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Bulletin for Sunday, March 30, 2025

*The Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

From Fr. Mike Gabriel

As you may know, we are amid a Jubilee Year. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to do a pilgrimage to Rome with a group of parishioners from St. Gertrude's. You will hear more about their experience on the pilgrimage in the coming weeks. I must be honest; it was not as easy as I thought it was going to be. Yet, even in the midst of challenges, we overcame them one by one and made it to Rome.

Pope Francis' call is to all of us, regardless of if we can make a pilgrimage to Italy and Rome or not, is to be pilgrims of hope. All of us, as pilgrims, are on a journey, despite times of great challenges, uncertainty, and fear, but we believe that there is hope" versus "and believing that there is hope.

In our society or world at large, it seems at times we are turning away from values and virtues of faith, hope, and love. We are confronted with statistics that paint a grim picture of church. Attendance is down in all churches, religious affiliation is even lower, but there still is hope.

Don't believe me? Look at the faces of our catechumens. Last Sunday, we had the First Scrutiny. All of us at the 8:00 am mass were honored to profess the Nicene Creed with them. After the dismissal, I found myself overwhelmed with hope, knowing that soon we will watch them be washed in the waters of Baptism, sealed with the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, and nourished at the Eucharistic table for the first time at Easter. That's hope.



From Fr. Mike Gabriel

As we continue our Lenten Journey, I want to remind you and encourage you to journey with other parishioners at Stations of the Cross, Simple Suppers, *Music, Stillness and Solidarity*, morning mass, Saturday reconciliation, or our Deanery Reconciliation April 14th at Mother of God, St. Ita's campus. These opportunities are for our growth and give us and others hope.

A great big thank you to Fr. Bradley, Fr. Winters, and Fr. Bernardi for handling the sacramental duties, and the pastoral staff for the day-to-day tasks while I was on the pilgrimage.

Congratulations to all the Confirmation students who received the sacrament on March 18.

Have a great week! Repent and believe in the Gospel.

May God's peace and joy find a deep place within you.

In God's Love,

Fr. Mike





Confirmation Class of 2025

On Tuesday, March 18, teens from our Religious Education program and NCA made their Confirmation. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

Here are some additional photos from the evening.

Those who made their Confirmation and their families should note that there is a second Confirmation retreat on Thursday, May 1 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Social Hall.

Parish Calendar

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)
- 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)

Friday, April 11 (cont.)

- 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (social justice theme)
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group

Saturday, April 12 (Palm Sunday Eve)

- 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

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8:00 am - Mass
- 10:30 am - Combined Mass (No Gym Mass)

Monday, April 14

- 7:00 pm - Communal confession for all the parishes in our deanery at the St. Ita campus of Mother of God Parish, 5500 N. Broadway.

Wednesday, April 16

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

Holy Thursday, April 17

- No morning Mass
- 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18

- No morning Mass
- The Rectory office is 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 ([live-streamed](#))
- Second collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, April 19

- No morning Mass
- 11:00 am - Blessing of Easter baskets
- 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass ([live-streamed](#))

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 8:00 am
- 10:30 am in church ([live-streamed](#))
- 10:30 am Gym Mass

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)

Commonweal Dialogue is TODAY, Sunday, March 30

The next meeting of Commonweal Dialog will take place in Ministry Center, 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., today, 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.



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 \$1,294.00! Thank you for your generosity!

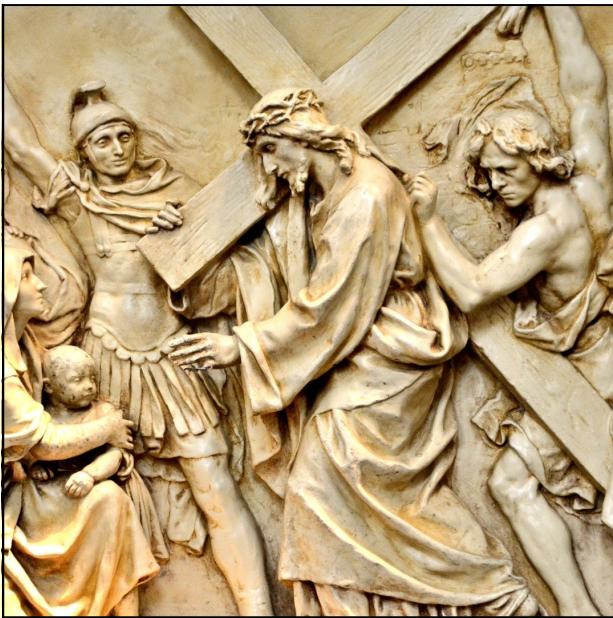
Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) on Friday Evenings: All are welcome to attend the bilingual weekly Rosary group held on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm in the dining room of the Ministry Center, located at 6214 North Glenwood Avenue.

Lenten Simple Supper & Scripture Study Planned for Wednesday, April 2

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, April 2, the Music Ministry will host the Simple Supper. On April 9, Commonweal Dialogue will organize the Simple Supper, and on April 16, the Porch Prayer group will lead it.

Thank you to those who joined us at previous gatherings!



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.

Guadalupanos Rosary Group (Grupo del Rosario de Guadalupanos) 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 Ave.

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.

Care for Real Collection for Asylum Seekers is April 5-6

Our next collection drive for asylum seekers is April 5-6.

Care for Real is urgently seeking donations of hand and toe warmers, gently used coats (all sizes), new socks and underwear, diapers in sizes 4-6, shampoo, hand soap, and adult incontinence briefs.

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.

Care for Real Collection

for Asylum Seekers

April 5-6

before and after masses



Parish News

ST. GERTRUDE'S

YOUTH MISSION EXPERIENCE

Open to teens
in 7th grade
through high
school

JUNE 23-JUNE 27, 2025



What are the Scrutinies?

This Sunday, we continue 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.

Financial Report from March 22-23

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$2,764.00
Loose Checks: \$705.00
Loose Cash/Coins: 795.99
Online Donations: \$3,906.15
Total Collected: \$8,171.14

Budgeted: \$10,000.00

Difference: -\$1,828.86

Year-to-date Collected FY 2025: \$399,936.31

Year-to-date Budgeted FY 2025: \$550,000.00

Difference: -\$150,063.09

Almoner's Collection: \$1,294.00

Confirmation Collection: 488.00



Another Festive Brewed at St. Gertrude Gathering in the Books!

Thanks so much to the many parishioners who braved the dreary weather and joined us in the Social Hall after the Masses on March 23. It was so lovely to see everyone and enjoy each other's company, beverages, and treats.

Please consider joining us for our next *Brewed at St. Gertrude* parish hospitality event on Sunday, April 13th after the 10:30 am Masses!

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.

Rest in Peace

- Cornelius Ward

New Parishioners

- The Czernecki family

Parish Information

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

Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, March 29 at 5:00 pm - Joseph McMahon, Christine Lincoln
- Sunday, March 30 at 8:00 am - Mary Clare Barker
- Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am - Troy McMillan, Anthony Myers

Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 29 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, March 30 at 8:00 am - Kathryn Stimac
- Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am - Bob Backis, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 29 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Carter Dant; acolytes: Danna Salinas, Wyatt Dant
- Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Mathios Paulus; acolytes: Owen Craft, Ethan Craft

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 | • Arsenia Tumliuan+ |
| • Hallie Burhoe | • Marilyn Klein | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • Aida Calvopina | • Joseph Lambin | • Tayana Wallace |
| • Marta Carlson | • River Malik | • King Wallace |
| • Terrence Carmichael | • Matilde Manzardo | • Christian Wallace |
| • Cavicke Family | • Nancy Michael | • Kevin Walsh+ |
| • David Denegas | • Steve Monti | • Leon Ward |
| • Ann Collins Dole | • Hilda Mora | • Ron Whitfield |
| • Darlene Durso-Clark+ | • Donald Nydereck | • Janice Wittenberg |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi | • Dealina Peon | • Dawn Wyman |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin | • Claude Poulsen | • Yyes Yoza |
| • Euman | • Joan Ross + | • 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.

Contact the Parish Pastoral Council

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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 31: 7:30 am - Cornelius Ward+
- Tuesday, April 1: 7:30 am - People of God
- Wednesday, April 2: 7:30 am - Deceased parents of St. Gertrude parishioners
- Thursday, April 3: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Friday, April 4: 7:30 am - Joseph Lopez+
- Saturday, April 5: 7:30 am - Pat Kelly+ 5:00 pm - Estelle Guardino+
- Sunday, April 6: 8:00 am - Joseph Lopez +; 10:30 am - Arsenia Tumliuan+; 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
- GiveCentral: www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevnts

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