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The Lord  
is kind  
and  
merciful.

## Bulletin for Sunday, March 23, 2025

*The Third Sunday  
of Lent*

### 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.

- Valentino Aguilar
- Lily All
- Daniel Brennan
- Ayleen Carrasco
- Owen Craft
- Declan Cunningham
- Yaretzi I. Diaz
- Charlotte A. Domingues
- Spencer Dumas
- Joseph R. Dunne Jr.
- Andrea Esquivel
- Eleanor Esquivel
- Cody Fitzgerald
- Gideon Keating
- Masi Khosho
- Elias A. Montesdeoca
- Jonathan A. Montesdeoca
- Amelia Morrow
- Samuel V. Nyantakyi
- Chimamanda Okoye
- Chukwunonso Okoye
- Dino Pasic
- Cristian Peñaloza

- Richard Peñaloza
- Aislyn Y. Perez
- Vadhira A. Quintero
- Jose Ramirez
- Melvin Rosales
- Danna Salinas
- Edie L. Sheridan
- Maxwell J. Sloniak

- Ryan Ulmer
- Matteo A. Vettese
- Evelyn Voukides
- Molly Walker
- Caitlyn Wiczynski

*More pictures to come next week!*



# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, March 23

- First Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- Care for Real Collection before/after Masses
- After the 10:30 am Masses - *Brewed at St. Gertrude* parish hospitality event in the Social Hall

## Wednesday, March 26

- 6:00 pm/7:00 pm - Simple Supper and Scripture Study in the Ministry Center hosted by the Men's Basketball League

## Friday, March 28

- 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (traditional)
- 6:00-6:30 pm - *Music, Stillness, Solidarity* in church (quiet contemplation offered with music)
- 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (walk the stations with a social justice theme)
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

## Saturday, March 29

- 4:00-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 5:00 pm - Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need

## Sunday, March 30

- Second Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- 3:00-5:00 pm - Commonweal Dialog gathering at the Ministry Center

## Wednesday, April 2

- 6:00 pm/7:00 pm - Simple Supper and Scripture Study in the Ministry Center hosted by the Music Ministry

## Friday, April 4

- 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (traditional)

## Friday, April 4 (cont.)

- 6:00-6:30 pm - *Music, Stillness, Solidarity* in church (quiet contemplation offered with music)
- 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (walk the stations through the eyes of Mary)
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

## Saturday, April 5

- 4:00-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 5:00 pm - Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- Collection for Asylum Seekers before/after Mass

## Sunday, April 6

- Third Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- Collection for Asylum Seekers before/after Mass

## Wednesday, April 9

- 6:00 pm/7:00 pm - Simple Supper and Scripture Study in the Ministry Center hosted by the Music Ministry

## Friday, April 11

- 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (traditional)
- 6:00-6:30 pm - *Music, Stillness, Solidarity* in church (quiet contemplation offered with music)
- 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (social justice theme)
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

## Saturday, April 12

- 4:00-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 5:00 pm - Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need

**Our full Lenten and Holy Week Schedule can be found at [stgertrudechicago.org/lent-2025](http://stgertrudechicago.org/lent-2025).**



## Events & Activities at St. Gertrude

listed in chronological order (Activities & events at NCA, other parishes, and in Edgewater are listed after parish events, reflections, and news)

### TODAY "Brewed at St. Gertrude" Gathering After the 10:30 am Masses

Please join us this morning, Sunday, March 23rd for a parish hospitality event, "Brewed at St. Gertrude!" Following the 10:30 am church and gym masses, come to the Social Hall for pastries, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

All are welcome: new and long-time parishioners, families, and visitors! We would love for the entire parish to be there!



### Almoners Lenten Ministry - Second Collections/Card Distribution on Sundays

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 **\$1,105.00!** Thank you for your generosity!

### Thank You for Helping Our Neighbors in Need!

St. Gertrude has its monthly food drive this weekend! Please place nonperishable items in the bins at the back of church. Missed it? Donations can be dropped off between 12:00-3:00 pm every Monday-Saturday at the back entrance of 5339 N. Sheridan.

Our monthly collection for asylum seekers is April 5-6. Items will be donated to Care for Real who is working hard to help these newly-arrived neighbors.

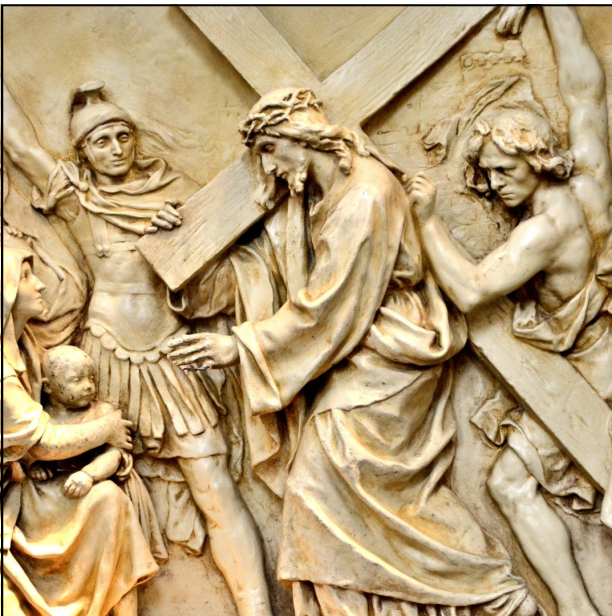
Our collection drive for Care for Real is always the fourth calendar weekend every month, and our asylum seekers' collection is the first weekend of each month.

## Lenten Simple Supper & Scripture Study Planned for Wednesday, March 26

All are welcome to join us during Lent for Simple Suppers, offered weekly in the Ministry Center at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed by bible study at 7:00 pm. Each week, a different parish group will host the event. On Wednesday, March 26, the Men's Basketball League will host the second Simple Supper.

Additional dates and hosts are: April 2: Music Ministry; April 9: Commonweal Dialogue; April 16: Porch Prayer Group.

Thank you to those who joined us these past two weeks!



## Friday Afternoons: Two Stations of the Cross and Lenten Season Mediation Series: Music, Stillness, Solidarity

On 3:00 pm on Friday afternoons during Lent, we offer a traditional Way of the Cross.

From 6:00-6:30 pm, "Music, Stillness, Solidarity" is held, serving as a safe space where ALL are welcome to come, sit, pray, and meditate as we navigate these realities as a community.

Contemplative music will be played through the duration of the time to help guide and promote

reflection on the day.

Another Stations of the Cross is held at 6:30 pm on Fridays with a social justice theme.

**Guadalupeños Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupeños) on Friday Evenings:** All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

**Youth Mission Experience:** Parish teens are invited to take part in St. Gert's Youth Mission experience this summer from June 23-27. Teens in seventh grade through high school will volunteer with a different Chicago organization each day. There is a \$100 fee for the week. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. Participants will receive a t-shirt, water bottle, and a sports drawstring backpack. To reserve a spot or for more information, email [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).



## Commonweal Dialogue is Next Sunday, March 30

The next meeting of Commonweal Dialog will take place in Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., on Sunday, March 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

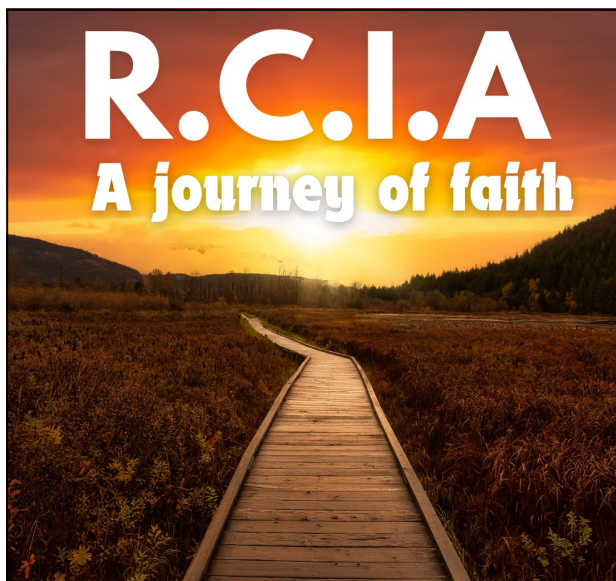
The topic will be: **Christian Resistance against Political Attacks on the Central Tenets of Christianity.**

Many of the cuts made or proposed by the Trump administration hurt the most vulnerable among us, including cuts to Medicaid and to USAID (which provides substantial funding for Catholic Relief Services.) The Dean of Yale Divinity School, Gregory E. Sterling, argues in a recent op-ed that the cuts to USAID are "Anti-Christian at the Core." How can Catholics across the political divide bear witness to the Christian values that are under attack? How can we join together as Catholic Christians to influence policy on these vital matters?

Light refreshments---afternoon tea/coffee---will be served. If you would like to bring a snack to share, it will be gratefully received. Please join us for a cordial and revitalizing conversation on a difficult topic in good company. Feel free to invite your family and friends from St. Gertrude's or from some other parish or from no parish. All are welcome.



## Parish News



### 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 and 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.

**The Parish Pastoral Council is Looking for New Members!** If you are interested in learning more about the PPC or are interested in joining, please complete an interest form at <https://bit.ly/JointhePPC>. Questions can be sent to [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Growing in Faith

Today's readings start with the story of Moses' and the Jews' exit from Egypt. God provides daily miracles for the Jews on their journey through the desert: Fire by night, cloud by day, and manna raining down each morning to feed them. And, though they are in the hands of God, sin still comes to them.

Sin goes all the way back to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Sodom and Gomorrah, and more. Human nature is to sin. But then God gives us Jesus who tells us a story about a fig tree that doesn't produce fruit. The landowner says, "Cut it down." But the gardener wants to nurture it. What is this fruit? In the story, we are the fig tree and the fruit is what we put out into the world: our energy, work, passion – and ourselves.



Lent is a time of reflection to look inward. Can we see our own fruit and is it good? Jesus uses this example again when he warns the disciples to go out and preach but be careful of the wolves in sheep's clothing. When the disciples ask, "How will we know?" Jesus answers, "You will know by their fruits."

What are you putting out into the world? If you look at yourself and you're not happy with what you see, no worries. Jesus is the gardener who tills the dirt and pulls the weeds. He is our God of second chances!

And then, like Moses, we are all called to do God's work of healing and loving one another just as we are loved and healed by Him

~ Mary Pat Hartung

## New Parishioners

- Kathleen Mallett, Andrew Connor, Maureen Connor Mallett
- Susan and Lou Mongillo

## Financial Report from March 15-16

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,390.00  
Loose Checks: \$500.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$806.32  
Online Donations: \$4,590.83  
**Total Collected: \$7,287.15**

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
**Difference: -\$2,712.85**  
Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$391,765.77  
Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00  
**Difference: -\$158,234.23**  
**Almoner's Collection: \$1,105.00**

## Parish Information

### Schedule for Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, & Altar Servers

#### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 pm - Roman Reyes, Patrick Reardon
- Sunday, March 23 at 8:00 am - Hallie Burhoe, Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, March 23 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Rose Karasti

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, March 23 at 8:00 am - Rob Sierzega
- Sunday, March 23 at 10:30 am - Michael Kowalsky, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

#### Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Esteban Campuzano
- Sunday, March 23 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Owen Craft; acolytes: Ethan Craft, Dominic Rubino

### Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Mary Amelse             | • Luke Fitzgerald  | • Bill Salek           |
| • Victor Ayes             | • Adolf Gabriel    | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Andrea Banicki          | • Marie Galoney    | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Thomas Hajduch   | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Tricia Hernandez | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Maria Hertl      | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Lilly Buie              | • John Kahoun      | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Hallie Burhoe           | • Marilyn Klein    | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Joseph Lambin    | • King Wallace         |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • River Malik      | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Matilde Manzardo | • Kevin Walsh+         |
| • Denise DeBelle          | • Nancy Michael    | • Leon Ward            |
| • David Denegas           | • Steve Monti      | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • Hilda Mora       | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+    | • Donald Nydereck  | • Dawn Wyman           |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Dealina Peon     | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Claude Poulsen   | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |
|                           | • Joan Ross +      |                        |

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.

### Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) can be reached at [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 24: 7:30 am - Adolph Gabriel
- Tuesday, March 25: 7:30 am - Maria Silva+
- Wednesday, March 26: 7:30 am - People of God
- Thursday, March 27: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, March 28: 7:30 am - Bob Radycki+
- Saturday, March 29: 7:30 am - Health of Pope Francis; 5:00 pm - Caprice Boylan+
- Sunday, March 30: 8:00 am - Jack Taylor+; 10:30 am - Bernadine Lowy+; 10:30 am - Estelle Guardino+

## 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.
- 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 is closed on weekends.

## 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)

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