St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020

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

Catholic Charities "Mother's Day" Collection This Sunday: On Sunday, we will support people in need through our Catholic Charities' Mother's Day collection (moved from Mother's Day because of the pandemic.) This is the only collection for Catholic Charities throughout the year and will bring direct benefits to our neighbors facing huge obstacles.

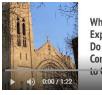
Catholic Charities touches the lives of many people around us. Its locations are strategically located, where they are most needed, offering programs at 221 locations in Cook and Lake Counties.

During the pandemic, the problems of our poorest neighbors continue to grow as they struggle to return to work or pay for food, rent, and utilities.

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What to Expect and Do When Coming Back to Church

Click to view,
"What to Expect &
Do When Coming
Back to Church."

Ever since COVID-19 changed our world, each of the nine food pantries belonging to Catholic Charities have given out at least twice as much food as usual. Catholic Charities continues to provide competent services to the poor, including home-delivered meals for seniors, meals for the homeless shelters, and more. Catholic Charities will continue to be here for those most in need long after the effects of the pandemic are no longer felt.

As always, Catholic Charities provides all these services regardless of any person's race, religion, or any other category. The only requirement is that someone is in need. I invite you to support the Catholic Charities this weekend, offering your most generous gift during our second collection to ease the burden of poverty, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, abuse, addiction, or aging together with our parish community. The brown box will be available for in-church donations and can be made online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

Renew My Church Parish Session II - This Sunday: Every parishioner is invited to Parish Session II this Sunday, August 30, right after the 10:30 am mass in a separate live stream on our Facebook page. Register here: Parish Session II. This parish meeting will present scenarios of how the three parishes in our grouping - St. Gertrude, St. Ignatius, and St. Jerome - might be re-configured for a more vital and vibrant faith community going forward. The scenarios were constructed considering the mission of the faith community, the ministerial needs of the parishes (e.g. age, language, etc.), the clergy and professional ministerial staff needed for today and for the foreseeable future, the condition of the various parish campuses, the state of the parish finances, etc.

The Renew My Church parish team will present the scenarios and then open the floor for your own comments, suggestions, critiques, etc. This is the opportunity for everyone to have their say about what they would like to see in the future make-up of the faith communities in the Rogers Park/Edgewater neighborhoods.

Parish Session II will begin about 11:30 am - or as soon after the 10:30 am mass as the seats of those not staying have been sanitized and those arriving for the meeting have been allowed in and gone through the usual protocols. The meeting will be live-streamed on <u>our Facebook page</u> (in a

separate video from 10:30 am Mass) and then afterward will be uploaded to our YouTube channel. If you would like to attend in-person, as for all activities, please make a reservation through the parish website or by calling the Rectory office. Hope to see you there! Please note, materials for this Renew My Church meeting will be sent in a separate email Friday, August 28.

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

Would You Like To Take A Hymnal Home?:

Copies of the Breaking Bread hymnal we use in church are available at the tables in the back of church or by stopping by the parish office. The hymnals contain the scripture readings for Sundays and the outline of all the daily masses as well as the music we use in church. Please note that if you take a hymnal, it then belongs to you -- please take it home with you and bring it with you whenever you come to church. But with the pandemic, no repeatusage materials of any kind may be kept in the church

In a few weeks, we will have a program available for anyone who is interested in purchasing the next edition of the same book whose start date is the First Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Volunteers: We are still needing more volunteers - especially for the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am masses. We have the highest need for additional members of the clean-up team which sanitizes the church after every service. But additional set-up/greeters to help check people in, take their temperatures, sanitize their hands, and lead them to their seats are always welcome! If you are healthy and able, please consider helping out. Just a reminder -- there is no top age limit. If you are healthy, regardless of your age, you are able to be a volunteer. The only condition is for teens under 18 -- they require the permission of their parents/guardians. Thank you for your consideration.



Breaking News -- Fr. Mike Bradley WILL Run a Marathon Again This Year! Even though the Chicago Marathon will not occur this year, Fr. Mike Bradley WILL run a personal marathon right here in the neighborhood to benefit the Heart to Heart ministry! On Sunday, October 11 at 6:00 am, Fr. Mike will start his run at the front entrance of the Rectory and run the 26.2 miles here in a specially designed Edgewater course.

Solicitations for donors to support Fr. Mike and the Heart to Heart Ministry will be going out soon. And there will also be other ways to support Fr. Mike via the parish website. There will be lots more information in future newsletters and ways to donate online and in church.

Please begin thinking about being part of the Fr. Mike Marathon Support

Team on October 11. We are looking for parishioners willing to be stationed at specified locations along the route to provide him with water and some nutritious snacks to get him through the run. And we'll be inviting everyone to find a time and a spot on his route where you can be present to cheer him on! As usual, there will be some special t-shirts available for purchase which support him and Heart to Heart!

Readings for Sunday, August 30 Reading 1: Jer 20:7–9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.

All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

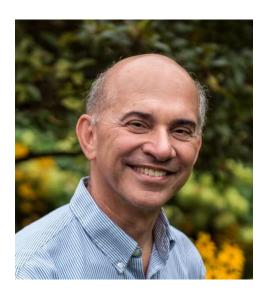
Reading 2: Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel: Mt 16:21–27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He

turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."



Growing in Faith

Given the number of unfavorable stories involving Peter in the gospels, he could easily have come down to us in history as Peter the Uncomprehending, Peter the Dullard, or even Peter the Coward. Instead, we revere him as the first among the apostles.

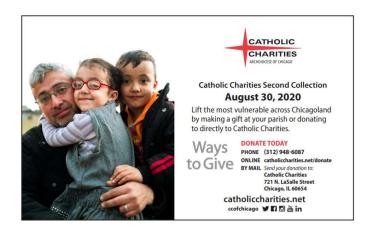
How is it that the one follower that Jesus reprimands as an "obstacle" to his path, telling him in today's gospel, "Get behind me, Satan!", eventually becomes the Rock upon which the church will be built? It's an amazing story of Jesus's unwavering trust in him and his own guileless ability to persevere after every blunder. Though Peter could be wrongheaded and impetuous, Jesus saw in him a good heart and a desire to do right. What a difference it must have made for Peter that Jesus believed in him despite all the missteps and eventual denial. For his part, Peter deserves our admiration for not giving up on himself, for accepting forgiveness and mercy, for learning from his mistakes, and always going forward.

In the end, the most comically, almost tragically, inept apostle develops into a strong and effective leader of the early church. He actually becomes the Rock that Jesus, against all appearances, saw him to be from the start.

Perhaps, for all our shortcomings, Jesus believes in us likewise, especially as we try to follow him with a good heart and desire to do right. If Peter the

Imperfect Apostle, could do great things in spite of his failings, so can we.

~ Bob Raccuglia for Growing in Faith



Letter From Cardinal Cupich: Second Collection for Catholic Charities is This Sunday, August 30

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year, Catholic Charities was not able to conduct its annual Mother's Day Collection in the parishes. In ordinary times, the support from this collection is critical to Catholic Charities' operations. As you can imagine, with double and triple the number of people seeking help, Catholic Charities needs our assistance now more than ever. That is why on August 30, every parishioner throughout the Archdiocese will be encouraged to support the important work of Catholic Charities through a second collection.

These are unprecedented times. Yet we know deep in our hearts that we are not alone or forsaken, and that God is with us. We know that His love for us, and the love and care we show each other, always triumphs over fear and darkness. We cannot begin to know the full ramifications of this virus. What we do know is that since it began to impact our community, Catholic Charities staff and volunteers have been in the field providing services. We know that the need for social service support will grow exponentially in the next several months to help people deal with lost wages, lost jobs, and industry contraction. We know that those families who were only just getting by have lost whatever small cushion they had. We know that people are facing extraordinary challenges. And we know that we

need your help.

Catholic Charities is daily helping those least able to navigate these treacherous waters. Catholic Charities will serve the growing needs we are only just beginning to understand. And Catholic Charities will be here long after this chapter is past and its effects linger.

As the social service arm of the church, the work of Catholic Charities is a most fitting expression of our faith, and of our love for one another. I ask that you consider as generous a gift as is feasible to Catholic Charities this year. As I write this appeal on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother, I thank you for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection and make a most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made either at your parish on August 30, 2020 when the Catholic Charities second collection will take place or at www.catholiccharities.net/donate. Or, if you wish to mail your gift, it can be sent to Catholic Charities, 721 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago



Renew My Church: Invitation to Second Parish Conversation This Sunday, August 30

We invite you to join parish leadership for our second Renew My Church parish conversation this Sunday, August 30, following the 10:30 am Mass in church, starting at approximately at 11:30 am. Register here: Parish

<u>Session II</u>. The meeting will be held in church and <u>live-streamed on our Facebook page</u>, but in a **different** video than our 10:30 am Mass. Afterward, it will be uploaded to <u>our YouTube channel</u>.

During this conversation, we will:

- Be introduced through prayer to the possible structural scenarios for our grouping's parishes
- Receive an update on what the grouping feedback & discernment team has been discussing
- Answer any questions you may have, and
- Ask for your initial feedback on the scenarios being discussed.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Renew My Church Update and Next Steps

At our last parish conversation, we learned about our current situation - the strengths of the parishes in our grouping and specific challenges we all face, and that we have been invited to consider and give feedback on how we can collaborate and combine resources; how we can better structure our parishes for viable ministry.

Your team has been prayerfully considering a set of possibilities that show potential scenarios of how parishes in our grouping could be structured in the future. These initial scenarios are conversation-starters only. No decisions have been made.

As this conversation continues, your grouping feedback and discernment team has also been invited to consider alternative scenarios they discern.

Let us hold each other and the other parish communities in our grouping in prayer as we continue this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

As always, for more information, visit <u>RenewMyChurch.org</u>, or ask me via email at <u>rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org</u>.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which adults learn more about the Catholic Church. This free program begins in late September and meets until Pentecost.

Many people who begin RCIA are non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic or at least to explore whether Catholicism might be a good home. Those who complete the process and decide to become Catholic are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. Others who take RCIA are already Catholic but want a deeper understanding of their faith foundation.

The RCIA process does not ask those who have been baptized in another faith to give up their denominational experiences. Rather, the RCIA process seeks to add new colors and designs to their existing faith life tapestry. In addition to attending Mass, the RCIA process includes weekly gatherings of breaking open the Word of God, sharing our stories, and learning about our faith traditions.

This year, RCIA gatherings will be a mixture of Zoom meetings and inperson gatherings after Mass.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Gertrude, contact me at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org or call the Rectory at 773.764.3621. We can set up a call or a Zoom meeting.

~ Kevin Chears, Pastoral Associate



New Hours for Heart to Heart Ministry and the Lending Closet

On Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 am-2:30 pm, the staff will be available to assist you in person at the Ministry Center. Please call 773.973.5464 to schedule an appointment with the staff, particularly if you need to get or drop off durable medical equipment from the Lending Closet. Please do not drop off these items at the Rectory.

Outside of these days and hours, please call the above telephone number and leave a message stating your name, contact information, and the reason for your call. Or, if you have an emergency, you may call the Rectory at 773.764-3621.



Golden Anniversary Mass Info from the Archdiocese

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that was scheduled for Sunday,

September 13 is canceled to better ensure the health and safety of all. We regret the cancellation of this celebration, as the commitment of 50 years of marriage is not only a significant and heartfelt milestone for the couples and their families but for us as a Church. While it is not possible for an in-person celebration this year, we cannot overlook the deep need to honor these couples in their commitment to the sacrament of marriage.

If you or a family member will be celebrating their golden anniversary, please contact Sr. Judith at the Rectory office at jzonsius@stgertrudechicago.org to share information regarding who the jubilarians are as well as their email and physical mailing addresses. Our parish would love to honor your many years of marriage!

Registration can be done directly to the Archdiocese by clicking here. Cardinal Cupich will record a video of congratulations that will be distributed to the jubilarians via email.

In addition, the Office of Lifelong Formation will issue a certificate in honor of the jubilarians to be sent to their physical home address. It is our hope to celebrate the 2020 jubilarians during the 2021 Golden Wedding Mass. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



Help for Seniors Facing Eviction/Fallen Behind on Mortage or Rent

The non-profit Center for Disability and Elder Law is now offering free assistance to people who are facing eviction or have fallen behind on their rent or mortgage payments. Attorneys there will help you evaluate your situation, connect you to financial assistance resources, and negotiate with your landlord or mortgage company to establish payment terms.

For this assistance, please call 312.376.1880 Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and ask for Cheryl Lipton, CEDL Pro Bono Coordinator. As CEDL is expecting a large volume of calls, please reach out to them today!



The 2020 Census: Importance of the Data

Shape the future of our parish, neighborhood, and community by supporting the 2020 Census. The Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

The 2020 Census will be valuable to businesses, as the results will provide a rich set of data on the communities they serve, including population trends and growth projections.

Business owners rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, or offices, where to expand operations, where to recruit employees, and which products and services to offer.

The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.

Take the Census Today

Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

- Mass Schedule/Links to Sign up for Mass
- 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)
- Volunteers Needed to Help with Mass
- Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory
- Meetings at St. Gertrude
- Volunteer Sign-up Form
- One Northside: Tenant Eviction Rights Information



Lectors, Cantors, 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 will be:

- Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 pm Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 am Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 am Michael Callahan

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

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, August 29 at 5 pm Jayne Deiters
- Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 am Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 am Troy McMillian

Our set-up and greeter teams have been combined. This weekend's schedule is:

- Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 pm Michelle Kuehlhorn, Dorthea Tobin,
 Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 am Brigid Cronin, Marty McDermott,
 Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Mark Kollar, Peter Morin, and Joan Dowdle
- Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 am Dan Killelea, Ginevra Clark, Nancy Kuhn, Michael Kowalsky, Patrick Robinson, Allen Stryczek, Debbie Kern, and Mark Huffman

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 pm Jeff Dunning
- Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 am TBA
- Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 am Debra Novak, Troy McMillan

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 <u>download this form</u> and email it to Kevin Chears at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.

Sign Up to Vote by Mail

Due to COVID-19, voters are encouraged to use *Vote By Mail* or *Early Voting* before Election Day on November 3, 2020.

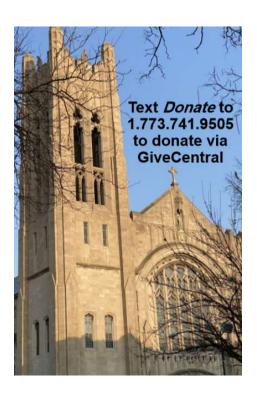
Any Chicago voter may <u>apply online now to Vote By Mail</u> ahead of the November 3, 2020 Election. No reason or excuse is needed to Vote By Mail. Chicago voters who apply online between now and September 24 will be among the first to receive ballots. Ballot mailings will begin Sept. 24-Oct. 5.

Chicago voters who apply online to Vote By Mail will receive emails:

- In the days that follow their online application, to confirm that the online application has been received and processed;
- When the ballot is being mailed to the voter -- with a unique link to a system to track the ballot through the US Postal Service;
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" is received by the Election Board; and,
- When the Vote By Mail "Ballot Return Envelope" has been approved for counting -- or if there is a question or problem with your Ballot Return Envelope.

If you are unable to apply online, the Election Board also will be sending Vote By Mail applications and postage-paid return envelopes in late July to all voters who have voted in any election(s) since Nov. 2018 and to any voters who have registered for the first time or updated their registrations since March 18, 2020.

For more information about voting by mail, please click <u>HERE</u>.



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 <u>an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website</u>. 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 <u>our parish website</u> and donate from there.

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

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

<u>ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org</u>. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

Click here to go to GiveCentral

Click here for PayPal (via our website)

Donate via the Archdiocese website



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, August 31: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday, September 1: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday, September 2: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 Thursday, September 3: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 Friday, September 4: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39 Saturday, September 5: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-

New Parishioners

- The Chua Family
- Okoye Uchenna

Rest in Peace

- Barbara Kohn
- Henry Miller
- Oliva Pech



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 31: 7:30 am - Rev. David O'Brien, OMI +

Tuesday, September 1: 7:30 am - Juanita Gusmanos+

Wednesday, September 2: 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St.

Gertrude parishioners

Thursday, September 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service - Ethan Seitzer +

Friday, September 4: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society

Saturday, September 5: 7:30 am - Helen Bayawa; 5:00 pm - Ethel Heintz + **Sunday, September 6:** 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:30 am -

Marjorie Feld +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Anne Collins-Dole
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Lois DiFruscio
- Sara Fighter
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Lucia Hall
- Gina Heidkamp

- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Eva Kot
- Karey Myers
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray

Lyrics for August 30, 2020

Gather Us In by Marty Haugen

VERSE 1: Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Psalm 63: My Soul is Thirsting by Michael Joncas

My soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting, my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Take Up Your Cross, Text: Charles Everest; Tune: O Waly Waly

VERSE 1: Take up your cross the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; Take up your cross with willing hearts and humbly follow after me.

VERSE 2: Take up your cross let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take and Eat by Michael Joncas

REFRAIN: Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you. Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

Lift Up Your Hearts by Roc O'Connor, S.J.

REFRAIN: Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

VERSE 1: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names! Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!"

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