

St. Gertrude

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 20, 2019



Civil-rights demonstrators outside Selma, Alabama, on Bloody Sunday, March 7, 1965.

Image by Spider Martin.

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968

From Father Rich

Friday began the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Begun in 1908, this observance grew in stature beginning in 1968 following the Second Vatican Council and the expressed hope of so many Christian Churches to find their way back to being unified. Older Christians remember the years of trial and experimentation which paralleled some extensive working groups of various Christian churches, seeking to reconcile some of the differences that had caused divisions. There were even times when some churches were open to letting members who agreed upon Eucharistic theology to share Holy Communion.



While there has been some extraordinary progress among many different Christian Churches, many divisions remain, still searching for a solution. At the same time, there is also a much greater acceptance among the churches themselves of their fellow Christians. And many churches now work together on various projects and in various ministries.

The goal will always be, “That all might be one.” It is important to remain hopeful, solidly grounded in the progress that has already been made and the clear desire of so many of the Churches to continue to walk together on this journey. One of the constant themes of the ecumenical movement is that we all pray for one another, for unity, for an end to divisions among the Body of Christ. During this annual celebration, how might each of us recognize the truth in our fellow Christians and how we might be supportive of what we have in common as we continue to work for that unity?

The Epistle readings for this Sunday and the next five Sundays offer an extended reflection on what it means to be Christian and how within that unity there is so much room for diversity. A wonderful reflection during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity!

Don’t forget the ECRA Service for our local celebration this week. It is Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm, and is being hosted by Sacred Heart School at their chapel at 6250 Sheridan Rd. Please consider joining others from the 22 Christian churches in Edgewater in this opportunity for prayer. This is a Taize Prayer Service, offering time for reflection, prayer and music.

Monday is our national holiday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday. As the immigration controversy continues nation-wide, and the in-grained racial prejudices are exposed across our nation, what individual steps can each of us take today to learn more about people who are of different races or ethnic backgrounds than ourselves? What negative stereotypes can I identify in my own upbringing and background that need to be addressed? There are few causes for violence more powerful among human beings than fear of those who are different, unknown, strangers, living in an apparently different world. How can each of us build bridges to cross those divides?

~ *Father Rich*

Growing in Faith

After the celebrations of the Christmas season, the sights and sounds of the 24/7 news cycle feel particularly harsh to me. War, famine, gun violence, poverty, misogyny, domestic violence, government shutdowns, racism, scandals in our church, inadequate education or healthcare, internment camps for children within our borders, mistreatment of migrants and immigrants—the list goes on. Our local and global community is suffering, and I feel helpless and overwhelmed. How do we maintain hope and optimism?

The Wedding at Cana is a miracle story of abundance and hope. The first of many. And like much of the Gospel of John, it invites us to reflect on how we are in relationship both to Jesus and to our extended community. It is a story of prayer leading to action. Mary, aware of the needs of others and steadfast in her belief, asks her son for help and he in turn guides the actions of others. Their dialogue leads to a miracle.

The invitation of this story is for us to engage rather than turn away. To do what is before us. To take a stand. Like Mary, we can open a dialogue with Jesus

because we see a need to serve others. Like the servants, we can respond to the call to action by following through knowing that each little thing helps.

“Like the servants at the party, let us offer what we have, little as it may seem. Like them, let us not be afraid to ‘lend a hand’. May our solidarity in the commitment for justice be part of the dance or song that we can offer to our Lord.” ~ Pope Francis

~ Kevin Cheers
for *Growing in Faith*

Please consider taking part in today's Postcard Writing Event as a service opportunity. Sponsored by the Refugee Ministry, it will take place after the 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center Dining Room.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 20

- Second Collection at all Masses for the Church in Latin America
- No Religious Ed classes.
- Postcard Writing Event after the 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center Dining Room

Monday, January 21

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Tuesday, January 22

- 7:00 pm ~ ECRA Week of Prayer for Christian Unity event at Sacred Heart, 6250 N. Sheridan Rd.

Thursday, January 24

- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Council meeting

Friday, January 25

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Women's Group to gather at 1456 W. Thome Ave.

Saturday, January 26

- 1:00-4:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates' retreat in the Social Hall

Sunday, January 27

- No Religious Ed classes.
- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (held in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses)
- 10:30 am ~ Kids Word held at the 10:30 am Combined Mass
- 11:30 am ~ Screening of *One Border, One Body* in the Social Hall
- 11:00 am-1:00 pm ~ NCA Open House - PreK-4th Grade (Primary School Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.)
- 12:00-2:00 pm ~ NCA Open House - 5th-8th Grade (Middle School Campus, 7318 N. Oakley Ave.)

Parish News

TODAY—Second Collection This Weekend:

On Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20, there will be a second collection at all Masses for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous.

TODAY—MLK Postcard Writing Event:

Every year on the third Monday in January, the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is observed as a national day of service—a “day on, not a day off.” It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems.

Join the Refugee Committee to be of service by fighting for those truly in need at a postcard action event today, Sunday, January 20, after the 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center Dining Room.

Use your voice and tell the government that refugees seeking asylum deserve to be welcomed into our nation. All materials, examples of written postcards, and refreshments will be provided.

Religious Education Schedule: In addition to no Religious Education classes today, Sunday, January 20 because of the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance, there will be no classes on Sunday, January 27 due to NCA's open house.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm. The agenda for the meeting is:

- I. Prayer and Gospel Reflection
- II. Old Business
 - A. Parish ministry committee/community updates
 - B. Renew My Church update
- III. New Business
 - A. Vision Statement discernment
 - B. Four Commissions: sorting, grouping, and discerning
 - C. One-on-ones: Process and assignments
 - D. Communications from the PPC – clarifications
- IV. Closing Prayer
- V. Adjournment

The next meeting will be February 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Women’s Group to Meet: All women in the parish are invited to attend a “beat the post-holiday blues” gathering on Friday, January 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm. We’ll meet at Ann Wilson's house, located at 1456 W. Thome Ave. As usual, bring a snack or a drink to share. Email Laurie Jacob with questions or suggestions at jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net.

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates: All Confirmation candidates from St. Gertrude’s Religious Ed program and NCA must attend a retreat on Saturday, January 26. It will take place from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Social Hall. Parents are not required to attend.

Next Sunday’s Combined Mass: On Sunday, January 27, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass held in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am (Gym), and 11:30 am Masses. Kids Word will be offered at the Mass.

Refugee Ministry Film Screening: St. Gertrude’s Refugee Committee has teamed up with the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Human Dignity and Solidarity Ministry to be part of the Immigration Ministry Film Festival this January. All are welcome to attend the screening of *One Border, One Body* on Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 am in the Social Hall.

This immigration documentary highlights an annual Mass held at the U.S.-Mexico border with half the community in the U.S., the other half in Mexico, and the altar joined at the fence. The film tells the story of how this annual ritual unites people beyond political constructions which divide them and speaks of the gift and challenge of Christian faith and the call to feed the world’s hunger for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Heart to Heart Expanded Hours: Heart to Heart, our parish’s ministry for seniors, is now staffed Monday-Friday. The program’s hours are now:

- Monday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Tuesday - 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- Wednesday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm
- Thursday - 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- Friday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Parish Stewardship Report

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit ... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”
~ 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7

Just what are our gifts? And how can we use these gifts, not just for ourselves, but for the common good? The Spirit blows where it will. Will we let the Spirit move us and use us in the service of the Spirit, in the service of others?

Sunday Collection January 12-13	\$7,044.30
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Underage	(-) \$680.70

Christmas Collection Year-to-Date	\$43,933.65
Budgeted Christmas Collection Fiscal Year 2019	\$45,000.00

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Each year between the dates of January 18-25, Christians around the world are called to devote time to pray for unity among all Christians. We know that Jesus prayed for his disciples to remain one, as he and his Father are one, “that the world may believe” (John 17:21).

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) will host their annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity event on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm. This year’s gathering will be a Taize prayer service and will be held in the chapel at Sacred Heart School, 6250 North Sheridan Road. We hope that you will set aside time on your calendar and participate. If needed, there is a handicap-accessible elevator entrance fifty feet south of the main staircase entrance at 6250 North Sheridan Road. Free parking is available in the Sacred Heart Parking lot at the southeast corner of Granville and Kenmore.

The 2019 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *Justice, Only Justice, You shall Pursue.* (Deuteronomy 16:20)

The twenty-two Christian Churches in our Edgewater Community that we will be praying for include:

- Bethany Lutheran
- Chicago Chin Baptist
- Ebenezer Lutheran
- Edgewater Baptist
- Edgewater Presbyterian
- Episcopal Church of the Atonement
- Epworth United Methodist Church
- Eritrean Orthodox Church of St. Mary in Chicago
- Family Empowerment Center of Chicago
- First Evangelical Free Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Granville Avenue United Methodist Church
- Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico Belen
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- New Story Church
- North Shore Baptist
- Philadelphia Church
- St. Andrew Greek Orthodox
- St. Gertrude Catholic Church
- St. Gregory the Great Parish
- St. Ita Parish
- Unity Lutheran Church

~ Allen Stryczek

Celebrating MLK Day



MLK Jr. Day of Service: Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday

to serve their neighbors and communities. There are many events taking place on this MLK Day of Service that need volunteers. Visit www.nationalservice.gov for a list of service opportunities.

Free Entrance and Special MLK Events at Local Museums on Monday, January 21: The Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., is hosting an event to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King. Enjoy a production of *The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights* by Writers Theatre, a musical performance by the Chicago Chamber Choir, and a reenactment of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech, along with storytelling and crafts that reflect Dr. King's messages of peace and justice.

The Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Dr., is hosting a Black Creativity Family Day 2019. Families can participate in a community art experience, and design and test a prototype during the opening of the Innovation Studio, and explore the Juried Art Exhibition.

Additionally, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Adler Planetarium, and the Shedd Aquarium will be free.

Northwestern University's MLK Celebration to Feature Maggie Anderson: On Monday, January 28, Maggie Anderson, the founder and CEO of The Empowerment Experiment (EE) Foundation and the author of *Our Black Year*, will be the keynote speaker at Northwestern University's MLK celebration at 6:00 pm at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 40 Arts Circle Drive in Evanston.

Maggie and her family made headlines around the world for using exclusively Black businesses, professionals, and products for an entire year. This unique case-study in self-help economics showed how incremental increases in support for Black businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as for the mainstream firms engaging them as suppliers, vendors, franchisees and agencies, could have a dramatic effect on the Black community and the American economy as a whole.

Care for Real is Available to Help Federal Employees

Care for Real is prepared to help anyone in need of food assistance, including federal workers who might be experiencing hardship due to the government shutdown.

Furloughed employees should present a "legitimate authorities" ID to receive the groceries at 5339 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago.

Care for Real is suspending the usual requirements for service (income below federal guidelines and geographic boundaries) to help those impacted by the government shutdown.

Families can receive grocery staples—meat,

dairy, beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables and lots more—once a month and can come up to four times a week for fresh produce and bakery items.

Food is distributed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to noon and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

St. Gertrude has been a strong supporter of Care for Real since 1970, providing financial support to help Care for Real's goals of providing loving support for our neighbors and acting as a safety net for the entire Edgewater community.

Northside Catholic Academy

Northside Catholic Academy will be hosting Open Houses at both campuses next Sunday, January 27. Our Primary School Campus (PreK-4) at 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. will be open from 11:00am-1:00pm, and our Middle School Campus (5-8) at 7318 N. Oakley Ave. will be open from 12:00-2:00pm.

For more information, please call 773.743.6277 or visit www.NorthsideCatholic.org.

On Saturday, February 9, at 10:00 am, Northside Catholic Academy has planned a Valentine's play date for kids ages 2-5! There will be arts & crafts, stories, and snacks! Join us in having lots of fun with your little love bug! Please RSVP to <https://goo.gl/forms/p1DqsbvTcDAXUsJB2>.

Are you interested in a high-quality, faith-based education for your children? You may qualify for free or reduced tuition! Your kindergarten through 8th-grade student/s may be eligible to attend NCA on an Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship beginning next school year. Through the "Invest in Kids Act," Illinois students enrolled in private schools will have access to these scholarships, based on need and the speed of getting your application submitted. These are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Call Shakira Morrissette at 773.743.6277 ext. 207 or email her at smorrissette@ncaweb.org.

Care for our Common Home

Today's Gospel can remind us how important good soil, water, and climate are to ensure the availability of bread and wine for liturgy and for "feasts" and daily consumption.

What we eat and drink has ramifications for the whole planet. A simple action to take is to reduce food waste. Buy only the food that will be eaten, store it wisely, serve reasonable portions, and consume left-overs. The NCA Green Team welcomes your presence and ideas on care for our common home. Consider contacting this group of concerned adults from all the parishes represented at NCA.

For information about the NCA Green Team, contact georgetully82@gmail.com.

Catholic Matching Grant Program

A group of generous donors has agreed to pool their resources and offer a two-for-one matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For \$1 designated to a qualifying school through *Empower Illinois* between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, the school will receive \$2 in matching funds. The donations are capped at \$100,000 per school.

After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

For more information please call 312.534.2617 or visit www.archchicago.org/tcs.

Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity



On Sunday, February 17 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Sister Christine Schenk, CSJ, will speak about her award-winning book, *Crispina and Her Sisters*. The book explores visual imagery found on burial artifacts of

prominent early Christian women. It carefully situates the tomb art within the cultural context of customary Roman commemorations of the dead and provides an in-depth review of women's history in the first four centuries of Christianity. From this, a fascinating picture emerges of women's authority in the early church, a picture either not available or recognized, or sadly distorted in the written history.

Hosted by the Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica, this inspiring afternoon will explore scripture and its message for us today. The free event will be held at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd.

For more information, visit www.osbchicago.org/programs or call 773.764.2413 x327.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 am Joe Shields †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 am Wally Koegler †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 am Living and deceased mothers and fathers
of St. Gertrude parishioners

8:30 am NCA Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 am Nancy Kelly Kohl †

5:00 pm Anna Shields †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 am Phan Minh Chau †

10:30 am Joan Weinstein †

† Indicates
person listed
is deceased.

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of
readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4;
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,
2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10,
15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson, (Mary Cook assisting),
Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Roman Reyes,
Kathy Wall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 am Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Mary
Wyler, Rob Sierzega, Hallie Burhoe
 9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi, Leon Ward
 10:30 am Christine Curran, Steven Monti, Mary
Donlan, Rafael Melendez, Patrick
Robinson, Amy Bessette, Debra Novak

*There will be a Combined Mass at 10:30 am in
Church in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and
11:30 am Masses.*

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00 pm Clarisse Chonka, Jayne Deiters

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 am Rob Sierzega, Marty McDermott

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi, Leon Ward

10:30 am Debra Novak, Pat Reardon

*There will be a Combined Mass at 10:30 am in
Church in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and
11:30 am Masses.*

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

5:00 pm J. Dunning, K. Dunning, F. Reynolds

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

10:30 am M. Killoren, D. Millar, N. Millar

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Church in lieu of the 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and
11:30 am Masses.*

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Your online donation is secure and flexible. You
can choose the amount you wish to give and how
you wish to have the funds designated. Donations
may be made at

[https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/
event/12645.](https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645)

Milestones



Weddings

Interested in getting married at St. Gertrude? Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to ask for more info.



Baptisms

Please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to make arrangements to have a child baptized.



New Parishioners

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of our parish community, please consider registering.

Applications to register as a parishioner are available in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreola, Heart to Heart Office Staff
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Amanda Kvasnica, Office Staff
Jim Pothast, Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
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Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464.
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277

www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center