



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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**Bulletin for Sunday,
February 18, 2024**
First Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Mike

Ever wonder why we start this season of Lent with the experience of Jesus being tempted in

the desert? Jesus is revealing to some of his close followers that everyone, even himself, can be vulnerable to the deceits of Satan.

Why would Jesus go into the desert for a forty-day retreat just after he has been baptized? It is the same reason why anyone goes on retreat: to refocus on who they are, where they are going and how to get there.

Often our perspective about life gets blurred by all the noise and hyperactivity of life. Jesus needed time to understand the revelation of his identity given by the voices of his Father at his baptism: "You are my beloved, my favor rests on you."

Use these next forty days as a retreat. Take time to be more reflective and prayerful and hear what God said to you on the day of your baptism, "You are my beloved"!

St. Gertrude's is offering many opportunities for us to do just that, to reflect. Please join us in the many ways that can make this one of our best Lents.

Night of Romance

Special thanks to Jen & Roman, Emily & Matt, and Chip & Gordon for planning this wonderful evening.

Also, thanks to Mary Clare for the cocktail music and to all of the servers.

Everyone worked together to host a great first annual Night of Romance!

Photo courtesy of Mary Clare Barker.





Lenten Events & Activities

Lent at St. Gertrude Parish

Fridays: Eucharistic Adoration and Two Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from noon until 3:00 pm.

Mark your calendars so that you can participate in Stations of the Cross each Friday. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and be reminded of God's love for us and the sacrifice that was made to save us.

At 3:00 pm, we will offer a traditional Way of the Cross. Another Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 pm on Fridays with a social justice theme. On Good Friday, March 29, our Youth Group will lead a Living Stations of the Cross.

Wednesdays: Simple Suppers and a Lenten Bible Study

We have planned a special Lenten Retreat/Bible Study series, led by Father Paul. The title is *The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void*. It will held on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning February 21. There is a morning session at 10:00 am and another one at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Just before this Lenten program will be Simple Suppers, which will start at 6:00 pm. More information about both of these activities appears on page 3.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

If it has been a while since you have last celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm, private confession is available. There is a communal parish reconciliation service on Sunday, March 17; another for all the parishes in our deanery (Deanery 2B) is on Monday, March 25 (Monday of Holy Week) at 7:00 pm at the St. Ita campus of Mother of God Parish.

Almoners Lenten Ministry

Our parish's Almoners' Program will be held again. Each weekend, a second collection will be held, with funds used to distribute McDonald's Cards to those who are in need. At the end of each Mass, those wishing to participate in distributing cards to the needy will be invited to come forward, receive the cards, and be given a blessing as they go out in this charitable outreach.

Congratulations to Carol Ann Munro & Hallie Burhoe!

On Monday, February 12 at the 7:30 am Mass, Carol Ann Munro & Hallie Burhoe celebrated their second anniversary. Fr. Mike and parishioners gathered around them afterwards to congratulate and celebrate them.

We are delighted for Carol Ann and Hallie and wish them continued happiness.



No Religious Ed Classes on Sunday, February 18/Rectory Closed on February 19

Presidents Day is celebrated on Monday, February 19. Due to the long weekend, there will be no Religious Ed classes that weekend.

Additionally, the Rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 19.



Lenten Simple Suppers Planned for February 21 and February 28

The Parish Pastoral Council will host the first Simple Supper of Lent on Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

On Wednesday, February 28, St. Gertrude's Music Ministry will host the second Simple Supper. It will also be at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Lenten Bible Study Begins Wed.!

Please join Fr. Paul Àdajà for a special Lenten Bible study, ***The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void!*** The sessions will be held twice on Wednesdays, at 10:00-11:00 am and again from 7:00-8:00 pm. Here are the dates, topics, and the readings:

- **February 21** - Job: *Job 1:1-22; 38:1-11; 42:1-6*
- **February 28** - Habakkuk: *Habakkuk 1:1-14; 3: 1-19*
- **March 6** - Elijah on Horeb: *1 Kings 19: 1-18*
- **March 13** - The Syrophenician Woman: *Mark 7: 24-30*
- **March 20** - Jesus on the Cross: *Mark 14: 32-42; 15:33-41; Psalm 22*

The programs will be held in the Ministry Center. The evening sessions will be live-streamed on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/stgertrudechicago](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago). Questions? Email Fr. Paul at padaja@stgertrudechicago.org.



Wednesday Evening Rosaries for Immigration Reform

All are welcome to join in the 2024 Multilingual Lenten Campaign for Immigration Reform. The campaign provides the opportunity to share one's faith through prayer, fasting and acts of mercy to raise awareness of the need for immigration reform.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/lenten-rosary>. The group meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm during Lent, through March 27 via Zoom (Meeting ID: 84967379237) or Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/pastoral.migratoria/>.



Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings

All are welcome to attend the weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The bilingual gathering is held in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Confirmation Information: First Retreat is Saturday, February 24

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place next month. We ask that families of these students please note these important dates:

- **Saturday, February 24** - There is a Confirmation Retreat planned in the Ministry Center from 9:00 am to noon.
- **Sunday, March 10** - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a rehearsal for Confirmation.
- **Tuesday, March 12** - The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 7:00 pm in Church. Confirmation candidates are expected to attend a meeting with Bishop Bartosic at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.
- **Thursday, April 25** - There is a second Confirmation Retreat planned in the Ministry Center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



Youth Group Bowling Outing on February 25

Our parish youth group is going bowling! All teens in 7th grade through high school are welcome to join us on Sunday, February 25 at 12:30 pm. There is free transportation available. The cost is \$10 per student.

Please RSVP to Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org by Tuesday, February 20.



The Joan & Bill
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FOR THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE

2024 Annual Newman Lecture
featuring **Jason Blakely**
Atheist!: A Story of Conversion

February 27, 2024
7:00 - 8:30 PM CDT
McCormick Lounge,
Coffey Hall, LSC



This year's Newman Lecturer is **Professor Jason Blakely** from Pepperdine University, a political philosopher and leading scholar of contemporary "communitarian" and post-liberal thought. Please join us to hear his story!



This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome!



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

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You're Invited!
TICKETS NOW ON SALE!



Join us at the **19th annual Soiree** on **Saturday March 2, 2024** at Loyola University!

Live & silent auctions, raffle prizes, music, dancing, dinner & drinks

7:00 - 11:00 p.m. • 1020 West Sheridan Road

SCAN HERE TO BUY TICKETS OR SUPPORT NCA



- Buy a Grand Raffle ticket (prizes up to \$3,000!)
- Choose your Own Adventure experience
- Sponsor a Teacher to attend the Soiree
- Donate to NCA or provide an auction item
- Bid on auction items starting February 14

Checks accepted & made payable to: NCA Soiree
(Attn: Leigh Holzman) 6216 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

Save the Date! NCA's Soiree is Saturday, March 2

The 2024 NCA Soiree will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Loyola University with food, drinks, dancing and a live auction.

Tickets can be purchased at ncasoiree.com, where we're also selling tickets for the Grand Raffle. Three winners of the Grand Raffle will receive either \$1,000, \$2,000, or a \$3,000 prize. The buyer does not need to be present at the event to win.



PreCana Class Offered at St. Gertrude on Saturday, March 2 and Saturday, September 7

PreCana classes at St. Gertrude are primarily intended for couples getting married at St. Gertrude. Before registering, you must speak with Father Mike Gabriel about your planned wedding at St. Gertrude or receive consent to attend if you are getting married at a different parish.

These full day, in-person gatherings on Saturday, March 2 and Saturday, September 7 are dedicated to considering your life together as a

married couple. Led by a facilitator couple from St. Gertrude, each session begins at 9:00 am and features presentations, prayers, and discussions with your partner and 5-10 other couples. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Couples can register for either session by calling the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or by filling out an online PreCana registration form at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/marriage>. If a sufficient number of couples do not sign up for a specific date, the session will be canceled and you will be provided with information to sign up somewhere else.

The cost of PreCana is covered by the church fee couples planning a wedding at St. Gertrude are charged.

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

Attention teens in sixth grade through high school! This summer, from July 22-26, 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. Please note that there are scholarships available!

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

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Eloy Escamilla at eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org.



Growing in Faith

Chronically ill, Pope Francis wrote that Lent is “a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends.”

Here are four online resources that can help make your 2024 Lenten journey more meaningful:

Ignatian Spirituality – Lent Resources (<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>)

- Online retreats and prayers
- Lenten video reflections
- Seasonal articles



25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent (Besides Giving Up Chocolate) (<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/25-great-things-you-can-do-for-lent>)

Maryknoll Lenten Reflection Guide 2024: Caring for Creation (<https://www.maryknollogc.org/resources/seasonal-scripture-guide/lenten-reflection-guide-2024-caring-creation>)

- Reflections, questions, prayers and actions based on each week's Scripture readings

Reflecting on the Lenten Season - Loyola Press (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/perspectives-on-lent/articles/reflecting-on-the-lenten-season/>)

- Lenten practices
- Lenten memories
- Lenten lessons

~ Growing in Faith Committee



Financial Report for February 10-11

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,608.00
Loose Checks: \$385.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$893.50
Online Donations: \$7,925.03

Total Collected: \$10,811.53

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: \$811.53

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$366,457.42

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2024: \$386,400.00

Difference: -\$19,942.28

Second Collection for Almoner's: \$814.50

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: *Together at the Table*

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 new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together at the table," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. 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, visit annualcatholicappeal.com.



Masonry Stone Work Completed on the Church Building

Work was recently completed on our church building, on the east side close to the rectory. It was damaged by rain, snow, and the wind.

The first two images show before, and the last two images show after the work was completed.

Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish! If you would like to receive parish bulletins/emails from our parish or your email address has changed, please let us know!

Send an email to news@stgertrudechicago.org and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, distributed on Thursday afternoons, or our daily prayer/reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.

Parish Information

New Parishioners

- Emily Slowiak & Cynthia Arnold

Rest in Peace

- Karey Myers
- Raymond Seitz
- David Sierzega

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Barb Daly
- Denise DeBelle
- David Denegas
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Gina Heidkamp
- Rochelle Hernandez
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Carleen Lorys
- Matilde Manzardo
- Janet McCulley
- Nancy Michael
- Daniel Moore
- Andy Mueller
- Donald Nyderek
- Dealina Peon
- Claude Poulsen
- Charley Scantlebury
- Richard Seitz
- Willy Spalla
- Elinora E. Tolentino
- Manuel & Norma Viray
- Leon Ward
- Ron Whitfield
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org if you would like to add a name to the prayer list.

Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers for This Weekend

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, February 17 at 5:00 pm - Millie Slane, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 am - Jacalyn Meier, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Rose Karasti

Altar Servers

- Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 am - Eva Mueller, cross bearer; Dominic Rubino, and Chukwnonso Okoye, acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, February 17 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 am - Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck, Lisa Schneider

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, February 17 at 5:00 pm - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 am - Kristina Vragovic

Mass Intentions

- **Sunday, February 18:** 8:00 am - Elizabeth Reshoff; 10:30 am in church - Betty Taylor+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Jenny Wyman+
- **Monday, February 19:** 7:30 am - Jacqueline Elwood+
- **Tuesday, February 20:** 7:30 am - Seliza Velasquez+
- **Wednesday, February 21:** 7:30 am - Mary Jo Martin+
- **Thursday, February 22:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, February 22:** 7:30 am - Seliza Velasquez+
- **Saturday, February 23:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society; 5:00 pm - Jo Anne Joyce

Donate to our Parish

- Text the word *Donate* to 1.773.741.9505.
- PayPal link - visit our parish website at www.stgertrudechicago.org
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

Mass Times/Reconciliation/Rector 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
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm in Church or by appointment by calling the Rector at 773.764.3621.
- The Rector 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 Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day.**
- For the most up-to-date information, visit stgertrudechicago.org.

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