

Bulletin for

March 3

The third
Sunday of
Lent



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Third Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Mike

Lent is supposed to be a somber time, filled with penitence, prayer, sacrifice, fasting,

abstinence, and almsgivings. Yet this Lent, the word that keeps coming up for me is *gratitude*.

Of course, it is good for us to pause, acknowledge, and atone for our personal failings. It is good for us to follow the many practices of Lent, but as I stated on Ash Wednesday, we need to put our hearts into these Lenten practices. I love that Pope Francis recently said, "Pray more, complain less." Right on! Yes, Lent is a time for all these things, but gratitude will come.

Lent is also a time of meeting Jesus. There are so many ways that we meet Jesus; in the sacraments, scripture, community, and through action. From these various encounters, gratitude will sprout.

Last Sunday, I decided to put away anxieties, cynicism, complaining, worries, sadness, and despair (for the most part) and just observe. It started with listening to the lectors, watching the Eucharistic ministers, the ushers, seeing those giving to the Sunday collection and Almoners Ministry, those going out on behalf of the parish to distribute alms, and seeing your hands stretched out for the Eucharist. This is gratitude in the midst of Lent.

This gratitude is not a Pollyanna way of viewing the world, acknowledging only goodness and ignoring bad things. Gratitude is what comes amid our difficulties, struggles, illness, loss, isolation, our... whatever it maybe. True gratitude comes when there is nothing else to do but acknowledge our limitations and gaze on ever present goodness, mercy, and love of God.

What could be more Lenten? Being fully aware that everything we have and are comes from God. In your everyday comings and goings, just stop and see the many ways you are meeting Jesus.



RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

This Lenten Season



From Fr. Mike (continued)

When was the last time you were forgiven?

You are invited to participate in the many different times and ways to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Reconciliation is offered every Saturday afternoon in church from 4:00-4:45 pm. (There is no confession on Holy Saturday, March 30.)
- The parish's communal reconciliation is Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 pm in church.
- Our Deanery's Reconciliation Service is Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at St. Ita's/Church of Mary Mother of God parish. Priests from the deanery will be there.

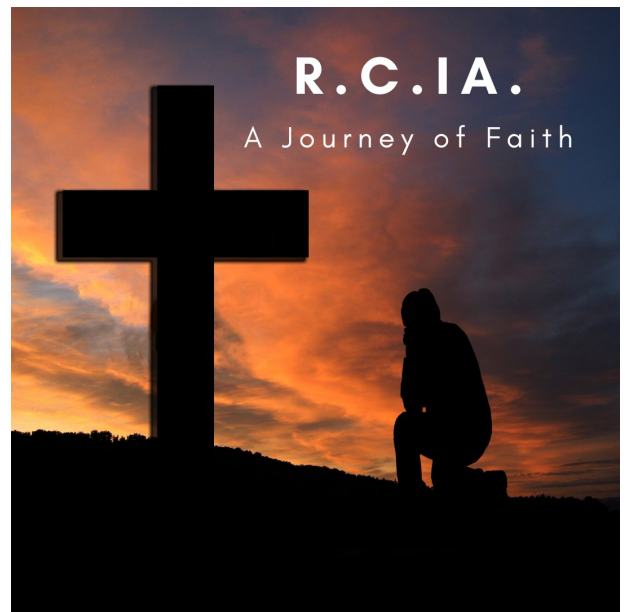
What are the Scrutinies?

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.



How to Watch our Live-Streamed Masses and our Lenten Bible Studies

Both our Sunday 10:30 am Masses and the 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays are live-streamed weekly on our parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/live/>, then posted on our parish's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@saintgertrude1117/videos>.

Parish Calendar of Upcoming Events & Activities

Our Holy Week schedule can be found at stgertrudechicago.org/lent-2024.

Sunday, March 3

- Care for Real collection for asylum seekers
- First Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need

Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00 am - *The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void* Lenten Retreat/Bible Study in the Ministry Center
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper hosted by the Men's Basketball League in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm - *The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void* Lenten Retreat/Bible Study in the Ministry Center and live-streamed at [facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/).

Friday, March 8

- 12:00-3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration in church
- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 10

- Second Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- 11:30 am - Rehearsal for Confirmation (after the 10:30 am Mass)

Monday, March 11

- 7:00 pm Book club in the Ministry Center

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- 10:00 am - *The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void* Lenten Retreat/Bible Study in the Ministry Center
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper hosted by the Prayer Porch Ministry in the Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm - *The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void* Lenten Retreat/Bible Study in the Ministry Center and live-streamed at [facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudechicago/).

Friday, March 15

- 12:00-3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration in church
- 3:00 & 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 17

- Third Scrutiny
- Second Collection for our Almoner's Program/McDonald's cards distributed to give to those in need
- 1:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation Service

Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events and information, including our full Holy Week schedule, please visit our website at stgertrudechicago.org.

Sign Up for Emails from St. Gertrude Parish!

If you would like to receive parish bulletins/emails from our parish or your email address has changed, please let us know!

Send an email to news@stgertrudechicago.org and specify if you would prefer just the weekly bulletin, distributed on Thursday afternoons, or our daily prayer/reflection with notices about upcoming parish events.



Lenten Simple Supper Planned for March 6

All are welcome to join us during Lent for Simple Suppers, offered weekly in the Ministry Center at 6:00 pm. On Wednesday, March 6, the Men's Basketball League will host the second Simple Supper.

Additional dates and hosts are:

- Wednesday, March 13 - the Prayer Porch Ministry
- Wednesday, March 20 - TBD
- Wednesday, March 27 - the Gym Mass

Thank you to those who joined us last week!

Lenten Bible Study Each Wed.!

Join Fr. Paul Adajà for a special Lenten Bible study, **The Silence of God: Finding God in a Void!** The sessions will be held twice on Wednesdays, at 10:00-11:00 am and again from 7:00-8:00 pm. Here are the dates, topics, and the readings:

- **March 6** - Elijah on Horeb: *1 Kings 19: 1-18*
- **March 13** - The Syrophenician Woman: *Mark 7: 24-30*
- **March 20** - Jesus on the Cross: *Mark 14: 32-42; 15:33-41; Psalm 22*

The programs will be 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). Questions? Email Fr. Paul at padaja@stgertrudechicago.org.



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.

Confirmation Information: Important Dates

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place next week. Please note these important dates:

- **Sunday, March 10** - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a rehearsal for Confirmation.
- **Tuesday, March 12** - 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.
- **Thursday, April 25** - There is a second Confirmation Retreat planned in the Ministry Center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Confirmation News



Book Club

Info



Next Book Club is Monday, March 11

Please join the book club in the Ministry Center on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn, and we would love new voices and opinions. There are 22 copies of the book available at the Chicago Public Library.

On Monday, April 8, the group will talk about *The Man Who Broke out of Auschwitz to Warn the World* by Jonathan Freeland. The library has 26 copies of the book.

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

Blood Drive Planned for Sunday, March 17

The next parish blood drive will be held on Sunday, March 17 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be located on Glenwood Avenue in front of the entrance to St. Gertrude Church.

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

Please prepare for your donation by eating well and hydrating before your appointment. Additionally, bring ID.

To schedule your donation, call Vitalant at 877.258.4825. An online registration link will be shared in the near future. Walk-ins are welcome!

For more information, contact Pat Knowles at pknowles2@gmail.com.

DONATE BLOOD



Blood donation is an **ESSENTIAL** health care activity.

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ST. GERTRUDE'S YOUTH MISSION EXPERIENCE

Registration is open!

JULY 22-JULY 26, 2024



Teens are Invited to Register for St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience

This summer, from July 22-26, parish teens are invited to take part in St. Gertrude's Youth Mission Experience!

Teens in sixth grade through high school will volunteer with a different Chicagoland organization each day. This is an excellent opportunity to have fun and earn volunteer hours!

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.



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 **\$1,005.00!** 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 with questions!



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NCA: Be a Part of Something Greater

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. We encourage prospective parents to discover first-hand what makes NCA a Blue Ribbon School. We accept applications up to one year in advance.

Private admissions tours are available by appointment. Please contact Brad Gschwendtner at bgschwendtner@ncaschools.com or 773.743.6277 with any questions about our admissions process or to schedule a tour.

Growing in Faith: Jesus' Protest in the Temple

Without any authority yet conferred on him, writes R. Donovan, Jesus “takes it on himself to do what is needed”, turning “everything upside down on one of the temple’s busiest days of the year.” Just as he was “thrown” by the Spirit into the desert a few weeks ago, now in the Temple, Jesus “throws” all out of his Father’s Temple.

I imagine Jesus’ inner drive, his anger, rooted in deep hurt, profound offense, and his awareness that his actions, though necessary to make it clear that what had become an acceptable practice was in fact a violation, an exploitation, an irreverence, would greatly anger the people in power and put his life at great risk.

Jesus’ actions bring to mind many in our own lifetime like Rosa Parks, Malala, and Rachel Corrie, or parents whose children were killed by gun violence, or Palestinians and those supporting them desperate for an end to the bombing, who, fed up with what is simply not right, have taken big and small, yet radical and risky, actions.

Each of us, at different moments in our lives, is nudged, perhaps “thrown,” by the Spirit, by “enough is enough,” to act in small and sometimes big and riskier ways, to do what is needed, to move out of our comfort zone, to speak up, to march, to write letters, to donate to organizations, to engage in acts of civil disobedience, because in the moment we know that any injury to any part of the mystical body of Christ is an injury to all of us.

~ Jim Manzardo



Financial Report for February 24-25

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,023.00
 Loose Checks: \$555.00
 Loose Cash/Coins: \$772.84
 Online Donations: \$5,383.94

Total Collected: \$8,734.78

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,265.22

Year-to-date Collected FY 2024: \$380,737.32

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

Difference: -\$5,662.68

Parish Information

Rest in Peace

- Mary Elizabeth Buttitta, daughter of Peter and Nancy

New Parishioner

- Helen Lambin

Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

- Carlos Barragan
- Patrick Barton
- Zara Bradley
- Lilly Buie
- Hallie Burhoe
- Maggie Callaway
- Aida Calvopina
- Claire Conley
- Barb Daly
- Denise DeBelle
- David Denegas
- Ann Collins Dole
- Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman
- Luke Fitzgerald
- Tim Giles
- 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
- Yyes Yoza
- Joel Pozzi Zio

Contact the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 or email 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 2 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Millie Slane
- Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 am - David Sullivan, Jennifer Kiedaisch
- Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 am - Sarah Millar, Patrick Robinson

Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 2 at 5:00 pm - TBA, cross bearer
- Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 am - Mary Kate Cashman, cross bearer; Henry Villareal, and Xavier Lassus, acolytes

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 2 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 am - Barb Daly
- Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 am - Tim Love, Michael Kowalsky, Steven Monti

Cantors and Musicians

- Saturday, March 2 at 5:00 pm - Martin Downs
- Sunday, March 3 at 8:00 am - Michael Callahan
- Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 am - Rob Schroeder

Mass Intentions

- **Sunday, March 3:** 8:00 am - Marie McKee Baylan+; 10:30 am in church - Mary Lou O'Toole+ and Bobby Udrow+; 10:30 am Gym Mass - People of God
- **Monday, March 4:** 7:30 am - Purgatorial Society
- **Tuesday, March 5:** 7:30 am - Feliza Velasquez+
- **Wednesday, March 6:** 7:30 am - Greg Wall+
- **Thursday, March 7:** 7:30 am - Communion Service
- **Friday, March 8:** 7:30 am - Feliza Velasquez+
- **Saturday, March 9:** 7:30 am - People of God; 5:00 pm - Richard O. Barnhart, Jr.+

Donate to our Parish

- 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
- Questions? Reach out to Eduardo Soto, St. Gertrude's business manager, via email at 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
- 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.**
- 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.

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