



**St. Gertrude Chicago**  
E-Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday of Lent  
*April 3, 2022*

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**Next weekend is Palm Sunday. There will be a Combined 10:30 am Mass in Church. (No Gym Mass.)**

St. Gertrude Mass usual Mass times are:

- Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am

- Saturdays at 5:00 pm
  - Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, and 10:30 am in the Gym  
(The 10:30 am Mass in church is live-streamed on [our parish Facebook page](#).) (No Gym Mass next weekend.)
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## From Fr. Rich

### **Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Everyone is invited to join in the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service this Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 pm in church. This is a reflective service, offering music, scripture, and a guided reflection/examination of conscience and

then absolution. This service is under an hour and a great time for some quiet reflection in this Lenten season.

### **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

In today's First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear that extraordinary and comforting message from the prophet, *"Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"*

It is a message of enormous consolation as we move into the final days of this Lenten season, in what we once called Passion Week (the fifth week in Lent).

And if we were wondering what this change, this time of transition is, we experience it fully in the Gospel passage of the woman caught in adultery. Not so different than what we might still experience today, with a select group of male religious leaders bringing forth a woman already determined as guilty for a sexual sin (somehow always considered far more serious than their bigotry, misogyny, and small-mindedness) and somehow having committed this sin with some man who remains unnamed, uncharged, and NOT brought before Jesus. And all of this in order to trap Jesus so they could remove him from their midst because they were tired of his challenges to their established authority. But outfoxing them once again, Jesus simply redirects their focus to, *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

In this single incident, with a dynamic we have seen countless times in the Gospels, Jesus drives home the point that in God's eyes we are all sinners, all loved by God, and all equal in stature.

In this final, full week of Lent, let us pause to consider how we think of and

treat other human beings. Let us especially think of those on the peripheries, those who belong to minorities, or who in any way are deemed by ourselves and our society as worthless, powerless in the way we measure -- in wealth and prominence, fame, and production. If Jesus were sitting with us today, which people would he be recognizing, calling forth to be treated with honor, respect, and dignity? And then let us tend to our own "homework" of making such a culture our lived reality.

### **Palm Sunday - April 9-10**

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. Weather-permitting, all the Masses will all have the Blessing of Palms in the courtyard between the church and the Ministry Center. At the Saturday 5:00 pm and the Sunday 8:00 am Masses, immediately following the blessing, we will process out of the courtyard and into the church through the front doors.

At the 10:30 am (Combined) Mass, we will bless palms and then process around the block (weather-permitting) and then into church through the front doors.

### **Holy Week Schedule/COVID Protocols**

Next week, we begin the celebration of Holy Week as we gather for the Blessing of Palms. This year's COVID protocols are much less restrictive than the past two years, so much so, that overall the services of Holy Week are pretty much back to normal with a few exceptions listed below.

### **Holy Thursday, April 14**

- No morning Mass
- 7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)
- Church will remain open until 10:00 pm for private adoration.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper will have some of the pandemic restrictions. The most evident is the limited washing of feet. This year,

we will have the candidates for entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass (RCIA Catechumen and Candidates) represent various groups of people that Pope Francis keeps reminding us are on the peripheries, and it is up to us to move them into the center of our church and our lives. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass returns to its usual format this year.

### **Good Friday, April 15**

- No morning Mass
- 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (No Stations at 6:30 pm)
- 7:30 pm - Passion of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)
- The Rectory office is closed.
- The Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion once again will restrict Veneration of the Cross to only non-touching forms of veneration (e.g. a bow, a genuflection, a brief moment in silence before the cross). The rest of this service should be pretty much as it usually was before the pandemic.

### **Holy Saturday, April 16**

- No morning Mass
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter baskets
- 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass (live-streamed)
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass -- this year everyone will once again receive a taper on their way into church, which will be lit from the newly lighted Paschal Candle, while the Exsultet is sung. We will use the large crystal bowl for baptisms in front of the altar, instead of erecting the pool in the sanctuary. The rest of the Easter Vigil should look pretty much as it did pre-pandemic.

### **Easter Sunday Masses**

- 8:00 am
- 10:30 am in church
- 10:30 am Gym Mass
- Easter Sunday Masses should also pretty much look like pre-pandemic -- with the exception that Communion is still limited to reception in the hand (not on the tongue) and there will be no distribution of the Precious Blood.

***The Rectory office is closed on Good Friday, April 15 and Easter Monday, April 18.***

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is looking for new members that are more reflective of the diversity in the parish. We are hoping to include NCA school parents, youth group parents, new members from St. Ignatius, and parishioners who may not have been active, but would like to be more involved. Please consider joining the PPC in time for our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. Email me at [rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org) for details.

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[Pray for Ukraine/How to Help](#)

If you would like to donate to the care of the Ukrainian people, please consider making a contribution to Catholic Relief Services for emergency aid to the people in Ukraine: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

*God of peace and justice,*

*we pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.*

*We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,*

*that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace,*

*for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.*

*Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear,*

*that you would hold and protect them.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*

**Donate to Catholic Relief Services**

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**Join the conversation**



Pope Francis has invited people everywhere—and he is specifically reaching out to the LGBTQ+ community—to take part in a conversation about their relationship with the Church, and about its future.

AGLOChicago, the LGBTQ+ outreach for the Archdiocese of Chicago, is working to organize our community's response, and we're inviting you to take part.

**Go to:**  
[www.aglochicago.org/synod](http://www.aglochicago.org/synod)

**Questions:**  
[synod@aglochicago.org](mailto:synod@aglochicago.org)



## [Synodality: An Opportunity to Submit Reflections Until Friday, April 1](#)

Pope Francis invites the laity worldwide to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod by offering our reflections journeying together as the Universal Church in the areas of Communion, Participation, and Mission.

Synodality is Spirit-filled listening to God's active presence in each of our lives. This is a wonderful way for us to move forward as the Renew My Church consolidation process is coming to conclusion.

The purpose of this Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, and give strength to our hands.

While the in-person and virtual sessions have passed, reflections in any language can be entered until Friday, April 1 at [archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod](https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/synod). The Synod is meant to include everyone - believers, non-believers, the marginalized, the poor, etc. All are welcome to participate and talk about how the Church is living out its communion, participation, and mission.

Please join and actively participate in this process as we journey together guided by the Holy Spirit!

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## Growing in Faith Rejoicing on the Way

Last Sunday (March 27) was the 4th Sunday of Lent and Laetare Sunday. Laetare means “rejoice,” a time to be filled with hope, for Easter is now within sight. But it’s hard to rejoice when many suffer from the horrors of war. We’ve come through two years of pandemic, with grievous losses for some, and we don’t know what lies ahead. We stand on a threshold, that liminal in-between time that invites transformation and growth while

requiring acceptance of a wobbly present.

In this Sunday's first reading, Isaiah tells us to "Remember not the events of the past" and promises "something new...water in the desert." Paul, in the second reading, has "accepted the loss of all things" that he may be found in Christ, "depending on faith to know Christ and the power of his resurrection."

Both readings show us that the threshold we experience today is not something new. Isaiah wrote in anticipation of the coming of Christ, which is now our "already," the "something new" that begins our salvation. Paul speaks of our "not yet," the fullness of faith which will "somehow. . .attain the resurrection from the dead." From their points of view wars and pandemics are only bleeps on the long Christian journey. Our shared pilgrimage takes place on a threshold where we teeter together, taking deep breaths, between the already of Jesus' birth and the not yet of Christ's return.

~ Maggie Kast



Coming This Spring—St. Gertrude

# Composting Program

Dear St. Gertrude Compost and Garden Team,

With the promise of warmer temperatures this week, it is time to start thinking about spring and our parish compost and garden projects. I think we had a great year last year and am hoping that many or most of you will return to be involved again this year.

We have some new changes with our compost program this spring. Last year, we had many people drop off their compostable goods; so many in fact that it required a huge labor-intensive effort to move the material from one bin to another bin to speed along the breakdown process. And while Grace and Paul were very helpful in getting us started, they both work full time jobs and manage their own composting project at St. Gregory, so they were often not available.

So, I have decided to go with a different system that is more user friendly and will produce compost at quicker pace. We have purchased a compost tumbler that is actually a large steel drum on its own stand that is totally self-contained with a removable door (for loading and unloading of compost materials), air vents and drainage units, and a gear driven spin handle. Simply spin the handle five times before loading your material, and five times afterwards and you are done! This unit is also impermeable for city wildlife to enter which is very important since we are close to an alley. I highly suggest going to [www.mantis.com](http://www.mantis.com) for more information and watch a short video demonstration.

Because of this new system and the fact that we need to make a few revisions to our Do's and Don't's lists, I think it might be wise to set up a

Zoom meeting with our group so I can better inform you of the coming changes and answer any of your questions. This will probably be on a Saturday morning in the near future. We hope to get this system up and running by mid-April.

We sincerely hope you will participate in our project again this year and of course we eagerly welcome any newcomers. Email me at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org) if you have any questions.

~ *Mary Clare Barker*

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## Lenten Faith Activities Planned

All are invited to participate in some Lenten devotions.

**Almoners Program:** These groups will meet on Mondays during Lent at 9:00 am and/or at 6:30 pm in the church for a brief prayer. Participants will then go out to be more compassionate to the less fortunate by giving alms of \$10 McDonald cards. If you are not able to join us on Mondays, we will have McDonald's cards available in the back of church for you to take and distribute to the needy.

There will be a second collection to support the purchase of the McDonald's cards used by the Almoners program each weekend during Lent.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent, we will take time from our busy schedules and reflect on the suffering journey of Christ and others in the world.

On Friday afternoons at 3:00 pm, we will offer the traditional Way of the Cross and at 6:30 pm we will also have Stations of the Cross - joining Jesus' journey, recognizing the present struggles and crosses that challenge our modern world. **There will be no Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm on Good Friday, April 15.**

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## The Scrutinies/Introduction to the RCIA Group at St. Gertrude

This is the final weekend that the RCIA group will undergo the Scrutinies, where they will be examined about their own desires to turn away from sin and embrace the gospel of Jesus. These Rites invite all of us “old Catholics” to do the same in our lives, as we share the common goal of being ready for the celebration of Easter. We are so pleased they are a part of St. Gertrude and ask that you keep them in your prayers during these final weeks of Lent.

Below is an introduction to one of our RCIA candidates, Bella Meaux.

Allison "Bella" Meaux was raised as a Baptist but grew away from any spiritual tradition as she got into her teens and twenties until she met her fiancé, who is a cradle Catholic, at 27. Her faith and interest in the church increased at age 30 when she became a teacher with the Archdiocese of Chicago . She is currently a first grade teacher's assistant at Sacred Heart School on Sheridan Road. She and her fiancé are planning a wedding at Saint Gertrude's in October of 2022. She enjoys smuggling with her cats and reading when she is not completing homework for her MFA in creative writing.



## Why is the RCIA Dismissed?

After the homily, those participating in the RCIA, their sponsors, and



members of the RCIA team are dismissed from mass to engage in reflective discussions that are meant to deepen the knowledge of God through connecting the scripture readings, the homily, and our lived experiences.

The RCIA has been gathering since September to learn about the faith and our sacred traditions in preparation for the sacraments of initiation that will take place at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night.

Please keep the RCIA group in your prayers.



## St. Vincent de Paul Parish Chicago Presents: A Faith Studies Event: The Music and Significance of Renaissance Voice

Join St. Vincent de Paul parish on Saturday, April 23 to learn about a small moment in history, where composers in Renaissance Europe used their



genius to give praise to God, forever changing the development of music. Presenters James Keene and Joe Labozetta will lead an innovative lecture-recital on the works known as the Renaissance Polyphony. There is a \$10 suggested donation for general seating; priority seating is \$30. The performance is at 7:00 pm at St. Vincent DePaul, 1010 W. Webster Avenue

This event will feature talented local Chicago vocalists including Joe Labozetta, Kaitlin Foley, Matthew Dean, John Orduña, and Alexandra Olsavsky, with a special guest performance by Samuel Mason. They will perform selections from composers including Josquin des Prez, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and Carlo Gesualdo.

For more information, visit [www.stvdep.org](http://www.stvdep.org) or call 773.325.8610.

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Scouting for Food: Pack 3822 to Collect Food in the Edgewater

## Neighborhood on Saturday, April 9

Scouts from the Cub Scout Pack 3822 will hold their annual food drive, hosted by the Pathway to Adventure Council, to help families in need. On Saturday, April 2 between 10:00 am-1:00 pm, members of Cub Scouts Pack 3822 will be canvassing the neighborhood surrounding St Gertrude and distributing door hangers inviting people to donate non perishables.

The next Saturday, April 9, the Scouts will revisit those homes to pick up donated, nonperishable items from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. These donations will benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository and other local food banks.

To participate or to ask questions, please contact [PTAC.ScoutingForFood@scouting.org](mailto:PTAC.ScoutingForFood@scouting.org).

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## Teen Summer Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota

The youth group's Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for July 17-22. The group will travel to Lake Traverse, South Dakota. All teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to take part in this jam-packed week of service, friendship, and fun! Space is limited.

For more information about the mission trip, please visit the [Lake Traverse Youth Mission Trip | YouthWorks website](#). If you have any questions, please email Eloy Escamilla, Pastoral Associate, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

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## Registration for NCA Summer Camp Now Open

Everyday is a holiday at NCA Summer Camp! Wildcat Camp strives to provide a safe, engaging experience with a variety of recreational, educational, athletic, and fine arts programs at an affordable price. Wildcat Camp is for NCA students, children of parishioners at our NCA sponsoring parishes, and family and friends. Age specific programs are available for children who are 3 by June 1 through 8th grade.

To learn more, [click here!](#) To register, go to [schoolspeak!](#)

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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## [A Tax-Savvy Way to Support St. Gertrude Parish](#)

Please help us cover our increased operating costs by considering a direct gift of securities or mutual funds. You can reduce or eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to St. Gertrude, visit [archchicago.org/stockgifform](http://archchicago.org/stockgifform) and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org).



## Career Transitions Center Annual Retreat: *Finding Work Without Losing Heart*

On Friday, April 22 from 1:00-5:00 pm, Career Transitions Center will host their annual retreat for those looking for a job. For the past 25 years, this retreat has helped people find the purpose, encouragement, and hope they need to persevere in their search for meaningful work.

The retreat will help participants explore and understand the grief brought on by job loss and the impact of COVID. Content touches on the personal, emotional, and even spiritual resilience found in change, growth, and regeneration. Participants may find that understanding transition helps them

to engage better in their job search, with greater confidence and hope for a positive outcome.

Visit <https://bit.ly/CTCretreat2022> for more information about this virtual event and to register or email [register@ctcchicago.org](mailto:register@ctcchicago.org). There is a \$25 fee.

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## Readings and Music for This Weekend



- [Links to readings for Sunday, April 3](#)
- [Lyrics and Copyright Info for Sunday, April 3](#)
- Music planned: (Instruments only-NO PIANO)
  - Prelude: *Deep River*
  - Entrance: *Change Our Hearts*, # 660
  - Penitential Rite: Lord Have Mercy
  - Psalm 95: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
  - Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Offertory: *Loving and Forgiving*, #664
  - Mass Parts: Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert

- Communion: *Take and Eat*, #358
  - Meditation: *Precious Lord Duo*
  - Recessional: *Lord who Throughout These 40 Days*, #132
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## Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Scheduled for This Weekend

Our Ministers of the Word are:

- Saturday, April 2 at 5:00 pm - Steve Monti
- Sunday, April 3 at 8:00 am - Jacalyn Meier
- Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Mass in church - Patrick Robinson
- Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our Eucharistic ministers are:

- Saturday, April 2 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, April 3 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Mass in church - Rafael Melendez, Carlos



Barragan, Bob Backis

Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA

Our cantors are:

- Saturday, April 2 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O' Connor; Jim Szmurlo-violin, James Casey-violin
- Sunday, April 3 at 8:00 am - Cindy Lawson; Amir Ghazaleh-trombone
- Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Mass in church - Kate Hibbs Davis; Denise Goodman-Bb Clarinet, Dana Sullivan-flute
- Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am Gym Mass - TBA



## Ways to Help Our Parish: Amazon Smile, Text to Give, GiveCentral, PayPal, and Amazon Smile

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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.

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 [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org).

[Click here to go to GiveCentral](#)

[Click here for PayPal \(via our website\)](#)



## [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, April 4:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

**Tuesday, April 5:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, April 6:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, April 7:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, April 8:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, April 9:** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

**Palm Sunday, April 10:** Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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## Mass Intentions

Next week's intentions are:

**Monday, April 4:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners

**Tuesday, April 5:** 7:30 am - Mary Carole Nelson & Helen Nelligan +

**Wednesday, April 6:** 7:30 am - World peace

**Thursday, April 7:** 7:30 am - Communion Service

**Friday, April 8:** 7:30 am - Victor Melendez +

**Saturday, April 9:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Stephan Oleszczuk +

**Palm Sunday, April 10:** 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; Combined 10:30 am in Church - Peter Zammi + and Des McConnell +

*(+ indicates the person is deceased)*



## New Parishioners

- Alec & Genna Jankowski
- Ruel & Ma Nove Maderada



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and  
Friends

- Pamela Sherrod Anderson
- Helen Banta
- Zara Bradley
- Sharon Brown
- Connie Bueck
- Lilly Buie
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- KC Conway
- Connie Cool
- Caloy Desembrana
- Ann Collins Dole
- Christine Frisoni
- Shirley Marie Gonzales
- Gina Heidkamp
- Maria Hertl
- Daniel Hidalgo
- Patricia Irwin
- Bernice Kiedysz
- Sheila McGuire
- Dean Mattoni
- Larry McCauley
- Molly Morris
- Karey Myers
- Tina Piemonte
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Peggy Stoffel
- The Sullivan family
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Valerie Williams
- Ken & Vyes Yoza

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