



HOW ARE THE WORKS
OF GOD REVEALED
THROUGH YOU?

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Bulletin for

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

This weekend, the Gospel reading opens with this: "As Jesus passed by, he saw a man born blind. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who

sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned, it is so that the works of God might be revealed through him.'"

These words made me think about my favorite hymn. I love music, it's a big part of my life, and I recently read a story about the author of one of my most favorite hymns, "Blessed Assurance". I had the song sung at my first Mass of thanksgiving as a newly ordained priest and again at my 25th anniversary of priesthood. Fanny Crosby was the songwriter. When she was a six-week-old baby, she contracted an eye infection. A man posing as a doctor gave her the wrong treatment and within a few days, she was blind.

I cannot imagine my reaction if that was to happen to me. I assume that I would be bitter and angry to name a few feelings. Instead, Fanny Crosby used the gifts that she had and wrote poems and hymns, 8,000 to be exact, one being "Blessed Assurance".

Like the man in today's Gospel, his blindness was not caused by his parents or by any of his sins, but a way that God's works could be shown. I pray that tragedy never comes into your life, but if it does, remember that everything can be used to praise and glorify God!

Church Building will be Closed —Weekday and Next Weekend's Masses will be in the Social Hall

Starting this Monday, March 20th, weekday and next weekend's Sunday Vigil/Sunday Masses will be in the Social Hall. This is so that the asbestos abatement can take place. There are letters at the back of church explaining in more detail about this work.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and appreciate your accommodating this inconvenience!

Volunteers Needed During Holy Week

We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Triduum. Please let me know if you are available! My email is mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.

Please remember to keep our candidates for the Easter sacraments in your prayers.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 19

- No Gym Mass
- 1:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church
- 3:30 pm - United Power Mayoral Forum (see article for info)
- 4:00 pm - ECRA Interfaith Passover Seder at Emmanuel Congregation

Monday, March 20-Monday, March 28

- Church building closed for repairs. Weekday and Sunday Masses will take place in the Social Hall.

Tuesday, March 21

- 3:00 pm - Ignatian Volunteer Corp Online Session hosted by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

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
- 7:00 pm - Parish play, *Three Cheers*, in the Gym

Saturday, March 25

- Drop-off items for the Care for Real monthly food drive before/after 5:00 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm - Parish play, *Three Cheers*, in the Gym

Sunday, March 26

- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses will be held in the Social Hall
- Care for Real monthly food drive at all Masses

Monday, March 27, Tuesday, March 28, & Wednesday, March 29

- 7:00-8:00 pm - Triduum of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for healing, repentance, and peace at St. Gregory the Great, 5545 N. Paulina.

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

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

Palm Sunday, April 2

- 3:00 pm - Prayer walk around Cook County Jail, starting at Kolbe House

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, 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)

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
- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9

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

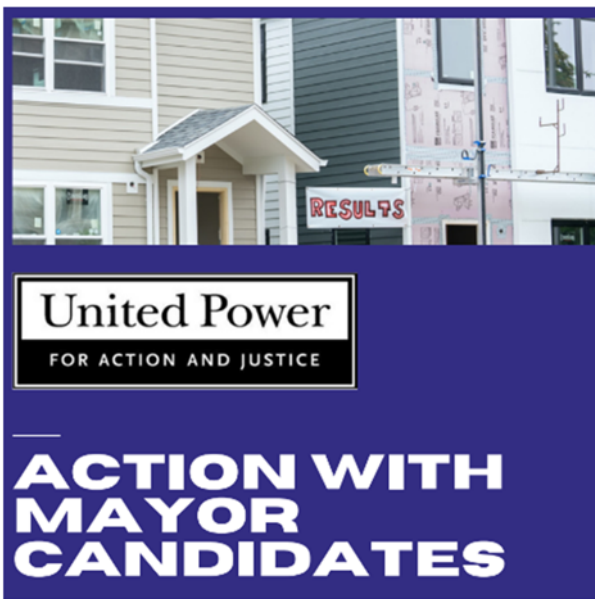
Easter Monday, April 10

- The Rectory office is closed.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - TODAY, Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join in the parish Lenten Reconciliation Service today, Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm in church. This is a reflective service, offering music, scripture, and a guided reflection/examination of conscience and then absolution.

This service is under an hour and a great time for some quiet reflection in this Lenten season.



United Power for Action and Justice: Mayoral Candidates Forum This Sunday, March 19

Join United Power members this Sunday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at Harmony Community Church, 1908 S. Millard Ave., for a public forum with the two mayoral runoff candidates, Paul Vallas and Brandon Johnson.

United Power will ask them to commit to working with them to build affordable homes, strategically and at scale, on the south and west sides of Chicago.

Contact Kate at kate.hibbs.davis@gmail.com or 434.989.6976 for more info.

ECRA Passover Seder TODAY, Sunday, March 19!

All are invited to attend Emanuel Congregation's second Interfaith Seder! This Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) event is a unique opportunity to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Passover with people from different faith backgrounds and learn about the traditions and rituals of this ancient festival.

The Passover style dinner is Sunday, March 19 from 4:00-5:30 pm. The cost is \$25.

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



Reminder: Church Building Closed March 20-28

The church building will close on Monday, March 20– Tuesday, March 28. During this time, the tile that has been covered with carpet will be taken up and disposed of.

Weekday and next Sunday's Masses will take place in the Social Hall. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps Online Info Session with Fr. James Martin on Tuesday, March 21

Are you retired or finished raising your family? Do you want to give back, enrich your spiritual life, and build community with other mature adults? Through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps you can make a difference in your community while living out the values of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

As a member of the IVC, you'll have the opportunity to serve those in need one or two days a week while also participating in spiritual formation in a community of peers who share a commitment to service. Join us March 21, 2023 at 3:00 pm CST for a free virtual information session hosted by IVC supporter and spiritual reflector Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Register to attend this online event at <https://ivcusa.org/info/> and learn how you can deepen your faith and make a difference in the world.

Loving Eucharistic Revival: Vicariate Prayer Event— Wednesday, March 22

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.

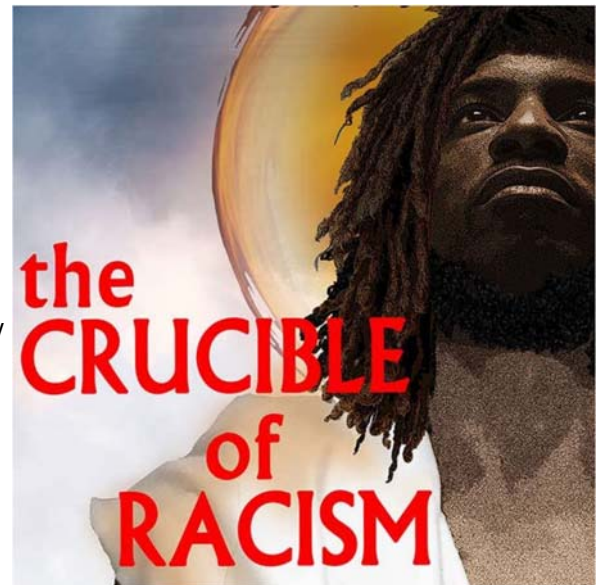
Please join us for the Vicariate II service on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm at Holy Child Jesus (former St. Margaret Mary), 2324 W. Chase Ave. to unite in prayer for renewal and revival as we deepen the union with Christ and each other.



Lenten Study: *The Crucible of Racism* on Thursday, March 23 at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

We are reading *The Crucible of Racism* by Patrick Saint-Jean. 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 Fr. Mike Gabriel at mgabriel@stgertrudechicago.org.



Parish Play—Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25

The St. Gertrude Parish Players are back! This year's original production, "Three Cheers!" will be performed on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 in the Gym. The doors will open at 7:30 pm and the show will start at 8:00 pm.

Join us to see what can happen when a community comes together to welcome back a hero and is rocked when they learn their home and gathering place will be torn down and replaced by a private commercial endeavor.

Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Proceeds go to support your parish community. Parking is available at St. Gertrude's parking lot, located at Thome and Glenwood.

Care for Real Food Drive Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26 in the Social Hall

Next weekend, Saturday, March 25 (before and after the 5:00 pm Mass) and Sunday, March 26, is our monthly collection drive for Care for Real. It will take place in the Social Hall, as the Church building is under construction.

Please consider bringing non-perishable goods and personal hygiene items to donate! Show more love and care, for real.



A Lenten Triduum with Bishop Mark Bartosic March 27, 28, & 29

Please join us for Triduum of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for healing, repentance, and peace at St. Gregory the Great, 5545 N. Paulina. 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 also be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago/>.

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

LENTEN TRIDUUM
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for Healing, Repentance, and Peace

March 27, 28, & 29 7pm-8pm

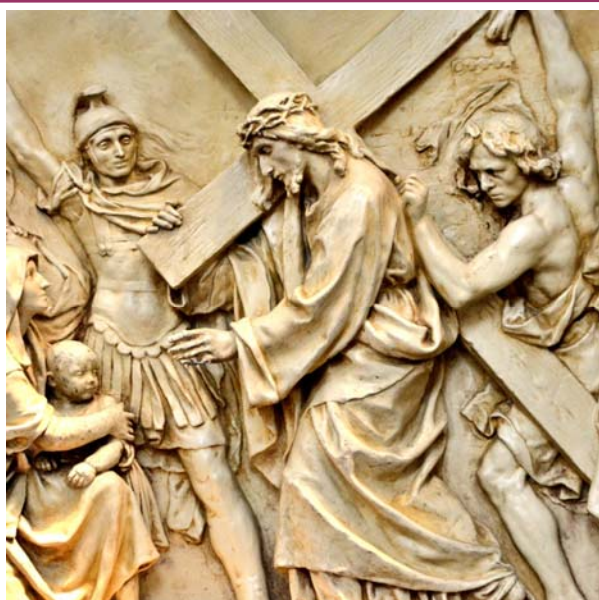
Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Prayerfully journey 1, 2, or 3 evenings
Uniting the faithful regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis

Mary, Mother of God Parish
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
5545 N Paulina St., Chicago IL

LIVE STREAM

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago>



Next Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 31

The Stations of the Cross will not be held this Friday, March 24 due to construction in church.

On Friday, March 31, both the 3:00 pm traditional way of the cross and the 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross recognizing the present struggles and crosses that challenge the modern world will be held on March 31.

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.

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 or call 773.973.5464.

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.



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. There will be 5 stations along this route.

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.

The prayers at each of the 5 stations 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. We will pray intentions for healing from trauma, for breaking the bonds of addiction and mental illness, eradicating racism, shining a light on and 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."

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sullivan at psullivan@stgertrudechicago.org.

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 12, 2023

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,553.00

Loose Checks: \$1,530.00

Loose Cash/Coins: \$916.15

Online Donations: \$8,454.94

Total Collected: \$12,454.09

Budgeted: \$10,730.00

Difference: \$1,724.09

Year-to-date Collected: \$345,127.59

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

Difference: -\$212,872.41



Almoner's Collection

Each weekend during Lent, we have a second collection for the Almoner's Program.

Last weekend, we collected **\$1,280.50!**
Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to our Confirmed Students!

Congratulations to the young adults of our parish who made their Confirmation on Tuesday, March 14! We are so proud of these teens, who have worked towards receiving this sacrament for two years!





Growing in Faith

Our readings this Sunday suggest truth will be discovered in unexpected places. In our first reading, God makes the unlikely choice to anoint young David. “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart,” says Samuel.

Our second reading invites us to live as, “children of light”. The Gospel reveals the miraculous power of Jesus to restore sight of an alleged sinner. Young David, children, a sinner? The mystery of salvation is somehow discovered where we would least expect it, our readings seem to suggest.

Perhaps this message is timely? How often do I seek light and truth through the easy and obvious: the emulated celebrity, the powerful politician, or the gold enshrouded cleric. And isn't Lent and its disciplines of prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to bring us to the foot of the cross where a lowly carpenter born of a single teenage mother dies the disgraceful death of a criminal? Isn't this the least expected place of all for the redemption of the world?

In a world literally dark and deep in the despair of violence, corruption, and death, it can be hard to find light. Really hard. Maybe I should stop looking for it on Facebook? Perhaps light lies beneath the dark places we think not to look: at the margins, where the poor and despised enjoy the special favor of our loving God.

~ Matt Couture

Rest in Peace

- Carmeline DeFranco aunt of Sam Guardino

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

Ministers of the Word:

- Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes, Millie Slane
- Sunday, Sunday, March 19 at 8:00 am - Marty McDermott, Jacalyn Meier
- Sunday, Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 am - Rose Karasti, Debra Novak

Cantors & Musicians:

- Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 pm - Kate Hibbs Davis
- Sunday, March 19 at 8:00 am - Jim Manzardo
- Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 am - Michael Callahan; Denise Goodman- Bb clarinet

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, March 19 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 am - Lisa Schneider, Annie Hasselbeck, Steven Hasselbeck

Altar Servers:

- Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 am - Cross Bearer - Carter Dant; Acolytes - Henry Villareal, Grace Cashman

Mass Intentions

- **Monday, March 20:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members
- **Tuesday, March 21:** 7:30 am - Peggy Sue Riordan †
- **Wednesday, March 22:** 7:30 am - Patrick Hamilton † *(† indicates the person is deceased)*
- **Thursday, March 23:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, March 24:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Saturday, March 25:** 7:30 am - Living and deceased Torreano family members; 5:00 pm - Caprice Boylan †
- **Sunday, March 26:** 8:00 am - Phyllis Mahoney †; 10:30 am - Mickey Resch †; 10:30 Gym Mass – Roy Lipscomb & Mary Grover †

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 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/allevants

Email esoto@stgertrudechicago.org for additional information.

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