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**Bulletin for Sunday,  
March 17, 2024**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

### From Fr. Mike

Easter is getting close. Sometimes it helps to take a pause and reassess where we are. How

has this Lent been different than in the past. How have you grown? Any disappointments or challenges? Can you say, "I am ready to embrace Easter?" And if not, maybe ask, "How can I use this time left to be able to do grow?"

Our Elect will participate in the Third Scrutiny this weekend at the 5:00 pm Mass. The three Scrutinies are attempts to see more clearly the new life of grace that is theirs through the Easter sacraments, which often get blurred and distorted in all of our lives.

May I suggest, if you have not done so thus far, reach out to one of our elects. Write a note or a card and let them know you are praying for them, and that you are genuinely happy and excited to welcome them into the church. You will see from the poster at the back of the church that they are Salwa Fadhil, Ilse Vielma, and Adrean Herrera.

#### **Confirmation**

I am proud to congratulate our NCA and Religious Education students who were confirmed on Tuesday night. Seeing them all in the church last Sunday and Tuesday was heartwarming. They add so much to the life of the parish. Please continue to pray for them!

#### **Reconciliation**

Today, Sunday, March 17, at 1:00 pm is our Lenten Reconciliation service. This Monday, March 25 is the Deanery Reconciliation at St. Ita's at 7:00 pm. There will be many priests on hand to celebrate the Sacrament with everyone.

#### **Election Day**

Remember Tuesday is Election Day. Get out and vote! We wish good luck to Joy Cummingham, a parishioner here at Gertrude's.

#### **Palm Sunday Info**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. At the 5:00 pm and 8:00 am masses, we will have a short procession starting at the back of the Church. Weather permitting, the 10:30 am combined mass will begin between the Ministry Center and Church.

# Parish Calendar

## 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](#)

## Thursday, March 21

- 9:30-11:00 am - NCA Open House at the primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Avenue

## 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)**
- Care for Real Food and Supply Drive
- 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](#))
- Collection for the Catholic Extension Society

## 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.

## Monday, April 8

- The 2025 Mass Intentions book opens.

### **This Holy Thursday we are supporting the mission of Catholic Extension Society**

Chicago-based Catholic Extension Society works in solidarity with people in America's poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities. We seek to deepen and expand our commitment to Catholic faith communities by providing resources to develop leaders, ministries, and facilities, while inviting more people across our country to invest in this work. Catholic Extension Society is a papal society that is answering Pope Francis' call to go out to America's "peripheries." Since their founding in 1905, they have helped with the construction and repair of over 13,000 churches, and today, through the generosity of donors and parish partners, we support the ministries and leaders in 87 dioceses of the United States and its territories.

## Blood Drive Held TODAY!

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

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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



## RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

*This  
Lenten  
Season*



## Lenten Reconciliation Service TODAY at 1:00 pm/ Other Reconciliation Opportunities

There is a communal parish reconciliation service today, Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 pm.

Additionally, all the parishes in our deanery (Deanery 2B) are invited to a Lenten Reconciliation service on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at the St. Ita campus of Mother of God Parish. Private confession is also available every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm.

## Happy Birthday to Fr. Paul!

Earlier this week was Fr. Paul's birthday. Members of the Lenten evening bible study group surprised him with a birthday cake and well wishes.

Happy birthday, Fr. Paul!





## Lenten Simple Supper Planned for Wednesday, March 20

All are welcome to join us during Lent for Simple Suppers, offered weekly in the Ministry Center at 6:00 pm. This Wednesday, March 20, NCA will host the Simple Supper.

The final Simple Supper is Wednesday, March 27, with the Gym Mass hosting the dinner.

## 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 final Bible study is March 20, discussing Jesus on the Cross and readings *Mark 14: 32-42; 15:33-41; Psalm 22.*

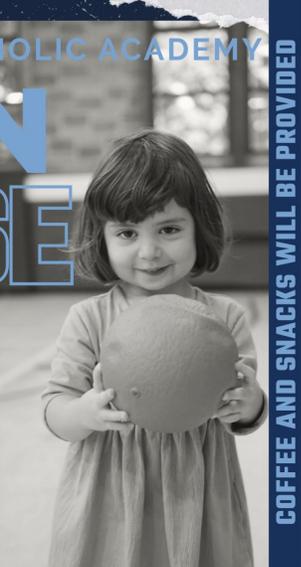
The programs are held in the Ministry Center. The evening sessions will be live-streamed on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/stgertrudechicago](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago) and our YouTube channel, [@saintgertrude1117](https://www.youtube.com/@saintgertrude1117).



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST  
9:30 AM-11:00 AM  
PRIMARY CAMPUS  
6216 N. Glenwood Ave.,  
Chicago, IL 60660



COFFEE AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

## NCA Open House This Thursday, March 21

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.

NCA has planned an Open House on Thursday, March 21 at our Open House, held from 9:30-11:00 am at our primary campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave.

Please contact Brad Gschwendtner at [bgschwendtner@ncaschools.com](mailto:bgschwendtner@ncaschools.com) or 773.743.6277 with any questions.



## 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.



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## Care for Real Food and Supply Drive is Next Weekend

Next weekend, March 23-24, is our monthly Care for Real Food and Supply Drive. When we asked CFR staff what they needed this month, they shared, "We still cannot seem to catch up on the demand for diapers, baby wipes, and personal care. We would be immensely grateful for whatever baby care and personal care items we can collect!"

### Baby care:

- All size diapers
- Baby wipes

### Personal care:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Individually wrapped toilet paper rolls
- Body wipes

### Soap

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Menstrual pads

### Food items:

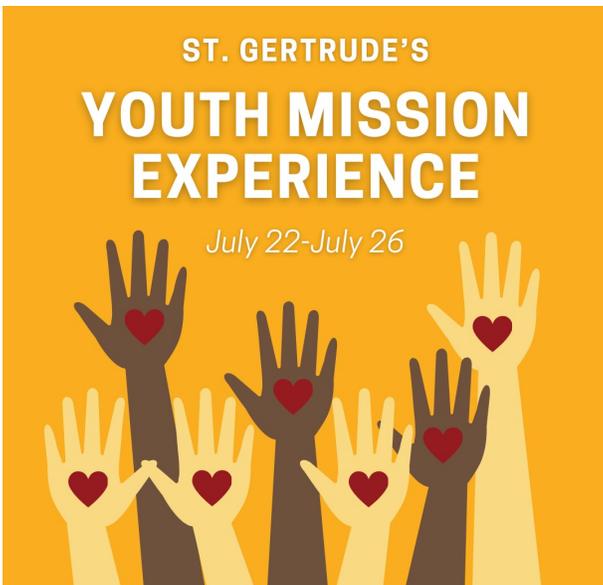
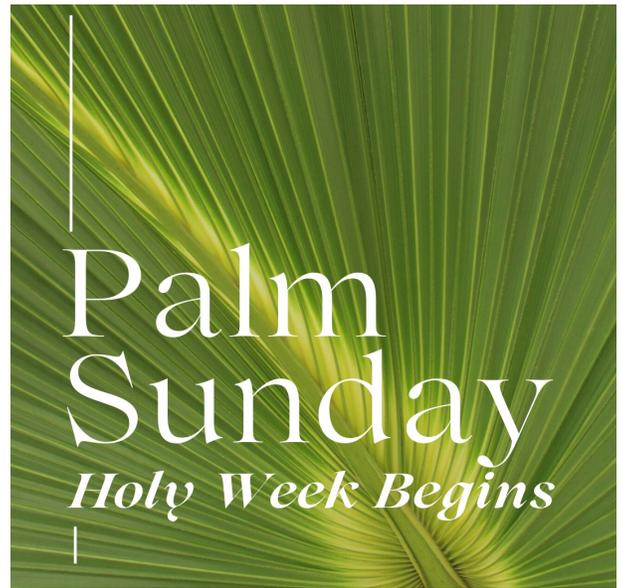
- Ramen/ready-to-eat noodles
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Protein bars

## No Gym Mass Next Weekend

There will be a 10:30 am combined Palm Sunday Mass in church. There is no Gym Mass.

There will be a short Palm Sunday procession beginning at the back of church at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the Sunday 8:00 am Mass.

The procession for the 10:30 am combined Mass will begin between the Ministry Center and Church if the weather is good.



## St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience is This July!

Teens in sixth grade through high school are invited to take part in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience! The group will volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day from July 22-26.

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 pastoral associate Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

## Lending Closet Update

One of the everyday miracles your ongoing support of the Heart to Heart Lending Closet makes happen is pictured here.

A little girl from Venezuela recently arrived with her family from our southern border, receiving a nearly new wheelchair with footrests. Her mobility has increased exponentially! Thank you!

~ Laurie Hasbrook, Lending Closet Manager





## 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 **\$950.00** 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!



## 2025 Mass Intentions Book to Open

The Mass Intentions book for 2025 will open on Monday, April 8.

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.



## Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed Teens!

We are so proud of our newly Confirmed teens from NCA and our Religious Ed program! May they continue to grow in God's love.

Families of these students, please note that there is a second Confirmation Retreat on **Thursday, April 25** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

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## Growing in Faith

The pattern of our lives and of the history of humanity is tragicomic: fall and redemption, death and resurrection. It is a pattern that seems to be embedded in human understanding from the beginning. In the natural world the pattern exists in the death and rebirth of crops and of the year.

In John's Gospel Jesus tells Philip and Andrew that "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit." He is not giving His disciples a scary warning, but a loving reminder of what they already know, that death is followed by more abundant life.



That does not mean that the suffering of death is insignificant. Whether it is our own inevitable death, or the death of someone we love, or a loss that may be a kind of symbolic "death," the pain is real, even frightening and terrible. Jesus acknowledges this reality from His own experience—"I am troubled now"—as He faces suffering and death on the cross.

But Jesus also assures His disciples that His death will lead to His resurrection and to ours: "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The image of Jesus lifted up on the cross to everlasting life is a perfect representation of our human tragicomedy: the suffering of death and the glory of eternal life become indistinguishable in the same moment of divine reconciliation.

~ Verna Foster



## Financial Report for March 9-10

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,170.00

Loose Checks: \$1,020.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$921.11

Online Donations: \$8,819.33

**Total Collected: \$12,930.44**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

**Difference: \$2,930.44**

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$403,232.89

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

Difference: \$16,832.89

# Parish Information

## 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).

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Patrick Barton
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- The Buttitta family
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Barb Daly
- Denise DeBelle
- David Denegas
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Tim Giles
- Estelle Guardino
- 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

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 16 at 5:00 pm - Jennifer Kiedaisch, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, March 17 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac, David Sullivan
- Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am - Rafael Melendez, Rose Karasti

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 pm - Carter Cartwright, cross bearer; Ethan Craft, Owen Craft, acolytes
- Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am - Chukwnonso O, cross bearer; Chimamanda O. and Munachimso O., acolytes

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 pm - Kathleen Dawson
- Sunday, March 17 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe
- Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Lisa Schneider, Steven Monti

### Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 pm - Eric Mason
- Sunday, March 17 at 8:00 am - Denise Goodman
- Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder

## Mass Intentions

- **Sunday, March 17:** 8:00 am - Cheryl Veccie+; 10:30 am in church - John and Lilian McCall+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - James McKee+
- **Monday, March 18:** 7:30 am - Mary Elizabeth Buttitta+
- **Tuesday, March 19:** 7:30 am - Jimmy Victory/Purgatorial Society
- **Wednesday, March 20:** 7:30 am - Peggy Sue Riordan+
- **Thursday, March 21:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, March 22:** 7:30 am - Therese Goode+
- **Saturday, March 23:** 7:30 am - Charles Tobin+; 5:00 pm - Emmett McKee+

## 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 **No Gym Mass on Palm Sunday.**
- 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 & 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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