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St. Gertrude Chicago E-Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

We will live-stream Mass from St. Gertrude Church at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 17, using Facebook Live! Please click <u>HERE</u> to be connected to our parish Facebook page. After Mass, we will upload the video to <u>our YouTube channel</u> and post the link <u>on our website</u>.

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for the Mass <u>HERE</u>. All the lyrics are also available at the bottom of this e-mail.

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From Father Rich

Although we are still in our shelter-at-home mode, it seems more things are happening, even before we get to the re-opening time!

As both the Governor and the Archdiocese continue to work on the specifics of how we will be able to re-open, we already know that we will not be returning to the "normal" we were used to. Far less people will be allowed into church for public Masses when they re-start. And those people will have to be spaced safe distances

Bulletin for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

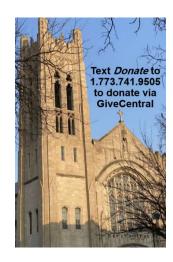
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from each other. If I am reading the Governor's 5-Phase re-opening strategy correctly, we may be looking at Masses with only 50 people initially. If that is the case, we would probably have to figure out a temporary schedule with many Sunday Masses limited to that many people. Part of my hope in sharing this each week is to keep us all aware that life will be different, and we should continue to practice patience with each other and the situation.

On the good news front, we recently received our PPP check from the government. Special thanks to our Business Manager, Art Blumberg, for working through all the paperwork to file the application, and then all the paperwork to keep track of how the money is spent.

As you probably know from news reports, the PPP funds are restricted to salaries and some benefits and utilities. The money can be used for bills from the date the money was deposited into our account (May 5), until the end of the fiscal year (June 30).



Click to visit our COVID-19 Spiritual Help page.



Click here for a list of online and televised Masses.

We received a total PPP loan of \$111,600. Because of the way it covers these expenses, we expect to be able to use between \$80,000 and \$85,000 to cover most salaries and utilities for that time period. The unused funds must be returned to the bank and then to the government. Nevertheless, this is a huge help for our bottom line! Even with the PPP funds, we expect a deficit by the end of the fiscal year of over \$125,000.

In light of the above, if you are not already doing so, please resume making your Sunday contribution to St. Gertrude Parish. And, if possible, please consider signing up for electronic giving. Since the stay-at-home order began, our Sunday collections are down about 25% -- in actual dollars, that means from March 22 through May 12 we are down \$27,621.08 from where we were last year in that same time period.

This past week, the parishioners who will become members of the Renew My Church (RMC) Team have been finalized. I am happy to welcome them onto the Team and thank them for volunteering their time to this very important initiative which will determine the future of the Catholic Church here in the Rogers Park/Edgewater neighborhoods. The RMC parish members are Denise Goodman, Lisa Erceg, Tim Harrington, Mark Huffman, Kim McInerney, Rob Sierzega and me. We have one more member than we are allowed, but thought it was prudent at this time to have one more in case anyone's situation changes in the next few months. Meetings for the pastors and facilitator began this week. Meetings for the parish teams begin in August.

Many thanks to those who make our live-stream masses possible each week! Kevin Chears has added "camera-person" to her job list! And Mary Clare Barker has continued to lead our music with a cantor and some instrumentalists helping every Sunday. Thanks to Dana Sullivan who did double duty last Sunday as instrumentalist and then stepping in to help Crown the Blessed Mother. Tracy Shields organized our initial set-up and is the tech person behind the weekly Facebook live-stream and subsequent posting on YouTube. And Theo Economides has been an enormous help in trouble-shooting the sound issues with the live-streaming masses. (Thanks, also, to all those who send helpful comments during those masses. This past week we thought we had solved all our sound issues. Until the Mass began and realized we were again experiencing more sound problems. Hopefully that will all be resolved by this Sunday. Your comments during the live stream help us identify on this end exactly what is and what is not working.)

If we were not in pandemic, last Saturday would have been First Communion. In a previous on-line meeting with parents of those preparing for First Communion, we talked about how we might celebrate this sacrament once we are allowed back in church. Most of those I heard from are in favor of doing the class First Communion in the fall, when we are able. We are also trying to figure out how to make arrangements for those who have very serious issues, like moving (!), to consider.

In this same vein, weddings are still very much up in the air. One couple who lives here, but the bride's family is from central Illinois, had completed all their marriage preparation and were planning on getting married in the

bride's home parish. But that is not going to happen, at least on the date they had planned. Now we are looking at a very small (everything in church has to be no more than ten people -- including Presider, musicians, and all participants) wedding in the near future.

I've mentioned before, and you've probably seen articles in the newspapers, this is also true for families grieving the loss of a loved one. We have had a few services in a funeral home with ten or less people. But even in those cases, most families are still waiting for a time when they can have a fitting memorial in church.

We haven't been able to celebrate any baptisms since the start of Lent! And our March celebration of Confirmation was postponed indefinitely.

I mention all this because I suspect it is exactly what is going on in every home and place of business. Things are really backing up and we don't yet know when we can begin to find the new ways that will respect health concerns and allow us to carry on with what is important in our lives. As many people have observed, this pandemic time has brought us all to a new awareness of what we may have taken for granted, and how much we overlook in our busy-ness. And certainly being able to gather in our primary communities is one of the things at the top of that list.

We are entering into a time in this pandemic that is perhaps even more frightening that when we started. After these many weeks of staying in place and not working or schooling in anything that reflects a normal pattern, we grow anxious to return to something that is "normal." And this urge, along with the arrival of better weather, seems to push us to get out and about. But everyone who knows what they are talking about continues to warn us that it is not yet time. Re-emerging now would risk another upsurge in infections and that would mean overwhelmed hospitals and another wave of deaths.

Back in our normal days, we have often reflected on scripture passages that remind us that although we would like to think we are in control, we are not. All of Creation is in God's hands. It is God who is in control. We have to let go. We can't make things happen on a different schedule or because we don't like things the way they are. What we can change is ourselves! It is up to each of us to remind ourselves daily (hourly?) that we have to let go and trust God. When we fail to practice this truth, it almost always leads to

violence. And violence is never a good answer. It only causes harm, destruction, further anger and hurt feelings.

This is a good time to begin to plan a longer-term schedule for remaining at home. In families with young children, it is important to engage them in the conversation and decision-making to empower them to be part of whatever the new schedule will be. Besides the obvious schedule for cooking and meals and cleaning, how about some time for praying, for silence and quiet, for de-stressing, for being outside and exercising? I'm sure there are many other regularly-scheduled-events you will want to add to your own calendars. Consider including some activities that will benefit others -- especially those who are struggling to find enough food or other basic needs during this time. Maybe making cards for people in nursing homes, or praying for sick people in a particular hospital or care facility. In other words, personalize the "strangers" who are also our sisters and brothers as you pray for them and find ways to assist them.

Fr. Mike Bradley and Fr. Mike Gabriel and Fr. Louis Mariano Fernandes join me in praying for all of you and your families every day. Let us pray for all those who are suffering in any way. And let us continue to pray for the healing of our sisters and brothers, of our planet, and in gratitude for all God has given us.

Readings for Sunday, May 17

Reading 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!" R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever. R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness! R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading 2: 1 Pt 3:15–18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in

my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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PDF of Music for This Sunday's Mass

Mary Clare Barker, our Music Minister, has created a song sheet with lyrics for music for our live-streamed Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am. A PDF is available **HERE**.

This Sunday, Mary Clare will be accompanied by cantor Rob Schroeder.



Growing in Faith Reflection

Today's imperative from 1 Peter, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope," presumes that, like today, people in the first century struggled to find hope. Yes, there was then and is today reason to despair, so where is the reason for hope?

For me, hope is in *Nature*, in which we humans have seen death and resurrection from the beginning of time. Chernobyl and spring, of course, are two recent examples.

History also gives me hope because people have always had hardships and human resilience has always shined.

Children, worldwide, are beacons of hope, bringing new dreams and visions, living in the moment, ever playful and creative, despite life challenges.

Refugees are hope-bearers living indefinitely, in waiting, in camps, still kind and looking out for their neighbor who has even less, because they know we were made to be interdependent, to count on each other.

Survivors of trauma, like my esposa, who, having been forced to flee her country, her family, her people, her medical profession, and carrying all the consequent losses in her being, still thrives.

For what does she hope? "That we will get through this." In what does she base her hope? "Faith in God, and in Mary." That same faith that fed the love her parents gave her throughout her childhood, planting seeds of resilience and giving her reason to hope.

Yes, hope comes from love, being loved, and, in turn, loving. That love is God.

Jim Manzardo for Growing in Faith



A Letter from Cardinal Cupich

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Five 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." These words continue to resonate during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the deep interconnectedness of the relationship between our society and our common home continues to be emphasized.

Later this month, during the week of May 16-24, Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to participate in "Laudato Si' Week" to marks its fifth 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. I also encourage all the faithful to contact their Congressional representatives in support of H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation aimed at alleviating climate change by reducing national carbon emissions. This legislation has been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

Our Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity has provided resources and learning opportunities online at www.archchicago.org/creation to help your family and community care for our common home during Laudato Si' Week and beyond. You, your families, and our common home are certainly in my prayers during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

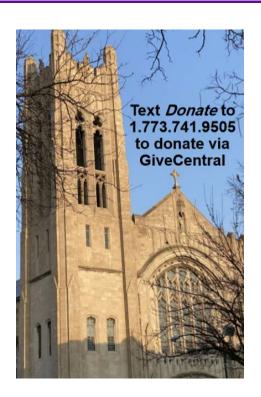
Cardinal Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

Parish Stewardship Report

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has donated over the past two months. Your contributions help keep our parish strong. We especially thank all of our newcomers to electronic giving.

This is a difficult time for everyone. Please continue to keep each other, St. Gertrude, and our local and global communities in your prayers.

	March 22-May 12, 2020		March 22-May 12 2019		\$ Change		% Change
Sunday Collection Checks	\$	19,575.00	\$	38,445.75	\$	(18,870.75)	-49.08%
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Sunday Collection Cash	\$	164.00	\$	12,398.41	\$	(12,234.41)	-98.68%
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Sunday Collection Electronic Giving	\$	55,868.58	\$	52,384.50	\$	3,484.08	6.65%
Total Sunday Collection	S	75,607.58	S	103,228.66	s	(27,621.08)	-26.76%
Easter Collection	\$	18,017.00	S	23,339.53	S	(5,322.53)	-22.81%



Ways to Help Our Parish During the Stay-at-Home Order: Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, Facebook Fundraiser, 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.

We also have set up a <u>fundraiser on our Facebook page</u>. All monies will go to support our parish's many ministries.

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 <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 ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. 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

Women's Friendship Club Donates to Parish

We are so grateful to the St. Gertrude's Women's Friendship Club! The group generously donated funds to our parish. Thank you so much!

In Remembrance

Visit https://stgertrudechicago.org/in-memoriam for a list of those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who have passed away since

the beginning of the stay-at-home order. We welcome all requests for prayers for those that are sick, those hurting and stressed, and those who have passed away.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." ~ John 11:25-26





Edward Allen Brasher Ethna Curtis Nolan

Religious Ed and Kids Word News

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout our country, we will be canceling our Youth Group Service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We know that even when the shelter in place order is lifted there will still be many restrictions and precautions that need to be followed and traveling to different states with relaxed rules surrounding the virus does not seem like a safe idea. Jim Potthast our Youth and Family Minister will be investigating options here in Illinois for a potential alternative trip or project if as the summer progresses it is safe to do so. This was not an easy decision and it is a disappointing one but for the safety of our teens, it is the right decision. Please contact Jim Potthast at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org with any questions.

There will be one more large group Religious Ed sessions before we break for the summer on Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 am.

Kids Word Live will continue through the summer. Normally, Kids Word ends in mid-May, but because of the extended shelter-in-place order, Jim will continue to hold them virtually until we are able to attend Mass in church. Please note, there is no Kid Word on Mother's Day or on Memorial Day weekend.

Below are the links for upcoming Kids Words:

Religious Ed

Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75137335311?

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Meeting ID: 751 3733 5311

Password: 022984

Kids Word

Sunday, May 17 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72203313902?

pwd=bWdyZGRIVjQzQjJ5NXhYM2FRWmlpUT09

Meeting ID: 722 0331 3902

Password: 022214

Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78371201731?

pwd=WTRHUEZ4OHVSZUpGZjN2NmtuTDh5QT09

Meeting ID: 783 7120 1731

Password: 011177



Faith & Coping

We have compiled a list of ways to ease stress and anxiety during these unsettling times <u>on our website</u>. They include tips from parishioner KC Conway, a psychotherapist at The Center for Grief Recovery, suggestions of music from Mary Clare Barker, our Minister of Music, and much more!

We'd love to hear from you if you have suggestions for prayers, articles, and music! Email stgertbulletin@yahoo.com to share your thoughts.



Domestic Violence Resources Available

Since the stay at home order was issued in Illinois, calls to local agencies that help those in abusive relationships have sharply increased to record highs. Data from other areas that have been on lockdown longer than Illinois indicate that these numbers of domestic violence incidents will continue to grow.

Where to Call

The Department of Family and Support Services is the lead agency for the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline and works exclusively with The Network:

Advocating Against Domestic Violence, a local nonprofit, to ensure residents have access to domestic violence support resources 24/7/365 – especially during this time of crisis. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline (1.877.863.6338) is available 24/7 via call or text in over 240 languages.

Uber/Lyft Rides Offer Free, Safe Transportation

The City of Chicago partnered with Lyft and Uber to offer free rides to people who have contacted the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at

1.877.863.6338 in need of safe transportation. Ride requester's privacy will be protected by personnel at the hotline.

St. Gertrude's Domestic Violence Resource Page

The St. Gertrude website also has a <u>Domestic Violence information page</u> and a click-away button in the event someone is monitoring computer use. It lists specific information on abusive relationships, including:

- Where to Start
- Organizations that Provide Housing
- Legal Help
- Spanish-Speaking Assistance
- · Asian, Arabic, & Korean Assistance
- LGBTQ Help
- Help for Teens & Young Adults
- Help Securing the Safety of Pets
- What Does Abuse Look Like?
- How to Help a Friend or Family Member
- Emotional Abuse
- Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?



Info on Grab and Go Meals for Children and Families

NCA is distributing free prepackaged breakfast and lunches from our lunch provider Aramark. These lunches are for our free and reduced lunch students, but also for any family with children between the ages of 2-18 in our community who could use some extra assistance in getting food for their children. We also provide milk with each of these meals.

Please let Fr. Rich know at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org if this

would be helpful for your family and we will figure out the details.

Chicago Public Schools distributes meals to families Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Families may pick up three days worth of meals for every child in their household. Please click <u>HERE</u> to find the closest pick-up location near you or someone you know.



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, May 18: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a Tuesday, May 19: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday, May 20: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 22: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 23: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 24: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for scheduled mass will be transferred to the private masses the parish priests (Fr. Mike Bradley, Fr. Mike Gabriel, and Fr. Rich Prendergast) will say during this time.

If those who requested/scheduled these Masses would prefer to have them moved to a different date, please leave a message at the Rectory at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrudechicago.org. Sr. Judith will re-schedule them.

- Monday, May 18 Mary Bowers
- Tuesday, May 19 Mary Martin +
- Wednesday, May 20 Living & deceased mothers & fathers of St.
 Gertrude parishioners
- Thursday, May 21 Ethna Curtis Nolan +
- Friday, May 22 Tom Backis +
- Saturday, May 23 Purgatorial Society, Patricia McKee +
- Sunday, May 24 Charlotte & Joseph Gorlich +, Dr. Gene Gilbert
 +, Mary Sullivan +

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
- Ester Bugler
- Aida Calvopina
- Maggie Callaway
- Geraldine Clark
- Connie Cool
- Mary Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Bernice Kiedysz

- Karey Myers
- Don Piven
- Charley Scantlebury
- David Sierzega
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Ruth Timmons
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Norma E. Viray



Ways to Help/If You Need Help

Are you or a loved one unemployed, underemployed, or unfulfilled? <u>Career Transitions Center</u>, founded by Catholic parishes, helps people get jobs. They are currently offering virtual training and support, including a virtual career coaching program.

Call4Calm, a new hotline from the State of Illinois to connect residents to Mental Health and other resources, was launched. Text "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552020 and a mental health professional will call you back. There are other keywords that can be texted to this number for access to other resources, including "UNEMPLOYMENT", "FOOD", or "SHELTER". This is a time of uncertainty, stress, and anxiety. Please do not keep your feelings bottled up, there is plenty of help available for neighbors who need it.

Looking for something to do? <u>Care for Real</u> is always in need of volunteers! Please reach out to Karen at <u>volunteer@careforreal.org</u>. She is overseeing

scheduling and shifts available.

Our Heart to Heart Director, Jane Callahan-Moore, is also helping coordinate outreach to the elderly and shut-ins, including shopping and bringing food to those unable to get to the store. You can contact Jane by emailing her at jcallahanmoore@gmail.com.

Our Alderman, Harry Osterman, is coordinating local needs and service opportunities. His <u>website</u> has information on getting help during this crisis and giving help. Below are quick links to urgent community issues:

- Community Response Fund Funds raised will help Care for Real purchase needed food and supplies for our neighbors in need, as well as help purchase medical supplies needed by our residents and care providers.
- Volunteer to be a part of the 48th Ward Community Response Team
- Ask for daily check-in calls for yourself or a neighbor
- How you can receive support from Care for Real
- Get information on enrolling in emergency unemployment benefits

Amate House Applications

Amate House, a year-long leadership development and service program in Chicago for young adults between the ages of 21-29, is accepting applications for its next program cycle that begins in July 2020. To learn more, please check out our <u>website</u> or call Amate House to speak with Natalie Crary at 773.376.2445.

Lyrics Sheet for Mass on May 17, 2020, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Glory and Praise to Our God by Dan Schutte

REFRAIN: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.

Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

VERSE: We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,

Praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. (to refrain)

Glory to God from Mass of Spirit and Grace by Ricky Manalo Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let all the Earth Cry Out by Rory Cooney

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy, with joy.

Prayer of St. Francis by Sebastian Temple

VERSE 1: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

VERSE 2: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy.

VERSE 3: O Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled, as to console, To be understood, as to understand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

VERSE 4: Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Communion: We Have Been Told by David Haas

REFRAIN: We have been told, we've seen his face and heard his voice alive in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

VERSE: You are my friends, if you keep my commands, no longer slaves, I call you friends." (to refrain)

VERSE: "No greater love is there than this: to lay down one's life for a friend." (to refrain)

Recessional: They'll Know we are Christians by Peter Scholtes

Verse 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

REFRAIN: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

VERSE 2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (to refrain)

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