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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Rich

There is no time like the present to do nothing! Somehow, we have arrived at the near mid-point of summer! In many ways, students who are still on a school schedule

are the luckiest because they know they get a vacation! But the importance of slowing down, relaxing, taking in the beauty of the season is vital for all of us. I think I have mentioned before that the word, "recreation" is actually re-creation -- just without the hyphen. But it is such a good reminder that, like the fundamental notion of sabbath, we all need to rest! There is a reason the Creation story in the Book of Genesis tells us that on the seventh day, having admired the work of Creation, God rested from all the work God had done. If God takes a break -- why do we think that we don't need a break? Be sure to find some time -- preferably some extended time -- this summer to rest and be re-created!

St. Ignatius

On July 1, St. Ignatius parish ended its long history. While the parish itself no longer exists, weekend masses will continue until the final Mass on Saturday, July 31 - the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Bishop Bartosic will preside at the final liturgy. Please continue to keep the parishioners of St. Ignatius in your prayers and welcome all those who are seeking a new parish home in the coming weeks.

As I mentioned in some previous columns, with the closing of St. Ignatius parish, the boundaries of both St. Jerome and St. Gertrude have been extended to include the geographic boundaries of the former St. Ignatius. And the campus of St. Ignatius Parish is now part of St. Gertrude parish. There may be some special Masses/service at St. Ignatius in the coming months - especially services such as funerals. In the next twelve months, discussion will continue about the possibility of a Mission Center hosted jointly by St. Jerome and St. Gertrude parishes. Last week, in a meeting with Bishop Bartosic, representatives of St. Ignatius Parish, and Loyola University clarified that, at this time, the University will not be able to be partnering in this possible venture. What will happen to the campus of the former parish has yet to be determined.

Evangelization

Although the word evangelization is not new, it does seem to be popping up more and

From Father Rich (*Continued*)

more in parishes and dioceses around the world. We will soon be hearing it more often as we enter into the next phase of the *Renew My Church* initiative.

In today's gospel passage, we get the first definition of what it means when we hear, "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits." Evangelization is simply going out and sharing the good news of the gospel. For many Catholics, this seems like a very non-Catholic way of doing things! Yet at every Mass, we celebrate we receive the exact same instruction when the presider dismisses the congregation immediately after the final blessing. In words such as these, "Our Mass is ended. Now go out to bring Christ's peace to the world," or any of the other variety of dismissals that are used.

The important thing is that we do not get misled into thinking our faith is all about getting the treasure, holding it close and never letting go. Just the opposite! If we have truly received the Good News of Jesus Christ and are in relationship with him, keeping it to ourselves would make no more sense than a couple in love never sharing their joy with others. Everything we have received from God and from His Son, Jesus Christ, is a gift. Once we have that gift, its value is only realized when we share it with others!



Growing in Faith

In my 20s, during a more intense "period of discernment", I was trying to figure out what to do with my life. I wrestled with Jesus' question of, "what do you desire?" and the notion of God having a will for me. I struggled: "What the heck does that mean?" What I desired/wanted was a CLEAR SIGN, a burning bush perhaps, because I had the notion that the divine was like a military commander giving clear orders.

Today's readings speak of God who has a will for us; and according to Ephesians, that is a favor, a mystery, and intention. Sometimes that "will for us", as with Amos, takes us from following the crowd, norm, or where we are most comfortable, and leads us on a different path.

I think about the many unaccompanied Latin American youth who have crossed our border after leaving their families. They have taken great risks, many arriving quite traumatized: all seek safety and a new life. I recently met some of them as they wait to be placed with relatives in the US. I imagine they too questioned what they were doing. I wonder if, along the way and since arriving, they feel blessed, chosen, destined, redeemed, lavished, sealed, summoned, instructed. Do they feel sent by divine purpose, grace, favor, wisdom, and spirit? If so, does that awareness give them what they need to keep going? By the light in some of those eyes and their gratitude, I would say: Yes!

~ Jim Manzardo for *Growing in Faith*



Thank You to Our Resurrection Compost Garden Creators!

We are so grateful to Paul and Grace Leon, for helping establish our Resurrection Compost Garden, a program they created at their home parish of St. Gregory the Great in 2020. The two not only guided us on how to get the program started, but they also built the St. Gertrude composting bins, wrote up the composting do's and don'ts, and gave us information about composting buckets, how people could participate, and more.

Thank you, Grace and Paul, for your time and your talents!



If you are interested in learning more about our Resurrection Compost Garden and how to participate, please visit the parish website at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/resurrection-compost>.

Care for Real Personal Care Items Drive Planned for This Saturday, July 10 - Donations Needed



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This Saturday, July 10, there will be a necessities drive for personal care items for [Care for Real](#) at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

The following items are needed:

- toilet paper rolls
- individually packaged toothbrushes
- hand soap pumps
- diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)
- baby wipes
- hand sanitizer
- deodorant
- body/hand lotion

To request a pickup, email churchonelmdale@gmail.com or call 773.743.1820.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps: Morning of Reflection Planned for Thursday, July 29

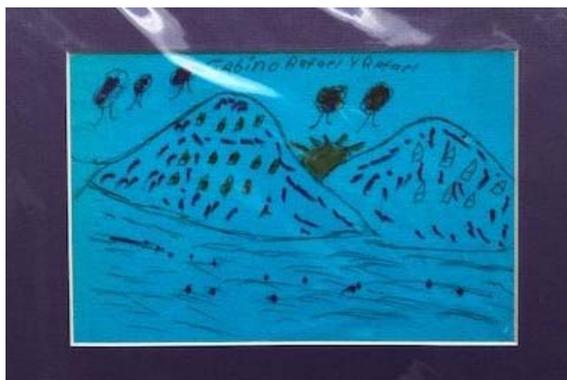


In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps will host a morning of reflections on Thursday, July 29 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

The event will be held at St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 Roosevelt Rd. with Mass said at the [Church of the Holy Family](#), located next door to St. Ignatius.

The keynote speaker is Father Richard Baumann, SJ, who will discuss *The Desire to Serve*. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.ivcusa.org/chicago and click the *Morning of Reflection* registration button.

Fr. Richard Baumann entered the Society of Jesus in 1964 and was ordained in 1975. He has served in Africa for 14 years as director of Ignatian programming and faculty member at the Jesuit First Studies Philosophy/Humanities program in Harare, Zimbabwe, and as co-director of a Tertianship program (a renewal program for Jesuits before they pronounce final vows) located in Ghana and now in Nairobi, Kenya. He is currently based in Ann Arbor and works as a regional vocation director for the Midwest Province.



Parishioner-Organized Children's Art Exhibit

Children's drawings from Santa Cruz la Laguna, Solala, Guatemala, a village in the mountains surrounding Lake Atitlan, are on exhibit at the Admiral Retirement Community (929 W. Foster) through the end of July.

The art exhibit is organized by parishioners Alice Czech, who helped build the school, and Maggie Roche. Call

Alice at 773.433.1800 to schedule a visit.

Legacy Planning

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Gertrude to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this parish by making a qualified charitable distribution (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover gift) from your retirement account to St. Gertrude parish.



Prepare or update your will or today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact St. Gertrude's Director of Parish Management, Eduardo Soto, at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org or Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago, at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.



Edgewater Glen Garden Walk

The Edgewater Glen Garden Walk will be held this Sunday, July 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm, starting at 1420 W. Glenlake. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per adult, with no charge for children. Appropriate COVID protocol is required.

This year, the gardens in the 1400 and 1500 blocks of West Norwood, West Glenlake, West Hood, and the south side of Granville will be featured in this easily walkable route. For more info, visit edgeglen.com.

Summer Spiritual Opportunities

St. Clement Summer Theology on Tap Series Tuesdays

in July: The St. Clement Young Adult Community will explore topics such as discernment and purpose in life. Visit www.clement.org/learn/adults/theology-tap for more information.

Evanston Theology on Tap: Join young adults in Evanston every Thursday in July. Visit www.ucym.org/tot.html for times and topics.

Online Bible Study with Father John Kartje: Join Mundelein Seminary's Father John Kartje for an in-depth tour through biblical accounts of restoration from chaotic times. Register at www.usml.edu/bible-study.

IPS Scripture School: Fruits of the Holy Spirit: The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) Scripture School offers an opportunity to foster a transformational encounter with God. Register at <https://www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/ipsscriptureschool/>.



This Weekend's Lectors, Cantors, Musicians, and Eucharistic Ministers

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, July 10 at 5:00 pm - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, July 11 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, July 10 at 5:00 pm - Katherine Dawson
- Sunday, July 11 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillian

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, July 10 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington, Kathy Wall
- Sunday, July 11 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Hallie Burhoe, Brian Devarne
- Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak, Steve Monti

Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 12: 7:30 am - Jason Borst+
- Tuesday, July 13: 7:30 am - For all who have lost family or friends to the COVID virus
- Wednesday, July 14: 7:30 am - John Sullivan+
- Thursday, July 15: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, July 16: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- Saturday, July 17: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude parish; 5:00 pm ~ Peter Hertl+
- Sunday, July 18: 8:00 am ~ For all living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners+; 10:30 am - Quinn Bringas+

Rest in Peace

- Bonnie McWayne, sister of Roberta Washburn
- John Sullivan, husband of Charlotte and father of Debbie

New Parishioners

- Diane Barnhart

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Pamela Sherrod Anderson | • Jane Elwood | • Tina Piemonte |
| • Helen Banta | • Mary Grover | • Lu Radzicki |
| • Jean Bautista | • Felipe Hall and Family | • Braedon Rimpson |
| • Walter Bradford | • Lucia Hall | • Charley Scantlebury |
| • Sharon Brown | • Gina Heidkamp | • Richard Seitz |
| • Connie Bueck | • Maria Hertl | • Peggy Stoffel |
| • Lilly Buie | • Bernice Kiedysz | • The Sullivan family |
| • Maggie Callaway | • Art Lyons | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Molly Morris | • Manuel Viray |
| • Geraldine Clark | • Karey Myers | • Norma E. Viray |
| • Connie Cool | • Bernie O'Connor | • Ken & Vyes Yoza |
| • Ann Collins Dole | | |

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Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link- visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

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Our Heart to Heart team works on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:30 pm and can be contacted at 773.973.5464.