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**Bulletin for Sunday,  
March 10, 2024**

*Laetare Sunday  
Fourth Sunday of Lent*

### From Fr. Mike

This is the fourth week of Lent. We have only three more weeks to work on clearing the stumbling blocks of our lives and becoming a new creation in Christ.

Obviously, this will not just happen automatically when Easter arrives. It will take commitment and ongoing work at growing in faith. Where nothing changes, nothing changes. What a tragedy it would be if we came to Easter and nothing different happened or changed in our lives!

To assist with some of this change, we offer Reconciliation every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm. There is also a parish communal service next Sunday, March 17th at 1:00 pm and a Deanery Reconciliation at St. Ita's on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm.

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in Lent from 12:00-3:00 pm, as well as Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm and again at 6:30 pm. We also offer Scripture studies on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and again at 7:00 pm. Of course, we also have our Sunday Masses and 7:30 am daily Masses.

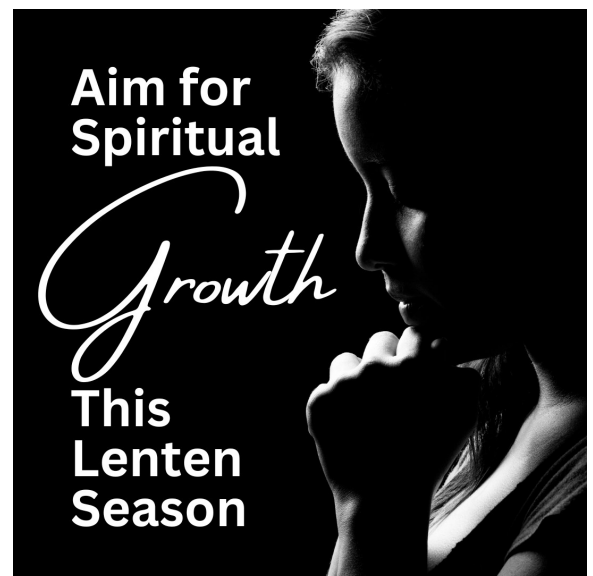
Use these opportunities and make them work for you. Easter will soon be here. Let us arise to new life!

#### **The Scrutinies**

Last week, we celebrated the First Scrutiny, and this weekend, we have the Second Scrutiny with our Elect. We pray that our lives too will be changed. The Gospels, especially during Lent, are calling us to a change in our lives.

#### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place here this Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm. The young people of our Religious Education and NCA are a source of pride for all of us. My deepest prayer is that this moment of grace will touch our hearts and help us all to appreciate and live our Catholic faith.



# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, March 10

- Second Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- 11:30 am - Rehearsal for Confirmation (after the 10:30 am Mass)

## Monday, March 11

- 7:00 pm - Book club in the Ministry Center

## Tuesday, March 12

- 6:30 pm - Confirmation candidates' meeting with Bishop Bartosic in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm - Sacrament of Confirmation

## Wednesday, March 13

- 10:00 am - Lenten Bible Study in the Ministry Center
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper hosted by the Prayer Porch Ministry in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study in the Ministry Center and [live-streamed on Facebook](#)

## Friday, March 15

- 12:00-3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

## Sunday, March 17

- Third Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- 8:00 am-1:00 pm - Blood Drive in the Bloodmobile on Glenwood Ave.
- 1:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service

## Wednesday, March 20

- 10:00 am - Lenten Bible Study in the Ministry Center
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study in the Ministry Center and [live-streamed on Facebook](#)

## Friday, March 22

- 12:00-3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration in church
- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross in church
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

## Palm Sunday, March 24

- 8:00 am - Mass
- 10:30 am - Combined Mass in church (no Gym Mass)
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need

## Monday, March 25

- 7:00 pm - Deanery's Reconciliation Service at Church of Mary Mother of God (St. Ita's campus)

## Holy Thursday, March 28

- No morning Mass
- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Last Supper ([live-streamed on Facebook](#))

## Good Friday, March 29

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

## Holy Saturday, March 30

- No morning Mass
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil ([live-streamed on Facebook](#))

## Easter Sunday, March 31

- 8:00 am - Mass in church
- 10:30 am - Mass in church ([live-streamed on Facebook](#))
- 10:30 am - Gym Mass

## Easter Monday, April 1

- The rectory office is closed.



## Book Club is This Monday, March 11

Please join the book club in the Ministry Center on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn, and we would love new voices and opinions.

On Monday, April 8, the group will talk about *The Man Who Broke out of Auschwitz to Warn the World* by Jonathan Freeland.

The Chicago Public Library has multiple copies of both books.

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

## Confirmation is This Week!

The Sacrament of Confirmation is Tuesday! Families, please note all of these important dates:

- **Sunday, March 10** - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a Confirmation rehearsal.
- **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.



## Lenten Simple Supper Planned for Wednesday, March 13

All are welcome to join us during Lent for Simple Suppers, offered weekly in the Ministry Center at 6:00 pm. This Wednesday, March 13, the Prayer Porch Ministry will host the Simple Supper.

Additional dates and hosts are:

- Wednesday, March 20 - TBD
- Wednesday, March 27 - the Gym Mass

Thank you to those who joined us last week!



## Wednesdays: Lenten Bible Studies!

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

- **March 13** - The Syrophoenician 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) and our YouTube channel, [@saintgertrude1117](https://www.youtube.com/@saintgertrude1117).



## Friday Afternoons: Eucharistic Adoration and Two Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, there is Eucharistic Adoration in church from noon until 3:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross is offered twice each Friday in church. At 3:00 pm, we offer a traditional Way of the Cross. Another Stations of the Cross is 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.

## 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.



## Blood Drive Planned for Sunday, March 17

The next blood drive at St. Gert's is Sunday, March 17 from 8:00 am–1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gertrude Church.

Blood donors are greatly needed in our area to help local patients. Every blood donation can save up to 3 lives in our community!

Please prepare for your donation by eating well and hydrating before your appointment. Additionally, bring ID.

To schedule your donation, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or register online at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use code ORD00591. Walk-ins are welcome!

For more information, contact Pat Knowles at [pknowles2@gmail.com](mailto:pknowles2@gmail.com).

# DONATE BLOOD



Blood donation is an **ESSENTIAL** health care activity.

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## Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 17  
1:00 pm in Church



### Visit our Parish Website

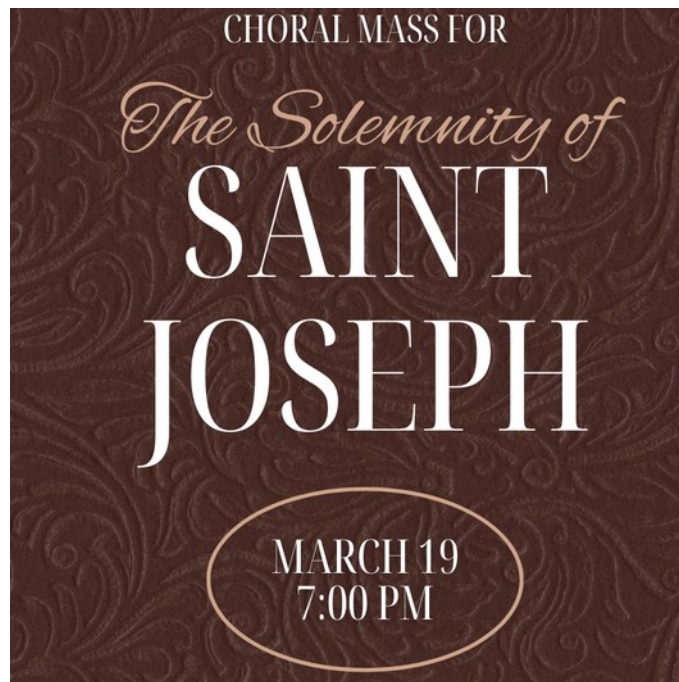
For the latest parish events and information, including our full Holy Week schedule, please visit our website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

## Choral Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Tuesday, March 19

All are welcome to celebrate this great feast with a special choral Mass on Tuesday, March 19 at St. Gregory the Great's Hall, located at 5545 N. Paulina St

Music will include *Missa Fidelis Servus* by Kevin Allen (composer-in-residence), *O Salutaris Hostia* of Jacobus Gallus, and *O Holy Joseph* by Kevin Allen.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.stgregoryhall.org/liturgies.html>.



## TEENS, VOLUNTEER

♥ *to help* ♥

OUR NEIGHBORS  
IN NEED



bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack.

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact pastoral associate Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Teens are Invited to Register for St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience

This summer, from July 22-26, parish teens are invited to take part in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience!

Teens in sixth grade through high school 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

## How to Watch our Live-Streamed Masses and our Lenten Bible Studies

Both our Sunday 10:30 am Masses and the 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays are live-streamed weekly on our parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/live/>, then posted on our parish's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@saintgertrude1117/videos>.





## Almoners Lenten Ministry

Each weekend during Lent, we have a weekly second collection for the Almoner's Program. The funds raised are used to purchase \$10.00 McDonald gift cards which parishioners can pick up at the weekend Masses and share with those in need.

Last weekend we collected **\$1,005.00!** Thank you for your generosity!

## Holy Week: Looking for New Choir Members

We are looking for additional singers to join our choir for Holy Thursday and our Easter Vigil services.

Rehearsals will take place each Thursday from 7:00-9:00 pm in church.

Please contact Kathryn Flynn, our Music Director at [kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:kflynn@stgertrudechicago.org) with questions!



**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

☎ (773) 743-6277

💻 [northsidecatholic.org](http://northsidecatholic.org)

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## NCA: Be a Part of Something Greater

The best way to learn about Northside Catholic Academy and to see if it's the right fit for your family is to walk through our halls and visit our classrooms. We encourage prospective parents to discover first-hand what makes NCA a Blue Ribbon School. We accept applications up to one year in advance.

Private admissions tours are available by appointment. Please contact Brad Gschwendtner at [bgschwendtner@ncaschools.com](mailto:bgschwendtner@ncaschools.com) or 773.743.6277 with any questions about our admissions process or to schedule a tour.

# Growing in Faith: Rejoice and open your hearts to the gift of God's salvation

“Laetare Sunday: from the first words of the antiphon "rejoice," we are invited to rejoice in God's great love for humanity.

Christians, are strong in the knowledge that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to give us eternal life. They are strong, because even when the situation appears desperate, they know that God will intervene offering humanity salvation and joy.

God, does not stand aside, but enters the history of humanity to animate it with his grace and to save it. When we find the courage to recognize ourselves for what we are, we realize that we are called to deal with our fragility and our limits. Then it can happen that we become overcome by anguish, by the anxiety for tomorrow, by the fear of illness and death.

Christianity does not offer easy consolations: it is not a shortcut, it requires faith and a strong moral standing, which rejects evil, selfishness, corruption.

It also gives us the true and great hope in God the Father, who is rich in mercy and who has given us his Son, thus revealing to us his immense love.

This is why we rejoice today: because God is always there to take us by the hand.”

*Excerpt of Pope Francis' Angelus Homily, Laetare Sunday, March 11, 2018.*



## Financial Report for March 2-3

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,815.50

Loose Checks: \$910.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$1,370.00

Online Donations: \$4,469.63

**Total Collected: \$9,565.13**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: -\$434.87**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$390,302.45

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

**Difference: \$3,902.45**



# Parish Information

## Rest in Peace

- Therese Goode, sister of Rich Goode • Charles R. Tobin, husband of Dale A. Fahnstrom

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Patrick Barton
- 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
- Tim Giles
- Gina Heidkamp
- Tricia Hernandez
- Maria Hertl
- Erica Maria Kast
- Marilyn Klein
- Ignacio Lopez
- Carleen Lorys
- River Malik
- 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](mailto: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, March 9 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson, Roman Reyes
- Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker, Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 am - Martha Mulligan, Lulu Tabora

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 am—Michael Kowalsky, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm - Wyatt Dant, cross bearer; Carter Dant, acolyte
- Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 am - Dominic Rubino, cross bearer; Mary Kate Cashman and Camille Boquiren, acolytes

### Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm - Kathryn Flynn
- Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 am - Jon Blake
- Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 am - Matt Heimer

## Mass Intentions

- **Sunday, March 10:** 8:00 am - Alana McKee+; 10:30 am in church - Bernice Kiedysz+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - Mary Buttitta+
- **Monday, March 11:** 7:30 am - Mary Buttitta+
- **Tuesday, March 12:** 7:30 am - Eleanor McGuire+
- **Wednesday, March 13:** 7:30 am - Mary Buttitta+
- **Thursday, March 14:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, March 15:** 7:30 am - Living & deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Saturday, March 16:** 7:30 am - Mary Buttitta+; 5:00 pm - Caprice Boylan+

## Donate to our Parish

- 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/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at [esoto@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto: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. **There is a communal parish reconciliation service on Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 pm and a 7:00 pm deanery service Monday, March 25 at St. Ita's.**
- The Rector office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. For the most up-to-date information, visit [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).

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