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Bulletin for

**April 2, 2023**

*Palm Sunday*

### From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Today is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. How will you make this week holy? As we celebrate this Triduum -

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday - will you join your fellow Christians and parishioners in the celebration of the very core of our faith?

The "elect" and candidates are preparing for baptism and reception into the church at the Easter Vigil. Will you pray for them, and join them at the font on Holy Saturday?

You are all cordially invited to:

#### **Holy Thursday, April 6th—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm**

Following Mass, Adoration will continue until 10:00 pm.

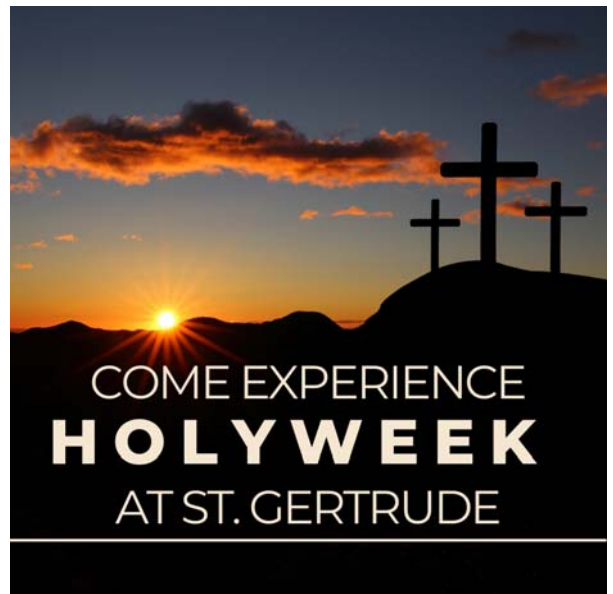
After the fasting of Lent, Holy Thursday recalls the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet, and that all are welcomed at the table.

#### **Good Friday, April 7th—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 pm**

The sacrifice of Good Friday is filled with prayer, from Jesus in the Garden to his final words on the Cross. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence for people age 18—59. This means limiting to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.

#### **Holy Saturday, April 8th—Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word Remembrance of Baptism and Celebration of the Eucharist**

Holy Saturday is the day of the hidden mystery of divine action. The disciples were convinced that all their hopes had ended in disaster. Holy Saturday reminds us that our best guess about the future is only that; God has plans and powers beyond anything we can imagine.





## From Fr. Mike Gabriel (continued)

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**—Masses at 8:00 am, 10:30 in Church, and 10:30 am in the Gym.

Easter morning reveals the emptiness of the Tomb.

All are welcome! Please come!

## Other Parish News: Thank You to Participants in our Parish Play & Those who Helped with our Almoners Ministry

Hip hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! Hip Hip Hooray! for the “Three Cheers” production presented by the St

Gertrude Players last weekend. Special thanks to Therese Schreiner and the cast members, musicians, set designers, the sound, lights, and concession helpers, and everyone else who made this a great evening.

As this weekend Almoner’s Program ends, thank you to all you participated in the Almoners, whether donating or going out and distributing the gift cards. Over \$7,000 dollars was collected and distributed to those in need.

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

- 5:00 pm (Saturday, April 1 - Sunday Vigil)
- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:30 am Procession (Combined Mass in Church - no Gym Mass) (live-streamed)

### **Holy Thursday, April 6**

- No morning Mass
- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (live-streamed)
- Church will remain open until 10:00 pm for private adoration.

### **Good Friday, April 7**

- No morning Mass
- The Rectory office is closed.
- 3:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross performed by the parish youth group
- 7:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (live-streamed)
- Second collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

- No morning Mass
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter baskets
- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass (live-streamed)

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

- 8:00 am
- 10:30 am in church (live-streamed)
- 10:30 am Gym Mass

### **Easter Monday, April 10**

- The Rectory office is closed.

### **Watch our Live-Streams**

- Live-streamed services can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago>.
- No Facebook account is needed to view live-streams.
- Live-streams typically begin a few minutes prior to the service and can be found by scrolling down our Facebook page.

## No Religious Ed on Sunday, April 2 or Easter Sunday, April 9

Our Religious Ed program is on spring break! There are no classes this Sunday, April 2 or next weekend, Easter Sunday, April 9.

Please consider attending our Holy Week events with your children, especially our 3:00 pm Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross, which will be performed by our parish youth group.



## Prayer Walk Around Cook County Jail on Palm Sunday, April 2

The Kolbe House Jail Ministry, part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is inviting Chicago-area Catholics and any other interested participants, to gather outside the Cook County Jail on Palm Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 pm for a 2-mile prayer walk around the Cook County Jail complex.

This event offers us an opportunity to show solidarity with people affected by incarceration. The event will begin and end at Kolbe House, located at 2434 S. California Ave. in Chicago.

There will be 5 stations along this route where attendees will say special prayers for victims of violence and people incarcerated, as well as for healing.

## Peace and Justice Meeting - Monday, April 3

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Peace and Justice Ministry. The group will meet in the Ministry Center on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm and plan events for spring and summer.

Please email Marina Parise at [marinaparise@gmail.com](mailto:marinaparise@gmail.com) with questions.







## Youth Group to Perform Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

On Good Friday, April 7, the parish youth group will perform Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm.

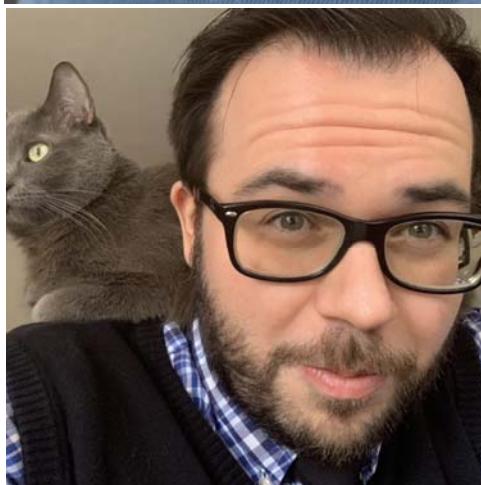
This is a powerful and prayerful experience and we encourage all parishioners to consider attending and witnessing scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His life for us on the cross.

*Pictured: Living Stations done by youth group members in 2019.*

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## Please Keep our RCIA Class in Your Prayers!

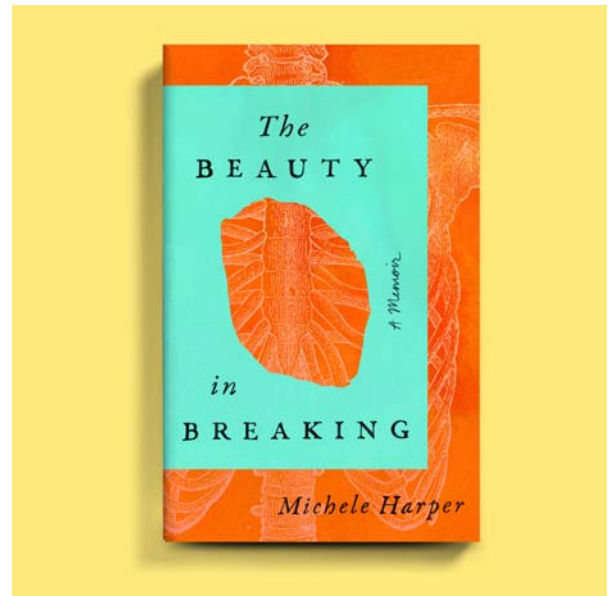
At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group will become full members of the Catholic Church. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Members (pictured below in alphabetical order) include Manuel Ballester, Connor Clark, Tyler Fawbush, Mike Joyce, Sarah Kutz, and Wildaline Serin. Please consider attending and providing an atmosphere of love and support!



## Book Club to Meet on Monday, April 10: New Members Welcome!

Please join us in the Ministry Center on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *The Beauty in Breaking: A Memoir* by Michele Harp. We would love new voices and opinions!

Contact Lea Cloninger at 773.973.2465 or Sue Benjamin at 773.551.8401 with questions.



## An Update from the Parish Council: Recent Activities, Town Hall Planned for May, New Members Needed

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met in March with United Power to discuss their three initiatives—affordable housing, gun control and mental health—and how St. Gertrude parish can continue to support their efforts.

The group also planned another town hall. It will take place on Sunday, May 7 immediately after the 10:30 am Mass in the Gym.

The PPC is also looking for new members. The PPC's goal is to be a collaborative group who works with the pastor in determining the matters that affect the life of the faith community. If you are interested in this type of service, email us at [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

The PPC's next meeting is Wednesday, April 19. All meetings are held in the Ministry Center from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm and are open to parishioners. If you would like to discuss anything with the PPC, contact them at the above email address.

**Mass Book Open - Intentions for 2024 Available:** The Mass Book for 2024 is open. If you would like a Mass Intention said for a person that needs prayers or in memory of someone who has died, please call 773.764.3621 or stop by the Rectory office at 1420 West Granville Avenue during office hours.

We'll help you find an available Mass and prepare a card for you to give to the person or family of the intention. A \$20 donation is suggested.



## This Summer: St. Gertrude's Youth Group Mission Experience

Attention teens in sixth grade through high school! This summer, from July 10-14, the parish youth group will volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day.

This is an excellent opportunity to have fun and earn volunteer hours!

There is a \$100 fee for the week. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration.

All participants will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack.

To reserve a spot or to get more information, contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org). Please register before Saturday, May 28.

## Financial Report from Last Sunday, March 26

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,792.00

Loose Checks: \$8,000.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$808.27

Online Donations: \$4,367.05

**Total Collected: \$7,767.32**

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

**Difference: -\$2,962.68**

Year-to-date Collected: \$362,301.71

Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00

**Difference: -\$195,698.29**

Almoner's Collection on March 19: \$1,193.00



## Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude in various ways:

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants)

Questions? Please reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager via email [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:esoto@stgertrudechicago.org) for additional information.





## Volunteers Needed to Lead the Summer Garden & Composting Project

As you should all know by now, I am retiring at the end of June. A search committee has been formed to find a replacement for my musical duties, but the parish is currently looking for someone to step up and take over the garden/compost project after I retire.

Since I will still be here through at least mid-June, I can get the person started and help organize/train someone on what has to be done in the spring as far as preparing the soil, buying plants, and organizing teams to do this work.

Once everything is planted, most of the work involves arranging and assigning teams to do the daily watering if Mother Nature is not helping us out. During really hot spells, we often have to water twice a day. Then when veggies start to ripen, the harvest needs to go to Care for Real or St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen.

Because I think it is so important to get our young people involved, I worked with NCA 7th graders and they were a BIG help in weeding our garden after the winter months. They were happy to help because their work counted toward needed service hours for Confirmation. I also solicited the 5th graders last year and they made nametags of each plant on paint sticks. To work with kids, though, you must be VIRTUS trained and up-to-date with your training. It is not that big a deal.

If you are interested in leading this important program or have further questions about what is involved, please contact me at [mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org) and I will pass along your interest to Fr. Mike.

I sincerely hope someone (or perhaps two people) will come forward to lead this project. Our local food pantries are so appreciative of receiving fresh produce and we are making a real difference in our community.

*~ Mary Clare Barker*

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## Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

We are offering an opportunity to celebrate someone in your life, living or deceased, during the Easter season. Please consider making an Easter Flower offering in their name.

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and may be placed in the collection basket or sent to Rectory. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.





## Growing in Faith

*We have two lives & the second begins when you realize you only have one. ~ "My Soul Has a Hat", Mario de Andrade*

When I was a child, my relatives seemed to anchor their faith in striving for a good death and the promise of a perfect hereafter. Although they were kind, hard-working people and as such good examples of how to live, they never discussed being alive, at least not with me. I felt they were sitting in full sun but speaking only of night.

Jesus, conscious that his life would be brief, doesn't retreat and wait to die. He keeps accruing life, more love, more relationships, more thoughts, more

teaching and more love and more love: showing us and telling us how to live – more. He keeps raising the stakes, creating more and more life to lose. Jesus finds new souls to love even while suffering a terrible death. Just before he closes his eyes, he opens his heart to a man hanging beside him. I imagine that man died with his soul cracked wide open full of love and wonder. Then Jesus cracks death wide open.

I began my second and only life last year and have had a sort of resurrection. I want to raise the stakes, to risk a broken heart more times, to love more, to live cracked open and full of wonder. I will do this imperfectly but hope I remember to keep trying and loving more.

~ KC Conway

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## Church Construction: Thank You for Your Patience!

Thank you for your patience when the church building was closed for repairs. And a special thanks to the Gym Mass organizers who hosted our Combined Mass last weekend!





# Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday

## Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, April 1 at 5:00 pm - Jayne Deiters, Millie Slane, Gospel readers: Jesus - celebrant priest, narrator - Patrick Reardon, voice - Millie Slane, crowd - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Kathryn Stimac, Gospel readers: Jesus - celebrant priest, narrator - Marty McDermott, voice - Kathryn Stimac, crowd - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am - Steven Modde, Anthony Myerse, Gospel readers: Jesus - celebrant priest, narrator - Bob Backis, voice - Troy McMillan, crowd - Tim Love
- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm - Susan McKean, Art Lyons
- Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm - Hallie Burhoe, Millie Slane; Gospel readers: Jesus - celebrant priest, narrator - Rose Karasti, voice - Patrick Reardon, crowd - Roman Reyes

## Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, April 1 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am - Carlos Barragan, Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck
- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm - Kathy Wall, Carlos Barragan
- Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm - Maria Ugarte

## Altar Servers:

- Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Dominic Millar, acolytes: Grace Cashman, Ethan Craft

## Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, April 1 at 5:00 pm - Bernie O' Connor
- Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan
- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm - TBA
- Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm - TBA



## Recruiting Volunteer Drivers for Heart to Heart:

Volunteers are the backbone of Heart to Heart. There are opportunities to help homebound seniors and disabled individuals in our Edgewater/Rogers Park areas—we need drivers to take members to the grocery store, medical appointments, and Mass.

Let us know your availability and we will accommodate your schedule. Contact Pat

Sullivan at [psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org) or call 773.973.5464.

## Mass Intentions

- **Monday, April 3:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Tuesday, April 4:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Wednesday, April 5:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Holy Thursday, April 6:** 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday, April 7:** 7:00 pm - Service of the Lord's Passion
- **Holy Saturday, April 8:** 7:00 pm - People of God
- **Easter Sunday, April 9:** 8:00 am - People of God; 10:30 am – People of God; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God

## Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rectory Office Hours

- Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm There is no Gym Mass on April 2.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621.
- The Rectory office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. The office is closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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| • Zara Bradley     | • Gina Heidkamp   | • John Nardella        |
| • Lilly Buie       | • Maria Hertl     | • Richard Seitz        |
| • Aida Calvopina   | • Bernice Kiedysz | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • KC Conway        | • Marilyn Klein   | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Patricia Meade  | • Leon Ward            |
| • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Janet McCulley  | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Fr. Dom Grassi   | • Karey Myers     | • Yyes Yoza            |

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email [stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org) if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

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