



St. Gertrude Chicago

E-Bulletin for Sunday, August 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (The 10:30 am Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#).)

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Save the Date! We have a special parish event planned for Sunday, September 12! All are welcome!

Welcome Back Sunday to Feature a Cupcake Truck

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 have had to make some changes and adjustments due to COVID, but we are still on!

We will have a Welcome Mass at 10:30 am, followed by hospitality. Instead of a Pancake Breakfast, we will have a cupcake truck! You will be able to

select from a variety of cupcakes, grab a cup of coffee, tea, or juice, and mingle among old—and NEW—friends. We will also be serenaded by local musical talent.

We hope to have you join us!



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, reach out to Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org or call 773.764.3621.



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 [HERE](#). Completed forms and any questions about the program should be emailed to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.

Religious Education at St. Gertrude is for children in grades 1-8 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools and provides a faith community for children and their families as they awaken, nourish, and deepen their awareness of God's presence in all things.

The goal of the Religious Education program at Saint Gertrude is to teach children to listen for and respond to God's invitation to love.

In class, students and teachers work to:

- Understand that everyone is loved and treasured by God.

- Live the lessons of Jesus Christ - loving God with your whole heart and loving your neighbors as yourself.
- Build a deeper personal relationship with God through prayer and reflection.
- Learn to pray as an individual and as part of a community.
- Discover ways to love and serve others in our day-to-day lives.
- Appreciate what it means to be part of a welcoming, loving community that cares for and respects people from all walks of life.
- Deepen their knowledge of the Catholic tradition.

This school year, fees are \$200 for one child and \$225 for two or more children. An additional sacramental fee of \$60 is required for children making their First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. Religious Education class fees and sacramental fees can be paid online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/30788>.

Registration Form for Religious Ed



Benedictine Sisters of Chicago Program: Following the Field of Stars: One Pilgrim's Journey on "The Camino de Santiago de Compostela"

All are welcome to join the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago on Saturday, September 11 at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of reflection as Oblate Nancy Labiak discusses her 2014 pilgrimage across Northern Spain to the shrine of the Apostle James the Greater. The 500 mile long El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, also known as "The Way of St. James", would be the most physically challenging ordeal—and the most life-giving accomplishment of her life.

The presentation will be held at St. Scholastica Chapel as well as on Zoom. Registration is required. Visit www.osbchicago.org/programs for more information and to sign up.

Nancy Labiak is an Oblate of St. Scholastica Monastery, mother of one amazing son, and resides in the Edgewater community. She divided her career into Ministry to the ElderCommunity and working as an international travel director —leading groups to all seven continents. Now retired, she volunteers in hospice and interfaith relations and --after a pause for the pandemic—continues to explore the world.

[Register here](#)



Growing in Faith

In my early 30s, I thought I had my life together. My life was comfortably compartmentalized: There was my college education that I expected would improve my career; I replaced the single life with the stability of marriage and homeownership; my religion was being shared with a partner who was more serious in the faith than myself. I thought that I had achieved the good life... and all I needed to do was be faithful to it. However, I worried that I might fail in keeping all the proverbial balls in the air!

Then God shattered my world...using the church's retreat program, Christ Renews His Parish. I was introduced to women who also were new to the concept that God wanted to reveal Himself anew, and to have a personal relationship with each of us. As I listened and pondered each presenter, who told of how God touched her broken life, I felt a strong desire that He would heal me from my past hurts.

Afterward, the priest guided us through the sacraments of confession and the Eucharist. These ancient rituals suddenly seemed to have a richer meaning. God's Word, then (and still today) challenged me to trust Him with my personal anxieties, which included becoming a parent, sharing faith with family and friends, and offering forgiveness for old and new emotional wounds. Only then, could I grow in love for others and ask for His Spirit to daily guide me away from the abundant earthly temptations.

~ *Suzanne Stryczek*



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

Catholic Relief Services: On the Ground in Haiti

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.

Donations can be made directly to CRS [here](#). Your gift will help provide essential relief, likely to include clean water, sanitation, shelter, and emergency supplies, giving immediate aid to families affected. Please be as generous as possible.

Donate to Catholic Relief Services



Rectory Office Closed Friday and Monday of Labor Day Weekend - Mass to be Held at 9:00 am on September 6

Monday, September 6 is Labor Day. The Rectory office will be closed on Friday, September 3 and Monday, September 6. On our national holiday, we will have one Mass at 9:00 am in church. Please join us on Labor Day to thank God for the gift of labor, the right to organize, and all the improvements that have been brought to all workers. Please note, Mass on Friday, September 3 will be held at 7:30 am.



Schedule a Personalized Preschool Tour of NCA Early Learning Center: Full and Part-Time Options Available

Northside Catholic Academy's preschool provides a child-centered learning program where children participate in meaningful play in a stimulating and joyful environment that enables them to make a comfortable transition from home to school.

Our preschool program offers:

- Five full-days per week, Monday- Friday, 8:10 am-3:05 pm (Extended Care available in the morning starting at 6:30 am and after school until 6:00 pm)
- Five half-days per week, Monday-Friday, 8:10 am-11:15 am
- Three half-days per week, Tuesday-Thursday, 8:10 am- 11:00 am (3-year-olds only)

Please email our admissions director, Shakira Morrissette, at smorrissette@ncaweb.org or call 773. 743.6277 ext. 207 for more information or to schedule a tour.



Masks Required for Both Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Visitors

Per the new mandates of the City of Chicago, 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.



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

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, please email Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate, at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org.



Heart to Heart Ministry Looking for 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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm, when she is in her Ministry Center office or call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.595-9992 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.



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 me at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621.

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate



Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned for September - New Mass Location

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:30 pm at St John Brebeuf Parish in Niles. Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year are invited to participate and can bring 1-2 family members. This Mass is planned as a live event with participants attending on-site. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, this Mass may need to be moved to an online liturgy due to ongoing mitigation efforts associated with the pandemic.

Couples interested in participating can register [here](#).

Please contact familyministries@archchicago.org with any questions.



Baptisms

- Axel Christian Blain, child of Clinton Stayton and Djenane Blain
 - Arthur James Conzen, child of James Conzen and Angelica Krajewski
 - Clara Audrey Zaragoza, child of Adam Zaragoza and Elizabeth Walsh
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Rest in Peace

- Elizabeth Seitz
 - Margaret Waaler, mother of Geoff Waaler
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New Parishioner

- Dr. Paul Yarnold, PhD
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Readings and Music for Sunday, August 29

- [Link to readings for Sunday, August 29](#)
- [Lyrics for Sunday, August 29](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from Breaking Bread Hymnal:
 - Entrance: *Canticle of the Sun*, #423
 - Psalm: 15: *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord*

- *Gospel Acclamation: Barker*
 - *Offertory: For the Beauty of the Earth, #597*
 - *Mass Parts: Mass of Creation, #883*
 - *Agnus Dei: chant*
 - *Communion: You are Near, #435*
 - *Recessional: Blest be the Lord*
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Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Planned for This Weekend

Our cantors are:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Cindy Lawson

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington, Kathy Wall

- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarenne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak, Bob Backis, Carlos Barrigan

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, August 28 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, August 29 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez



Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, and Amazon Smile

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation

via phone.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org.

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[Daily Scripture Readings](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the daily readings for Masses. Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, August 30: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, August 31: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, September 1: 1Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, September 2: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday, September 3: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday, September 4: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday, September 5: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, August 30: 7:30 am - David Gonzales+ & Evelyn Agaard+
Tuesday, August 31: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
Wednesday, September 1: 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos+
Thursday, September 2: 7:30 am - Communion Service
Friday, September 3: 7:30 am - Ethan Seitzer+
Saturday, September 4: 7:30 am - Joseph Cuong H. Nguyen+; 5:00 pm
~ John Sullivan+
Sunday, September 5: 8:00 am ~ Richard Martin+; 10:30 am - Ethan
Seitzer+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

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

- Lucia Hall

- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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