

# St. Gertrude

## *All Are Welcome*

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bulletin for September 15, 2019**

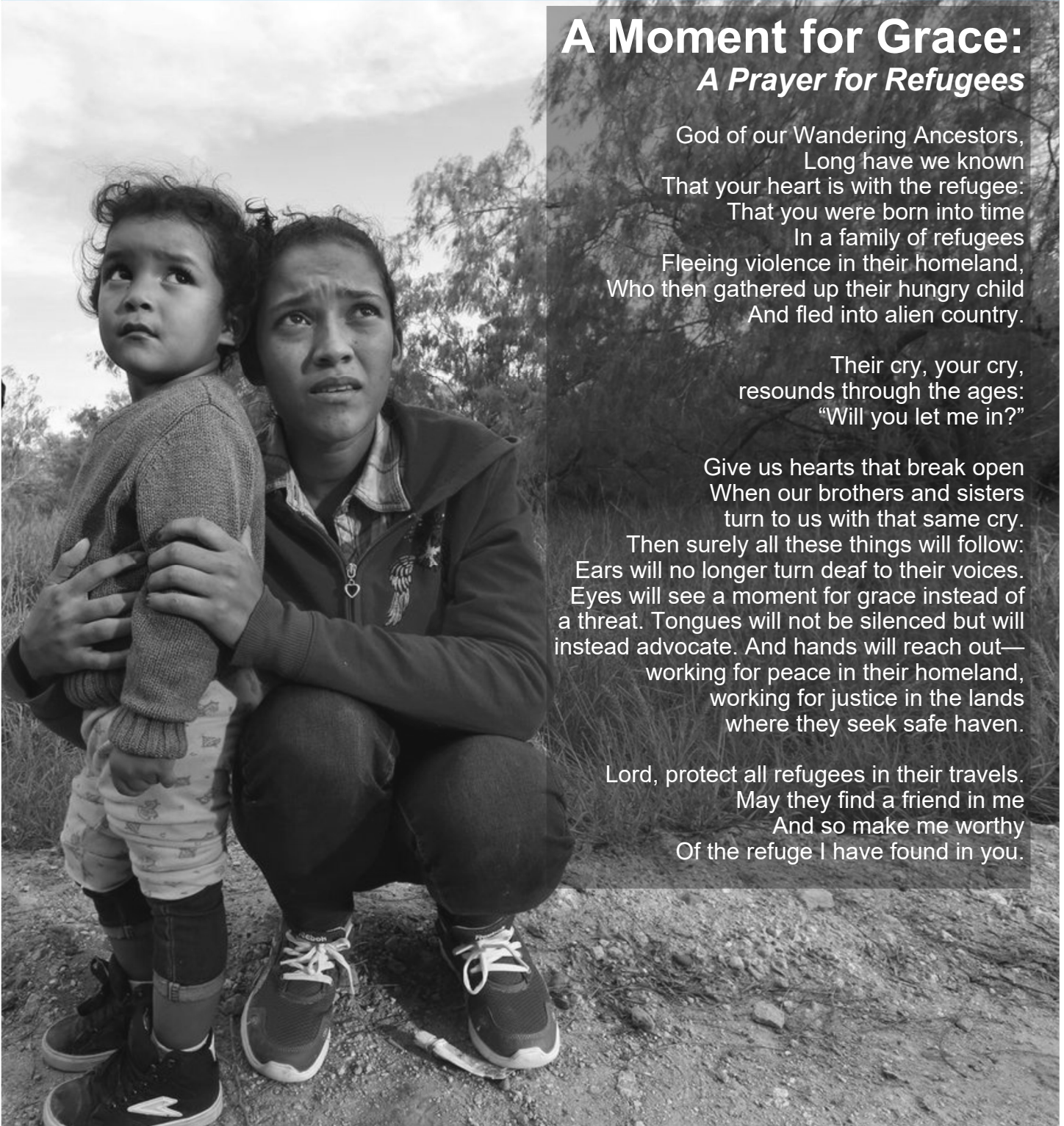
## **A Moment for Grace: *A Prayer for Refugees***

God of our Wandering Ancestors,  
Long have we known  
That your heart is with the refugee:  
That you were born into time  
In a family of refugees  
Fleeing violence in their homeland,  
Who then gathered up their hungry child  
And fled into alien country.

Their cry, your cry,  
resounds through the ages:  
“Will you let me in?”

Give us hearts that break open  
When our brothers and sisters  
turn to us with that same cry.  
Then surely all these things will follow:  
Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.  
Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of  
a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will  
instead advocate. And hands will reach out—  
working for peace in their homeland,  
working for justice in the lands  
where they seek safe haven.

Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.  
May they find a friend in me  
And so make me worthy  
Of the refuge I have found in you.



## *From Father Rich*

This weekend, the Refugee Committee is calling our attention to the work they are doing to help meet this enormous need in our world. As you may already know, they work with Catholic Charities to provide the necessary “start-up” for refugee families moving into our area. This includes housing, furniture, food, clothing and employment search-assistance for a limited time to help these families get settled into their new home country. Today’s second collection is for the Refugee Committee to enable us to host another family in the near future. Please be generous.



On the tables at the church exits are complimentary copies of two Catholic publications. Give Us This Day is a monthly publication which contains the scripture readings and prayers for the masses of each day of the month. It also offers reflections on the scripture readings for each day as well as some interesting, brief articles on saints - especially more contemporary saints. The other available publication is Commonweal magazine. This is an independent Catholic publication in magazine format which comes out monthly. It provides articles from many contemporary Catholic writers and scholars about issues of interest to Catholics.

Both publications made their October issues available to parishes interested in offering this opportunity for their members who might be interested in digging deeper into their Catholic worship and Catholic thought in our world. Please help yourself to a copy as you head home and consider subscribing.

Last weekend, some people showed up looking for the 11:30 am Mass—because they had seen it online. Which, unfortunately, might still be possible. Our old parish website was not owned by the parish but by someone hired to create it. When that person moved away, we were unable to have the site closed down. Some people still find it and think it is our current site. I apologize for any confusion this causes, but also have no idea what we can do about it. Our newer site does have all the correct and updated information and has also recently been re-built. Its address is <https://stgertrudechicago.org>.

This Saturday the *Novena for Healing and Atonement* will begin at Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles. (The complete schedule of the novena is below.) This is an initiative of Catholic laity of Vicariate II to unite the faithful in addressing the issue of clergy sexual abuse, through prayer for healing, atonement, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit within our Church. St. Gertrude Parish will be the host for the Novena on Thursday, September 26. All Novenas begin at 7:00 pm. Please consider joining Bishop Mark Bartosic and fellow parishioners in this prayer as part of the healing process for the church in its ongoing efforts to address the sexual abuse crisis in our church. For further info, call the Vicariate II Office at 773.388.8670.

~ Father Rich

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, September 21 - Our Lady of Ransom (8300 N. Greenwood, Niles)</li> <li>• Sunday, September 22 - Queen of Angels (2330 W. Sunnyside, Chicago)</li> <li>• Monday, September 23 - St. Mary in Evanston (1012 Lake St., Evanston)</li> <li>• Tuesday, September 24 - St. Cornelius (5430 W. Foster, Chicago)</li> <li>• Wednesday, September 25 - St. Clement (642 W. Deming Pl., Chicago)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, September 26 - St. Gertrude (6200 N. Glenwood, Chicago)</li> <li>• Friday, September 27 - St. Catherine Labouré (3535 Thornwood, Glenview)</li> <li>• Saturday, September 28 - St. Gregory the Great (5545 N. Paulina, Chicago)</li> <li>• Sunday, September 29 - St. Mary of the Lake (4200 N. Sheridan, Chicago)</li> </ul> |
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## Growing in Faith

I used to have a difficult time reconciling the notion of God's wrath, of which we hear about in today's Exodus reading, with the merciful, compassionate God of Jesus. The more, however, I have come in touch with and accepted the fullness of our human experience, the more I have come to see the angry God of the Scriptures as our own human response, to every form of injustice, cruelty, and falsehood. In God's image are we created, emblazoned from love with the passion of both anger and mercy.

I feel that wrath of God again toward the sin of our current government administration's attempt to revive a clause to limit immigration by barring those who cannot support themselves, who specifically lack private health insurance, a college degree, sufficient English-language skills for the job market, or a well-to-do sponsor – none of which my Italian grandparents possessed when they came to the USA. This same clause was the reason for our country

turning away hundreds of thousands of Jewish people fleeing Nazi Germany.

How can the fire of my wrath of God be directed toward, transformed into, merciful action? Where is the Spirit of mercy? Having participated in our parish's refugee and immigrant ministry since its inception, I have witnessed no lack of mercy on the part of so many parishioners toward people who have been forced to flee their homelands by violence of every kind. I am so grateful for this community of believers who continue the struggle to channel their wrath into mercy.

~ Jim Manzardo, Refugee Ministry, for *Growing in Faith*



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, September 15

- Second collection at all the Masses for the Refugee Ministry
- After the 10:30 am Mass ~ hospitality provided in the back of Church
- 3:00-5:30 pm ~ Commonweal Community in the Ministry Center

### Monday, September 16

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

### Friday, September 20

- 12:00-2:30 pm ~ Powers of Attorney and Wills workshop in the Ministry Center

### Sunday, September 22

- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass in Church
- After the 10:30 am Masses ~ Refugee Ministry postcard writing event in the Ministry Center Dining Room
- 5:00-6:30 pm ~ United Power for Action and Justice at DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan in Chicago

### Tuesday, September 24

- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates (year two)/parent meeting in the Social Hall

### Thursday, September 26

- 7:00-8:00 pm ~ Novena for healing and atonement in Church

### Friday, September 27

- 7:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude's Women's Club at Mary Ann O'Connor's house (1400 W. Hood)

### Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm NCA's Open House and Family Fun Day at 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.

### Sunday, October 6

- 12:00 pm ~ Blessing of Pets

### Wednesday, October 9

- 7:00-9:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center

### Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation candidates (year one)/parent meeting in the Social Hall Candidates

### Sunday, October 13

- Father Mike to run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart

### Monday, October 14

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

### Saturday, October 19

- 10:00 am ~ PreCana (Registration required.)
- Heart to Heart Play

### Sunday, October 20

- 10:30 am ~ Confirmation (year two) Rite of Acceptance at Mass in Church

### Monday, October 21

- 7:00 pm ~ First Reconciliation/First Communion parent meeting in the Social Hall

## *Refugee and Immigration Ministry - Anniversary Celebration*

The St. Gertrude Refugee and Immigration Ministry hopes you'll join us in celebrating the fourth anniversary of our ministry. Our mission is to aid individuals and families as they settle in our neighborhood. Many of them come from war-torn areas of the world and have spent years trying to come to the United States. Often, this time of waiting is spent in one of the many refugee camps throughout the world. It is the mission of our ministry to provide support that ranges from creating a welcoming home in anticipation of their arrival by providing basic household items to being companions as our new neighbors experience a life that can be very different from what they have known. We have officially sponsored seven families in the last three years, including Bruce Bwambale, whose letter is below, and helped several more. Your generosity has been instrumental in making this ministry possible.

There is cost for supporting these families in transition. Our partner, Catholic Charities, requires that we be able to commit at least \$5,000 per family. These funds are meant to ensure that we will be able to get a family off to a good start by providing a limited financial safety net during those critical first few months. To help us continue our ministry of welcoming, we are asking for your help. At all the Masses this weekend, September 14-15, there will be a second collection in support of the Refugee Ministry. The funds collected will allow us to continue our mission of sponsoring families and individuals in transition. And your prayers will continue to encourage us.

Finally, thank you for all of your support over the years! We truly could not do it without you!

*~ Denise Goodman on behalf of the Refugee Ministry*



My name is Bruce Bwambale. I am a Ugandan refugee who fled my home out of fear for my life because of how the government and many citizens treat LGBTQ people. Hoping to eventually reach Nairobi, I entered a refugee camp in another Kenyan town, but was advised that the camp would not be safe for me either after other refugees started carrying out homophobic practices against LGBTQ refugees like me.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees eventually sought refuge for me, and the U.S. agreed to take me in.

My original destination through the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement program was San Francisco but I was very weak from my travels and one of my lungs collapsed as my body tried to adjust to the altitude change on the plane ride. I was rushed to the hospital when we landed in Chicago. During my recovery there, Catholic Charities

visited and I prayed with them.

Eventually, I decided to stay here, first moving to Logan Square then relocating to Edgewater. The first thing Catholic Charities did was connect me with good people like Tomás at St. Gertrude. He and his wife Rita "adopted me" since my own parents had disowned me. They were very kind as I assimilated to Chicago, helping me move into an apartment provided by Catholic Charities and visiting regularly.

I was very thankful for the assistance. Catholic Charities helped me in ways I could not imagine, but I was eager to start earning money. After a few months Catholic Charities hired me as a translator (I speak five African languages), but there was not enough work for me. I continue to work as a volunteer translator, but I got my driver's license and started driving for Uber.

I recently reconnected with a friend I made in the refugee camp in Kenya. Together we bought a cab and take occasional jobs from trucking companies that need drivers to haul a trailer. I've started studying at City Colleges and hope to eventually earn a bachelor's degree with an IT focus. I'm hoping Uber will cover some of the school-related expenses.

I'm forever grateful to Catholic Charities, Tomás and Rita, and others from St. Gertrude, who are giving me a chance for a new life.

I'm also happy to say that I have reconnected with my parents in Uganda and hope that human rights laws there improve someday so I am able to visit my country of birth.

## Parish News

**This Weekend—Second Collection for the Refugee Ministry:** There will be a second collection for St. Gertrude's Refugee Ministry at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously if you can.

**Religious Ed Classes:** We are still accepting new students for our Religious Ed program! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jim Potthast at [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org).

We are still in need of catechists for second grade and fourth grade for the 2019-2020 year. Please consider offering your time and talents to help our young people learn about and grow in their faith. Email Jim Potthast with questions for additional details.

**RCIA Classes Forming:** Those interested in becoming Catholic are invited to attend weekly gatherings in the Ministry Center. For exact dates and more information, contact Kevin Cheers at [kchears@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kchears@stgertrudechicago.org) or 773.764.3621.

**Poetry Pilgrims:** The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, September 16 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Email Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) for a list of poems.

**Family Mass Next Weekend:** Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 am. It will be hosted by all grades with hospitality offered afterwards.

**Confirmation Candidate Info:** Confirmation candidates in year two and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. The Rite of Acceptance for year two candidates will be held on Sunday, October 20 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

Candidates in year one and their parents will have a meeting on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

**First Reconciliation/First Communion:** Parents of children making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year are asked to attend a parent meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

The Rite of Acceptance for First Communion and First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, October 27 at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

**Refugee Ministry Postcard Writing Event:** As part of the September Refugee Ministry celebration, the group will host a postcard writing event on Sunday, September 22 after the 10:30 am Masses in the Ministry Center.

All are encouraged to come and write to our political officials, urging them to be more open and accepting of refugees into our nation. All materials, examples of wording, and snacks will be provided.

**St. Gertrude's Women's Club:** Ladies, relax and unwind from the week on Friday, September 27 at 7:00 pm. We are gathering at Mary Ann O'Connor's house (1400 W. Hood) to relax and enjoy each other's company.

As usual, bring a little something to share. Call Laurie Jacob for questions or if you need a ride at 773.262.6816.

**Blessing of Pets:** All creatures, great and small, are welcome to the blessing for animals on Sunday, October 6 at 12:00 pm. Father Mike will officiate the 20-30 minute blessing on the front steps of the church, which is held in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.



**Baptismal Preparation Class:** The next class will be Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

**Knitting Group:** The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, October 9 (and the second Wednesday of every month) from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

**Good Books:** The next gathering of the book club will be Monday, October 14 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

Contact Mary Grover at [mary@marsgrover.com](mailto:mary@marsgrover.com) with any questions.

## Parish News (continued)

**PreCana Classes Offered:** If you are an engaged couple planning on getting married at St. Gertrude, or a parishioner planning on getting married anywhere else, attendance at a PreCana is part of the marriage preparation process for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Our parish-based PreCana will be held on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to register.

**Heart to Heart Play:** Save the date! The annual Heart to Heart play and fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 19 in the evening. More information will be available as the play draws closer!

**Applications to Become a Vendor at St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar Available:** This year, our annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday,

December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Tables for vendors can be reserved. The cost is \$50 per day (\$100 for Saturday and Sunday) per table. Applications can be found on the home page of the parish website, [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org), in the back of church, or at the Rectory.

Applications are due by Wednesday, October 30. Email Victoria Healy at [stgertsbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:stgertsbazaar@gmail.com) for more info.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** Congratulations to parishioners Jeanne and John Reilly and Nancy and John Hess on their 50th wedding anniversary!

The two couples, along with others celebrating this momentous milestone, were honored at an Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated on Sunday, September 8 by Cardinal Cupich at St. John Brebeuf.

## Father Mike to Run the Chicago Marathon for Heart to Heart

On Sunday, October 13, over 45,000 runners will take part in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. A number of parishioners and I will be among them. If you have a prayer intention that you would like me to remember as I run the 26.2 miles, please send your intention to me at [mbradley@archchicago.org](mailto:mbradley@archchicago.org).

This year, I am once again running to support the wonderful ministry of Heart to Heart, our parish's organization that reaches out to the elderly and shut-ins of the Edgewater community. Heart to Heart provides a helping hand to those who need a ride to the doctor, home visits, and wellness checks. There is also a medical lending service that provides walkers, canes, and other assistance.

Because of your support for my run, last year over \$15,700 was raised. Once again, I ask that you please contribute to Heart to Heart. Envelopes for this cause are available in the back of church, or you could donate online at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/8/event/606>.

For those runners who are taking part in the Chicago Marathon (or any marathon), you will have the prayers and encouragement of the St. Gertrude

community. Please let me know that you are running, and I'll add your name to our prayer intentions. It's always good to realize that people are praying that God will guide our steps.

Thank you very much for your support for this run!

*"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." ~ Hebrews 12:1*

~ Father Mike Bradley



*This is Father Mike's 20th Chicago Marathon and 46th marathon overall!*

### TODAY-Commonweal Community

Please join fellow parishioners and interested neighbors at the next Commonweal Community gathering today, Sunday, September 15 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will discuss several very topical issues that implicate our Church's role in addressing the common good, and how we, as the laity should respond.

As always, Commonweal Community is a place and time for thoughtful and civil conversation that we hope will be a salve for our souls and inspiration too. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions or suggestions, contact me by phone at 312.305.5499 or via email at ddebelle@gmail.com.

~ Denise DeBelle

### United Power for Action & Justice

United Power for Action and Justice invites all St. Gertrude parishioners to participate in a meeting with Mayor Lori Lightfoot to discuss our shared goals of community redevelopment, mental health, immigrant rights, and reducing gun violence. We need a big turnout to influence Chicago policy on these important issues.

Please join us on Sunday, September 22 from 5:00-6:30 pm, at DRW College Prep, 931 S. Homan in Chicago. Contact me at 773.334.4962 or reillyslp@yahoo.com to RSVP. Assistance with transportation can be arranged.

~ Renee Reilly



A July 2019 meeting of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and United Power representatives, including parishioner Renee Reilly (left of Mayor Lightfoot).

### Parish Stewardship Report

*"Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus ... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."*  
~ 1 Timothy 1:14-15

We are all sinners. But we can all be forgiven, all be saved. Let us acknowledge our sinfulness, the times we have failed. Let us have faith in the Lord. We can and will do better.

Sunday Collection September 7-8	\$5,519.15
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$2,205.85</b>

### Lending Closet—Donations Needed

Due to this summer's high demand for the Heart to Heart Lending Closet's durable medical equipment, we are looking for wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, and rollator walkers to be donated. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.



### NCA's Open House

All are invited to attend NCA's Open House and Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Held at the primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave., the event will feature a petting zoo, face painting, balloon twisting, song hour with Merry Music Makers, tours of school with student ambassadors, refreshments, and an opportunity to talk with the principal. We hope to see you there!

### Domestic Violence Survivors Mass

All domestic violence survivors and those concerned about the issue are invited to a Domestic Violence Survivors Mass on Saturday, October 5 at 5:15 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Ave. Join us to pray for an end to domestic violence.

**Our Parish at Prayer for  
September 16-22**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

7:30 am Nicea Majessi Trindade Wilder †

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

7:30 am Eleanor Liske Langton †

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

7:30 am Communion Service

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

7:30 am Antoinette Linke †

8:30 am NCA Mass

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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

5:00 pm Jack Newhall †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 am Mary Nyderek †

9:30 am Joe Shields †

10:30 am Betty & Jack Taylor †

Nora O'Callaghan †

10:30 am Jeremy Crowson †

(Gym Mass)

† Indicates  
person listed is  
deceased.

**Readings for  
September 16-22**

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;  
Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10;  
Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20;  
Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8;  
1 Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**Eucharistic Ministers  
for September 21-22**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting),  
Kathleen Dawson, Patricia Norcik, Roman  
Reyes, Bob Backis

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Brian DeVarenne, William  
Mitchell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Wyler

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

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Carlos Barragan,  
Mary Donlan, Debra Novak, Gail Smith,  
Karen Griebel, Lina Peon

**Ministers of the Word  
for September 21-22**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

5:00 pm Bob Backis, Kathleen Dawson

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Jacklyn Meier

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

10:30 am Victoria Healy, Donna Whalley

10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

**Altar Servers  
for September 21-22**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

5:00 pm Adonai Agdubai, Mariyam Agdubai,  
Gabe Morrow

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

10:30 am Maeve Killoren, Kayla Malloy, Leah  
Malloy

**How Do You Find & Contact Your  
Elected Officials?**

Be a voice for change! Contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on gun control, immigration, and more. Visit [usa.gov/elected-officials](http://usa.gov/elected-officials) for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

**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. Then the Heart to Heart staff will notify the Rectory.



*Milestones*



*Please Pray  
for Our Parishioners  
and Friends*

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Walter Bradford   | Maria Hertl               |
| Ed & Ester Bugler | Bernice Kiedysz           |
| Maggie Callaway   | Karey Myers               |
| Aida Calvopina    | Kyle Rutherford           |
| Geraldine Clark   | Charley Scantlebury       |
| Mary Ferguson     | Elizabeth & Richard Seitz |
| Mary Fitzgerald   | Peggy Stoffel             |
| Joan Harrington   | Elinora E. Tolentino      |
|                   | Norma E. Viray            |
|                   | Marilynn Wagner           |



*New Parishioners*

The Poulain Family

Welcome to St. Gertrude! Our parish ministers to the diverse and evolving communities of Edgewater and Rogers Park, drawing upon the creativity, industry, generosity, and compassion of our members in the name of Jesus, teacher and Lord.

Applications to become a parishioner Are available in the back of church, at the Rectory, and online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/join-our-parish-5>.

*Parish Information*

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
 Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)  
 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  
 Jim Potthast, Youth and 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, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)  
 9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)  
 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](http://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 - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm  
 Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 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](mailto:heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org)

**PARISH SCHOOL**

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://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](http://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