rose Marie Anichini, Christine Curran, Kathy Dunne, Brad Mulick, Gail Smith

### Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Your online donation is secure and flexible. You can choose the amount you wish to give and how you wish to have the funds designated.

Donations may be made at  
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

### Altar Servers for August 10-11

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

5:00 pm Adonai Agdubai, Mariyam Agdubai,  
Gabe Morrow

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

10:30 am Jesse Devitt, Alise Veleta, Katherine Tentler

## Milestones



### Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Mary Ferguson

Mary Fitzgerald

Joan Harrington

Maria Hertl

Charley Scantlebury

Irene Schmitz

Peggy Stoffel

Marilynn Wagner

Walter Bradford

Ed &amp; Ester Bugler

Maggie Callaway

Aida Calvopina

Geraldine Clark



### New Parishioners

Eileen Donahoe

Kathleen Marrin

Laurie &amp; Peter Savas



### Rest in Peace

Sally Chavez

Gilbert Gallagher

Rose Peters-Strike



### Baptisms

Alexander George Seiwert

Charlotte Josephine Fenton

Bodie Mason O'Hara

Liliana Francis Van Meter

## Parish Information

#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
 Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)  
 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 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

#### SUMMER WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE (June 23-September 1)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
 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  
 Website: [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)  
 E-mail: [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org)

#### PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://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](http://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