

**Whoever drinks the water I
shall give will never thirst; the
water I shall give will become
in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.**

-John 4:14

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Bulletin for

March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

Please continue to pray for our Candidate and Catechumens as we celebrate the first of three Rites of Scrutiny today. As Easter

draws near, the catechumens and candidates are preparing themselves and reflecting on where they are and seeing the gifts that they have.

Every week, as we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to the proclamation of passages from the Bible that continues the tradition that has been handed down to us from the beginning. These readings are not just history for us. They are the story of the development of faith and way of life to which we commit ourselves. I mention this because starting today, and the next few Sundays of Lent that lie ahead of us, we will have a special opportunity to dig deeply into this story.

Beginning this weekend, we will hear: 1) the story of the Samaritan woman at the well; 2) the healing of the man born blind; 3) the raising of Lazarus. These readings will be followed by the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord on Palm/Passion Sunday. These stories have been told on the Sundays of Lent from the beginning for centuries. We continue to tell their story. And these stories are all long stories.

Part of the challenge of these Sundays will be the willingness to listen to these longer stories and to hear God speaking to us — even if it takes a little longer than usual. These stories touch on the core message of this Lenten season, and on core themes of our salvation: Christ as the source of living water, Christ as the true light of the world, enabling us to see, Christ as the one who is the very source of life itself, even life eternal. And the path to salvation in Christ is the journey to the cross, and beyond. Yes, we've heard these stories before.

It would be possible, I guess, to summarize the high points, and we'd all remember the story. But that would be unfortunate. Remember this: When we proclaim this good news, and take time to ponder 'these beautiful things', it is Christ himself who is speaking to us. By attentively hearing these stories again, we offer Christ the opportunity to speak to our hearts. It is the same Christ who offers us living water, who opens our eyes to his glory, who gains for us the gift of life everlasting. They are stories worth telling, again and again, because they are truly our story.

From Father Mike (*continued*)

The Mystic Path in Song Event This Wednesday, March 15

The Mystic Path in Song on March 15th is another opportunity in hearing other saints' stories and their ups and downs. And in praying and contemplating, we deepen our understanding of God in our lives. See page 4 for more details.

Lenten Reconciliation Service—Next Sunday, March 19

Next Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm will be our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Please join us in celebrating the forgiveness of our sins which was gained for us through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

Update on Carpet and Asbestos - Church Building Closed March 20-28

As you heard last Sunday, the beginning of stage one will begin on March 20th and end on March 28th. During this time as the tile that has been covered with carpet will be taken up and disposed of. It is a big undertaking and a expensive one as well.

The church will need to be closed from March 20 to the 28. Weekday and Sunday Masses will be taking place in the Social Center. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

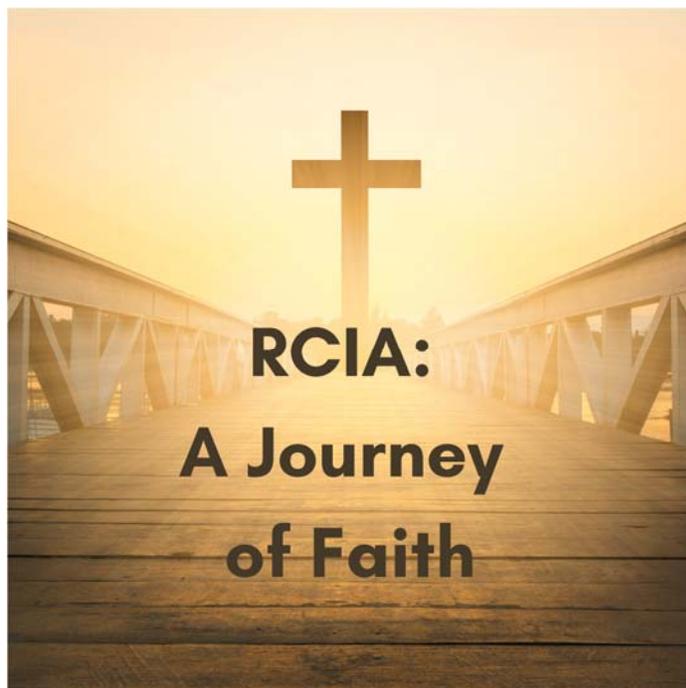
What are the Scrutinies?

This Sunday, we begin the "Scrutinies". These are special rites for the women and men who have been meeting weekly to explore their faith and their movement into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday.

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent each year, we call these candidates and catechumens forward and invite them to reflect upon their past lives and commit themselves to repentance as they continue this spiritual journey to a new life.

We celebrate these rites publicly in order for all of us, already baptized, confirmed Catholics, to reflect upon our own lives and how we have or have not lived up to the promises made at our own baptisms.

And, like these searchers, we also are invited to reject whatever has been sinful in our lives, leading us away from the Lord. We ask God's help to cleanse us of our sins and follow the true path of Our Lord's Gospel.



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 the Rectory at 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 12

- 11:30 am - Rehearsal for Confirmation (after the 10:30 am Mass) Confirmation students are invited to stay after the rehearsal for a board game day & pizza.

Monday, March 13

- 6:30 pm - Parent meeting for Confirmation & First Communion students in Church.
- 7:00 pm Book club in the Ministry Center

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 pm - The Mystic Path in Song in Church

Thursday, March 16

- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Lenten book study in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 17

- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, March 19

- No Gym Mass
- 1:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church
- 4:00 pm - Interfaith Model Passover Seder at Emmanuel Congregation

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:00 pm - Vicariate II prayer event at Holy Child Jesus, 2324 W. Chase Ave.

Thursday, March 23

- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Lenten book study in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 24

- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday, March 26

- Care for Real monthly food drive in church at all Masses

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2

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

Holy Thursday, April 6

- No morning Mass
- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7

- No morning Mass
- 3:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm - Veneration of the Cross
- The Rectory office is closed.

Holy Saturday, April 8

- No morning Mass
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter baskets

Holy Saturday, April 8 (*Continued*)

- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass
- The Rectory office is closed.

Easter Sunday, April 9

- 8:00 am
- 10:30 am in church
- 10:30 am Gym Mass

Easter Monday, April 10

- The Rectory office is closed.



— THE MYSTIC PATH — IN SONG

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 15
7:00

Join us for an evening of reflection on the spiritual journeys of the great saints and the up and downs they faced in their own life.

Gerry will provide brief commentary for each of the eight stages of the Path, followed by songs that bring us to prayerful contemplation, deepening our understanding of the presence of God in the lives of the saints as well as in our own life.



FEATURING
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Lenten Activities & Events at St. Gertrude Parish

Almoners Lenten Ministry—Sundays During Lent

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



Last weekend we collected \$1,345.00! Thank you for your generosity.

The Mystic Path in Song is This Wednesday at 7:00 pm

This Wednesday, March 15th, we will have a special event featuring the commentary and music of Gerry Dignan as he discusses the spiritual journey of the great saints. Please see the event flyer on the previous page.

Lenten Study: *The Crucible of Racism* on Thursday Mornings & Evenings

We are reading *The Crucible of Racism* by Patrick Saint-Jean. In this book, Saint-Jean shows how Ignatian Spirituality and faithful hope can, in fact, change us, the Church, our nation, and the world.

Study groups meet weekly in the Ministry Center on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm until March 30. Each meeting is about one hour. For more information, email mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.



Stations of the Cross: Fridays During Lent & Holy Week

Every Friday during Lent, we will take time from our busy schedules to reflect on the suffering journey of Christ and others in the world. On Friday afternoons at 3:00 pm, we offer the traditional way of the Cross.

At 6:30 pm, we will also have stations of the Cross joining Jesus' journey recognizing the present struggles and crosses that challenge the modern world.

On Good Friday, April 7, we will have Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

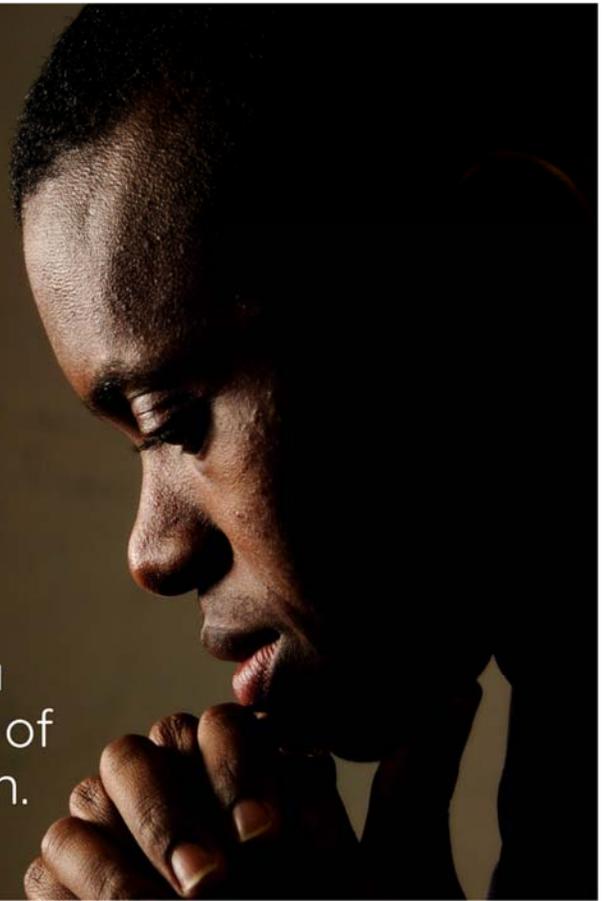
Lenten Activities at St. Gertrude Parish (*continued*)

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 19

1:00 pm in Church

This is a reflective service, offering music, scripture, and a guided reflection/examination of conscience and then absolution.



Care for Real Food Drive

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

Donations can be brought to Masses that weekend. Care for Real accepts donations of non-perishable foods, full-sized toiletries, unopened & unexpired dog & cat food, diapers, formula, baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, and more.



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Confirmation & First Communion Info: Important Dates This Week

We ask that families of Confirmation students please note all of the dates below and First Communion parents be aware of a parent meeting tomorrow, Monday, March 13.

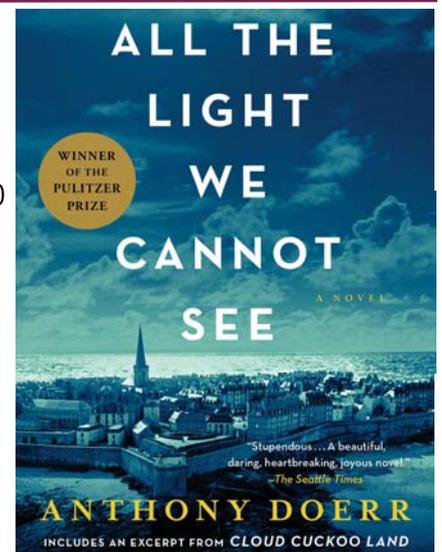
- **Sunday, March 12** - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a rehearsal for Confirmation. Confirmation students are invited to stay after the rehearsal for a board game day and pizza.
- **Monday, March 13** - Family Prayer, Discipleship - Meeting for parents of those who will be Confirmed AND who will make their First Communion this spring at 6:30 pm in Church.
- **Tuesday, March 14** - 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.

Book Club Members Wanted - Next Gathering is Monday, March 13

Please join us in the Ministry Center on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, and we would love new voices and opinions.

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

Please note, the gathering may be virtual if the weather is stormy.



Combined
Mass in
Church Next
Sunday!



No Gym Mass Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 19, please join us in church for a Combined 10:30 am Mass. There is no Gym Mass.

Interfaith Model Passover Seder

Sunday, March 19th
4:00pm - 5:30pm
Emanuel Congregation
5959 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60660
773-561-5173



Interfaith Passover Seder on Sunday, March 19

All are invited to attend Emanuel Congregation's second Model Interfaith Seder! This is a learning opportunity for members of every faith group to celebrate the traditions of a Jewish seder.

The Passover style dinner is Sunday, March 19 from 4:00-5:30 pm. The menu includes gefilte fish, chicken soup with matzoh balls, herbed roast chicken, carrot tsimmes, green beans, and potato kugel. The cost is \$25.

Please sign up and pay at <https://emanuelcong.shulcloud.com/form/ECRA-interfaith-model-seder.html>.

Loving Eucharistic Revival: Vicariate Prayer Events 2023

The Archdiocese of Chicago is at a pivotal moment of structural and spiritual renewal, and that is a cause for great hope. We take up this effort at a moment in which the United States bishops have launched a Eucharistic Revival. This convergence reminds us that true renewal of the Church always involves recovering the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our life as Catholics. From the Eucharistic celebration flows all the Church's prayers, activities and ministries.

Join us around the archdiocese to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other which we experience at Mass, by coming together for celebrations of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament led by our auxiliary bishops in each vicariate.

- **Vicariate I:** March 21 at 7:00 pm, St. Emily, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt Prospect
- **Vicariate II:** March 22 at 7:00 pm, Holy Child Jesus, 2324 W. Chase Ave., Chicago
- **Vicariate III:** *Held on March 7*
- **Vicariate IV:** March 16 at 6:30 pm, Queen of All Nations, 4940 Washington St., Hillside
- **Vicariate V:** *Held on March 10*
- **Vicariate VI:** *Held on March 5*





A Lenten Triduum with the Bishop Mark Bartosic March 27, 28, & 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Please join us for Triduum of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for Healing, Repentance, and Peace. This is the third prayerful journey to unite the faithful regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis and has been arranged by Vicariate II Catholic

laity and the Committee for Healing and Atonement.

The three-evening events will feature Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction each evening with a form of prayer: scripture, litany, and the rosary. Sign language interpreters will be present. It will be live streamed too on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago/>.

Email vii.taskforce@gmail.com with any questions.

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

The Archdiocese of Chicago, Kolbe House Jail Ministry, is inviting Chicago-area Catholics to gather outside the Cook County Jail on Palm Sunday, April 2, for a 2-mile prayer walk, offering us an opportunity to show solidarity with people affected by incarceration.



After a Palm Sunday reading, participants will sing gentle “hosannas” as they make their way around the outside of the facility, passing brick and concrete walls, chain link fencing, and razor wire.

The prayers at each stop include intentions for the victims of violence, for mercy toward those who have caused grave harm, and for the families of those who are incarcerated. They will include intentions for healing from trauma, for breaking the bonds of addiction and mental illness, eradicating racism, recognizing the harm caused by the legal system, and for “a reimagining of our church and our community”—to be one where no one is excluded or deemed unworthy.

More details, along with directions and parking instructions, will be shared in upcoming bulletins.



Recruiting Volunteer Drivers for Heart to Heart

Volunteers are the backbone of Heart to Heart. There are opportunities for volunteering 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 or call 773-973-5464.

Weekly Financial Report

The Finance Committee would like the parish to be more aware of the financial situation of St. Gertrude. To inform all of you, we will publish the weekly collections and what has been budgeted for the parish so we can continue our ministries.

March 5, 2023

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$ 2,566.00
Loose Checks: \$535.00
Loose Cash/Coins: \$2,452.25
Online Donations: \$5,966.22
Total Collected: \$11,519.47



Budgeted: \$10,730.00
Difference: - \$789.47

Year-to-date Collected: \$332,673.50
Year-to-date Budgeted: \$558,000.00
Difference: -\$225,326.50

Almoner's Collection: \$1,566.00



Visit our Parish Website! For the latest information about upcoming events, Mass times, staff emails, bulletins, office hours, recent rest in peace notices, and more, please visit St. Gertrude's website at www.stgertrudechicago.org!

We also invite you to visit our Lent 2023 page, <https://stgertrudechicago.org/lent-2023>.



Growing in Faith: *Jesus and the Samaritan Woman*

When Jewish listeners heard this story, Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman would have been shocking, because he broke the rules of avoiding anything, anyone, Samaritan. This five hundred year old enmity was steadily reinforced since anyone traveling from Judea to Galilee had to cross through Samaria.

Besides that, Jesus broke the social propriety rules too, by initiating a conversation with woman alone and not of his family.

And what about her? She broke the rules on her side too when she answered Jesus and even entered into that conversation with him, a conversation in which Jesus would reveal to her that he indeed was the Messiah for whom Jews and Samaritans were waiting. He would do away with the divisions over worship centers: "God is Spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24)

Jesus' outreach to her resulted in the Samaritans of the town believing Jesus, and astonishingly, inviting him to stay with them, which he did for two whole days.

This Gospel calls out to us to respond to each person freely, abandoning old prejudices built on old historic hurts, old fights, old insults, old judgements, and instead to begin afresh. As Jesus will tell his disciples: "Raise your eyes, the fields are ripe for the harvest!"

~ Sister Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Ph.D

New Parishioners

- Steven Patzke and Krista Chinchilla-Patzke

Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Ministers of the Word, & Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, March 11 at 5:00 pm - Patrick Reardon, Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, Sunday, March 12 at 8:00 am - Wesley Digman, David Sullivan
- Sunday, Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Tim Love

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, March 11 at 5:00 pm - Amir Ghazaleh
- Sunday, March 12 at 8:00 am - Paula Dempsey
- Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan; Dana Sullivan-flute

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, March 11 at 5:00 pm - Mary Cook
- Sunday, March 12 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Bob Backis, Michael Kowalski

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Mariyam Agdubai; Acolytes - Adonai Agdubai, Emily Stecky

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, March 13:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Tuesday, March 14:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, March 15:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- **Thursday, March 16:** 7:30 am - Communion Service *(† indicates the person is deceased)*
- **Friday, March 17:** 7:30 am - John & Lillian McCall †
- **Saturday, March 18:** 7:30 am - Cheryl Veccie †; 5:00 pm - Sheila McGuire †
- **Sunday, March 19:** 8:00 am - Jose Salinas; 10:30 am - Ronald Schachter †

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 March 19. **Please note: the church building will be closed March 20-28. Weekday and Sunday Mass will take place in the Social Hall.**
- 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.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit 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 | • Karey Myers | • Yyes Yoza |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org. Names will remain on the list for three weeks. After that time, please renew the name using same contact information.

Donate to our Parish

Parishioners can donate to St. Gertrude:

- 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

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

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