



St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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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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***Pentecost Sunday
of Easter***

May 23, 2021

Solemnity of Pentecost

Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost -- the fulfillment and the conclusion of the Easter Season! First, I want to congratulate all the young people who are being confirmed at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. They step forward after their two years of preparation, exploring what the sacrament means, their involvement in service projects, selecting their Confirmation names, etc.

As we see throughout our Scriptures, we take a new name when we enter into a new relationship with God and with each other. Saul became Paul. So today the Confirmands take their new name. This marks their openness to God's Spirit being alive and active in their lives, changing their reality. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed!

Pentecost is always a reminder for all of us that, having received everything we need from God when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon us, we now need to fan into a greater fire the flame of that Spirit in our lives. We need to gather that Spirit together and take it out to the world so in need of its positive message of God's hope, God's peace, God's love available to us in our own world.

Welcoming St. Ignatius Parishioners - Sunday, June 6



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

On Sunday, June 6th, at the 10:30 am Mass, we have invited any interested parishioners from 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.

Some of our parish volunteers may be reaching out for assistance in the hospitality we would like to offer after Mass. We are hoping for nice weather to be able to share hospitality outdoors right after the 10:30 am Mass. Please plan on joining us to welcome the St. Ignatius parishioners as they seek their new parish home.

Updated COVID Protocols

I apologize for what is some confusion about protocols these past few weeks. As you are probably aware from the news, the CDC issues some general guidelines. Then the Governor and state set most of the protocols. But then the City of Chicago and Mayor have some more restrictive protocols. And the Archdiocese, working with both of those levels of government, has tried to clarify all the changes to implement them in all the parishes.

In the minor changes we received last week (e.g. Ministers of Communion no longer need to wear a face shield when giving Communion but will continue to wear face masks.), the memo also mentioned we would soon be receiving protocols for vaccinated and unvaccinated and what we will be doing about masks if anything.

Some of the confusion is also because of the shifting of what age groups can be vaccinated. Fortunately, everyone 12 and older are now able to be

vaccinated. As Pope Francis continues to remind us, every person, unless there are medical issues, has a moral obligation to be vaccinated not only for their own health but for the health of all those they may encounter. If you haven't already done so, please get vaccinated!

Some Upcoming Events

Next weekend is the Memorial Day weekend -- the unofficial start of summer! The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for the holiday. On Wednesday, June 2nd, NCA will celebrate graduation at a special Mass at 6:00 pm at the Holy Child of Jesus (formerly known as St. Margaret Mary church.)

The following Wednesday, June 9th, is the last day of school for NCA.



Growing in Faith

Pentecost ideally should be our year-round mindset. Today's Psalm proclaims that God will continue "to send forth the Holy Spirit...to renew the face of the earth." When we are open to receive the Holy Spirit, we are able to move far beyond normal limitations to build God's Kingdom both individually and communally in extraordinary ways.

Praying daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit is a wonderful next step on the path to holiness. As part of your prayer life, I suggest memorizing the list of the nine virtuous behaviors found in Galatians 5:22 called “The Fruit of the Holy Spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Then call them to mind often and assess where you want to improve.

I came to an adult understanding of the Holy Spirit about 35 years ago. Then about a dozen years ago, I prayed for an overflowing of the Holy Spirit, and I was blessed with a strong desire to better know Scripture. Being more deeply involved in His Word has transformed my life.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is an especially powerful collective experience. We have that opportunity now! St. Gertrude is partnering with our two neighboring parishes in Rogers Park to “Renew My Church” as we consolidate and move forward. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Spirit to “Renew the face of the earth.” Collectively we must ask the Spirit that we are graced with living a full life of faith. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

~ Allen Stryczek for Growing in Faith



[Confirmation Held This Weekend](#)

This week, young adults from the Religious Ed program, NCA, and Sacred Heart will make their Confirmation at both the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. We are so proud of their resiliency and hard work, especially the challenges of service hours during the pandemic.

We are especially thankful for our Religious Ed and NCA teachers, Kevin Cheers, Steve Monti, and Terese Halm, for their kind and patient instruction.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

Young Adults Confirmed on Saturday, May 22

- Adrian Alexandro Adan
Joseph
- Isabella Corinne Assenzo
Saint Cecilia of Rome
- Katherine Grace Catuara
Francis of Assisi
- Oliver Leo Dolan
Francis de Sales
- Luke Leon Dumstorff
Sebastian
- Emmet Matthew Ewing
Francis of Assisi
- Nathaniel Robert Fulkerson
George of Lydda

- Anna Mireille Garcia
Rose of Lima
- Emmett Michael Hixenbaugh
Francis of Assisi
- Colin Burke Kelly
Sebastian

- Charles McIntire Kiedaisch
Thomas the Apostle
- Katherine Stella Anne Nader
Genesius of Rome
- Haiden Axel Negrillo
Luigi Scrosoppi
- Brendan Patrick O'Reilly
Daniel
- Nolan Barlow Reynolds
Anthony
- Nicholas William Salvatore
Gregory the Great
- Baron Lorenzo Shalaveyus
John
- Dane Skukan
Peter
- Katherine Rose Tentler
Therese of Lisieux
- Ellyse Catherine Weichert
Catherine of Siena
- Olivia Paige Winkin
Cecilia

Young Adults Confirmed on Sunday, May 23

- William Casey Clark
Denis of Paris
- Elisa Janine Cruz
Cecilia
- Julia Diane Deemant Maria
Theresa Goretti
- Bridget Helen Dunne
Brigid of Kildare
- George Dwight Hanafee
Sebastian
- Clare Isabelle Hull
Theresa
- Isabella Grace Killoren
Gemma
- Leah Hines Malloy
Anthony
- Nadia Irene Millar
Bernadette
- Amelina Nguyen
Dymphna

- Penelope Guoli Seitzer
Agnes
- Olivia Ashlyn Sweeney
Therese of Lisieux

- Leila Mara Vargas
Catherine de Vigri

Sacred Heart Students

- Talleri Rose Blaskovich
Cecilia
 - Lucia Niamh Duffy
Joan of Arc
 - Caroline Jane McHugh
Elizabeth Ann Seton
 - Valerie Anne Steigleder
Mary
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Religious Ed Wrap-up

We are so grateful for our Religious Ed community, who has been incredibly patient and supportive this unpredictable year. The students are truly

wonderful kids and I am so impressed with how kind, smart, and creative they are.

I'm also so thankful to those volunteers who joined me as a Religious Ed teacher:

- Ginevra Clark - first and second grade
- Suzanne Stryczek - fifth and sixth grade
- Steve Monti - seventh and eighth grade

They worked incredibly hard to provide engaging lessons via Zoom and made sure each child learned important information about our faith.

If you're interested in registering for the fall, forms can be found [HERE](#).

Thank you!

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate (and third and fourth-grade Religious Ed teacher)



PRAYER AND PRESENCE

An Outdoor, Ecumenical Prayer Service on the anniversary of George Floyd's death.

**At St Benedict Parish 2215 Irving Park Rd
May 25th from 4:30-6:00 pm.**

led by

PATHWAYS TOWARD PEACE

A ministry begun at St Benedict Parish united in mission to interrupt racism to end inequality.

Open to All. Prayer will begin at 4:30. After prayer we will provide presence on the North and South sides of Irving Park. Signs of support are welcome



Prayer and Presence: Commemorating the Anniversary of George Floyd's Death

This Tuesday, May 25, Pathways Toward Peace is holding an [ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the anniversary of George Floyd's death](#). The event will be held outside St. Benedict's Church, 2215 W Irving Park Rd., between 4:30-6:00 pm. It will begin with prayers and then move to holding signs along Irving Park Road.

Contact Ron Schnorbus at 312.330.6601 for additional details about the service or more information regarding Pathways Toward Peace.



Laudato Si Week: A Letter from Cardinal Cupich

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Six years ago, Pope Francis issued the groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*. "I urgently appeal," he wrote, "...for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." As Catholics, we are called to be stewards of all of God's creation. By protecting our planet and all of its inhabitants, we show our love for each other and our Creator.

During the week of May 16-24, Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to participate in "*Laudato Si'* Week" to mark its sixth anniversary. Pastors are encouraged to preach on the importance of caring for God's creation and promoting an integral ecology and include intentions for the healing and restoration of our common home.

Our Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity has provided resources and

learning opportunities online at www.archchicago.org/creation to assist your families and community. Know that all of you are in my prayers during this hopeful Easter Season as access to vaccines becomes wider spread. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



Resurrection Compost Program

Our new composting/gardening project that we are starting at St. Gertrude this spring will get underway on Saturday, May 29. From 9:30-11:30 am that morning, I'm hoping a few parishioners will volunteer to help me prepare a space for our composting bins and vegetable garden, which will be located behind the rectory building, parallel to the alley.

We will need to dig up several Easter lilies and other plants, replanting them

in a different space. Interested volunteers can sign up in church or by emailing me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. Please bring a shovel if you have one and gather in front of the rectory.

Next week, I'll share a list of tasks that need to be tackled and share a sign-up link to register to help.

~ Mary Clare Barker

Click here for more information about the Resurrection Composting Project



**RESURRECTION
COMPOST PROJECT**
AT ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
COMPOST DO'S & DON'TS

Compost	Do Not Compost
All vegetable & fruit matter	No meat
Flour products, grains, & legumes	No fish
Nuts, seeds, & eggshells	No eggs
Baked goods/bread	No dairy products
Baked snack foods	No fat, oil, or grease
Eggshells	No fruit pits
Coffee grounds & filters	No animal feces or cat litter
Tea bags & loose tea	No chemicals or cleaners
Wilted flowers	No personal care products
Used, non-greasy paper towels, napkins, & tissues	No yard waste
Herbs & spices	Limit liquids
Houseplant trimmings	
Spoiled tofu or tempeh	
Spoiled tomato products	
Old jelly, jam, or preserves	
Organic house waste	

For more information, visit stgertrudechicago.org
or email Mary Clare Barker at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org.

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



News from Northside Catholic Academy

This Saturday: Northside Catholic Academy is conducting private tours for their Early Learning Center!

On Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm, our Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave, will host tours. NCA's preschool provides a child-centered learning program where children participate in meaningful play in a stimulating and joyful environment enabling a comfortable transition from home to school. We differentiate learning to suit the age and development of each learner. Students will prepare to think and act critically, creatively, and collaboratively, ensuring complete preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

Visitors will have the opportunity to see how learners engage in activities that foster independence, self-regulation, problem-solving, and decision-making throughout the day. Our curriculum is filled with early literacy, math, science, social studies, Spanish, art, music, physical education, and yoga. The program is for 3 and 4-year-olds. To be considered, children must be

toilet trained and 3 years old by September 1. For more information, please go to NorthsideCatholic.org.

All families must wear a mask, receive a temperature check at the door, and schedule a tour time before attending the open house. Please click the link below to schedule your tour time [HERE](#).

This Saturday: Happy Lobster Food Truck is coming to Northside Catholic Academy!

Happy Lobster Truck was awarded Chicago's Best Food Truck in 2016 and 2017. Buzzfeed has them listed on "The 25 Best Lobster Rolls in America," and Timeout has them listed as one of "The 100 Best Dishes in Chicago." We're delighted to announce Happy Lobster Truck is heading to Northside Catholic Academy Saturday, May 22, from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm in our Primary Campus' gated parking lot, 6216 N. Glenwood.

All are welcome to our Food Truck Fun event! You must submit a pre-order before the 48-hour cut-off. **Please click the link [HERE](#) to place your order!**

NCA's 1st 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!

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Visit www.archchicago.org/givetoschools or call 312.534.7959 to make a gift and show your support for Catholic schools.



Readings and Music for May 23

- [Link to readings for Sunday, May 23](#)

- [PDF of lyrics and copyright info for Sunday, May 23](#)
 - Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Prelude: *Send Us Your Spirit* (SchutteC-5:00 pm Saturday and 10:30 am ONLY)
 - Entrance: *Creator Spirit* by Whose Aid, #190 (Same tune as *All Creatures of Our God and King*)
 - Gloria: *Mass of Renewal*
 - Psalm: #104 Lord, Send Out Your Spirit (GIA)
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia Give the Glory*, verse 8-Pentecost verse
 - CONFIRMATION RITE: *Veni, Sancte, Spiritus* - Taize
 - Offertory: *Put On Christ* (5:00 pm and 10:30 am ONLY) *Send Us Your Spirit* (Schutte), #450
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Glory*
 - Communion: *Spirit Blowing Through Creation* (GIA)
 - 2nd Communion: *Take and Eat* (for 5 and 10:30 only)
 - Recessional: *Send down the Fire* (GIA)
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[Additional Parish Information Found on our Website](#)

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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, May 22 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey and Scott Baker (trumpet)
- Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro

- Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder, 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, May 22 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, May 22 at 5:00 pm - Charles Kiedaisch, Baron Shalaveyus, Anna Garcia, Kathleen Tentler, Nate Fulkerson, Haiden Negrillo
- Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am - Penelope Seitzer, Leila Vargas, George Hanafee, Olivia Sweeney

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 22 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 am - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, May 22 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, May 23 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, May 23 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 Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



Rest in Peace

Andres Gonzales, husband of Bernarda



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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 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, May 24: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 25: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 26: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 28: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, May 29: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday, May 30: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16



Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

Monday, May 24: 7:30 am - Walter Johnson+

Tuesday, May 25: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish

Wednesday, May 26: 7:30 am - Rosemary Terri Barrett+

Thursday, May 27: 7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, May 28: 7:30 am - Maria Y-Nhu Tran+

Saturday, May 29: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ Bart McKee+

Sunday, May 30: 8:00 am ~ Maria Binh Nguyen+ and Parents+; 10:30 am
- William Charles Dahm+

(+ 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
- 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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