

St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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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 (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office schedule can be found [HERE](#). Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#) and call before you come!

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*Bulletin for Most
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Welcome, St. Ignatius Parishioners!

June 6, 2021

This weekend at our 10:30 am Mass, we welcome any interested parishioners of St. Ignatius to join us in prayer to get to know our parish. This is the second part of a “conversation” that began a few weeks ago when some parish members went to St. Ignatius and celebrated Mass with me and that parish community and then stayed afterward for a conversation/Q&A session.



If the weather is good, please join us after Mass in the courtyard between the church and Ministry Center for hospitality. (Or in the back of church if we have bad weather.)

The Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

This is the second of the “idea” feasts that transition our Sundays from the Easter season to Ordinary Time. While last week’s Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is all about our relationship to God and how we relate to God, this feast is more about who we are as members of the Church -- the Body of Christ, and how we relate to each other as God’s children.

The very idea of this feast is that we are not only a metaphor for who we are as God’s children, we are also that reality for others in the world! As St. Teresa of Avila put it so well,

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Just as we are nourished each time we come to His Table and are fed with His Body & Blood, we must then bring that same gift into the world in how we live and love and sacrifice for others.

Congratulations, Graduates

Congratulations to all our NCA graduates, and to all those parishioners graduating from grammar school, high school, college, or university! You have certainly finished this part of your education in a unique fashion -- during a pandemic! I know the entire parish joins me in congratulating you -- especially because of the difficulties of this past year and wish you well in all your future endeavors. Congratulations!

New COVID Protocols

As previously announced, we expect Governor Pritzker to announce on Friday, June 4 that Illinois is now moving into Phase 5 -- which is practically a full re-opening of everything in the state. If the City of Chicago goes along with those directions, we expect the Archdiocese will as well.

It is possible that by next weekend we will no longer be required to do all the things we have been doing for health and safety since we re-opened for masses in June of last year. When we get the “all-clear”, we expect to be able to once again use all the entrances in church for entering and leaving; we expect to be able to take the directional tape off the floor and off the back of pews; we expect to be able to open all the pews.

It is still unclear if we will continue sanitizing hands upon entrance and before Communion, if we will again have Holy Water in the fonts, and if we will be able to bring the gifts of bread and wine forward at the Offertory time.

And the question of masked/unmasked, vaccinated/unvaccinated will also need a clear direction. Once we know, we will send out an email to all those for whom we have email addresses, and we will make a detailed announcement in church.

As we move into our “new normal”, I want to take this opportunity to thank again our extraordinary and generous corps of volunteers who have been so faithful for every service every day since we re-opened in June of 2020. And thanks to all of you for helping to keep order and keep everyone safe and healthy during this pandemic!

Bulletins/Newsletter & Hymnal Update

Since the pandemic closed our doors in March 2020, even after we reopened for services in June of that year, as part of the health and safety protocols, all paper was removed from church and any paper could only be used once and then disposed of. This led us to move our weekly bulletin to an electronic newsletter. As we prepare for our complete reopening, we thought it was a good idea to keep this new format and not return to a printed bulletin. This both allows us greater freedom in how we are able to communicate, by allowing us a later distribution date for the weekly newsletter, and it is environmentally better for our planet.

But we are also aware some people do not use a computer or do not use it in this way. We would like to propose we continue the electronic version of the newsletter, AND we will run off a small number of printed copies which will be available at the entrances of church for those who want to receive the information that way.

This is part of a broader conversation we are currently having about developing our communication tools going forward. If you have any ideas

about what you consider the best means of communicating information you would like to have from St. Gertrude, please send me an email and your ideas will become part of the planning conversation.

Currently, we are considering the *Breaking Bread* Hymnal we have been using for music and the parts of Mass, including the scripture readings. The new hymnals have a start date of the First Sunday of Advent (November 27-28). Because it would allow us to order fewer books, and save money, we are considering getting three “trolleys” that are basically bookshelves on wheels. That way, anyone coming into church picks up her/his hymnal on the way in and then returns it to the trolley as they leave church. The added benefit is that it makes for a cleaner-looking pew area! Until then, we will find a way to make do with our limited supply of hymnals. Once we are again allowed to sing, we may need to produce weekly copies of a song sheet with the lyrics of the hymns we are singing that weekend.

Some Upcoming Events

This Wednesday, June 9, is the last day of school for NCA. Have a great summer vacation!



Growing in Faith

From the Scripture Scholars desk: “The Kingdom of God is like Mustard”

Many eyes would have popped open and surprised smiles would have appeared when Jesus’ listeners heard him compare the Kingdom of God to mustard, instead of the conventional cedars of Lebanon. Mustard was considered wild and only grown for home use, like medicine, or for sprinkling on food. It was a homey plant, not dramatic or religiously formal. Everyone knew the one thing about mustard was that it sprang up almost instantly, and if you didn’t watch where you planted it, it spread so fast it could take over your whole garden!

Let’s listen to a scholar from Jesus’ day, Pliny the Elder, writing about mustard: *“Mustard ...is extremely beneficial for the health. It grows entirely wild, though it improves on being transplanted, but on the other hand, when it has once been sown it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it, as the seed when it falls, germinates at once.”* (Book 19.Ch. 54)

Jesus’ parable speaks to the speedily grown-up bush/small tree, where the leafy branches provide shelter and shade to the birds of the sky. What would you say Jesus’ choice of mustard for the Kingdom of God means for you? I wish I could hear what you would say, you and your family and friends when you talk it over.

For me, Jesus is saying that all we have to do is take advantage of any opportunity to plant a seed of God’s love, and know that lively, irrepressible growth is underway, spreading outward in all directions, bringing God’s Kingdom of love, and peace to touch the hearts of the world.

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, csj, Ph.D, for Growing in Faith



Resurrection Compost Program Gets Underway

Last Saturday morning, under the direction of our music director, Mary Clare Barker, a group of parishioners dug up and moved a large section of flowering plants from the back yard into the courtyard and near the entrance to the Ministry Center. Pictures can be found [here](#). The space they cleared will become the vegetable garden part of the compost/garden project.

The next step is to plant the starter veggies this Saturday, June 5 from 9:30-11:30 am. If you can help with this project, contact Mary Clare at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. Please bring a shovel and a pad for your knees if you have one and gather in front of the rectory.

Some parishioners already donated some compost from their own compost bins to provide the moved plants with a great start. In the coming weeks, as the compost breaks down, that nutrient-rich soil supplement will nourish the

vegetables.

Thanks to all the volunteers for making this wonderful project possible! If you are interested in helping with this project on other dates this summer, there is more information at the entrances (tables) in church or you can email Mary Clare. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed to help water and weed the garden and for the proper care of the compost bins.

[Click here for more information about the Resurrection Composting Project](#)

[Click here to learn the Do's & Don'ts of Composting Flyer](#)



ECRA "Seeds of Solidarity" Event on Sunday, June 6

This Sunday, June 6, the Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), an interfaith association of religious organizations who work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths, and to nurture a thriving and just neighborhood, will host "Seeds of Solidarity. This outdoor event will take place at 3:00 pm at Senn Park, the corner of Greenview and Elmdale at the west end of the park.

This gathering, titled *Seeds of Solidarity: Children of Abraham Uniting Against Violence*, will focus on creating a more just community in a post-pandemic world. Rev. Erika Takas of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement and Rabbi Craig Marantz of Emanuel Congregation are two of the planned speakers. It's open to all and free. Masks and social distancing

are required. Feel free to bring a blanket or chair!

[Click here for a ECRA Seeds of Solidarity flyer](#)



[Letter from Cardinal Cupich: Second Collection for the Priest, Health and Retirement Fund Planned the Weekend of June 13](#)

“In the image of the Good Shepherd, the priest is a man of mercy and compassion, close to his people and a servant to all.”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How fitting that before Father’s Day, we come together in church, our spiritual home, to pay special tribute to our spiritual fathers — our parish priests. As Pope Francis says in the words above, priests are men of mercy, men of compassion, and men in service to us all. Today, let us be of service to them as we show our appreciation for their love and guidance through a

gift that will directly benefit their health and wellbeing.

To recognize and celebrate our parish priests, we take this opportunity this weekend to support financially the healthcare and retirement needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago's 469 active and 246 retired priests. Your gift today — no matter the size — to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA is the only such collection for their health and retirement and is separate and distinct from other initiatives for retired religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

As we all know, priests care for us at every stage of life. From baptism until death, we look to priests for guidance, for answers, and for love. They have led us through this difficult past year by offering us compassion and hope. They are beside us, too, in happy times as we celebrate life's milestones and joyous occasions, shepherding us with great care and devotion. Priests teach us who Christ is and how to be a better person in a world in need of salvation. We rely on them to show us the way forward by giving purpose to our lives.

The health and well-being of all our priests is essential to their ability to serve our needs and guide our spiritual growth. As well, many of our retired priests continue to serve in their own way and have become indispensable resources for our communities.

Please join me, then, in supporting our priests by making a generous contribution to this second collection. In addition, you may also like to consider naming Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as a beneficiary of your will.

Let your gift be a sign of gratitude to our priests and to the Lord for their

ministry that benefits us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Donate to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA



**1st Annual
Golfing for Greater
Tournament**

Friday, June 11th, at 12:00 PM

Robert A. Black Golf Course

2045 W Pratt Blvd

Chicago, IL 60645

News from Northside Catholic Academy
NCA's First Annual Golfing for Greater Tournament
- Friday, June 11 at 12 pm

Birdie, Bogey, Hole-in-one, it's Northside Catholic Academy's 1st Annual Golfing for Greater Tournament, so swing by for some fun!

Join us for a round of golf at Robert A. Black Golf Course, 2045 W. Pratt, on Friday, June 11 at noon. There will be food and drinks for all participants. There will also be prizes for our hole and putting contests, and the winning 4-some will receive a championship belt!

Tickets are \$100 per person. Please click [HERE](#) to register today!



Loyola University's Arrupe College

Loyola University's Arrupe College helps driven, dedicated high school students from struggling communities, or who have demonstrated financial need, achieve a 2-year associates degree, with pathways to 4-year degrees from Loyola. Providing holistic support, Arrupe College offers quality, affordable education to their students, who leave Arrupe without incurring debt.

Due to COVID, many who desire an alternative to city colleges haven't been able to get connected to Arrupe. Please consider spreading the word in your community and connecting with families who may find it a welcome resource. See the [Arrupe flyer](#) or [fact sheet](#) or contact Isabel Reyes (mreyes15@luc.edu), Arrupe's Director of Admissions, to learn more.



Readings and Music for Sunday, June 6

- [Link to readings for Sunday, June 6](#)
 - [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, June 6](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Entrance: *All are Welcome*, #415
 - Gloria: *Glory to God from Mass of Renewal*, #873
 - Psalm: #116 *Our Blessing Cup*, #802
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Mass of Renewal Alleluia*
 - Offertory: *I am the Bread of Life*, #361
 - Communion: *Now in This Banquet* (GIA)
 - Meditation: *Table of Plenty*, #310 (10:30 Mass only)
 - Recessional: *Canticle of the Sun*, #423, Concert G
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams Planned for This Weekend

This week, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, June 5 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, June 6 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis; George Siegle-trumpet, Nicholas Bussey-trombone

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, June 5 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, June 6 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin
- Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, June 5 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, June 6 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am - Ellen Cedille (from St. Ignatius parish)

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, June 5 at 5:00 pm - Michale Kuehlhorn, Debbie Kern, Carol Ann Munro, MaryLou Carroll
- Sunday, June 6 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Brigid Cronin, Barb Daly

- Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Dorothea Tobin, Nancy Kuhn

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, June 5 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, June 6 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am - TBA



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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.

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Click here for PayPal \(via our website\)](#)

[Donate via the Archdiocese website](#)



[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, June 7: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 8: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16

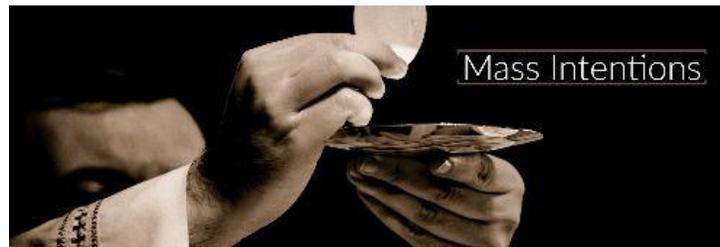
Wednesday, June 9: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 10: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 11: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday, June 12: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Sunday, June 13: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, June 7: 7:30 am - Elizabeth Legare+

Tuesday, June 8: 7:30 am - Lillian McCall+

Wednesday, June 9: 7:30 am - For all school children and their parents

Thursday, June 10: 7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, June 11: 7:30 am - Glenn+ & MaryJo+ Martin

Saturday, June 12: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Betty McKee+

Sunday, June 13: 8:00 am ~ Georgia DeWolf+; 10:30 am - Mickey Resch+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Helen Banta
 - Jean Bautista
 - Walter Bradford
 - Sharon Brown
 - Connie Bueck
 - Lilly Buie
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Ann Collins Dole
 - Mary Grover
 - Diane Gulczynski
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Art Lyons
 - Mike Meier
 - Molly Morris
 - Karey Myers
 - Bernie O'Connor
 - Tina Piemonte
 - Lu Radzicki
 - Braedon Rimpson
 - Ann Marie Robinson
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Manuel Viray
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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