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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Father Rich

Independence Day Weekend

This weekend, we celebrate the 245th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, breaking the American

colonies away from the rule of Great Britain.

As we were so clearly reminded at the signing of the bill establishing the new national holiday of Juneteenth, we are a nation always imperfect, but struggling to live the vision of our founders that all people are created equal and enjoy certain rights simply because we have been created to be free.

As we celebrate this great anniversary, let us be grateful for all the vision of a free people calls us to be and also be aware of how we have come up short and continually need to be summoned to make that vision a reality for all people here in the United States and as a potential reality for other nations in the world. As many have already stated, "until all are free, none are free."

Our Phased Reopening Week 4

This weekend, we continue our reopening with some of the adult choir singing at the 10:30 am Mass. Last weekend, we resumed ushers taking up the collections, and singing! (Reminder: *Breaking Bread* books are now on the library carts at the front and side entrances of church. Please pick up a hymnal when you arrive and place it back on the cart as you are exiting church.)

Except for offering Communion under both kinds (hosts and wine), everything else has returned to normal. (And, as I mentioned before, it may be some time before Communion under both kinds resumes.)

I encourage everyone to be aware that the new COVID variants are causing serious concern among the medical community. We all need to be aware that a return to wearing masks may soon be one of our safest practices once again.

Finally, this weekend we will begin making available some copies of the electronic

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newsletter/bulletin on the top shelves of the library carts which hold the *Breaking Bread* hymnals. It may take us a few weeks to determine how many copies will be printed each week. So if you are looking for a copy, and none are available, please notify me or any member of the parish staff so we can increase the number of copies in future weeks.

Water, Water, Everywhere

Like so many homes in the parish, the huge rains of last week brought water upon us and into the basements of each of our parish buildings. The worst-hit was the Social Hall basement. Because the fans need to keep running all week to prevent any mold or mildew, the summer day camp had to be moved.

The water in the other buildings was not as extensive and was able to be cleaned up quickly. At one point the rain was coming down so hard, and the wind was blowing so strong that water was actually coming into the church through the seals around some of the windows! Once the buildings have all dried out, we will be able to determine if we have any damage to plaster, etc. We certainly needed the rain -- maybe just not so much so quickly?!

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/services in the coming months - especially services such as funerals. In the next twelve months, discussions will continue about the possibility of a Mission Center hosted jointly by St. Jerome and St. Gertrude Parishes. Last week, 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 partner in this venture. What will happen to the campus of the former parish has yet to be determined.

New Rectory Office Hours/ Independence Day Info

The Rectory office is now open Monday-Friday hours from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Our Saturday hours are 9:00 am-2:30 pm and Sunday hours are 8:30-11:30 am.

The Rectory office will be open on Sunday, July 4 between 8:30-11:30 am and closed on Monday, July 5.





Growing in Faith

“He was amazed at their lack of faith.” Christ came home to preach and found resistance from people who “knew him”. This resonates with me after what we’ve lived through—the isolation and unknowingness—of 15 months of Covid. The mysteries and stories, at the pandemic’s beginning, changed as the science of the disease slowly unfolded. We heard outrageous ways the disease could be spread, not unlike naysayers’ stories told about Jesus in his day.

Many people saw Jesus as a powerful teacher and miracle worker, but the higher-ups got nervous that he’d take away their power and control. But Jesus wanted no earthly power. Instead, he preached truth, love, forgiveness, and care for the less fortunate. And to those who didn’t want to hear that truth: “Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary?”

Dr. Fauci is neither Jesus nor Ezekiel, but he got caught up similarly, trying to tell us the truth about COVID-19. The powers above him didn’t like the spotlight on him and tried to silence and discredit him. After all, he was, “just a doctor-scientist working for a government agency!”

Flashback 35 years, to when, as a gay man in the 1980s with friends dying of an unknown disease, I heard Dr. Fauci and other scientists speak the same truths about HIV/AIDS at a time when the government refused to even acknowledge its existence. That truth was ignored, and—like COVID—many, too many died unnecessarily and tragically. Like Ezekiel, Fauci was “sitting among scorpions.” To some, today, getting vaccinated has become “political”, instead of a solution to avoid a horrible and painful illness and/or death.

God reassures Ezekiel, and us, that hearing and believing in the truth is our path to God, to Life itself.

~ Rob Sierzega for *Growing in Faith*

Free Classical Music Concert

On Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 pm, a free concert will take place on the south lawn of Congregation Emanuel, adjacent to Edgewater’s Lane Beach at the end of Thorndale (5959 N. Sheridan Road). Presented with the support of Congregation Emanuel and the Chicago Federation of Musicians, the Yepez Players will perform as a part of their Skyline Salon Series.



Please note, there is no public parking in any of the adjacent high-rise building, nor is there any public bathroom access at Lane Beach or Congregation Emanuel.

This event is hosted by St. Gertrude parishioners Jane Callahan-Moore and Stefanie Clark.

Summer Spiritual Opportunities

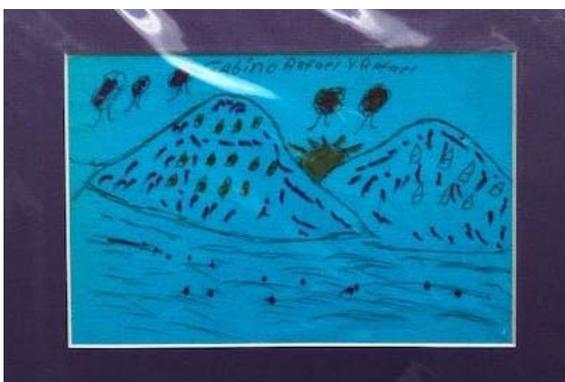
St. Clement Summer Theology on Tap Series Tuesdays in July: The St. Clement Young Adult Community will explore topics such as discernment and purpose in life. Visit www.clement.org/learn/adults/theology-tap for more information.

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

Musical Reflections Retreat Opportunity: Enjoy a self-guided retreat on the Mundelein Seminary campus from July 9-11. The retreat includes lodging and meals. Learn more and register at www.usml.edu/retreat.

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/>.



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

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to St. Gertrude parish in their will or trust. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations.

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.



St. Gertrude's Choir to Return This Sunday!

As part of our parish's celebration of our national holiday, our choir will sing at the 10:30 Mass on July 4 for the first time since March 2020! We are very excited to provide the congregation with choral harmonies and lend our voices to this important holiday. We are also excited to welcome two new voices - Kate Hibbs Davis (also the cantor for this Mass) and Cindy Lawson, a former parishioner of St. Ignatius.



Here is a list of our choir members that we expect to sing at the 10:30 am Mass on July 4:

- Fran Guenette, bass
- Dave O'Donnell, bass
- Rob Schroeder, tenor
- Joe Pindelski, tenor
- Pat Branigan, alto
- Therese Schreiner, alto
- Beth Nelson, alto
- Monica Cruz, soprano
- Kate Hibbs Davis, soprano
- Cindy Lawson, soprano
- Dana Sullivan, soprano and flute
- Mary Clare Barker, alto and piano

The full choir will return on a regular schedule in the fall.



Edgewater Glen Garden Walk

The Edgewater Glen Garden Walk will be held 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.

This Weekend's Lectors, Cantors, and Eucharistic Ministers

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro
- Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Kate Hibbs Davis & choir

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Troy McMillian
- Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, July 3 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti, Tim Harrington
- Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 am - Peter Morin, Brian DeVarnne, Barb Daly
- Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Carlos Barrigan, Patrick Robinson

Mass Intentions

- Monday, July 5: 7:30 am - Kathleen O'Connor+
- Tuesday, July 6: 7:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude Parish
- Wednesday, July 7: 7:30 am - For all deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Thursday, July 8: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, July 9: 7:30 am - For all who suffer from illnesses of the body or spirit
- Saturday, July 10: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm ~ William H. Grant+
- Sunday, July 11: 8:00 am ~ Patricia Lane+; 10:30 am - Glenn Martin+

Baptisms

- James Mark Teresi, child of Matthew and Elizabeth Teresi
- Amelia Rose Camacho, child of Freddy and Marybeth Imbres
- Nicholas James Garamoni, child of Michael and Amanda Garamoni
- Jayden, Janelle, and Jordan Sulaiman, children of Adewunmi Sulaiman and Jennifer Obasohan

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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

Donate to our Parish

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/allevnts

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.