



St. Gertrude Chicago

Sunday, February 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Gertrude Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am
- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
- Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am (10:30 Mass is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

This Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday. Mass times are:

- 7:30 am - Click [HERE](#) for reservations.
- 8:40 am - NCA school Mass - click [HERE](#) for reservations. [Live-streamed on the school's Facebook page](#)
- 7:00 pm - Click [HERE](#) for reservations. (Live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#))

The St. Gertrude parish office schedule can be found [HERE](#). Please review the [Parishioner Guidelines for Visiting the Rectory](#) and call before you come!

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From Father Rich

Annual Catholic Appeal

One final encouragement for making your pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Information on how you can pledge is on the tables in the back of church and below in the e-bulletin.

Recently, I was reading about the special pandemic fund the Archdiocese established with our Catholic Charities to respond to the consequences of the pandemic. When I was reading about all the many needs that were able to be responded to because of people's generosity, I thought again of all the good that the ACA does in all of our names for those in need of so many of life's necessities. Please be generous as you are able.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday. [Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 7:30 am, 8:40 am \(open to all and also live-streamed via NCA's Facebook page\), and 7:00 pm, which will also be live-streamed on our parish Facebook page.](#) Please read the articles on Lent below which explains some of the differences we can expect this year.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be blessed by the priest, then he and the ministers will distribute the ashes -- in silence -- by using a q-tip or cotton ball which is used once then disposed of. Please follow the instructions from the greeters on maintaining a safe distance when you come forward to receive your ashes.

St. Gertrude Parish Auction 2021

[Our Parish Auction](#) begins this Friday, February 12 with a Silent Auction, and concludes with the Live Auction portion of the event on Sunday evening, February 21st from 7:00-8:00 pm.

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Sixth Sunday in
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February 14, 2021



*Click [HERE](#) to
make a
reservation to
attend weekend
Masses in person!*

There are lots of wonderful items up for bids in both the Silent and Live Auctions. There is also a dessert special of cupcakes and wine you can order and pick up in church the weekend of February 20-21 after Masses. The dessert package makes it possible for all of us to share this virtual experience by having our own celebrations at home! [Please place your cupcake and wine orders by Wednesday, February 17!](#)

There will also be the wine raffles -- each of the raffles will feature a variety of bottles with each total exceeding \$300.00 in value! One of the things to consider is reaching out to other family and/or friends to see if you can group them all together to share a beautiful home in Costa Rica for a wonderful vacation, a special homemade dinner, or some of the other great items. Here is the link which goes live on February 12 at 8:00 am: <https://stgertrudeparish.schoolauction.net/auction2021>.

St. Valentine's Day

Happy St. Valentine's Day! To all those loving their spouse, partner, friend, and anyone else -- celebrate your love! I am particularly fond of the (relatively) new expression that has entered into our language in the past few years, "Love is love is love." Before people with other agendas got hold of His message, He only told us to love one another. On this Valentine's Day, may all of us be true to our Savior's instructions!



Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “*Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world,*” was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com or text “ACA2021” to 345345. Step-by-step instructions are listed [here](#).



Annual Catholic Appeal: Text-to-Give Instructions

There is an option to make a gift on mobile phones via a text-to-give number for this year’s Appeal. Here is the phone number and keyword:

- **Text to Phone Number: 345345**
- **Keyword: ACA2021** (not case sensitive)

1. Using a mobile device, open your text message application.
2. Enter the text to phone number **345345** in the *To:* section.
3. Type the keyword “**ACA2021**” (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application.
4. Hit the send button.

5. A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form.
 6. Complete your gift by filling out the form and submitting it.
 7. Gifts will be processed by the Annual Catholic Appeal.
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Growing in Faith

It's unusual to listen to the readings and identify with the leper. Imagine going through your whole life without TOUCH! We've only had to live that for one year. Touch bridges our separateness. I imagine too that those living with leprosy also had to go through their lives without being "seen." The healthy have a tendency to look away when confronted with misery.

But Jesus saw the leper, and truly seeing the other, took pity on him. With touch, he healed the leper. Following Jesus' example, we can practice seeing the other with compassion. And while we can't offer a healing human touch, we can find ways to bridge our separateness.

Sunday being Valentine's Day is a perfect time to start. Reach out to someone in a way that is life-giving, that is warm and gracious, that erases isolation, calms the spirit, and makes us part of one another.

~ Madeleine Philbin for *Growing in Faith*



St. Gertrude Auction 2021 Fundraiser: Silent Action Opens This Friday

Our week-long **Silent Auction** goes live this Friday, February 12 at 8:00 am, and will end in a live auction event on Sunday, February 21. What's available? Check out our items [HERE!](#)

We have gift cards to area restaurants, exquisitely made scarves, shawls, bowls, quilts, and cards, baskets of books, signed books, kitchen tools, one-of-a-kind experiences, expert consultations, and much more.

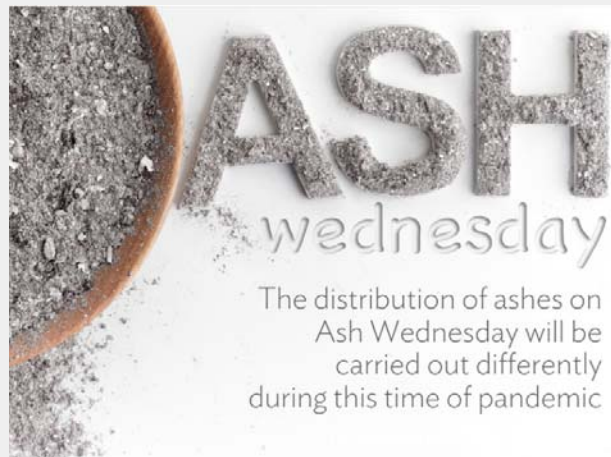
We're also offering a [Wine Spectacular](#) – where you can buy a \$20 raffle ticket to win one of three lots of wine (12 bottles; combined value - \$300) or one premium bottle (Staglin Cabernet Sauvignon - \$285). Hurry to take advantage of our early bird special - six chances for \$100.

Order Dessert and Wine to Enjoy During the Live Auction Event by This Wednesday, February 17

The **Live Auction** event will begin at 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 21. [Order dessert](#) to enjoy during the live-stream by this Wednesday, February 17! Chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry cupcakes from Foodstuffs are available, as well as [beautiful bottles of red and white wine](#). Pick-up for the cupcakes and wine will be available after Masses on February 20 and February 22.

If you have any questions, please email us at auction21@stgertrudechicago.org. We are looking forward to a great event!

Event flyer



Ash Wednesday is February 17: Register to Attend Mass In-Person/Mass Live-Streams

This Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 7:30 am, 8:40 am (NCA live-streamed, all are welcome), and 7:00 pm, which will be live-streamed on our parish Facebook page. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all these Masses.

Information about registering to attend Mass in-person, watching NCA's 8:40 am live-stream, and watching our 7:00 pm Mass via live-stream can be found [HERE](#).

Please note, there will not be any distribution of ashes at 6:00 pm (or prior to any of our Masses) this year because of the pandemic protocols. We also ask you please do not stop by the Rectory for ashes.

Pandemic Liturgy – Or, “How are we Doing This?”

As we have all learned since last March, the behaviors that keep us safe and healthy in this pandemic also mean that patterns of behaviors have had to change. We no longer shake hands or hug when we greet each other; we isolate ourselves from people we do not live with, and try to bring fresh air

into wherever we are, and so on.

Just so, our liturgies have changed. As we enter into Lent, the behaviors of past years are not reliable touchstones for what we do today. The first hint of those changes was probably noticeable on the weekend before the feast of St. Blaise when the final blessing of Mass was the blessing of throats. But there was no allowance for individual blessings.

We will see something similar at the Masses of Ash Wednesday and then at the praying of the [Stations of the Cross](#) on the Fridays of Lent. For **the distribution of ashes**, there will be a general blessing of the ashes, then people may come forward for receiving ashes in this manner: the priest/minister places a Q-tip or cotton ball into the dish of ashes, then makes the sign of the cross on your forehead without saying anything. (The Q-tip or cotton ball is only used once, then disposed of.)

The lines for receiving ashes need to be the same as we are now used to when coming forward for Communion. Please follow the instructions of the ushers/greeters in order to maintain a safe distance from others.

On the Fridays of Lent, for those praying the [Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm](#), the priest/minister will not invite any of those in church to walk with him/her. Everyone else must remain in their pew while the minister moves from Station to Station.

There are additional changes to the liturgies of Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). That information will be shared closer to Holy Week.



[Lenten Liturgy](#)

During the Lenten season, we try to simplify all we are doing, including our public prayer, in order to more keenly focus on what is asked of us and what help we are asking from God in our repentance and reformation.

At the beginning of each of our Sunday liturgies, we start the Penitential Rite with a simple statement outlining our focus that week. We are then invited to kneel (the posture of repentance) for a brief time of silent, personal reflection, then we listen to the sung *Kyrie, Eleison* (Lord, have mercy....Christ, have mercy....Lord, have mercy). We then stand for the prayer of absolution and then the Opening Prayer.

After each of the scripture readings, we have a brief period of silence in which we are invited to collect ourselves in prayer, turning to and relying upon God's help.

Our Seasonal Psalm after the First Reading each week is Psalm 75 whose refrain is, "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."

The Gospel Acclamation (replacing the Alleluia) is Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The sung Mass parts will be from the Schubert's Deutsche Mass.

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TELESMA FOR THE FOCUS BOOK

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
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CATHOLICS 14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

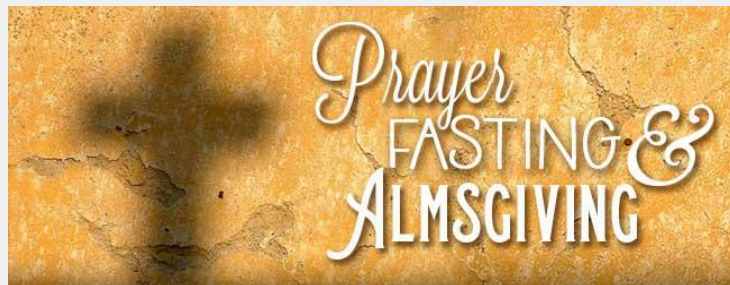
THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

Lenten Regulations for Fast & Abstinence

- Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

Our US Bishops issued in 1966 this statement on penitential observance: "On weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance."



The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

As we hear in the scripture readings on Ash Wednesday every year, the three penitential practices we follow in Lent are *Prayer*, *Fasting*, and *Almsgiving*. These three help us to let go of our control over everything we think we have control over in order to place our trust in God. This letting go allows God to help us be transformed.

PRAYER

There is no secret to prayer. It is simply a word that means we are spending time with God. Everything that follows is because others before us have shared their own experiences of prayer as a gift to help those who follow.

Like all good relationships, communication requires of us the ability to quiet ourselves in order to listen to the other person. For most of us, this is the hardest part of prayer. No sooner do we find a time and place to be quiet than we become aware of all the chattering in our own minds. That awareness is a good place to start – for that chattering is our life – and that is exactly what we want to bring to the Lord.

Over many centuries, people of faith have stumbled upon many disciplinary practices that they have found helpful in their own prayer life. The list is quite lengthy! Here are some suggestions for a variety of prayer you might consider during this Lenten season:

- **Attend Mass every Sunday in church or via our live-stream.** This connects us to God and our worship with our primary faith community
- **Attend one daily Mass every week.** Sometimes we segregate our prayer-life from our work-life from our home-life, and so on. Coming to mass during the week reminds us of the interconnectedness of all parts of our life and that all parts are holy – no matter what day of the week it is.
- **Daily scripture readings.** Whether we decide to read through one or more books of the Bible or choose the daily scripture readings for each day in Lent, God's Word is always a place of comfort and challenge.
- **Faith-sharing groups.** Often our spirituality is enriched when we simply share our experiences with others. Speaking out loud about what we treasure in our hearts can bring greater clarity to our hearts and souls.
- **Five minutes daily in silence with the Lord.** This one is perfect for everyone! Find, borrow or steal five minutes of silence in a quiet setting. God will do the rest.
- **Use the *Sacred Space* app.** The same devices that can distract us can also be used to focus us! Apps such as Sacred Space invite us into a few moments for reflection.
- **The *Little Black Book* for daily reflection.** This is a little treasure that provides us with the outline for a few minutes with God, focused

on a short scripture passage and a brief reflection.

- **Attend Stations of the Cross in church on Fridays at 3:00 pm.** Although we can't walk together because of the pandemic, the Stations of the Cross were originally created to allow those unable to travel to make a pilgrimage in their own churches or even at home by recalling these 14 steps in Our Lord's Passion.

FASTING

All the world's great religions have stumbled onto certain universal truths. Fasting is one of those truths. One way of summing up all religious truth is to say that all religion is about one thing – allowing us the ability to freely choose to love God with all our mind and heart and soul.

Fasting is about addressing the freedom part of that endeavor. Not unlike our clothes closets and garages and basements, without quite knowing how or when it got that way, we discover that we have accumulated lots of stuff that was meant to enhance our well-being, but over time, and collectively, have now become burdensome, leaving us unable to act as free agents.

Periodic fasting allows us to step clear of whatever is burdening us. Sometimes it is stuff. Sometimes it is behaviors. Sometimes it is hidden desires in our hearts and souls. For many centuries, the Church has established a set of regulations on food which can lead us to how we can address all aspects of our lives.

When we fast and abstain from certain parts of our regular diet, for even a few weeks, we become aware of how we become “prisoners” of certain things. Some of what we consume can even become addictive when we are unable to control how much of a certain thing we may partake in. These insights gained from our diet point the way, as well, to other behaviors that can assist us in being freed from other encumbrances. Besides the Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence, here are some other possibilities for this Lenten discipline:

- Turn off all electronic devices for at least 30 minutes every day.
- Behavioral fasting from criticism, anger, negativity, judgmentalism, resignation, know-it-all-ness, self-righteousness, cynicism, provincialism, self-absorption, divisiveness, intolerance, violence in thought, word or deed, excess pride, criticism, bitterness, despair, and hatred.

- Limiting television watching on certain days or certain times during Lent.

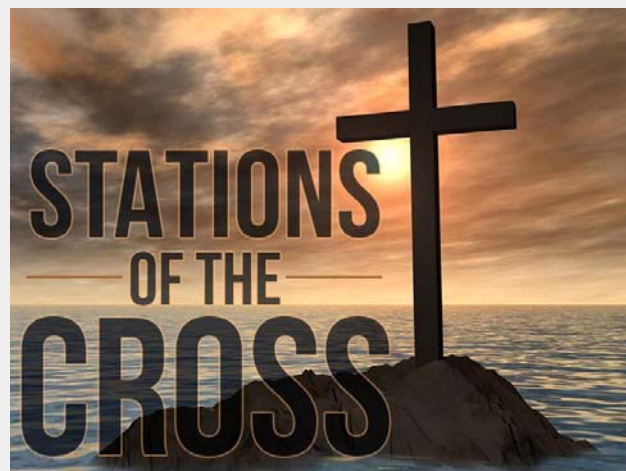
ALMSGIVING

That "Life is not fair" is hardly news. But as old as that truth is, equally old is the Judeo-Christian teaching which informs us that life is also lacking in justice and righteousness. While no one of us can make life universally fair, each one of us has an obligation to do our part to help restore justice and re-establish righteousness.

Giving to those in need helps that re-ordering. Feeding our hungry brothers and sisters produces justice. The practice of almsgiving during Lent is a way to help us, throughout the entire year, work on justice. In a nutshell – we not only have more than we need, but our excess is also, at least in part, what is missing from the lives of our poor sisters and brothers.

Almsgiving is a way of softening our hearts to be more human and more humane. Here are a few possibilities for your consideration this Lent:

- Take part in the weekly [Almoner's Program](#) for outreach to those in need through Care for Real and The Night Ministry by contributing to the second collection on all the Sundays of Lent which purchases gift cards for our neighbors in need.
- Save and donate one hour's wages every week to the charity of your choice.
- Take part in Catholic Relief Service's *Operation Rice Bowl*.
- Secretly provide assistance to a neighbor or relative or co-worker.



Weekly Stations of the Cross Begin Next Friday, February 19

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church beginning this Friday, February 19. During the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, the priest/minister will not invite any of those in church to walk with him/her. Everyone else must remain in their pew while the minister moves from Station to Station.

No registration is necessary to attend. Please check-in at the greeter table using the door on Granville.



Our Lenten Almoner's Program Begins Next Weekend, February 20-21

Previously, our Almoner's Program distributed \$5 gift cards to McDonald's to parishioners after Mass. They were then asked to share the card with someone in need and take the opportunity to have a brief and humane conversation with the other person, affirming them and wishing them well.

This year, we have adjusted our program due to COVID and have opted to collect donations to purchase McDonald's gift cards for two local ministries that serve those in our community who are in need - [The Night Ministry](#) and [Care for Real](#). Both organizations have seen a dramatic rise in people needing help since the beginning of the pandemic.

The Night Ministry

[The Night Ministry](#) was created by local clergy and faith communities in 1976 to address the crisis of homelessness for teens and young adults. Its mission is to compassionately provide housing, health care, outreach,

spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty, and loneliness. They strive to lovingly accept individuals as they are, particularly those in the LGBTQ community who have been ostracized from their families, and offer support as they seek to improve their lives.

Using a bus as a mobile medical clinic, the Night Ministry provides free health care, survival supplies, food, winter wear, and hygiene kits to individuals who have the most difficulty accessing traditional services. Their team regularly visits encampments, expressway viaducts, and street corners across the city, first addressing immediate health needs, then link individuals to case management and medical homes.

They have also created youth housing programs—the Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (RAPPP); the STEPS Transitional Living Program; the Crib, an emergency overnight shelter for young adults ages 18 to 24; and Phoenix Hall, a residence for North Lawndale College Prep High School students experiencing homelessness.

Care for Real

[Care for Real's](#) mission is to help neighbors in the Edgewater community by providing food, clothing, and counseling services to those in need. They accomplish this through [on-site food pantry](#), deliveries to the homebound, a [free clothing closet](#), [a pet pantry](#), a job readiness program, and a case-management program to help clients connect with other services they may need.

St. Gertrude has been a strong supporter of Care for Real since 1970, providing annual 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.

Donations to our Lenten Almoner's Program can be made via GiveCentral online [HERE](#) or placed in the collection box on the Lenten resource table when attending Mass. Please be as generous as you can!

[Donate to our Almoner's Program!](#)



Opportunities and Events Hosted by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

All are welcome to register for the following activities and events hosted by the Benedictine Sisters.

- **Lectio Divina** – Learn the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina, an ancient form of reading and praying with Scripture. This monthly evening practice, in a group setting, is perfect for those who are new to Lectio Divina or those who would like to have a little more practice. The group gathers online via Zoom the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00 beginning in February. Scripture passages will be provided. Bring a journal if you wish! To learn more or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, at 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.
- **A Deeper Look at Fratelli Tutti in Spite of its Title** – Join Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, each month for a reflection and participatory hour on Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Gatherings are on the third Thursday of the month beginning in February from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. For more info or to register, contact Sister Patricia Crowley, OSB, 773.764.2413 x248 or pcrowley@osbchicago.org.
- **“To Share the Common Table” A Benedictine Vision for Living in Times of Division** – A presentation by Nicole Sotelo on Sunday, March 7 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Whether seen through the lens of racism, politics, or the pandemic, the divisions in our country became more visible over the last year and our personal and collective wounds grew wider. How might our internal and communal narratives impact the divisions? Is there another narrative that may move us forward? Join the Benedictine Oblates of St. Scholastica Monastery and Nicole

Sotelo as she speaks on the topic of narratives, healing, and forgiveness in a time of division. Ms. Sotelo is the communications coordinator at Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University and the author of *Women Healing from Abuse: Meditations for Finding Peace* (Paulist Press) and *Pray Your Way Through Forgiveness* (Twenty-Third Publications). Sponsored by the Benedictine Oblates, this online Zoom event is free and open to the public. For more info visit www.osbchicago.org/programs or contact 773.764.2413 x232. Please register by emailing communications@osbchicago.org.

- **Connections and Callings: A virtual evening of discernment** –God connects with our hearts in many ways, through various people, and by different means. Join young, single women (18-50) on Monday, March 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm via Zoom to engage in a reflective exercise, which will help explore where and how God is calling us in our everyday lives. To learn more, please email, text, or call Sister Belinda Monahan, OSB, at vocation@osbchicago.org or 847-859-9887. Visit www.osbchicago.org/programs.



Readings and Music for Sunday, February 14 & Ash Wednesday, February 17

- [PDF of readings for February 14](#)
- [PDF of lyrics, music, and copyright info for February 14](#)
- Music planned and hymn numbers from *Breaking Bread Hymnal*:
 - Entrance: *Glory and Praise to our God*, #548
 - *Gloria*: Barker

- Psalm: #32 *I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble* (Spirit and Psalm)
 - Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia from Mass of Endless Mercy*
 - Offertory: *Taste and See, #331*
 - Mass Parts: *Mass of Renewal*
 - Communion: *Ubi Caritas, #477*
 - Recessional: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, #545*
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 - [PDF of lyrics, music, and copyright info for Ash Wednesday, February 17](#)
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Additional Parish Information Found on our Website

List of info/articles

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Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Set-up/Greeters/Clean-up Teams, and Musicians Planned for This Weekend

This weekend, our cantors will be:

- Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 pm - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan; John Horan, guitar
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:40 am - Mary Clare Barker (NCA school Mass)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm - Carol Ann Munro

Please note, we ask that those attending Mass in person do not sing due to concerns that singing may spread germs further than six feet.

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott
- Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:40 am - TBD (NCA school Mass)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm - Barb Daly

Our readers this weekend are:

- Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am - Debra Novak
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:40 am - TBD (NCA school Mass)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm - Debra Novak

Our set-up/greeter team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:40 am - TBD (NCA school Mass)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm - TBA

Our clean-up team this weekend is:

- Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 pm - TBA
- Sunday, February 14 at 8:00 am - TBA
- Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 am - TBA
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:40 am - TBD (NCA school Mass)
- Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm - TBA

We still need other volunteers to fill teams for greeting/set-up and clean-up. For safety reasons, volunteers should be between 18-64 years of age and not have conditions that would put them at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19 infection (immunosuppressive therapy, heart or lung disease, cancer, etc.)

If you would like to participate on a team, please [download this form](#) and email it to Kevin Cheers at kchears@stgertrudechicago.org and include your preferred e-mail and telephone number.



[Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, Archdiocese Link, and Amazon Smile](#)

Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Gertrude Parish as your charity of choice. From then on, connect to Amazon through smile.amazon.com and St. Gertrude will automatically benefit as your charity of choice.

We have set up a "Text to Give" option through GiveCentral. Parishioners are welcome to text the word **Donate** to 1.773.741.9505 to make a donation via phone.

The Archdiocese has [an online giving option via the Archdiocesan website](#). You simply click on the link and it takes you to the website. Once there, you determine if you want to contribute via a credit card or a checking account. You fill out the form, including selecting the parish to which the contribution is going, and the money will be electronically debited. The site offers options for amounts and the frequency of the contribution.

To access our PayPal link, please visit [our parish website](#) and donate from there. [GiveCentral](#) offers parishioners the option of one-time gifts or weekly contributions.

For more information on text to give or to sign up for online giving, please email Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities, at ablumberg@stgertrudechicago.org. He will be happy to help in any way he can.

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Welcome
New Parishioners

New Parishioners

Johan Tabora and Martha Mulligan and daughters, Hazel and Louise



Rest in Peace

Barabra Bernacchi
Sister Mariella Hathorn, OSB



Daily Scripture Readings

Click [HERE](#) for the daily readings for Masses.

Here is the list of readings for this for parishioners that prefer to look them up:

Monday, February 15: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 18: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 19: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 21: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15: 7:30 am - For the intention of Cory Gilmartin

Tuesday, February 16: 7:30 am - John Clennon+

Ash Wednesday, February 17: 7:30 am - Isabelle Laczkowski+; 8:40 am - For the families of Northside Catholic Academy; 7:00 pm - For the people of St. Gertrude Parish

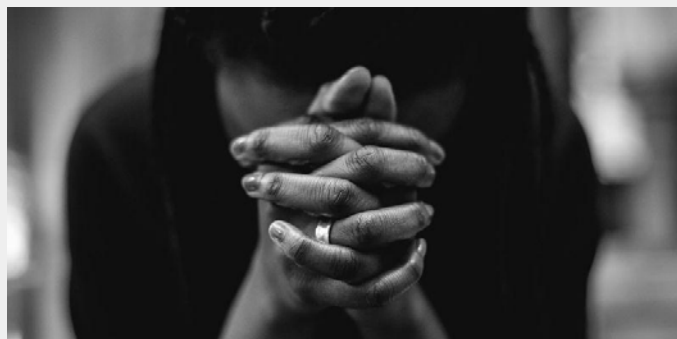
Thursday, February 18: 7:30 am - Communion service

Friday, February 19: 7:30 am - Jacqueline Elwood+

Saturday, February 20: 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Eileen McGuire+

Sunday, February 21: 8:00 am - Joan Kaim+; 10:30 am - Mary Bridget Breitenbach+

(+ indicates the person is deceased)



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and

Friends

- Jean Bautista
 - Walter Bradford
 - Sharon Brown
 - Connie Bueck
 - Lilly Buie
 - Maggie Callaway
 - Aida Calvopina
 - Geraldine Clark
 - Connie Cool
 - Lois DiFruscio
 - Lucia Hall
 - Gina Heidkamp
 - Maria Hertl
 - The Hoynes Family
 - Bernice Kiedysz
 - Karey Myers
 - Martha & Massielle Ojeda
 - Braedon Rimpson
 - Mickey Resch
 - Charley Scantlebury
 - Richard Seitz
 - Peggy Stoffel
 - The Sullivan family
 - Elinora E. Tolentino
 - Norma E. Viray
 - Ken & Vyes Yoza
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