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## St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 15, 2020

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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 is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Please review [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

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[From Father Rich](#)

*Bulletin for the  
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Happy Feast Day! This weekend we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Gertrude at all our weekend Masses. The actual feast day is Monday, November 16.

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The sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at all the weekend Masses. Please invite anyone you know who might benefit from receiving this sacrament to join us for one of these Masses.



At the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, the **Spirit of St. Gertrude Award** will be presented to the Renew My Church Parish team: Denise Goodman, Lisa Erceg, Rob Sierzega, Mark Huffman, Kim McInerney, and Tim Harrington. These parishioners have given many hours for meetings and a lot of homework to prepare for participation in the discussion with the other members of our grouping parishes in order to make a recommendation to the Cardinal for our future configuration in the Rogers Park/Edgewater community. They have provided extraordinary leadership not only for St. Gertrude Parish, but for the entire grouping of representatives from St. Jerome, St. Ignatius, and St. Gertrude parishes. I can't express enough gratitude for the huge task they undertook and the excellence and heart with which they did it! Thank you for continuing the Spirit of St. Gertrude among us today!

The **All Are Welcome Concert** will take place on Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in church and [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#). If you would like to be present in church, please be sure to make your reservation [HERE](#). Additional details are in the next article.

### **The Transition**

Last Saturday, Joe Biden was declared President-Elect and Kamala Harris Vice-President-Elect. And now we are in the transition time until they are sworn into office on January 20th. This transition time is also a great time to begin healing the great divisiveness in our nation.

As I mentioned last weekend, it is very important to remember that our first priority is that we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are Christians. With that identity comes the obligation to do what he has commanded us. Loving God, loving neighbors, and loving ourselves is his strongest commandment.

In following this faith, it must be a higher priority than any citizenship or party or officeholder allegiance. It is that which requires us to pursue reconciliation with “gentle love”, as we heard in the closing prayer last weekend.

Gentle love is when we hold back when we are in disagreement, allowing ourselves to hear what someone else is saying, especially when we do not agree with that person. It is vitally important to remember that disagreeing with another person does not make them the enemy. They are simply opponents to a point or idea or policy or philosophy. It also assumes neither we nor they are God! We could equally be lacking in full knowledge of the truth.

The election of only the second Catholic President and the first woman of color and Asian descent reminds us that old prejudices and bigotries do not quickly fade away. This kind of ingrained racism and anti-Catholic feelings has to be identified and worked diligently to bring it to an end. But that these are our nation’s next leaders speaks volumes about how far we have already come.

Some of the readings from the daily Masses last week spoke of prudence. Prudence is the virtue of knowing when to speak and when to be silent. As we strive to heal the brokenness of our great nation, let us pray for prudence, let us pray for healing, let us pray for unity. Each of these can only help lead us to better realize the original vision of our Founders -- one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



[This Saturday, November 14: Feast of St. Gertrude - Recital/Lecture Featuring the Music of Three Chicago African-](#)

## American Women Composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds, and Lil Hardin Armstrong

Please join us for a free Feast of St. Gertrude event on Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm in the church! This year, Mary Clare Barker will give a recital/lecture featuring the music of three Chicago African-American Women composers, Florence Price and her protégé, Margaret Bonds, and Lil Hardin Armstrong, wife of famed trumpeter Louis Armstrong. All of these artists were very strong women who, like our patroness, St. Gertrude, used their gifts to make significant cultural contributions in a white, male-dominated field.

All are welcome to attend the live event but [MUST register online](#) or at the parish office prior to attending. The event will also be [live-streamed on our parish Facebook page](#) and also available afterward on our parish YouTube channel, which you can access [via our parish website](#).

Florence Price was the first African-American woman to have a work performed by a major American symphony. Her Symphony in E Minor was performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) in 1933 at the Chicago World's Fair. Margaret Bonds was the first African-American woman to play as a soloist with the CSO.

Both Price and Bonds enjoyed successful careers as composers, teachers, and performers and drew heavily from the rich African-American musical traditions in their compositions. Both women were prolific composers of over 200 works each and composed in nearly every genre. Particular attention will be devoted to providing insight into the social climate and attitudes toward women in music and the obstacles that each composer had to overcome.

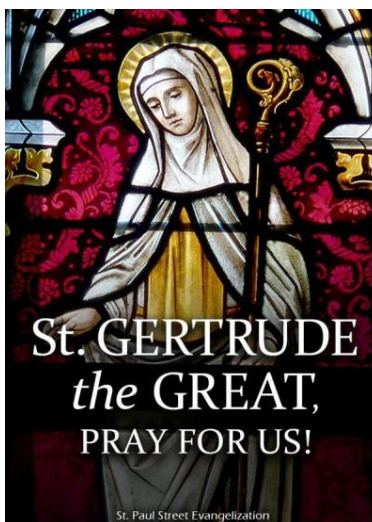
Lil Hardin Armstrong was a sought after pianist in Chicago's vibrant jazz scene of the 1920s. At a time when women, especially black women, were relegated to being singers or dancers in a chorus line, Lil had a serious career as a jazz composer, pianist, bandleader, singer, and arranger.

Mary Clare Barker has compiled [a list of resources to learn more about these women](#). The list contains songs they wrote, books and articles written about them, and YouTube links to performances.

## Sign up to attend the concert in person

Resources to learn more about Florence Price, Margaret Bonds,  
and Lil Hardin Armstrong

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## Who Was St. Gertrude the Great?

St. Gertrude the Great, or St. Gertrude of Helfta, was born on January 6, 1256, in Germany. She eventually chose to follow the Lord by pursuing a vocation as a Benedictine nun. Her deep relationship with the Lord in prayer led to her being hailed as a mystic. She was also regarded as a great theologian.

Although little is known about Gertrude's childhood, it is widely accepted that at just four-years-old, she was enrolled in the Cistercian monastery school of Helfta in Saxony, under the governance of Abbess Gertrude of Hackerborn.

The Cistercian movement was an effort to bring the Benedictine religious community back to a stricter and more faithful adherence to the original "Rule" or way of life encouraged by St. Benedict. Some sources speculate that Gertrude's parents offered their child as an oblate, a layperson especially dedicated to God or to God's service, while others believe she may have entered the monastery school as an orphan.



St. Mechtilde, the younger sister of Abbess Gertrude, took care of young Gertrude. Gertrude and Mechtilde had a strong bond that only grew deeper with time, allowing Mechtilde to have a great influence over Gertrude.

Gertrude, known for being charming and able to win people over, entered the Benedictine Order at Helfta and became a nun. She devoted herself to her studies, and received an education in many different subjects. Gertrude was both fluent in Latin and very familiar with scripture and works from the Fathers of the Church, including Augustine.

In 1281, 25-year-old Gertrude experienced her first series of visions that would continue until the day she passed away. Her visions altered her life and she saw this moment as her new birth. Her priorities turned away from secular teachings and focused more on studying Scripture and theology. Her life became full with this awakening and she was an enthusiastic student, writing for the spiritual benefit of others.

Gertrude once had a vision on the feast of John the Evangelist, described in Gertrude's writings. As she rested her head near Jesus' wound on his side, she could hear the beating of his heart. She asked St. John if he, too, felt the beating of Jesus' Divine Heart on the night of the Last Supper. He told her he was saving this revelation for a time when the world needed it to rekindle its love.

She went on to become one of the great mystics of the 13th century. Along with St. Mechtilde, she practiced what is known as "nuptial mysticism," seeing herself as the bride of Christ. She embraced charity for both rich and poor, she was a simple woman with a deep solidarity with those not yet ready for the beatific vision, who are still being purified in the state of repose known as purgatory.

Gertrude assisted at the deathbeds and mourned for the loss of both Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn in 1291 and her dearly loved St. Mechtilde in 1298. Gertrude's health began to deteriorate, but she continued to only show her love for the Lord.

"Until the age of 25, I was a blind and insane woman... but you, Jesus, deigned to grant me the priceless familiarity of your friendship by opening to me in every way that most noble casket of your divinity, which is your divine Heart, and offering me in great abundance all your treasures contained in

it".

On November 17, 1301, Gertrude passed away a virgin and joined her Bridegroom forever.

Throughout her life, Gertrude produced numerous writings, although only a few still exist today. One of her longest surviving works is *Legatus Memorialis Abundantiae Divinae Pietatis* (*The Herald of Divine Love*). Her other standing works include her collection of Spiritual Exercises and *Preces Gertrudianae* (Gertrudian Prayers).

The Herald of Divine Love is composed of five different books. Book two is the core of the work and was written solely by Gertrude. It is a notable piece of writing because it includes detailed descriptions of Gertrude's visions and a veneration of Christ's heart. The other four books are believed to have been composed by other nuns.

Although Gertrude was never formally canonized, Rome approved a liturgical office of prayer and readings in her honor. To separate her from Abbess Gertrude of Hackeborn, Pope Benedict XIV gave her the title, "the Great," making her the only woman saint to be called, "the Great."

St. Gertrude the Great is the Patroness of the West Indies and she is often invoked for souls in purgatory. Her feast day is celebrated on November 16.

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## Growing in Faith

Jesus and the people of Judea lived under the heel of the Roman army and of Tiberius, the emperor, which is a fancy name for dictator. The Zealots



were the political movement of the time, working to foment a rebellion against the occupying army — a revolution that ultimately got Jerusalem pretty much leveled.

There's not much about this in the Gospels. One of the followers of Jesus was Simon the Zealot, and, on Good Friday, the crowd shouted to Pilate to free the rebel Barabbas and crucify Jesus.

Jesus talks and acts, but the Gospel writers indicate nothing along the lines of the sharp and bitter emotions of modern-day partisan politics, none of the exaltation or angst at the twists and turns of the power dynamic. He's not talking about power in the usual human sense. He's not talking about election results or about winners and losers. "Render to God the things that are God's."

Paul echoes this in his letter to the Thessalonians, today's second reading. It's a reading about the coming of "the day of the Lord." This, he writes, will surprise many, but not Christians.

*"For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober."*

It's essential for me, as a child of the light, to work for justice and charity in politics and in the exercise of power.

More important, though, is for me to "stay alert and sober" for the movement of the Spirit and to live justice and charity in my relationships with everyone — my family, my colleagues, strangers.

~ Patrick T. Reardon for *Growing in Faith*



## First Communion Celebrated This Weekend

First Communion will be celebrated this weekend by the following children at the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday:

- Olivia Dunne
- Osin Tsoknyi Bhutia
- Eli Schindler

Together, we offer our congratulations and express our joy for the faith of these young people. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.



## Religious Ed Update!

Religious Ed classes will be held on Tuesday, November 17.

If you still need to pick up your child's books for the school year, please note that the St. Gertrude parish office is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and 8:30-11:30 am on Sunday. Here are our [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#). **Please call before you come!**

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Join neighbors of all faiths

GRATIAS AGERE

Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3:00 pm for

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a virtual Thanksgiving online event.

GIVE THANKS

Together, we'll celebrate with word and song—  
hopeful for the future and thankful for each other.



Call (773) 561-5173, scan the code,  
or Email us to reserve your spot on  
our live Zoom broadcast.  
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Epworth United Methodist Church • Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church • Ismaili  
Jamatkhana of Chicago • Living Well Ministries • North Shore Baptist Church • St. Gertrude  
Catholic Parish • St. Ita Catholic Church • Unity Lutheran Church

ECRA Edgewater Community  
Religious Association



## Register for the Virtual ECRA Thanksgiving Service; Food Drive for Care for Real in Church November 14- 15 & November 21 & 22

This year, our annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be held virtually via Zoom on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm. The theme is *Hope and Thanks in a Pandemic*. Each participating congregation is planning to offer a pre-recorded reading, a piece of liturgy, or a hymn. Our music minister, Mary Clare Barker, is arranging St. Gertrude's participation in the event, which will be music by Resounding Wayves, a men's group made up of several parishioners. The service will include breakout activities led by ECRA leaders. Click [HERE](#) to reserve your spot for the live Zoom broadcast,

### **Canned/Dry Food Drive Info - Drop Off Food This Weekend & Next Weekend at Mass**

In support of this, St. Gertrude hosting a Thanksgiving Canned/Dry Food Drive for Care for Real in church over two weekends, November 14-15 and November 21-22, as well as Thanksgiving Day (November 26).

There will be large tables set up in the vestibule of church. After you have checked in at the side door, please bring your food donation to the table in

the vestibule, then proceed back to the greeter in front of church to be seated.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our neighbors in need!

If you have questions about the ECRA event, contact Rabbi Craig Marantz at 773.561.5173 or [rabbimarantz@emanuelcong.org](mailto:rabbimarantz@emanuelcong.org) or Pastor Fred Kinsey at 773.697.4612 or [pastorfred86@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfred86@gmail.com).

### **What is ECRA?**

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) is an interfaith association of religious organizations that work toward fostering friendships and understanding of other faiths and to nurture a thriving and just neighborhood. For decades, ECRA has linked religiously diverse neighbors to create solutions to local problems, including the Edgewater Community Council and creating Edgewater's food pantry, Care for Real.

This ECRA Thanksgiving Day event is presented by Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Emanuel Congregation, Epworth United Methodist Church, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ismaili Jamatkhana of Chicago, Living Well Ministries, North Shore Baptist Church, St. Gertrude Catholic Parish, St. Ita Catholic Church, and Unity Lutheran Church.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Be sure to mark your calendar now for our annual Thanksgiving Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 am. As we gather to give thanks to God for our many blessings, we will also honor the recipients

of this year's Parish Service Awards - all the volunteers from our newly established COVID-19 Team! Please [register to attend this special Mass](#).

This extraordinary corps of volunteers make it possible for us to have masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms every week! Without them greeting every member who comes into church, checking names or having people not already on the reservation list sign in, taking temperatures and spritzing sanitizers on hands, directing traffic during Communion time, and cleaning up after every Mass and service, we couldn't have services in church.

Not only have they provided this excellent ministry, but many of them have also served almost every week since we re-opened for services in June. Truly much for us to give thanks for this year!

[Click here to sign up for Mass on Thanksgiving Day](#)



## [A Message from Cardinal Cupich: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development](#)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the preface of the book *Communion and Hope*, Pope Francis writes that the COVID-19 crisis, "has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet."



For the past 50 years since the inception of CCHD, organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. For example, the main purpose of CCHD grantee the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is to build relationships across racial and generational differences and to bring collective concerns into the public life while they act for the common good. SWOP acts on this mission by working to reduce violence and end predatory lending and foreclosures. During the pandemic, SWOP has done so by providing more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and solidarity, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. To learn more about CCHD's impact or to donate online, please visit [www.CCHDChicago.org](http://www.CCHDChicago.org). It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection on November 21 and 22 to continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins of Chicagoland. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

**Donate to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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**St. Gertrude Parish's Annual Balsam Pine Sale: Christmas Trees, Wreaths,**



## and Garland

A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries. All orders are for delivery only and limited to four miles from Glenwood and Granville. There is a one-time \$3 charge for delivery. Please click "yes" on the approved delivery field. To complete your order, please check the delivery box amount of \$3 at the bottom of the page prior to paying.

For sale are:

- 6' tree - \$45
- 18" wreath - \$20
- 24" wreath - \$22
- 36" wreath - \$30
- garland - 5' segments - \$10 per 5' length

When orders are placed, customers will be asked to select their preferences for deliveries. The Balsam Pine Sale team will try their best to accommodate the preferred options and notify buys when their delivery is scheduled.

Dates and times are:

- Friday, November 27, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Saturday, December 5, 2:00-4:00 pm
- Sunday, December 6, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Greenery can be purchased with cash or check (payable to St. Gertrude) at the Rectory. Orders with checks can also go to Northside Catholic Academy's office, care of Steve Peavler.

To order online, click [HERE](#). A link to order is also on our website, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/christmas-greenery>. A paper order form is available to download [HERE](#). You may also contact Steve Peavler at [speavler@gmail.com](mailto:speavler@gmail.com) for an online order form.

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email Steve Peavler at [speavler@gmail.com](mailto:speavler@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Breaking Bread Hymnals for Sale at the Rectory

Parishioners are welcome to purchase their own personal copies of Breaking Bread 2021 for use at home or brought to/from church. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the music we use in church. The starting date for using it is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Missals are being sold at a discounted rate of \$7.00 per hymnal and are available only at the Rectory. Checks and cash are accepted. Please have the exact amount ready as no change is available.

Please note, while you may bring your personal missal to St. Gertrude, you MUST bring it back home. Any missals left in the church will be discarded.

Contact Mary Clare Barker with any questions at 773.764.3621, ext 22 or [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org).



## Readings for Sunday, November 15

## Reading 1: Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

When one finds a worthy wife,  
 her value is far beyond pearls.  
 Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
 has an unfailing prize.  
 She brings him good, and not evil,  
 all the days of her life.  
 She obtains wool and flax  
 and works with loving hands.  
 She puts her hands to the distaff,  
 and her fingers ply the spindle.  
 She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
 and extends her arms to the needy.  
 Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
 the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
 Give her a reward for her labors,  
 and let her works praise her at the city gates.

## Reading 2: 1 Thes 5:1–6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, “Peace and security,” then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

## Gospel: Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted. Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [ Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. ]

“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’

[ Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ ” ]



## Christmas is Coming - Handmade Gifts Available from Loom

[Loom](#), a Catholic Charities ministry, is a community of refugee women living in Chicago who weave together their creativity and cultural traditions to make and sell beautiful handmade products. These women have fled their country of origin because of a credible fear of persecution on account of their race, religion, political opinion, national origin, or social group.

Loom provides an opportunity, at a weekly workshop, to collaborate, develop new skills, earn extra income, and be part of a community of creative, enterprising women. Through the encouragement of the group and skills learned, many women secure part or full-time employment in and outside of the fashion industry.

Loom artisans collaborate with local designers to produce a beautiful selection of handmade products such as jewelry, bags, and home décor. Artisans use a variety of techniques including indigo dye, crocheting, knitting, sewing, embroidery, and weaving inspired by their cultural traditions.

Goods can be purchased online [HERE](#) and at the following shops:

- [Andersonville Galleria](#), 5247 N. Clark St, open 11:00 am-7:00 pm daily
- [Sacred Art](#), 4619 N. Lincoln Ave, open Tuesday-Friday from 12:00-6:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am -5:00 pm
- [CFT Holiday Pop-Up Shop](#), 2717 N. Clark Street, open November 1-December 24, TBA

We encourage you to shop local this holiday season and purchase gifts from this fantastic local ministry!

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## Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

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

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet for use at home with lyrics for music for our live-streamed 10:30 am Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am [HERE](#).



This weekend, our cantors and musicians will be:

- Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer; George Siegle and Jim Szmurlo—trumpets, Denise Goodman-clarinet

**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, November 14 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am - Mark Kollar
- Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Debbie Kern, Monica Wyman
- Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm (recital/lecture) - Hallie Burhoe, Carol Ann Munro, Suzan Cibluskis
- Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Carol Ann Munro, Brigid Cronin, Barb Daly, Hallie Burhoe, Mark Kollar
- Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Sheila Cashman, Peter Cashman, Nancy Kuhn, Dorothea Tobin

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

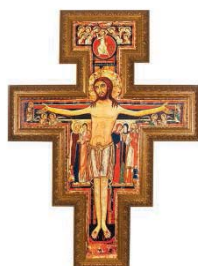
- Saturday, November 14 at 5:00 pm - TBD
- Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am - TBD
- Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am - TBD

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](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.

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## St. Gertrude Renew My Church Scenario Feedback Summary Report

Our grouping feedback and discernment team has been hard at work following the lead of the Holy Spirit to prayerfully respond to the different scenarios that hold the potential for our parish. To be sure, many of the conversations have been difficult requiring time, patience, prayer, and, above all, trust in our Lord Jesus Christ in whom all hope resides.

There is such great love for our Lord, our Church, and the parishes we call home among our grouping team members. I am thankful for the time and effort that has been contributed over the past few months.

### **Next Steps**

The pastors of our grouping parishes and a few additional members of the team will present the Feedback Summary to the Renew My Church Commission's Executive Committee:

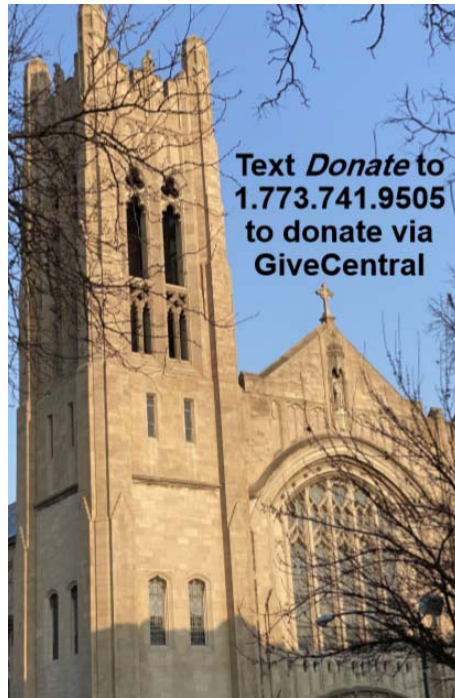
- Our local Vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic
- Vicar General, Bishop Robert Casey
- Fr. Jason Malave, Cardinal's Liaison for RMC
- Betsy Bohlen, Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese
- Cliff Barber, Chief Strategy Officer for the Archdiocese
- Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese

This is an opportunity for members of our local faith communities to provide a voice to the Feedback Summary Report. There is only so much a document can tell someone about the local realities and possibilities, so having our team members spend time with the Executive Committee allows everyone to have a rich conversation about what's unique in our grouping and among our parishes.

Please pray that everyone involved may allow the Holy Spirit to be the true author of our thoughts and words in these important conversations.

As always, for more information, visit [RenewMyChurch.org](https://RenewMyChurch.org), or ask me at [rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org).

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## [Ways to Help Our Parish: Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile](#)

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.

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For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at [ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org). He will be happy to help in any way he can.

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## [Daily Scripture Readings](#)

Our website has links to the daily readings for Masses [HERE](#). (Scroll down

*the webpage to see the readings.)*

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

**Monday, November 16:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday, November 17:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday, November 18:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or  
(for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

**Thursday, November 19:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday, November 20:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday, November 21:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday, November 22:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



## Rest in Peace

- Sister Victoria Marconi, OSB
- Audrey Nchee
- Carol Wittwer
- Rosemary Zajakowski



## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 16:** 7:30 am - Maria Yen-T Nguyen +

**Tuesday, November 17:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

**Wednesday, November 18:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

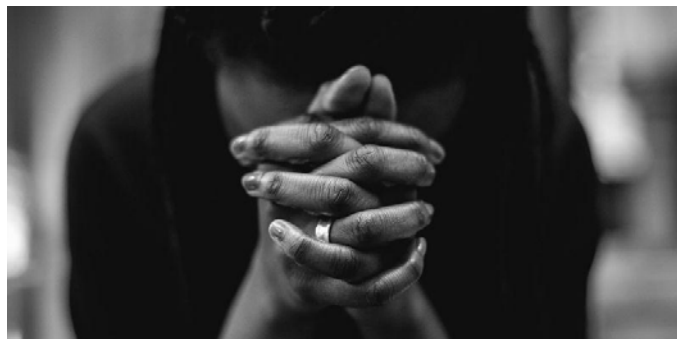
**Thursday, November 19:** 7:30 am - Communion Service

**Friday, November 20:** 7:30 am - Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak +

**Saturday, November 21:** 7:30 am - Nathan, Libby, and Noreen Waters +;  
5:00 pm - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

**Sunday, November 22:** 8:00 am - Paul Foley +; 10:30 am - Timothy Czech +

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*



## Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Jean Bautista
- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Lois DiFruscio
- Sara Fighter
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Karey Myers
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray





## Lyrics for November 15, 2020

### **Shelter Me** by Michael Joncas

Refrain: Oh shelter me, O shelter me: The way ahead is dark and difficult to see.

O shelter me, O shelter me: All will be well if only you will shelter me.

### **All are Welcome** by Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

REFRAIN: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

### **Psalm 128: Blest are Those Who Love You** by Marty Haugen

Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** by Kathleen Thomerson

Verse: I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN: In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

### **Deep and Lasting Peace** by Michael Joncas

Refrain: In the breaking of the bread: Deep peace, deep peace.

Heaven's feast on earth is spread: Deep and lasting peace.

**Eye Has Not Seen** by Marty Haugen

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;

Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

**City of God** by Dan Schutte

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our Light and our Love, has turned the night into day!

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