



St. Gertrude Chicago

Palm Sunday, March 28 - Sixth Sunday in Lent
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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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From Father Rich

Palm Sunday

In the category of, “everything’s relative”, this year’s Palm Sunday and Holy Week and Easter is much better than last year’s -- when we didn’t have any of those celebrations here in our own parish church. And we can all hope next year will be even better because by then, if all goes well, we will be celebrating a normal Palm Sunday and Holy Week and Easter with the usual processions and rites.

I join the chorus of voices who wonder what the “new normal” will look like.

Bulletin for Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



Click [HERE](#) to make a reservation to attend weekend Masses in person!

And it is this interesting and challenging time we are living through that can

also give us a way to enter into these Holy Week services this year. I think it is fair to say that just as everything changed for Jesus and his disciples beginning with that Passover which was also His Last Supper and continued to open to unexpected experiences of arrest and trial and condemnation, with horrendous suffering and betrayal and abandonment, only to end in a gruesome death. And then all that came before was changed in an instant when God raised Jesus from death and ushered in the fullness of what only God's love could do. So now, in our very particular time and place, we are experiencing great unknowns and invited to trust in God's love, even though we cannot know the future.

The services of Holy Week capture all those dynamics for Christians. All the injustices exposed throughout the pandemic year, all the hatred and intolerance directed towards minorities and the powerless, all the unexpected moments of kindness and love and concern, all the exposure to violence and suffering and death. These are neither the far-away realities of a different time and place nor are they disconnected from Our Lord. Every human being of every age is directly connected to His last week and beyond.

As we enter this Holy Week, let us walk along with Our Lord, inviting His grace and companionship into this pandemic time as we eagerly await our own new life when this time of testing is over.

The complete schedule of services for Holy Week and Easter can be found below.



Easter Sunday - Noon Mass Just Added to the Schedule

This past weekend, considering the reservations we already have received for the Easter masses, and knowing we needed to add an additional mass to make room for everyone, we asked the parishioners in church if they preferred a 6:30 am sunrise Mass on Easter Sunday or a 12:00 pm Mass.

Overwhelmingly people voted for the noon Mass. So, our Easter schedule this year will be the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday at 7:30 pm, and on Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 am (this Mass will be live-streamed), and 12:00 pm.

If you are currently registered for an Easter Mass but would prefer to switch to the noon Mass, you are welcome to do so. You can go to [SignUpGenius](#)

and make the change there or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 and our staff will make the change for you.

Holy Week Schedule & Registration Links; How to Watch Easter/Holy Week Services Online

Holy Week - Registration is Now Open to Attend Services

Due to COVID-19, our Holy Week services have new protocols. Click [HERE](#) to register to attend our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services, including the just-added 12:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Click [HERE](#) to register to attend Good Friday's Stations of the Cross.

How to Watch Easter/Holy Week Services Online

We live-stream from St. Gertrude Church using Facebook Live, beginning five to ten minutes before the scheduled start of the service. Please click [HERE](#) to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we upload the video to [our YouTube channel](#) and post the link on the [home page](#) of our parish website.

During Holy Week & Easter, the following Masses will be live-streamed:

- Palm Sunday, March 28 - 10:30 am Mass
- Holy Thursday, April 1 - 7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, April 2 at 7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion
- Holy Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday, April 4 - 10:30 am ~ Mass

Palm Sunday Masses - click [HERE](#) to register

- Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (live-streamed)

Weekday Masses During Holy Week

- There are no 7:30 am Masses offered on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday, April 1

- 7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register
- Church is open until 10:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration.

Good Friday, April 2*

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross - click [HERE](#) to register (*see below for more info*)
- 7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register

Holy Saturday, April 3

- 11:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass (live-streamed) - click [HERE](#) to register

Easter Sunday, April 4 - click [HERE](#) to register

- 8:00 am ~ Mass
- 10:30 am ~ Mass (live-streamed)
- 12:00 pm ~ Mass (**new!**)

***New - Register for Good Friday's Stations of the Cross**

Due to the pandemic, Good Friday this year will not feature Living Stations of the Cross. Instead, it will offer scripture readings and music. Attendees will be asked to remain in their pew, while the priest/minister moves from Station to Station.

No registration is necessary to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26 but is required on Good Friday, April 2. Please check-in at the greeter table using the door on Granville.

[Click Here to Sign up for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter Masses](#)

[Click here to sign up for Good Friday's Stations of the Cross](#)

The Rectory office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5.



Growing in Faith

I can still remember the excitement of Palm Sundays in the 1950s when I was a child. That procession with everyone holding and waving palms as the whole parish processed and then entered our church was a thrill of emotional fervor that overtook me as an eight-year-old. It was the beginning of the most special and profound week of the liturgical year according to the sisters who taught us “religion” in our parish school.

My enthusiasm probably waned as the Gospel droned on in Latin while I tried to follow along with the English translation in my missal, if I even had one yet. Memories tend to blur after decades, though feelings can stay sharp.

I can recall well standing at Glenwood and Granville in the 1990s with my 8-year-old's hand in mine as we joined another Palm Sunday procession. I saw that same elation in my child's face as she squeezed my hand with a thrill of joy on her face. She was part of something BIG and she knew it!

Palm Sunday and Holy Week! What a time to “get caught up” in the joy, sorrow, and drama of our faith! May we catch Jesus’ humility as we walk His Way this week!

~ Nancy Bujnowski for *Growing in Faith*



RCIA: Celebrating the Easter Sacraments

On Holy Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Vigil, those in the RCIA will celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Please keep Jessica Navarro, Corina Cleja, and Daniel Geihsler in your prayers during this Holy Week, and consider coming to the Easter Vigil, surrounding them with love and rejoicing as they become members of the Catholic Christian community or are Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.



St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigrant Ministry to Sponsor a Virtual Theatre Experience: *The True Cost: Stories of Human Trafficking* This Saturday, March 27

Still Point Theatre Collective has adapted *The True Cost: Stories of Human Trafficking*, to a virtual performance. The Refugee and Immigrant Ministry is sponsoring a viewing of this **Zoom-based production on Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 pm**, limited to just 100 participants. The show is about 45 minutes with a discussion afterward. The Zoom link to the event is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89543210753>

During the play, there will be a free-will offering to Still Point Theatre (they will mention how to donate at the time) and/or the Refugee Ministry.

Learn more about the production here: [The True Cost | Still Point - stillpointtheatrecollective.org.](https://stillpointtheatrecollective.org/)



Renew My Church: Prayers for St. Ignatius Parishioners

As our neighbors from St. Ignatius move towards the closure of their much-loved parish, please keep them in your prayers.

O God, please continue to comfort St. Ignatius parishioners as their parish begins the work of closing and they seek a new spiritual home. Help the parishioners of St. Gertrude and St. Jerome welcome them with open arms and work together to serve You and each other for Your greater glory.

Amen.



Chicago Vaccine Angels Will Help Seniors and Essential Workers

Schedule a Vaccine

If you or a loved one aged 65 and over are having difficulty finding a vaccine, or have trouble using a computer to book one, a group called [Chicago Vaccine Angels](#) will help you. Started by an Evanston teen in February, the group has booked over 1,200 people for vaccines in the Chicago area for free.

The team is working on booking those people in PHASES 1A/1B ONLY - seniors and essential workers (without the chronic condition expansion just yet). Please fill out [this google form](#) for help.

Please note the following:

- The group will not re-book appointments that were made - if you have significant schedule or location constraints, please ensure they are marked in the form!
- **No vaccine hunter should ever ask for your Social Security number or money.**
- You cannot request one vaccine brand over another.
- Due to the nature of the current pandemic, there is no assurance that they will be successful in booking your appointment.
- Your personal information shall be accessible only to the volunteers that are a part of the Chicago Vaccine Angels. Your personal data will not be sold. De-personalized data may be used by us to enhance the efficacy of this program.

If you have any questions, please email chicagovaccineangels@gmail.com. Call them at 312-600-8925.

[Form to Request Help from the Chicago Vaccine Angels Team](#)



How the Pandemic Will Affect Holy Week & Easter Services This Year

As you are probably already aware, the protocols for the services of Holy Week and Easter will have a significant effect this year. While we are in a better position than last year -- when we didn't have any services -- it will still seem different than what we have been used to.

First -- as is true for all services in church, everyone must make a reservation no less than one full day before the service you wish to attend. In some cases, you would be wise to make any reservation as far in advance as possible. The need for at least a day is to give the office staff time to prepare the various clipboards with the listings and maps that are filled out at every service. Please make a reservation [here](#) or phone the rectory office to make your reservations.

Second -- Because we are still limited to 15-20% of capacity for services, we may have to add an additional Mass if the other Easter Sunday Masses reach capacity, as we did at Christmas. Currently, we think the likely additional Mass for Easter, if there is one, would be at 12:00 pm.

What follows is a brief description of the changes in each of the services throughout Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday: There are no Palm Sunday processions. All the Masses are to follow “Form Three” which means there are no processions and things should be kept very simple.

All the palms for the entire weekend will be blessed at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Then palms will be available on the tables at the entrances/exits of church for all the masses. The scripture readings, including the reading of the Passion, will be done as usual. The 10:30 am Mass on Palm Sunday will be live-streamed.

Holy Thursday: There is no washing of hands/feet this year. There is no “formal” dressing of the altar -- it will be dressed before the Mass begins. After Communion, the procession to the Repository is very simple, with only the presider and a few adult servers going to the Repository.

Adoration will be available after Mass -- but only until 10:00 pm. There are to be no “pilgrimages” or the traditional visits to seven churches that many have done in the past. The 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper will be live-streamed.

Good Friday: Because Living Stations are not allowed, we will have the usual Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm. Only an adult server with the processional cross will process. No members of the congregation are allowed to walk along with them. There is no Adoration of the Cross.

The Service of the Lord’s Passion begins at 7:30 pm, as usual, with a short procession with the presider lying prostrate in the center aisle while the

congregation kneels in place. The scripture readings, including the reading of the Passion, will be done as usual. The Veneration of the Cross is only done 'en masse' -- that is, the presider holds the cross while all kneel for a few moments of silent veneration. There is NO individual veneration, no touching or kissing of the cross. The 7:30 pm Service of the Lord's Passion will be live-streamed.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass: There is no lighting of the new fire at the front porch of church. The Paschal Candle is prepared and lit ahead of time and comes in a simple procession from the sacristy. The Preside intones, "This is the light of Christ" three times, then places the candle in its stand as the Exsultet is sung by the cantor. Scripture readings are done as usual.

The baptism and Rite of Welcoming for the RCIA candidates takes place as usual -- but with a large, glass bowl of water instead of a pool. There are no individual candles for members of the congregation. Baptismal promises will be renewed and the blessing of the congregation with the holy water will take place. After the Mass, there is no reception for the newly welcomed members. The 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass will be live-streamed.

Easter Sunday: The Masses on Easter Sunday will look pretty much as they usually do. But, as we have been doing since we reopened, there is no congregational singing, only singing by the cantor. There is the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of the congregation with holy water. The 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass will be live-streamed.



Lenten Almoner's Program Update

Our Almoner's Program donated a total of 750 McDonald's gift cards, divided evenly between [The Night Ministry](#) and [Care for Real](#), with a value of \$3,625.00. These organizations were so grateful and both indicated that the gift cards will greatly augment their ability to serve the teens and young adults in their programs.

We are so thankful to everyone that made a donation via GiveCentral or placed funds in the collection box while attending Mass. Thank you again for your generosity!



Recruiting Ministers of Praise

Interested in joining a special ministry that has no required meetings, no

dues, or outside responsibilities? Yet its participants have a valued connection to our parish life. You can enrich your life by praying for others every day.

Here's how it works: we provide our committed participants (you) with a monthly guide sheet reflecting some of the prayer petitions taken from St. Gertrude Church's Prayer Wall. You then refer to this guide every day as you pray. As one of our prayer angels, you become an unseen blessing to so many.

We welcome your interest in this caring Ministry of Praise. Please contact Jane Callahan-Moore by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621.



Mother Cabrini Film Showing Online on Palm Sunday

Join us for a special online film screening of the acclaimed 50-minute documentary, *Frances Xavier Cabrini: The People's Saint*, on Palm Sunday,

March 28 at 3:00 pm. (CST). Writer-director Lucia Mauro (winner of the Vatican Film Festival) will participate in a Q&A with guests Sister Bridget Zanin, MSC, Director of Chicago's National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini; and Fr. Ed Tverdek, OFM, Priest/Confessor at St. Peter's Catholic Church in the Loop & Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy at Catholic Theological Union.

Viewers can choose to watch the film in English, Spanish, Polish, Italian or French. Individual tickets are \$10, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the parish. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3e4O0uT>

A flyer for the event can be downloaded [HERE](#).



Readings and Music for Sunday, March 28

- [PDF of readings for March 28](#)
- [Click here for a link to read Palm Sunday's readings online](#)
- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for March 28](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:

- Prelude: Piano arrangement of *All Glory Laud and Honor*
- Entrance: *All Glory Laud and Honor*, 1 verse, #136
- Kyrie:
- Psalm: #22, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
- Gospel Acclamation: Barker-*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*
- Offertory: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, #144
- Mass parts: *Schubert Deutsche Mass*
- Agnus Dei: chant
- Communion: *Take Up Your Cross* (sung to the tune of *As the Deer Longs*)
- Meditation: *Adoramus Te Criste* (Taize)
- Recessional: SLOW striking of a single chime



Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

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- [Video of What to Expect When Returning to Church](#)

- [Parishioner Guidelines for Attending Mass in Church](#)
- [What to Expect/Do in Church \(photos w/captions\)](#)
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- [Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)



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

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am - Jim Manzardo; Jim Szmurlo-trumpet and violin

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, March 27 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall, Tim Harrington
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly, Peter Morin
- Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am - TBA

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and

email it to Kevin Chears at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



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Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, 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.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution

is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

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 stgertrude1420@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, March 29: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39 (38)

Tuesday, March 30: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Wednesday, March 31: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday, April 1: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 2: Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday, April 3: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 (41)

Easter Sunday, March 28: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35



Mass Intentions/Mass Book for 2022 Now Open

The Mass Intentions book for 2022 is now open. Intentions are limited to

one per Mass. There is a \$20 suggested offering. Please note that the dates for intentions are subject to change.

If you plan to come to the rectory, please observe the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#).

Please note, there are no 7:30 am Masses offered on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.

Monday, March 29: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Tuesday, March 30: 7:30 am - Past and present priests who have served St. Gertrude Parish

Wednesday, March 31: 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

Thursday, April 1: 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Friday, April 2: 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross; 7:30 pm - Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3: 11:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets; 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Easter Sunday, April 4: 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 12:00 pm - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

(+ 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
- Lois DiFruscio
- Natalie Indelli Gramata
- Diane Gulczynski
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Art Lyons
- Mike Meier
- Karey Myers
- Tina Piemonte
- Braedon Rimpson
- Mickey Resch
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel Viray
- Norma E. Viray
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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