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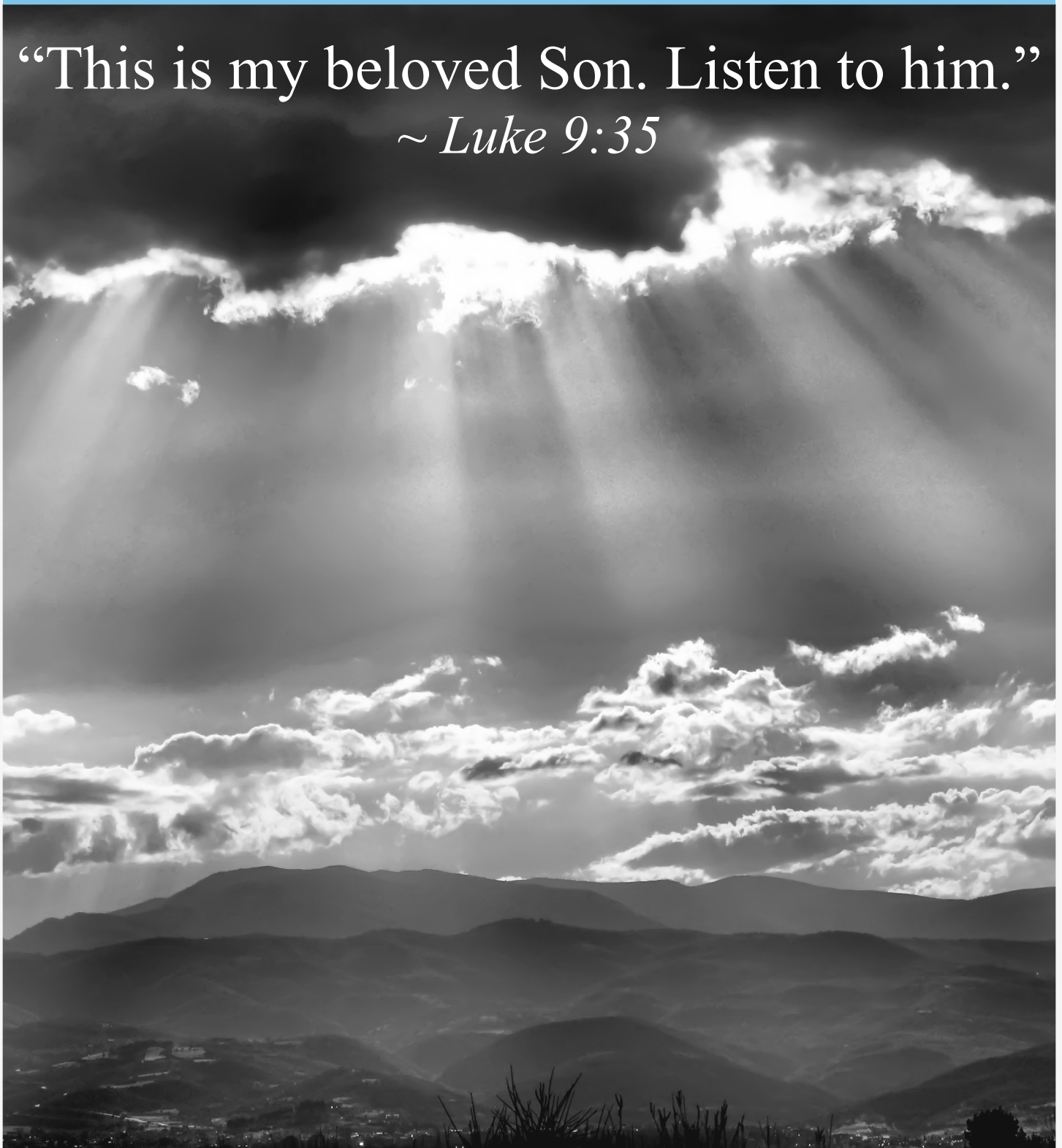
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**Second Sunday of Lent • March 17, 2019**

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

~ *Luke 9:35*



## *From Father Rich*

Depending upon your ancestry, this week might contain a major Feast Day for you. Today, March 17<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St. Patrick, and Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St. Joseph. Both of these celebrations offer special events, special foods, and delicious bakery treats. Enjoy the heritage that makes these days special by sharing your celebration with family and friends. And, especially in the tradition of the St. Joseph Table, remember to share your good fortune with those who are lacking in basic necessities, who are struggling to put food on the table every day.

Next weekend is the Spring Play. Be sure to plan on joining in the fun on Friday or Saturday nights as fellow parishioners share their talents, voices, and good humor! I hope to see you next weekend at the play in the Social Hall.



This weekend, the women and men who are in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be sent from the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 16 in preparation for celebrating the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral with one of the Archdiocesan bishops. At this special ceremony, they will be recognized in their faith journey leading them towards membership in the Catholic faith community. This special ceremony publicly recognizes their journey and begins their final “retreat” preparation for entrance into the Church at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. Over the next three Sundays, they will be at different weekend masses at which they will celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutinies. These Scrutinies are a ritual celebration of examining their lives in order to root out sin and fully embrace the life of faith in Christ Jesus. Please keep them in your prayers during these important weeks. As they celebrate the Scrutinies, we are invited to do the same in our own lives, seeking out whatever blocks us from fully accepting God’s will in our lives.

A reminder for those preparing for infant baptisms. Baptismal preparation class for parents (sponsors are always welcome!) is on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the office to sign up for the class you wish to attend. Baptisms are celebrated three times each month: after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass (at about 12:30 pm) on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (except during Lent.) An additional time for baptisms is at one of the weekend Masses and rotates from month to month. So one month we celebrate baptisms at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass, then the next month at the Sunday 8:00 am Mass, etc. This allows families more options, and also makes it possible for the parish congregations to participate in this important sacrament a few times in the course of the year. All those wishing to have their child(ren) baptized are asked to call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to schedule the baptism and provide the necessary information so we can have the appropriate certificates prepared in advance of the baptismal celebration. Please feel free to call the office with any questions.

One final reminder—this time about our arrangement with Starbucks. We don’t celebrate Mass at the Starbucks stores. And we ask everyone to please **not** bring your cup or thermos of coffee, tea, etc. into church.

~ Father Rich

## Growing in Faith

In March, we venerate two very special saints: St. Joseph and St. Patrick. What did they have in common? Life-changing dreams.

Patrick, while studying for the priesthood, had recurrent dreams. They were the Irish voices of those who had kidnapped him and brought him to Ireland as a slave in his youth. The voices beseeched him to return to Ireland. Patrick did return to Ireland after he became a bishop. He spent the next thirty years of his life establishing the Church, baptizing thousands of pagans and ordaining hundreds of priests.

In a dream, St. Joseph had an Angel of God explain the reason for Mary's condition. Joseph may not have understood the magnitude of this message, but Joseph accepted the fact that he would act as the father of the child, Jesus.

Both St. Joseph and St. Patrick turned their faith-filled lives over to the Will of God. We also need to be open to God's will through listening in contemplative prayer or in the stillness of meditation.

~ Joe Donnelly for *Growing in Faith*

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, March 17

- Lenten Food Drive in the back of Church
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by eighth grade students and WOW youth group members
- 6:00 pm ~ Living Stations practice in Church
- 7:00 pm ~ WOW gathering in the Gym balcony

### Friday, March 22

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

### Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23

- 8:00 pm ~ Parish Play: *Just a Dream Away: A Musical Dream Machine Adventure* in the Gym (Doors open at 7:30 pm)

### Sunday, March 24

- No Religious Ed classes today
- R.C.I.A.: First Scrutiny of the Elect

### Wednesday, March 27

- 6:00 pm ~ Simple Supper hosted by the Commonweal Conversation group in the Social Hall

### Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 pm ~ Parish Council meeting in the Ministry Center

### Friday, March 29

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

### Sunday, March 31

- No Religious Ed classes today
- R.C.I.A. - Second Scrutiny of the Elect

- 6:00-7:00 pm ~ Living Stations practice in Church

### Wednesday, April 3

- 6:00 pm ~ Simple Supper hosted by the NCA Preschool in the Social Hall
- 7:00 pm ~ St. Gertrude Refugee Committee in the Ministry Center

### Friday, April 5

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

### Sunday, April 7

- R.C.I.A. - Third Scrutiny of the Elect
- 8:30 am ~ Religious Ed classes resume
- 10:00 am ~ Family Mass hosted by second graders in the parish and Religious Ed program
- Postcard writing event hosted by the Refugee Committee in the Ministry Center after the 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses
- 3:00 pm ~ Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church
- 6:00-7:00 pm ~ Living Stations practice in Church

### Saturday, April 13

- 5:00 pm ~ Palm Sunday Vigil

### Sunday, April 14 *Palm Sunday*

- 8:00 am ~ Mass in Church
- 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)

## *Lent 2019: Our Invitation to a Second Chance Week II*

The Second Sunday of Lent offers us a peek into our salvation. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, we see the promise of God's covenant realized in Jesus. This story is a precursor to the actual Resurrection of Jesus, a taste of the full reality that will come on Easter.

One way of considering the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is that these serve as a warm-up to the more difficult moments in our lives. I may find the discipline of these practices a little difficult, challenging me in my daily schedule and self-focus. But they also have the ability to begin to steel us for the more challenging, often very dark moments in our lives. They prepare us for real encounters of powerlessness, helplessness, those times when our hope is greatly challenged.

The Transfiguration is hope. God always delivers upon the promises made! Before his Passion and Death, Jesus brings comfort to the disciples when they share this experience of him as Lord and Son of God. Even if the disciples did not understand fully what this meant, in time they would realize the Lord's loving concern was always present, preparing them for the most difficult times yet to come.

Ten days into Lent is a good time to "take the temperature" of this Lent. How am I feeling about the invitation to a second chance? What are some of the past experiences I still carry around within me because I have yet to fully accept forgiveness. What do I need to bring before the Lord, asking Him to enable and allow me to move beyond yesterday's sins and failures? Isn't that, in fact, what the Transfiguration and Resurrection are all about -- the transformation of what was only darkness and death into new life and light?

God always wants what is best for us. That love is lived out in the constant forgiveness of our sins which we can accept, whenever we are ready. Wouldn't today be a good day to begin turning whatever we are holding onto from yesterday to the Lord -- so that we might let go of what drags us down and then live in the freedom of the present moment, with all its promise?

### *R.C.I.A. Reflection*

*At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, those in the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will become members of the Catholic Christian community or Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. We'll share their stories in the bulletin as Easter approaches. Please keep all of our Elect and Candidates in your prayer during these weeks of Lent.*

My name is Brittany Clark and I'm part of St. Gertrude's 2018-2019 R.C.I.A. class. My son, Connor, 9, and I are life-long residents of Edgewater. Connor attends the Nettelhorst school in Lakeview. He is currently part of the parish's 4th grade religious education program.

We have been praying and preparing for many months to join your community and we are very grateful that God has given us the opportunity to be a part of the St. Gertrude's family.

I believe that he and I will greatly benefit from adding religion to our everyday lives. Please, pray



for us as we continue our spiritual journey and grow into our faith community.

Yours  
faithfully,

*Brittany  
Clark*

## Almoner's Program

We are once again incorporating the Almoner's Program as part of our Lenten opportunities. Named after the office in charge of almsgiving at the Vatican, this program is meant to help connect us with those on the periphery while we also pursue our works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent.

Each Sunday during Lent we have a second collection exclusively for this program. The money from that collection will be used to purchase McDonald gift cards with \$5.00 pre-loaded on the card. Each Sunday during Lent a volunteer will be in the back of Church after Masses with the gift cards. Everyone is invited to take as many pre-loaded gift cards as they think they will likely use during the week to give to people in need that they encounter on their usual routine (maybe on the bus or el, or when you are stopped at certain intersections, etc.)

As part of this Lenten outreach, everyone is encouraged to use the moment of handing over the card as an opportunity to have a brief, humane, and



human conversation with the other person, affirming them and wishing them well. This interaction is often more important than the card itself.

## Lenten Activities & Events

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church. On Good Friday, April 19, there will be Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, featuring teens from the parish.

**Simple Suppers:** All are invited to participate in faith-focused reflections while sharing a meal of soup and bread. Various parish groups will host these meals in the Social Hall from 6:00-7:30 pm. Dinners will be held on:

- Wednesday, March 27, hosted by the Commonweal Conversation group
- Wednesday, April 3, hosted by the NCA Preschool
- Wednesday, April 10, hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council

**Refugee Committee Postcard Event:** A postcard writing event will be held on Sunday, April 7 after the 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses, to encourage elected officials to treat refugees with fairness and compassion.

**Lenten Reconciliation:** A reconciliation service will be held Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm in Church. This is a quiet, reflective service which is a combination of music, scripture, and a guided reflection which serves as an examination of conscience.

**Rice Bowls:** Catholic Relief Services' rice bowls are available in the back of Church.

## Lenten Liturgy

As we enter into this Lenten season, we also try to reflect in our Sunday liturgies a different pace and tone that reflects this season. The Penitential Rite focuses us on our need for forgiveness as we pray the Confiteor (I confess) and sing the *Lord, have Mercy*. Slightly longer pauses after the first and second readings, and again after Communion, offer us time for a little more silent reflection. We sing the same psalm (a seasonal psalm) throughout the forty days, *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*. The Gospel Acclamation is void of any "Alleluias"

until Easter and we sing a different Mass with a more somber tone. We will also chant the Lord's Prayer at all Masses, and we will use Sacred Silence as a meditation song frequently throughout the season.

On the fifth Sunday of Lent, to reflect the more somber tone of what we used to call Passion Week—the week before Holy Week, we will simplify liturgy even more, with very "quiet" music—maybe one flute, e.g.

## Parish News

**TODAY—Lenten Food Drive:** A food drive for Care for Real is today, Sunday, March 17. Donations can be dropped off in the back of Church until 12:30 pm.

**TODAY—Youth Group Meeting & Living Stations Practice:** Our WOW youth group is meeting today, Sunday, March 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony. Living Stations practice will be held on Sunday, March 17, 31, and April 7 from 6:00-7:00 pm in Church. Dinner will be provided after every Living Stations practice.

**Our Parish Play is Next Weekend!** On Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, the St. Gertrude Players present *Just a Dream Away: A Musical Dream Machine Adventure*.

The show will begin at 8:00 pm in the Gym, 1401 W. Granville, and the doors will open at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We hope you can join us for what is sure to be a wonderful time!

# Just A Dream Away

A Musical Dream Machine Adventure



St. Gertrude Gym - 1401 W. Granville - Chicago  
Friday & Saturday - March 22 & 23, 2019

Doors Open  
7:30 pm

Adult \$10 - Child \$5

Show Begins  
8:00 pm

**No Religious Ed Classes on March 24 and March 31:** The Religious Education program will be on spring break over the next two weekends. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 7.



**Family Mass:** On Sunday, April 7, there will be a 10:00 am Family Mass hosted by second graders in the Religious Ed program and NCA students from the parish. Please note, hospitality will not be offered after Mass during Lent.

**Thank You to Jay Cook:** We are so grateful to parishioner and talented singer Jay Cook, who performed at Davenport's on Friday, March 1, Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3. Jay generously donated the cover charge to our parish at all his shows. Thank you so much, Jay!

**Thank You from the Cubs Scouts:** Cub Scout Pack 3822 would like to thank everyone, especially those within the St. Gertrude faith community, who attended and/or donated to our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 3. Because of your support we are pleased to say, it was a huge success. Not only will we be able to provide great programming for our scouts, we are also making a \$275.00 donation to one of the several charitable organizations we are currently working with.

~ Nathan Dant

**Mass Intentions in 2020:** The Mass Intentions book for 2020 is now open. Intentions are limited to one per Mass. There is a \$20 suggested offering.

**Teen Summer Service Trip:** St. Gertrude Parish is sponsoring a service trip for teens to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota from Friday, July 26 to Sunday, August 4. Teens interested in attending can contact Jim Potthast at 773.764.3621 [jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Refugee Committee

**Rohingya Refugees:** Many of the refugees welcomed by the St. Gertrude Refugee Committee have been Rohingya, practicing the Muslim faith in Myanmar (once called Burma.) The persecution by the Buddhist people and leaders there has been termed genocide. Although the Rohingya have lived on the coast since the eighth century, they are considered unwanted illegal immigrants in their country. According to one UN official, they are experiencing “ethnic cleansing” that includes rape, extra judicial killings, and razing of villages by the army. Those fleeing across the Bay of Bengal to Bangladesh suffer the fate of many people fleeing their homes, including dangers from traffickers.

The Rohingya families that we are assisting traveled to Malaysia, where they waited years (in one case, eight!) for admission to the United States.

~ Sr. Terri McKenzie,  
Refugee Committee

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

## Care for our Common Home



From today's readings:  
“To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

From *Laudato Si*:  
“Living our vocation to

be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue. It is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

This week's tip: Separate your trash and recycle.

Interested in becoming an NCA Green Team member? Please contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com.

~ Debbie Kern, NCA Green Team

## Parish Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection March 9-10	\$7,054.75
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
<b>Underage</b>	<b>(-) \$670.25</b>
Almoner's Collection Year to Date	\$1,112.27

## Parish Council Minutes

### Parish Council Minutes from February 28:

The group continued conversation around the four parish commissions begun in January, and aligned approximately half of the parish ministries to a commission. Dialogue on this topic will continue at the March meeting, and the PPC members will also be asked to join a commission.

Greg Pierce provided the PPC with an overview of one-on-ones—what they are (and are not), why they are important, and how to go about them.

There are three main reasons why one-on-ones are important:

1. They are grounded in the message offered by Jesus, “Come and see.” This approach is the foundation of the Church and the key to driving future engagement.
2. They can help our democracy. Currently, both sides of the political spectrum tend to talk past each other. One-on-ones can help bridge the gap and get people to start finding common ground. American democracy is rooted in one-on-ones.
3. They can help break out of the social media/Internet echo chamber, as one-on-ones are about in-person dialogue and relationship building. One-on-ones are a bigger investment in time and effort than simply clicking “Like.”

Following establishing the final alignment of all parish ministries within commissions, PPC members will be holding one-on-ones with representatives from the various ministries.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Respectfully submitted,

~ Dominic Guagenti, Vice Chair

## Our Parish at Prayer

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 am Peggy Sue Riordan †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 am Communion Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 am Maria Y-Nhu Tran †

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

† Indicates  
person listed  
is deceased.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 am Augustina Bodede †

5:00 pm Henry Chamberlain, S.J. †, Frank  
Chamberlain, S.J. †, John Chamberlain †

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am Cheryl Veccie †

9:30 am Deceased members of the Cadet-Graham  
family †

10:00 am Bruno † & Vincenzina Tassone †

10:30 am Lori Fitzgerald-Larson †

11:30 am Deceased members of the Avila family †

## Ministers of the Word

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Pat Reardon

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Marty McDermott

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

10:00 am Debra Novak, Sarah Millar

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Steven Monti

## 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).

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,  
27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16,  
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;  
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8,  
11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-  
7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Eucharistic Ministers

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Peggy Dawson  
(assisted by Mary Cook), Roman Reyes,  
Kathy Wall, Michelle Kuehlhorn

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian  
DeVarenne

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

10:00 am Carlos Barragan, Christine Curran, Mary  
Donlan, Nancy Merrill, Sarah Millar,  
Debra Novak, Teresita Zdunek

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck, Steve  
Monti, Karen Griebel, Lina Peon

## Altar Servers

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 pm Ellie, Nate, & Bridget Fulkerson

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 am Katherine Tentler, Dominic Millar, Nadia  
Millar

11:30 am Julia Barry, Jean Rosenmayer, Haiden  
Negrillo



*Milestones*



*Rest in Peace*

Lori Fitzgerald-Larson,  
niece of Judy Diaz

Greg Wall

Rolando Santiago



*Please Pray  
for Our  
Parishioners and  
Friends*

Maria Hertl

Maggie Callaway

Carlene Lorys

Geraldine Clark

Helen Stryczek

Robert Howe



*New  
Parishioners*

Cindy Howard

Timothy & Bridget  
Wesley & family

Leonard-James  
Johnson

Sarah Figy

The Ornga-Ramos Family

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of our Parish community, please consider registering. Applications to register as a parishioner are available in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at [www.stgertudechicago.org](http://www.stgertudechicago.org).

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor  
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff  
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music  
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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:**

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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

**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. 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.stgertudechicago.org](http://www.stgertudechicago.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.  
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