

St. Gertrude

ALL ARE WELCOME

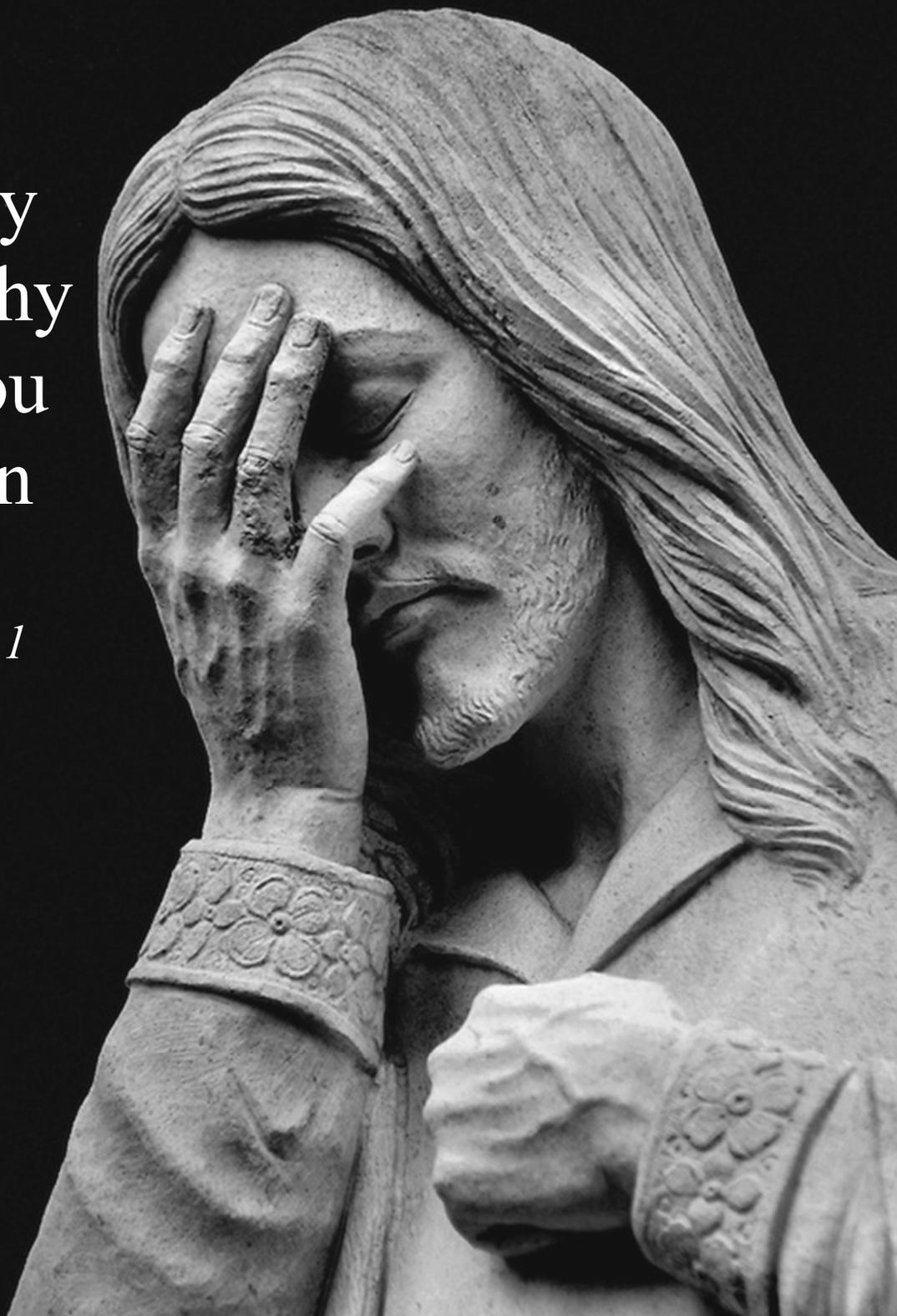
1420 W. Granville Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660

www.stgertrudechicago.org • 773.764.3621

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • April 14, 2019

My
God, my
God, why
have you
forsaken
me?

~ *Psalms 22:1*



From Father Rich

As a person of mostly-Irish ancestry, I have always been fascinated by traditional Irish dance. From the first time I saw it live many years ago, I was struck by what seemed to me to be a serious handicap. The dancers never used their arms and hands in their dancing. It was all about what the legs and feet were doing. The body remained rigidly stiff. In time, I came to realize how fitting this style of dance was to a people so stricken by fate because of the land upon which they lived and the horrible treatment that is their history.

But over the years, I have also realized how that same stiffness, while highly expressive of certain truths, is also equally limiting in dealing with a broader sense of reality. I am thinking particularly of how apparently emotionless the Irish can seem. Any outward signs of affection were to be avoided. Even sharing simple expressions such as, “I love you!” were considered outside the normal course of events.

Thank God a lot of that has changed in many families and individuals. And when it comes to our prayer, especially our liturgical prayer, we also see a huge change. It might be summed up by saying we once prayed only with our heads and some only with their hearts. But the goal is that we pray with our whole being. And that means praying with mind and heart and soul—and our entire body.

As we enter into this Holy Week, I encourage you to be aware of how you are praying during the most sacred week of our faith tradition. We begin this week with the clear indication this is very much different than any other week of our year. This week, we begin by praying outdoors, and part of that prayer is walking—a procession. On Holy Thursday, we wash each other’s hands and kneel in adoration. On Good Friday, we genuflect, or kiss, or touch, or bow to an empty cross. And on Holy Saturday, we gather in darkness until a new light is brought into Church, allowing us to see in a new way and hear the stories of our faith. We bless water and are sprinkled with it, and some are even washed in it! Those are just some of the things we do with our whole selves this week.

Holy Week invites us to be “all in!” Jesus held nothing back in his love for all humankind. We should at least attempt to hold nothing back in our prayer recalling those sacred events. Holy Week is the stuff of our heads and of our hearts, but it is also the stuff of our bodies. As Christians, we believe that one day we shall be raised to new life in Christ—and that means bodies as well as minds and hearts and souls! As we begin this journey towards Easter, let us try to anticipate that glorious day by feeling the events of this week in our minds and hearts and souls and bodies.

Part of our lived faith is in how we welcome and care for all those who join us. Please make a special effort to greet people you do not already know this week, especially on Easter. And please invite any members of your family or friends or neighbors who might be happy to join in any of these services—so they know someone who is going and feel truly invited. The invitation actually comes from God, but as God’s messengers, some will only hear it and feel it when we speak it and make it known.

~ *Father Rich*



Growing in Faith

The Passion of our Lord and its horrors could be taken from our own headlines: corrupt despotic leaders, the scapegoating of the vulnerable, persecution, torture, murder of the innocent, passive annihilation of the poor—all parts of our shameful past and shameful present. Today, media delivers fresh loads of terrifying news as it occurs. The weight of unwelcome knowledge and the anxiety about where all this could possibly lead can make us want to close our eyes, like Jesus' friends, to put our minds to sleep.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu have collaborated and their conversations are captured in *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Both have suffered as a result of human evil. Both agree that evil and suffering have existed and will always exist in the world. Both agree that happiness can't be found by closing our eyes or waiting for the world to improve.

Happiness is created when we create it for others, concern ourselves with their suffering, provide for their needs, and tell the truth about injustice. This can only be accomplished by remaining fully conscious and supported by principals His Holiness and Archbishop Tutu have identified as the "Eight Pillars of Joy."

Four are of the mind: perspective, humility, humor, and acceptance. Four are of the heart: forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity. All eight were embodied in our Lord, who did not conquer evil. He conquered death so we could face evil unafraid.



~ KC Conway for *Growing in Faith*

The Sacred Triduum (The Great Three Days)

Holy Thursday, April 18

- 7:30 pm ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
- The Church will be open until 11:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration.

There is no 7:30 am Mass on Thursday, April 18.

Good Friday, April 19 (Fast and Abstinence)

- 3:00 pm ~ Living Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm ~ Service of the Lord's Passion

There is no 7:30 am Mass on Friday, April 19.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20

- 11:00 am ~ Blessing of Easter baskets
- 7:30 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

There is no 7:30 am Mass on Saturday, April 20.

Easter Sunday, April 21

- 8:00 am ~ Mass at Church
- 9:30 am ~ Mass at St. Gertrude East (Sheridan & Granville)
- 10:00 am ~ Mass at Church
- 10:30 am ~ Mass in the Gym
- 11:30 am ~ Mass at Church



Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday: Following the 7:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 18, the Church will be open until 11:00 pm for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will not be a 7:30 am Communion Service.

Good Friday: On Good Friday, April 19, there will be Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, featuring teens from the parish. At 7:30 pm in Church, the Service of the Lord's Passion will be held. There will not be a 7:30 am Mass.

Holy Saturday: This Saturday, April 20, there will be a blessing of Easter baskets in Church at 11:00 am. The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 7:30 pm. There will not be a 7:30 am Mass.

Easter Sunday: Next Sunday, April 21 is Easter! Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am in Church, at 9:30 am at St. Gertrude East (Sheridan & Granville), and at 10:30am in the Gym.



Almoner's Program

This is the last week of our Almoner's program! So many parishioners have participated, with hundreds of McDonald's gift cards distributed to those in need.

I have been so moved by the stories I have been told about the power of almsgiving via the Almoner's program. The combination of the human contact to feed the soul and the gift card to feed the body has deepened our relationship to our community and to our God. Who can you give cards to? When you do, let me know how it goes.

~ Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate

Fasting Regulations for Holy Week

Lent ends on Holy Thursday as we begin the evening liturgy. From that evening until Easter Sunday afternoon, the Church observes the Easter Triduum (the Great Three Days.) On Good Friday, all Catholics 14 years old and older are to abstain from meat, and those who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are to fast (taking no more than one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength but no solid food between meals.) The Church strongly encourages that the fast and abstinence be kept also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil. Catechumens are likewise urged to fast in preparation for their baptism.

This is not the penitential Lenten fast that we keep on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is called the "Easter fast" or the "Paschal fast." It is to be a joyful fast of anticipation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter and most especially to the baptisms at the Easter Vigil.

"On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed everywhere." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year, #20) Thus we fast on Good Friday and Holy Saturday in whatever way we can "so that the joys of the Sunday resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #110)

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A.—Celebrating the Easter Sacraments: This coming Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil, those in the R.C.I.A. will celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers during this Holy Week, and consider coming to the Easter Vigil, surrounding them with love and rejoicing as they become members of the Catholic Christian community or are Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

To Be Baptized:

- Vu Truong
- Lauren Le
- Brittany Clark
- Feruz Urazaliev

To Be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church:

- Rebecca Hembel
- Justin Svoboda

Lent 2019: Our Invitation to a Second Chance Week VI

For these 40 days of Lent, we have been focused on our own lives, taking stock of our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. We have reflected on God's mercy which always gives us a second chance to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. We have engaged in acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to better align ourselves with the Lord. As we now come to the close of Lent and enter into Holy Week, our focus changes. Now our attention is all about walking with Jesus on his final journey through his Passion and Death so that we might also accompany him in his Resurrection.



One of the most beautiful prayer forms available to us is when we use our imaginations. During this week, can I imagine myself as an intimate observer of each of these scenes as we walk with the Lord? Perhaps our imaginations can even help us become participants in these sacred events which gained us our salvation. As we enter into each of the scenes of Holy Week, notice the individuals—those speaking and taking action as well as those standing or sitting nearby. What do I see in their faces and behaviors? With whom do I consider myself most closely aligned? Notice especially the central figures of each of these sacred events. How do I perceive the words and actions of the disciples of Jesus? What about the Apostles? What do I notice about the Roman authorities and soldiers? How about the religious leaders and their own guard? Am I aware of the crowd in so many of these scenes? What are they doing or speaking? Most centrally, how do I look upon the Lord himself? And then his mother, Mary, and those who loved him and stood by him in these darkest hours? What about Pilate? And the chief priests?

Like most great human dramas, the Passion of Our Lord contains glimpses at what is the best and what is the worst in humankind. We see extraordinary love and care, and we see the basest hatreds and betrayals. As we journey through these days, we might become aware of certain moments in our own lives when we have felt these same emotions in situations we had forgotten, or even those we can't seem to let go of. Part of the invitation of this kind of prayer form is that we can also let go of outcomes. Not only of the past—for who among us would not like to change the way Jesus is treated? But we can also let go of the outcome of situations in our own lives that we carry around in our memories and that continue to burden us.

Holy Week is not only about the events of 2,000 years ago. When we connect ourselves to the final journey of Our Lord, we also connect our own lives to His, and most importantly, we tie our futures to the gift of Easter.

~ *Father Rich*

R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group has been gathering since September to learn about the Catholic faith and our sacred traditions. At the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, April 6, the R.C.I.A. celebrated the Third Scrutiny as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments.

My name is Becca! I'm a 26-year-old Wisconsin native. I moved to Chicago about a year and a half ago and I currently work as an operating room nurse at Weiss Memorial Hospital.

After my move to Chicago, I had been struggling for a while to adjust to the changes and knew I needed support in more ways than one. I was so thankful to find a church walking distance from my new home! I had attended Catholic masses before I joined the

R.C.I.A. class last fall and decided to give it a try.

Over the past couple months, I have learned a lot about the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic faith and look forward to participating fully after I am Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.



Becca
Hembel

Parish News

Poetry Pilgrims: Please join us on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center to read and discuss the poetry of Mary Oliver. All are welcome. For information and poems, contact Mary Grover at 773.338.3564 or mary@marsgrover.com.

Rectory Closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday: The Rectory will be closed on Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22.



Baptismal Class: The next baptismal prep class will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to sign up for the class.

First Communion Information: The Sacrament of First Communion will be held on Saturday,

May 11 at 10:00 am. Children making their Communion should be brought to the NCA cafeteria by 9:30 am. A rehearsal for the event will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in Church.

Religious Ed & Kids Word for the School Year Comes to an End: The Religious Education program will meet for its final session on Sunday, May 5. The last Kids Word is Sunday, May 19.

WOW Gathering: Teens are welcome to attend our next WOW get-together on Sunday, May 5 from 6:00 -8:00 pm in the balcony of the Gym.

Teen Summer Service Trip:

St. Gertrude Parish is sponsoring a service trip for teens to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota from Friday, July

26 - Sunday, August 4. Teens interested in attending can contact Jim Potthast at 773.764.3621 jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org.



Green Team/ECRA Event

The Edgewater Community Springtime Clean and Green Day will be held on Saturday, April 27. This year, members of the Edgewater community Religious Association (ECRA) have committed to participating, as will several students on the NCA Green Team. Groups can pick up supplies, shovels, brooms, rakes, and large black bags from the 48th Ward Streets and Sanitation yard, located at 5853 N. Broadway. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves.

ECRA participants will gather by 8:30 am at the Ismaili Center’s parking lot just north of 6259 N. Broadway. The Center will then host a breakfast for all. Then cleaning will begin at 9:00 am-12:00 pm at selected sites throughout Edgewater. After noon, there will be a thank you lunch at the 48th Ward Streets and Sanitation yard. Pivot Arts, Red Moon, and ESSP are planning a special social event, also at the Streets and Sanitation yard.

Please contact Allen Stryczek at 773.973.3637 or astryczek@sbcglobal.net for more information, or to volunteer to help coordinate this endeavor.

Green Team members will meet in front of NCA, 6216 N. Glenwood, at 9:00 am. Contact George Tully at georgetully82@gmail.com for information.

Parish Stewardship

Online Collection March 2019	\$23,469.50
Budgeted Collection	\$18,488.00
Overage	(+) \$4,981.50

NCA News

NCA’s Board of Specified Jurisdiction is looking for candidates from our community. We are especially in need of insight from those with experience in facilities management, architecture and construction, education, and marketing and admissions.

If you would like more information, please reach out to Brian Pavona at brian.james.pavona@gmail.com and Sarah Millar at sbm618@gmail.com.

Parish Council Minutes

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday, March 28. The Council finalized the sorting of ministries under the four commissions (Prayer and Worship, Parish Life, Education, and Human Concerns.)

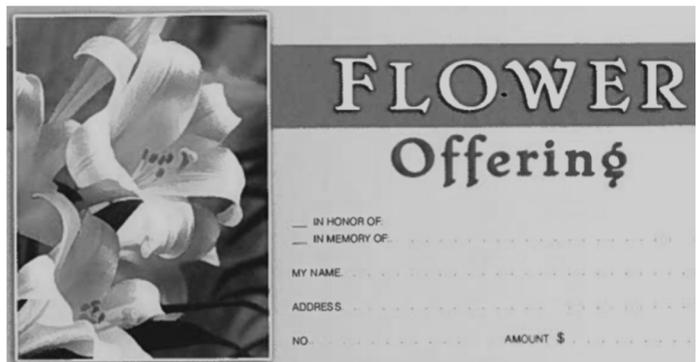
Following that, the Council had the opportunity to discuss the one-on-one training process that took place in February. The goal is for each Council member outside of the leadership team to choose a commission and through that, those council members will extend the one-on-one process with leaders from the various parish ministries so that more relationships can continue to develop across the parish and so that we foster a culture of listening to one another. This process will take a little time to get moving so we appreciate parishioners’ patience as we move in this direction.

Lastly, the Council collaborated and developed a draft vision statement for the parish. We want to take a fresh look at it the next time we meet on Thursday, April 25, and after that, we look forward to sharing it with you.

~ Colleen Fulkerson

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes

Once again, 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 Church and may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the Rectory. The names of those honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 am Nancy Quinn Jaskowiak †

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30 am Patricia Jablonski †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 *Holy Thursday*

7:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
The Church will be open until midnight for Eucharistic Adoration. There is no 7:30 am Communion Service.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 *Good Friday*

3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Service of the Lord's Passion
There is no 7:30 am Mass.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 *Holy Saturday*

7:30 pm Parishioners of St. Gertrude
There is no 7:30 am Mass.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 *Easter Sunday*

8:00 am Johnny Outlaw †
9:30 am Joseph "Terry" Shields †
10:00 am Mary Virginia Evans †
10:30 am Lori Fitzgerald-Larson †
11:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 *Holy Saturday*

7:30 pm Patrick Robinson, Troy McMillian, Pat Reardon

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 *Easter Sunday*

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Hallie Burhoe
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Debra Novak, Rafael Melendez
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Donations may be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 *Holy Saturday*

7:30 pm Troy McMillian, Patrick Robinson, Christine Curran, Brad Koch, Pat Norcik

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 *Easter Sunday*

8:00 am Brian DeVarenne, Mary Wyler, Hallie Burhoe, Bill Mitchell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:00 am Rafael Melendez, Carlos Barragan, Nancy Merrill, Debra Novak, Kathy Wall, Pat Norcik, Christine Curran
10:30 am TBA
11:30 am Chris Lincoln, Jana Ashbeck, Richard Ashbeck, Karen Griebel, Sharon Brown

Altar Servers

Please contact Steve Monti for the Holy Week/Easter schedule.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Geraldine Clark

Helen Stryczek

Robert Howe

Maria Hertl

Joan Harrington

Maggie Callaway



New Parishioners

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of our Parish community, please consider registering.

Applications to register as a parishioner are available in the back of Church, at the Rectory, or online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreloa, Heart to Heart Office Staff
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Amanda Kvasnica, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464.
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the Rectory for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the Pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four months prior to the desired date.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center