

St. Gertrude

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 12, 2019



Today we give thanks for all the women who are nurturing and encouraging to others, whether they are mothers, step-mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends, caretakers, teachers, co-workers, or neighbors.

God our Creator, we pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise

children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
- author unknown

From Father Rich

Happy Mother's Day! As we give thanks to God for all our mothers, let us also be sure to thank them for their love and care. And let us treat them as well every day of the year!

On this Mother's Day, we also celebrate the Blessed Mother with our May Crowning celebration at the conclusion of the 10:30 am Mass. We are especially happy to welcome the girls and boys who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday and are with us in their First Communion finery!

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who celebrated their First Communion! We are so proud of you and so happy to welcome you as we share in the Body and Blood of Christ at the table of the Lord!



It seems particularly appropriate that as all these celebration come together, we also celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. The 4th Sunday of Easter always brings to our attention this wonderful image of Our Lord. The image/icon of the Good Shepherd is one of the oldest, and most beloved of all Christian images. It portrays the actual relationship of each of us with God, who seeks out what is lost; who lifts us up and carries us on his shoulders when we are too weak to keep up; who knows us each by name. Another word for the Good Shepherd is mercy! Let us practice mercy in how we treat one another.

Recently, the area pastors and the local bishop, Bishop Bartosic, began a discussion about providing adult education in the area. The overriding purpose of the adult education is so that we might better form our children in the ways of faith. The perceived need comes from a common experience in many parishes today. There is often a huge disconnect between parents sending their children to a Catholic schools or Religious Education program, and the practice of their Catholicism on Sundays and throughout the year. Many parents consider the local Catholic school simply a "private" opportunity that allows them to avoid an area public school, and also avoid the much higher tuition of the actual "private" schools available.

At the conclusion of the Rite of Baptism, there is a blessing that includes these words: "Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do." Sometimes it seems as if some parents have "farmed out" that faith responsibility to the school or Religious Education program. This meeting is a starting point to see what, if anything, can be done to restore the connection between our faith and our educational enterprises.

Of this much I am certain, we do not have Catholic schools in order to avoid participation in the local public school system, nor do we consider our schools private. Catholic schools are part of the parish mission. We operate them to spread the faith by forming our children in the Catholic faith. At least a few times a year at the sacramental meetings for parents of children preparing for the reception of the sacraments, I stress the importance of not raising "spiritually schizophrenic" children -- by which I mean telling the children it is important for them to come to church -- but then the family not practicing their faith together. Over time, what this teaches the children is that it is okay to say one thing and do something altogether different. Not a good idea for the long-term formation and moral development of the children. As they have done from time immemorial, children will always mimic what their parents are actually doing, no matter what they happen to be saying. As this endeavor moves forward, I will keep you informed.

~ Father Rich

Growing in Faith

Motherhood in our society is near impossible—pregnancy, birth, six-week maternity leave, breast-feeding, long work hours, husbands' with long work hours, logistics of activities, appointments, so many "healthy" meals, planning vacations, making holidays and birthdays special, limiting technology, self-care, and of course, most importantly, loving our children and helping them grow into kind and loving adults. We ask too much of our mothers.

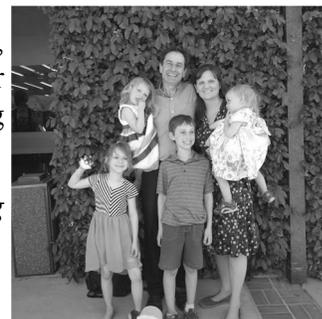
So what's a modern mother to do? We look for inspiration. Inspiration from our own mothers, from the mothers around us, and from the mother that Jesus gave us when from the cross he said, "Here is your mother."

Knowing Mother Mary loves us all with a pure, selfless and steadfast motherly love, giving us infinite support, helps us find our way. Listening for and trying to follow God's will for us helps. Being a part of our St. Gertrude's "village" helps. As a community, we support each other with prayers, meals, love, kindness. We pray for mothers-to-be and those mothers in need. We bring meals to sick

mothers, and love up each other's children in church, in the neighborhood, in school. We carry out our church traditions, giving our children positive memories and a sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves. Through this we show love not as just an emotion but an action, and not just to our children but to all children. Just as Mary was mother to all, we know how important it is to mother to all. Through this demonstration of love, we pass on a tradition of love, and when we do that we know in our hearts that even if we don't fit the modern societal model of the perfect mom, that we have given our children the essential, a mother's love. And that love in the midst of all the chaos of our daily lives, is what we hope will endure.

Inspiration from Mary, God's will for us, and our "village" support us in being the best mothers we can be.

~ Kari Robbins for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*

- 10:30 am ~ Combined Family Mass and May Crowning (in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses)
- Second Collection for Catholic Charities

Monday, May 13

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Tuesday, May 14

- 8:00 am ~ NCA's middle school campus' May crowning
- 2:00 pm ~ Ignatian Volunteer Corps meeting in the Ministry Center

Sunday, May 19

- 10:00 am ~ Last Kids Word session until September

Monday, May 20

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Monday, May 27 *Memorial Day/Rectory closed*

- 9:00 am ~ Mass on Memorial Day

Monday, June 3

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class in the Rectory (Registration is required.)

Sunday, June 9 *Pentecost*

- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses)

Sunday, June 16 *Father's Day*

- 10:30 am ~ Last Gym Mass until September

Sunday, June 23

- Summer Combined Mass schedule begins (There will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses in Church.)

First Communion

The following children from St. Gertrude celebrated
the Sacrament of First Communion
on Saturday, May 11:

- Valentino Aguilar
- Ella All
- Lily All
- Noah Auffant
- Amelie Banazek
- Daniel Brennan
- Jasmine Camacho
- Patricia Conway
- Owen Craft
- Declan Cunningham
- Henry Cunningham
- Spencer Dumas
- Joseph Dunne
- Emilia Eichenseer
- Henry Ferrell
- Szymon Galbas
- Gabrielle Garcia
- Sebastian Gonzalez
- Maeve Gray
- Eleanor Jacobson
- Gideon Keating
- Masi Khosho
- Darlene Kollar
- Alexander McKenna
- Amelia Morrow
- Sebastian Negrillo
- Maeve O'Brien
- Emma Ochoa
- Chukwunonso Okoye
- Chimamanda Okoye
- Dino Pasic
- Troy Shalaveyus
- Colin Siebenaler
- Jael Tovar
- Ryan Ulmer
- Victoria Venegas
- Evelyn Voukides
- Molly Walker
- Caitlyn Wilczynski
- Ava Zawada

Together, we offer our congratulations and express our
joy for the faith of these young people.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they
experience the unfolding mystery of the Sacrament of
Communion.

Parish News

TODAY—Combined Mass and May Crowning: Happy Mother's Day! At the 10:30 am Combined Family Mass, there will be a May Crowning at the conclusion of the service. All are welcome to bring up flowers for Mary. There will be hospitality offered after Mass in the back of Church.

TODAY—Second Collection for Catholic Charities: Thank you for giving to Catholic Charities today, Mother's Day, to help the mothers, children, and seniors from our community who are struggling. You can also contribute online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60454.

Good Books: The next book club meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will discuss *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

Kids Word for the School Year Comes to an End: The last Kids Word session for the 2018-2019 school year is Sunday, May 19.

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. For a list of poems that will be read, contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com.

Rectory Closed on Memorial Day: The Rectory will be closed on Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday. Morning Mass will be held at 9:00 am.



Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at

773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Combined Mass on Sunday, June 9: On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Family Mass in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.

Sunday, June 16 is the Last Gym Mass until September: Our 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on hiatus over the summer, resuming in September. Thank you to the coordinators of the Masses, and the many volunteers who make it so special!

Summer Combined Mass Schedule: As mentioned last fall, this year we will be experimenting with a summer combined Mass schedule. Summer is generally a time of vacation for many of our parish families, and many of our helper priests are Jesuits from Loyola following an academic schedule.

From June 23 to August 11, we will follow this Mass schedule:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am – Combined Mass

The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. The 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on its annual summer hiatus which runs from the Sunday after Father's Day to the Sunday after Labor Day.

Requests for Hospital Visits: If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464, as hospitals can no longer contact us with this information. Heart to Heart staff will then notify the Rectory.

Congratulations to Father Rich & Father Mike! This week, Father Rich celebrated 40 years of priesthood! Additionally, Father Mike celebrates 41 years this month. Thank you both for your loving service to our Church and our parish.

Thank You to Our Catechists

The Religious Education program for the 2018-2019 school year has ended, and the last Kids Word until the fall is next Sunday. Thank you to the men and women listed below who served as catechists and leaders for these two programs.

We are very grateful for their time and their hard work with the children!



Religious Education Program

- Sharon Brown
- Emily Davis
- Tracy Shields
- Alice Abrego
- Suzanne Stryczek
- Steve Monti
- Sarah Buntin
- Elsa Shalaveyus

Kids Word Program

- Rich Martin
- Emily Todor
- Ann Regan
- Kathy Wall
- Michele Reynolds

April 25 Parish Council Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday, April 25. The PPC discussed the success of the Simple Suppers initiative during Lent. The parish council also discussed the one-on-one initiatives which have begun in earnest within the council and soon to be occurring with leaders within the various parish ministries. We know that these one-on-ones will deepen our community relationships and help to prepare us as we approach *Renew My Church* in the future.

The council then revisited the vision statement process. In the near future, the council looks forward to sharing the draft vision statement with the parish in concert with a refreshed mission statement.

Lastly, a small committee of the PPC will be presenting recommendations on bylaws, terms, and directions for the entire council before the council goes on break for the summer. Again, the council looks forward to sharing those with the parish at large when complete.

The next PPC meeting will be Thursday, May 23.

~ Colleen Fulkerson

In Care of our Common Home

From today's readings: *"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."*

Be that light that shines in the name of the Lord. Spread your light throughout all of His creation. Be respectful of the gifts He has given us. Become more aware of how items you purchase and then throw away affect other people throughout the world.

In his book, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis wrote, "When people become self-centered and self-enclosed their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is the more he needs things to buy, own or consume. In effect, our daily diet and creature comforts affect life halfway around the world. Despite the difficulties, we need to change our lifestyles. To help solve our ecological crises, we need to consume less."

This week's tip: reduce, reuse and recycle.

To join the NCA Green Team, please contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com.

~ Debbie Kern, NCA Green Team

Parish Stewardship

“Jesus said, ‘My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.’” ~ John 10:27-28

Jesus knows us. Knows us down to the ground, knows our strengths, our weaknesses, our sins. And yet, he loves us down to the ground as well. Let us all hear his voice—he will shepherd us.

Sunday Collection May 4-5	\$7,215.65
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
Underage	(-) \$509.35
Online Sunday Collection April 2019	\$21,245.00
Budgeted Collection	\$18,488.00
Overage	(+) \$2,757.00

*~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management
and Facilities*

Mother’s Day Cards

Mother’s Day cards for honoring living and deceased mothers during the Masses said throughout the year are available at the doors of Church.

Please complete the information on the large (outer) envelope, place your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Rectory.

Take the card and envelope with you to give to your mother or for your own remembrance.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org

Learn more this Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00 pm at the Ministry Center. Contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org or 312.961.6206 to register.

St. Dymphna Mass

The annual “Mass for Mentally Ill Persons” will be offered at 8:30 am on Wednesday, May 15, at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Avenue in Chicago. This yearly event commemorates the Feast of St. Dymphna, the patron saint for people with mental illnesses, nervous disorders, Alzheimer’s disease, rape victims, and those who care for them. There will refreshments served in the Rectory after the Mass.

Teen Dating & Healthy Relationships

Jessica Caccavallo, MSW, LSW, will speak on the subject of Teen Dating and Healthy Relationships this Thursday, May 16, 2019, 7:30- 9:00pm in the Queen of All Saints’ Cafeteria, 6230 N. Lemont Ave. Geared toward middle and high school teens and their parents, the presentation will cover the spectrum from healthy to unhealthy relationships, particularly in the age of social media. Contact Adele Bach at justice@qasparish.org with questions.

This event is hosted by the “Friends Against Domestic Abuse” network of Queen of All Saints, St. Mary of the Woods and St. Martha’s in Morton Grove, under the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry (ACDVO).

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:30 am Helen Stryczek †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:30 am Loretta Donnelly †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:30 am Joe Brennan †

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

8:30 am NCA school Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 18

7:30 am Mary Jo Martin †

5:00 pm Mary Margaret Bowers †

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30 am Marjorie Hallinan †

10:00 am Francis Anthony & Angela Emanuele †

10:30 am David D. Kaufman †

11:30 am Marion Volini †

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Marty McDermott, David Sullivan

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

10:00 am Sarah Millar, Brad Mulick

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Victoria Healy

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8;
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25,
27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13;
Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, Barb Daly, Sr. Kathryn
Stimac

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

10:00 am Rose Marie Anichini, Bob Backis, Mary
Donlan, Rafael Melendez, Nancy Merrill,
Sarah Millar, Brad Mulick

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Richard Ashbeck, Jana Ashbeck, Karen
Griebel, Sharon Brown, Lina Peon

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:00 pm Casey Cancilla, Norah Moran, Brendan
Moran

SUNDAY, MAY 19

10:00 am Ariella Gehl, Alexandra Healy, Miriam
Itta

11:30 am Mariyam Agdubai, Adonai Agdubai,
Nordon Bhutia

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Donations may be made at

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

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Ed & Ester Bugler
Geraldine Clark
Maggie Callaway
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl
Robert Howe



Rest in Peace

Thomas Berry
Russell St. Germain
Robin Snyder
(cousin of Kerry
Wentworth)
Carla LaSalle



New Parishioners

The Mustapha Family

Parish Information

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 Potthast, 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
9:30 am 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
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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
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

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. This schedule will change in the summer months. 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