

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. *John 4:45, 15*



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**Bulletin for  
Sunday,  
March 8, 2026  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

## Prayers for World Peace

The past Friday marked the end of the first week of hostilities in Iran. Already, these actions have escalated into a wider conflict with no clear end in sight. In troubling times such as these, we turn to God in prayer.

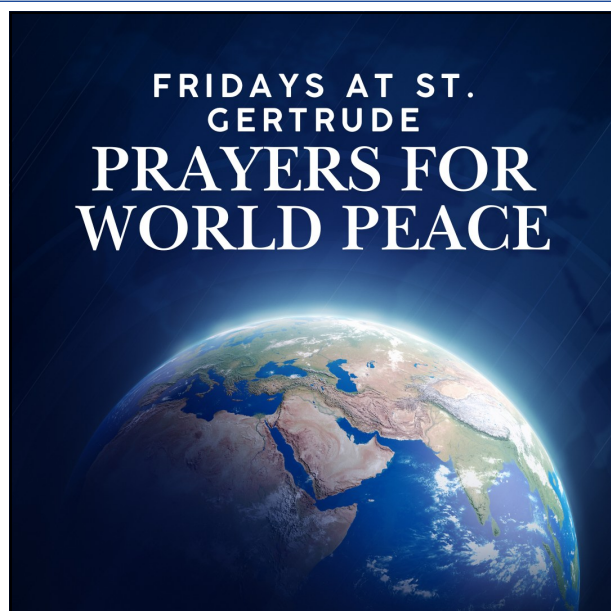
Throughout the Fridays of March, St. Gertrude Parish will observe special days of prayer for world peace. On these Fridays, the church will remain open from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm so that parishioners may spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Our regularly scheduled Lenten activities on Fridays will continue as planned. Please see the schedule below for the Fridays in March:

- 7:30 am – Daily Mass
- 8:00 am – Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm – Musical Meditation
- 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm – Bilingual Rosary
- 7:30 pm – Benediction and Closing of Exposition

Because someone must be present in prayer during Exposition, we are asking for volunteers to spend 30 minutes or one hour in the church. If you are able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located at the back of the church.

\*In the event of a funeral, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be temporarily suspended until the funeral has concluded. The church will remain open and accessible for private prayer during that time.



# 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)*

## **Sunday, March 8**

- Almoner's Program Second Collection
- Care for Real Collection
- First Scrutiny
- 11:30 am - Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation (C)

## **Tuesday, March 10**

- 6:00 pm - Confirmation students meeting (MC)
- 6:30 pm - Book Club (MC)
- 7:00 pm - Sacrament of Confirmation

## **Thursday, March 12**

- Lending Closet is closed.
- 11:30 am - Friendship Club (MC)
- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper (MC)
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Spirituality Session (C)

## **Friday, March 13**

- 8:00 am - Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins
- 3:00 pm - Traditional Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm - Music, Stillness, Solidarity (C)
- 6:30 pm - Social justice Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group (C)
- 7:30 pm - Benediction and Closing of Exposition

## **Saturday, March 14**

- 4:15-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- Almoner's Program Second Collection

## **Sunday, March 15**

- Second Scrutiny
- Almoner's Program Second Collection

## **Thursday, March 19**

- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper (MC)
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Spirituality Session (MC)

## **Friday, March 20**

- 8:00 am - Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins
- 3:00 pm - Traditional Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm - Music, Stillness, Solidarity (C)
- 6:30 pm - Social justice Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group
- 7:30 pm - Benediction and Closing of Exposition

## **Saturday, March 21**

- 4:15-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- Almoner's Program Second Collection
- Care for Real Collection

## **Sunday, March 22**

- Third Scrutiny
- Almoner's Program Second Collection
- Care for Real Collection
- After the 10:30 am Masses - Brewed at St. Gertrude parish hospitality event (SH)

## **Monday, March 23**

- 7:00 pm - Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service at St. Nicholas campus of St. John XXIII Parish, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston

## **Thursday, March 26**

- 6:00 pm - Simple Supper (MC)
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Spirituality Session (MC)

## **Friday, March 27**

- 3:00 pm - Traditional Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm - Music, Stillness, Solidarity (C)
- 6:30 pm - Social justice Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary Group (C)
- 7:30 pm - Benediction and Closing of Exposition

## **Saturday, March 28**

- 4:15-4:45 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- Almoner's Program Second Collection

# Holy Week Information

## Palm Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 am - Mass
- 10:30 am - Combined Mass and Palm Sunday 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

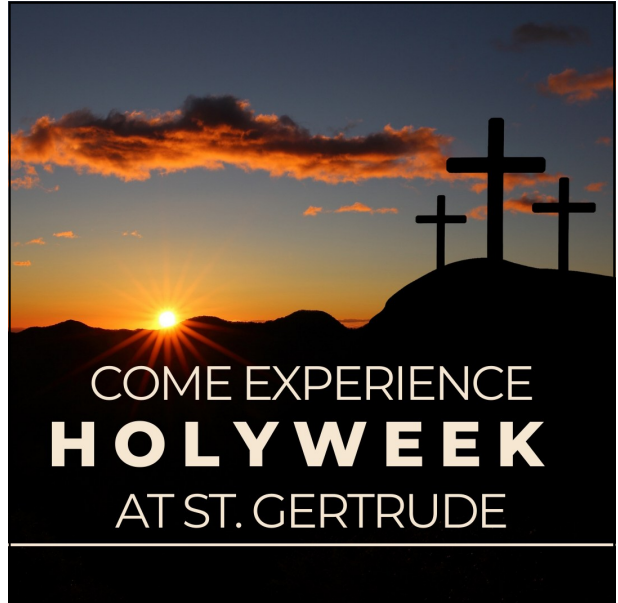
- No morning Mass
- The Rectory office is closed.
- 3:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross performed by the parish youth group
- 7:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (
- Special collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

## Holy Saturday, April 4

- No morning Mass
- 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



## Events & Activities

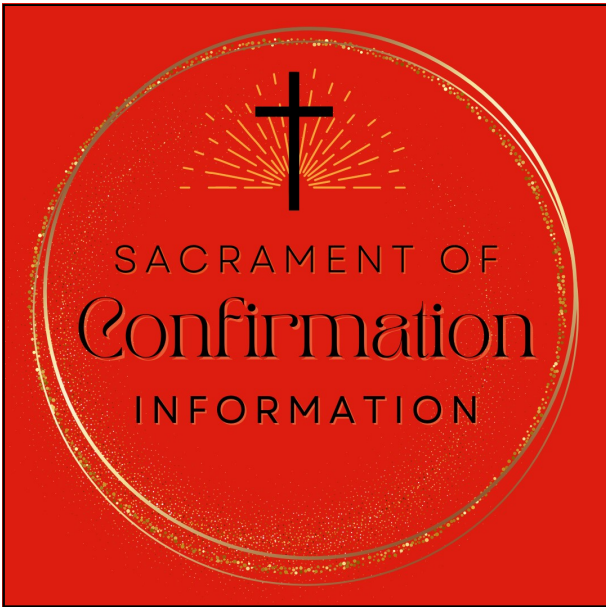


### Almoners Lenten Ministry (Sunday and Sunday Vigil Masses)

Our parish's Almoners' Program will be held again through March 29. Each weekend, a second collection will be held, with funds used to distribute McDonald's cards to those who are in need.

At the end of each Mass, those wishing to participate in distributing cards to the needy will be invited to come forward, receive the cards, and be given a blessing as they go out in this charitable outreach.

**Care for Real Collection This Weekend:** St. Gertrude has its monthly collection drive for our asylum seekers this weekend! Please place items in the bins at the back of church. Items will be donated to Care for Real, who is working hard to help these newly-arrived neighbors. Our next collection is March 21-22.



## Confirmation Rehearsal is Sunday, March 8; the Sacrament of Confirmation is Tuesday, March 10!

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place this week. We ask that families of these students please note these important dates:

- Sunday, March 8 - After the 10:30 am Mass in Church, there is a rehearsal for Confirmation.
- Tuesday, March 10 - The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 7:00 pm in Church. Confirmation candidates are expected to gather at

6:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

- Thursday, April 30 - There is a second Confirmation Retreat planned in the Ministry Center from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Eloy Escamilla at [eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org](mailto:eescamilla@stgertrudechicago.org).

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

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## Book Club is Tuesday, March 10

Join us for a discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus on Tuesday, March 10 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).



## February 28-March 1 Financial Report

Sunday Collection Envelopes: \$1,447.00  
Loose Checks: \$1,180.00  
Loose Cash/Coins: \$838.00  
Online Donations: \$4,165.53  
Total Collected: \$7,630.53  
Budgeted: \$10,000.00  
Difference: -\$2,369.47

YTD Collected: \$363,740.52  
YTD Budgeted: \$550,000.00  
Difference: -\$186,259.48  
Almoner's collection:

- February 21 and 22: \$945.00
- February 28 and March 1: \$1,040.00

## Lending Closet Closed on Thursday, March 12

The Medical Lending Closet will not be open on Thursday, March 12.

Please leave a message at 773.973.5464 if you have questions for the staff.



## Friendship Club is Thursday, March 12

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.

## Lenten Simple Supper - Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Lent is better together! Join us on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall (1401 W. Granville Ave.) for our beloved Lenten Simple Suppers.

Each week, a different parish group hosts:

- March 12 – St. Gertrude's Choir
- March 19 – Coalition for Spiritual & Public Leadership (CSPL)
- March 26 – NCA

Come for a simple meal, meaningful conversation, and community. All are welcome—bring a friend!





## Lenten Spirituality Sessions— Thursdays Immediately After the Simple Supper

This Lent, the Adult Spirituality and Formation Committee is offering opportunities to explore the mystery of our Lenten journey.

All sessions take place from 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm, following our Simple Supper, which begins at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Please come to Simple Supper and the Lenten series – and bring a friend!

The session for Thursday, March 12 will take place in church. Here is information about it: *Are you looking for some peace amidst the chaos? Come and experience an evening of meditative Taizé music in our beautiful worship space. Repetitive, calm, and beautiful, it will help relax and calm our spirits during our Lenten journey.*

Additional sessions are:

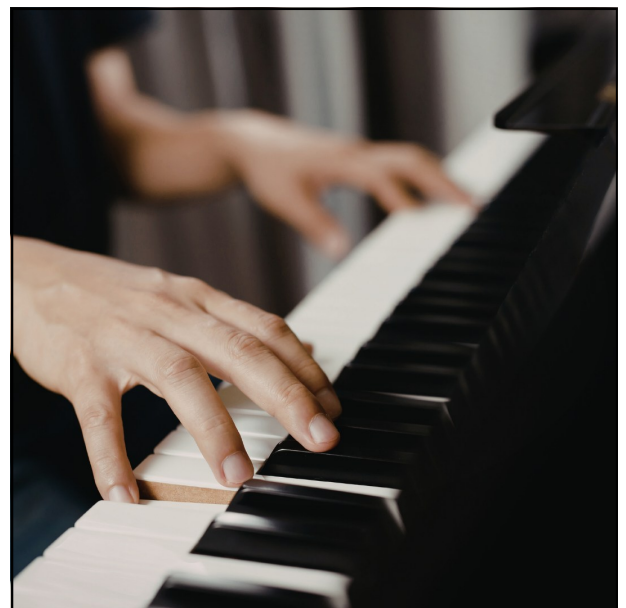
- Thursday, March 19 - *Fasting: The Second Pillar of Lent* – Chris Countryman
- Thursday, March 26 - *Almsgiving: The Third Pillar of Lent* – panel of St. Gertrude parishioners

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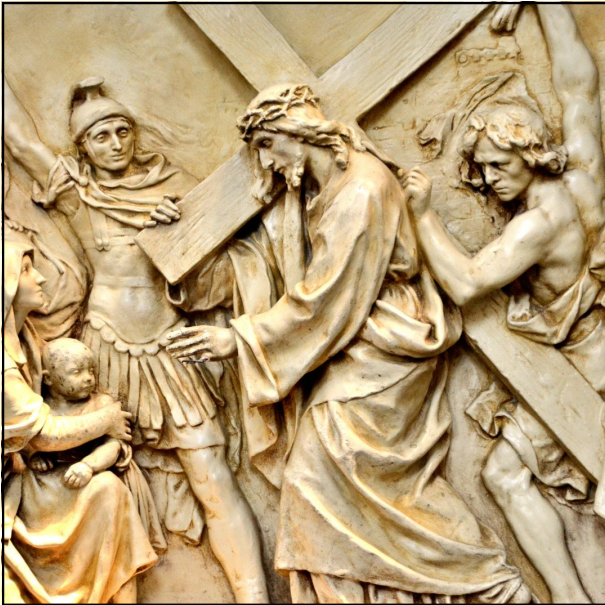
## Lenten Season Meditation Series: *Music, Stillness, Solidarity* - Fridays at 6:00 pm

We live in incredibly troubled times. Injustice after injustice and a stream of never ending tragedies show through social media algorithms designed to distract us. It is difficult to digest it all, let alone find a moment of stillness to reflect and potentially act on it.

This year we bring back *Music, Stillness, Solidarity*. It will happen every Friday night during Lent through March 27. From 6:00-6:30 pm, St. Gertrude's will be open 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.



## Lenten Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Each Friday at 3:00 pm during Lent, we will offer a traditional Way of the Cross.

Another Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 pm on Fridays after our Lenten Meditation: *Music, Stillness and Solidarity*. These Stations of the Cross will have a social justice theme, this Friday its is LGBTQ+.

The remaining Stations of the Cross themes are:

- March 13: Refugees and Migrants
- March 20: Through the Eyes of Mary
- March 27: The Way of the Cross for Our Time

On Good Friday, April 3, at 3:00 pm, your parish youth group will perform a Living Station of the Cross.

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## 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.

### Recitation of the Holy Rosary after 7:30 am Mass

Additionally, the Rosary is said every Monday through Friday in the church right after the 7:30 am mass. Please consider joining us in church—we would love to have you!



## New Email to Submit Content to Bulletin

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



## Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Monday, March 23

Every Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm, private confession is available.

There is also a communal confession for all the parishes in our deanery (Deanery 2B) on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 pm at the St. Nicholas campus of St John XXIII Parish in Evanston, located at 806 Ridge Ave. in Evanston.

## "Brewed at St. Gertrude" Gathering on Sunday, March 22

Please join us on Sunday, March 22, 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!



## Teens Invited to Join St. Gertrude'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).

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## Parish News



### Growing in Faith

In today's first reading, the people challenge Moses: "Why did you make us leave Egypt? We are dying of thirst." Moses appeals to God who brings water from a rock. Many people question God at terrible times. I have, with the death of two sons and two daughters, the last the best friend of my old age.

On Sundays the Church pairs the reading from the Hebrew scriptures with the gospel for a reason. Both readings consider water, an essential substance that can cause death or save life. The woman at the well in today's gospel is a stranger, a foreigner, a person 'not like us.' She does not follow our customs and speaks directly to a man. She

practices a 'weird' religion and prays on a mountain top.

Jesus ignores her otherness and speaks directly to her, telling her "everything she ever did" and that people will pray "in spirit and truth," regardless of what country they live in. He promises her "living water, springing up to eternal life."

As Father Pete has pointed out, faith isn't a comfortable habit, like an old shirt. It takes courage. Jesus often encouraged his disciples to not be afraid—to have faith. Our Faith and hope must also be renewed each time they are threatened.

So I pray, in the words of the gospel hymn: *O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters, upon the land. And wash the blood from off the sand.*

~ Maggie Kast

### 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.



# Please Take our Parish's DMI Survey

St. Gertrude is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive---and we want to hear from our parishioners!

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching, and other aspects of the parish.

The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Gertrude and better prepare us for the future!

Access the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link at <https://bit.ly/DMISurveyStGerts> or scan the QR code. Paper copies of the survey are available in the back of church.



## Activities Around the Archdiocese



We educate minds that think,  
hearts that love,  
and hands that serve

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- ✓ Tour our school
- ✓ Meet parents & students
- ✓ Learn about our community
- ✓ Ask questions





PARKINSON SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

# BRIDGES TO HEALTH

Free & Open to the community! All ages welcome!



March 14<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm

Loyola University Chicago  
Damen Student Center  
1032 W. Sheridan Rd



PARKINSON SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

RSVP encouraged  
Walk-ins welcome



Is your organization interested in tabling at this event?  
Register here:



**A free community wellness event** connecting individuals and families to local health resources, education, and support.

Get connected to local services, learn about your health, and take home helpful resources.

**What to Expect:**

- Local organizations sharing valuable community resources
- Hands-on activities and health education
- Free health screenings (optional)
- Free food, healthy snacks, and giveaways
- Near CTA bus/train
- Parking validation available

QUESTIONS: CONTACT [PARKINSONSTUDENTLIFE@LUC.EDU](mailto:PARKINSONSTUDENTLIFE@LUC.EDU)

## Parish Info

### New Parishioners

- Evelyn Pechous
- Anita and Karina Valentin

### Rest in Peace

- Mariella Dorn
- Marie Isaily

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

### Ministers of the Word

- Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 pm - Christine Lincoln, Joe Tomasello
- Sunday, March 8 at 8:00 am - Carol Ann Munro, Anthony Myers
- Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 am - Patrick Robinson, Sarah Millar

### Eucharistic Ministers

- Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 pm - Kathy Wall
- Sunday, March 8 at 8:00 am - Ellen Pierce
- Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 am - Steven Monti, Annie Hasselbeck, Stephen Hasselbeck

### Altar Servers

- Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 pm - cross bearer: Danna Salinas; acolytes: Owen Craft, Ethan Craft
- Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 am - cross bearer: Bradley Phelps; acolytes: Angel Garcia, Diarmuid McKeown

## Please Pray for our Parishioners and Friends

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|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| • Victor Ayes             | • Rochelle Hernandez | • Delphine Richert     |
| • Carlos Barragan         | • Tricia Hernandez   | • Joan Ross            |
| • Patrick Barton          | • Maria Hertl        | • Willy Spalla         |
| • Zara Bradley            | • Gertrude Huisman   | • Floret Spalle        |
| • Maggie Callahan         | • Tony Hunter        | • Mary Pierce Spalla   |
| • Aida Calvopina          | • John Kahoun        | • Frannie Swaine       |
| • Marta Carlson           | • Mary E. Kelley     | • Marie Tarallo        |
| • Terrence Carmichael     | • Marilyn Klein      | • Christopher Thomas   |
| • Kathy Catrambone        | • Jim Laczowski      | • Elinora E. Tolentino |
| • Cavicke Family          | • Joseph Lambin      | • Joe Touchstone       |
| • Mary DeBois             | • Carleen Lorys      | • Manuel & Norma Viray |
| • David Denegas           | • River Malik        | • Tayana Wallace       |
| • Ann Collins Dole        | • James Mann         | • King Wallace         |
| • Lorene Devine           | • Alex Marks         | • Christian Wallace    |
| • Renee Elhoumaidi        | • Theresa McMahon    | • Kevin Walsh          |
| • Mr. and Mrs. Emin Euman | • Nancy Michael      | • Leon Ward            |
| • Luke Fitzgerald         | • Steve Monti        | • Ron Whitfield        |
| • 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       |

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Monday, March 9: 7:30 am - Communion Service
- Tuesday, March 10: 7:30 am - Carol Kelly Shields+
- Wednesday, March 11: 7:30 am - Commander Paul Bauer+
- Thursday, March 12: 7:30 am - Eleanor McGuire+
- Friday, March 13: 7:30 am - Mark Schreiner+
- Saturday, March 14: 5:00 pm - Bob Radycki +
- Sunday, March 15: 8:00 am - Abigail Phillips; 10:30 am - Ezaristo Centeno; 10:30 am Gym - Fr. James Stoeger +

## Mass Times/Rector 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
- The office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and is closed on weekends.
- Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 pm in church or by appointment by calling the Rector at 773.764.3621. There is a bilingual communal confession for all the parishes in our deanery on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 pm at the St. Nicholas campus of St John XXIII Parish in Evanston, located at 806 Ridge Ave. in Evanston.

## Parish Staff and Contact Info

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## Heart to Heart/Lending Closet 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

- PayPal link - visit our parish website at [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org)
- GiveCentral: [www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants](http://www.givecentral.org/location/8/allevants)

## Visit our Parish Website

For the latest parish events, staff contact info, and more, visit our parish's website at [stgertrudechicago.org](http://stgertrudechicago.org).