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### **Bulletin for Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026**

### **Holy Week Begins!**

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church year—a profound journey with Christ through His Passion, death, and Resurrection. In these days, we are invited not only to remember what Jesus has done for us, but to enter more deeply into the mystery of His love through prayer, reflection, and participation in the liturgy.

Beginning with Holy Thursday, we recall the Last Supper, where Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist and showed us the meaning of service. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross, reflecting on Christ's sacrifice and venerating the cross as the sign of our salvation. Then, at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we gather in darkness and light to celebrate the Resurrection—the triumph of life over death.

Each of these liturgies is rich with meaning and symbolism, inviting us to slow down, be present, and open our hearts to God's grace. In stepping into these sacred moments, we join with the universal Church in remembering, mourning, and ultimately rejoicing in the promise of new life.

Whether you are able to attend one liturgy or all, these moments offer a powerful opportunity to renew your faith and draw closer to Christ.

Come and experience the beauty, depth, and hope of Holy Week. Let us walk together from the cross to the joy of the Resurrection.



# Parish Calendar

*There is a 7:30 am daily Mass M-F, followed by the Rosary.  
(Locations: MC-Ministry Center; SH-Social Hall, C-Church)*

## **Palm Sunday, March 29**

- Care for Real collection
- Almoner's Program Second Collection
- 8:00 am - Mass
- 10:30 am - Combined Mass and Palm Sunday blessing of palms/procession (No Gym Mass)

## **Holy Thursday, April 2**

- No morning Mass
- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Special collection for the Catholic Extension Society
- Adoration - church open until midnight

## **Good Friday, April 3**

- No morning Mass/Rectory office closed
- 3:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross performed by the parish youth group
- 7:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- Special collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

## **Holy Saturday, April 4**

- No morning Mass
- No Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter baskets
- 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

## **Easter Sunday, April 5**

- 8:00 am - Mass in church
- 10:30 am - Mass in church
- 10:35 am - Overflow Mass in the Gym

## **Easter Monday, April 6**

- The Rectory office is closed.

## **Thursday, April 9**

- 11:30 am—Friendship Club (MC)

## **Saturday, April 11**

- 1:30-3:00 pm - Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) Meeting (MC)

## **Tuesday, April 14**

- 6:30 pm - Book Club (MC)



## **Final Day for Parish Survey – Please Participate**

This Sunday is the last chance to complete our Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. This brief, anonymous survey helps our parish understand how we can grow in faith, strengthen our ministries, and better serve one another.

If you haven't yet shared your voice, please take a few minutes today:

<https://bit.ly/DMIsurveyStGerts>

Thank you for helping shape the future of our parish!

## Holy Thursday Info

On Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm, we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ when we do what Jesus instructed us to do in memory of him by celebrating the sacrament of the Eucharist. This also reminds us of our commitment to serve God and one another.

There will be a special collection for the Chicago based Catholic Extension Society. The group works in solidarity with people in America's poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities by providing resources to develop leaders, ministries, and facilities, while inviting more people across our country to invest in this work. Information about the organization can be found at <https://www.catholicextension.org/>.

The church will be open until midnight for Adoration.

Please note, there is no 7:30 am mass.



## Good Friday Info

The sacrifice of Good Friday is filled with prayer, from Jesus in the Garden to his final words on the Cross.

Good Friday is also a day of fasting and abstinence for people aged 18-59.

At 3:00 pm, the parish youth group will host Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm.

This is a powerful and prayerful experience, and we encourage all parishioners to consider attending and witnessing scenes of what our Lord endured before He gave His life for us on the cross.

At 7:00 pm, we will have the veneration of the cross, with the reading of the Passion according to John.

We will also have a special collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and works to preserve sacred shrines. Visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday) for more information.

Please note, there is no 7:30 am mass.



## Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday is the day of the hidden mystery of divine action. The disciples were convinced that all their hopes had ended in disaster. This day reminds us that our best guess about the future is only that; God has plans and powers beyond anything we can imagine.

At 11:00 am on Holy Saturday, will have a Blessing of the Easter Baskets.

At 8:00 pm, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil, the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life.

Our parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group also become full members of the Catholic Church. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Please consider attending and providing an atmosphere of love and support!

There is no 7:30 am mass, nor a Reconciliation offered in the afternoon, or 5:00 pm Mass.

## Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

We will have mass at in church at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Additionally, there will be an overflow mass in the Gym at 10:35 am.



## Easter Monday

On Easter Monday, the Rectory office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7.

## Care for Real Collection Drives

St. Gertrude will host a collection drive for Care for Real this weekend and again April 4–5. Our Care for Real collection takes place on the fourth weekend of each month, and our asylum seekers' collection is held on the first weekend of each month.

SNAP is one of the most effective ways to address food insecurity in the United States. However, as eligibility requirements change, many of our neighbors—especially seniors and others without exemptions—are at risk of losing their benefits. New requirements to work or volunteer 80 hours per month and report this to the state can be difficult to meet, increasing the risk of food insecurity.

As a result, Care for Real anticipates a growing need for their services. You can help by donating items during this weekend's collection or on April 4–5. For more information, including current needs and ways to give, please visit <https://linktr.ee/cfrchicago> or follow their Facebook and Instagram pages.

We are grateful for your continued generosity in supporting Care for Real as they provide food and essential supplies to neighbors in need.



# ATTENTION!

**Care for Real will be closed**

**Monday, March 30th**

**Wednesday, April 1st**

**We will also pause  
accepting in-kind donation  
drop-offs between 3/27-4/1.**

Visit [www.gcfid.org/findfood](http://www.gcfid.org/findfood) to find food assistance in your area.



## Friendship Club is Thursday, April 9

The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month in the Ministry Center, 6216 North Glenwood Avenue.

The gathering begins at 11:30 am, and attendees should bring their own (brown bag) lunch.

## Curious About Events & Activities at St. Gerts?

Upcoming events are listed on the home page, [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org), and in our [Events calendar](#), found under the *News/Programs* heading!



## Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership Meeting Planned for April 11

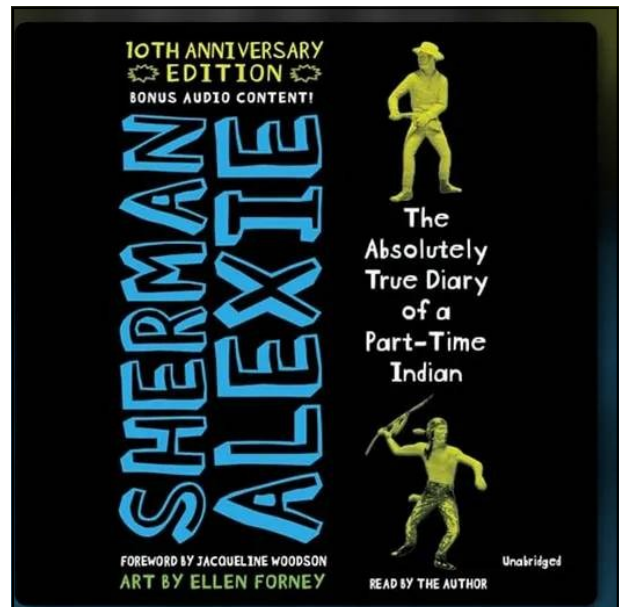
St. Gertrude is a member of CSPL, the faith-based organization that organized the People's Mass and Eucharistic Procession to the Broadview Detention Center.

Come together with other parishioners on Saturday, April 11, from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Ministry Center to build community and discuss how to help advance our parish's commitments to social justice, human concerns and faith formation through our participation in CSPL. All are welcome!

## Book Club is Tuesday, April 14

Join us for a discussion of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm at the Ministry Center, 6214 W. Glenwood. New participants are always welcome!

For questions, contact Lea Cloninger (773.213.0509) or Sue Benjamin (773.551.8401).



## Teens Invited to Join St. Gert's Youth Mission Experience

Parish teens are invited to participate in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience, taking place June 22–26. Open to students entering seventh grade through high school, this weeklong experience offers teens the chance to serve alongside Chicagoland organizations while growing in faith, friendship, and community.

The cost for the week is \$125. To reserve a spot or learn more, please contact Pastoral Associate Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

### Growing in Faith

The following activities, in addition to the liturgies of St. Gertrude parish, have enabled me over the years to pray and reflect during Holy Week.

I listen to the whole *Messiah* over and over. I use headphones and study the words. I find endless versions on YouTube. I am surprised to find that the entire text is drawn from scripture, much of it from the Old Testament. Both the instruments and the voices take me deep into a personal experience of Jesus and His meaning to me and to the rest of the world.

I attended the Eastern Mennonite High School production of *Godspell*. I grew up in a Jesuit parish, went to a Jesuit high school and university, and have taught in a Jesuit high school. I have made the long retreat twice. Yet the purest experience of Jesuit spirituality I have ever had was attending that play three times (my granddaughter was in it). I recommend finding a high school production if you can.

I sing *Jesus Christ Superstar*. We have friends who host gatherings this time of year to simply sing the songs without any music. Experiencing Jesus through the eyes of Judas sheds light on Jesus, similar to how the movie *Amadeus* revealed Mozart through the eyes of an envious adversary.

I attended a Jewish funeral. The words, rituals, and especially the singing—led by a woman—helped me, while mourning the death of my friend, connect to the Passion, the actual events, and the meaning of Holy Week.

~ Marty Butzen



### Looking to Send Content to the Bulletin or to Have an Announcement Made? Use this New Email!

Content for the bulletin should now be sent to [news@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:news@stgertrudechicago.org). Information should arrive 10 days before the Sunday you'd like your announcement to appear (Friday morning before 10:00 am. Early submissions are appreciated, as bulletin size can vary week to week, and both a print and an e-bulletin are produced.

### Financial Report for March 21-22

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$855.00  
Loose Checks: \$295.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$731.00  
Online Donations: \$4,429.51  
Total Collected: \$6,310.51

Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
Difference: -\$3,689.49  
YTD Collected FY 2026: \$389,004.39  
YTD Budgeted FY 2026: \$550,000.00  
Difference: -\$160,995.61  
Almoner's Collection: \$1,020.00



## Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

We are offering an opportunity to celebrate someone in your life, living or deceased, during the Easter season. Please consider making an Easter Flower offering in their name.

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and may be placed in the collection basket or sent to Rectory. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.

## Parish Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who had their photo taken or submitted photos for the upcoming directory. In the coming weeks, parishioners who were unable to participate will be invited to update their information and will have an opportunity to order a directory before final submission.

If you have any questions, please email [stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudeparishcouncil@gmail.com).

## NCA Events and Info

# Meet the 'Cats!

9:00 – 10:30 AM



TUESDAY MARCH 24  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15  
THURSDAY MAY 7

Learn more about the upcoming 2026-27 school year at **Northside Catholic Academy** with coffee and conversation. All families and students welcome to attend.

**RSVP at [northsidecatholic.org](http://northsidecatholic.org)**

## THINKING ABOUT SWITCHING SCHOOLS?



Now Enrolling Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Transfer Scholarships Available at NCA\*

### Who Can Apply

- Students who attended public school in the prior year
- Families demonstrating financial need
- Preschool and Kindergarten siblings enrolling with an eligible older student



### How to Apply

Start the process with a **FACTS application**  
[www.northsidecatholic.org](http://www.northsidecatholic.org)

\*Based on financial need. All applicants must submit \$30 non-refundable application fee.

## Parish Info

### New Parishioner

- Gina DeLuca and Mike Geraghty

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 pm - Art Lyons, Roman Reyes
- Sunday, March 29 at 8:00 am - Suzanne Teberg, Suzanne Teberg
- Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 am - Eric Ameyaw, Rose Karasti

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 pm - Tim Harrington
- Sunday, March 29 at 8:00 am - Michelle Kuehlhorn
- Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Michael Kowalsky, Bob Backis

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 28 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Carter Dant; acolytes: Wyatt Dant, Danna Salinas
- Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Jayson Ameyaw; acolytes: Adaobi Okoli, Viviana Love

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Victor Ayes             | • Tricia Hernandez | • Delphine Richert     |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Maria Hertl      | • Joan Ross            |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Gertrude Huisman | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Tony Hunter      | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Maggie Callahan         | • John Kahoun      | • Mary Pierce Spalla   |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • Mary E. Kelley   | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • Marilyn Klein    | • Marie Tarallo        |
| • Kathy Catrambone        | • Jim Laczkowski   | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Joseph Lambin    | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Mary DeBois             | • Carleen Lorys    | • Joe Touchstone       |
| • David Denegas           | • River Malik      | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • James Mann       | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Lorene Devine           | • Alex Marks       | • King Wallace         |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Theresa McMahan  | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael    | • Kevin Walsh          |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Steve Monti      | • Leon Ward            |
| • Adolf Gabriel           | • Hilda Mora       | • Janice Wittenberg    |
| • Marie Galoney           | • Patti Paul       | • Dawn Wyman           |
| • Thomas Hajduch          | • Dealina Peon     | • Yyes Yoza            |
| • Anne Marie Hamde        | • Claude Poulsen   | • Joel Pozzi Zio       |
| • Rochelle Hernandez      |                    |                        |

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 30: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, March 31: 7:30 am - Sheridan Gorman+
- Wednesday, April 1: 7:30 am - Carolyn Carlson+
- Holy Thursday, April 2: 7:00 pm - Mass of the Last Supper
- Good Friday, April 3: 7:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Saturday, April 4: 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude; 10:35 am - Parishioners of St. Gertrude

## Mass Times/Rectory Office Hours/Reconciliation

- Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am Mass in Church, 10:30 am Gym Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (Monday is a Communion service); Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm **Please see the Holy Week schedule on page 2. There is no morning mass on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.**
- The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends. **The office is closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.**
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rectory at 773.764.3621. **There is no Reconciliation offered on Holy Saturday.**

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

## Donate to our Parish

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- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts)

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