

St. Gertrude

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for February 23, 2020



Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

~ Joel 2:12-13

The schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 26, is:

- 7:30 am ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 10:00 am ~ NCA's school Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 6:00-6:45 pm ~ Ashes distributed.
- 7:00 pm ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church.

The Three “Pillars” of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

As we hear in the gospel reading on Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten season, the Lord reminds us of the importance of the ancient penitential practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These are spiritual practices that are used in every faith. Together, they help us clear away the extraneous stuff that distracts us from our relationship to God, and therefore our relationships with each other. Sometimes we feel engaging these practices are a burden. When we feel that way, it simply means we have not “uncluttered” our lives from some of the excess we don’t need. Lent is not about adding more guilt for what we are not doing! It is about clearing away, making room, focusing on what is most important. These Penitential practices are a means of leading us closer to God.

We begin with **Prayer**. There is no right way or wrong way to pray. There is only prayer. Either we choose to pray, or we do not. When we choose to pray, there are always two constitutive elements that make prayer possible: time and quiet. Another word for time is consciousness. Whether we are able to grab 15 seconds for a quick awareness of God in our life, or an hour for a longer, relaxing “visit”, we alter our awareness. This “time” is different, it belongs to me and God alone. During this time, the single most important thing we do is listen. And listening always requires quiet, silence. It is no small task to calm ourselves and quiet the endless conversation in our minds and hearts. Only when we stop “talking” do we have the capacity for hearing what God is speaking to us.

Here are some opportunities for prayer that may be beneficial: attend Mass every Sunday; attend one daily Mass every week; spend some time with the daily scripture readings; join one of the faith-sharing groups; spend five minutes in silence with the Lord every day; make use of The Little Black Book for daily reflection (Little Black Books are available at the exits of Church); join in the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm on Fridays in Church, or whenever you can find the time; download and use the *Sacred Space* app.

The second pillar is **Fasting**. Just as we need to clear some of the clutter from our lives in order to pray, so also we need to reduce the amount of stuff we use and consume every day to make ourselves more aware of what is driving us, what is running our lives. The Church has its own regulations for fasting and abstaining during Lent. These regulations are:

1. Abstinance from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but solid food between meals isn't permitted.

Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious, but failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

Besides those traditional fasting practices, we also might consider some behavioral fasting: turn off all electronic devices for 30 minutes every day; fast from criticism, anger, negativity, judgmentalism, resignation, know-it-all-ness, self-righteousness, cynicism, provincialism, self-absorption, divisiveness, intolerance, violence in thought, word or deed, excessive pride, criticism, bitterness, despair, and hatred.

Almsgiving is the third pillar of our Lenten penitential practices. Extending outreach and care to the poor and needy not only helps them, but better connects us to one another as God’s children. The parish Almoners program invites every parishioner to make a donation after Communion every Sunday of Lent. A volunteer will be available after Mass with \$5.00 McDonald pre-paid gift cards. Any parishioner is invited to take as many cards each week as you think you can distribute to any homeless or needy person you encounter on your daily rounds. Please be sure to engage the other person in even a small conversation to make a human connection.

Some other possibilities for giving alms: save and donate one hour’s wages every week to the charity of your choice; contribute to the Lenten Food Drive; take part in Catholic Relief Service’s Operation Rice Bowl (Rice Bowl “banks” are available on the tables in the back of Church), or make a special donation to the charity of your choice.

Lent at St. Gertrude Parish

Ash Wednesday Schedule
Wednesday, February 26

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- 7:30 am ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 10:00 am ~ NCA's school Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
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Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent at 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm in Church.

On Good Friday, April 10, there will be Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm, featuring teens from the parish.



Almoners Program



Beginning next Sunday, March 1, \$5 gift cards to McDonald's will be distributed each weekend in Lent, with the intention of parishioners sharing them and a conversation with those in need. There will be a second collection after all Saturday evening and Sunday Masses during Lent to fund this program.



Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services' Lenten rice bowls are available in the back of Church.

The CRS program is meant to encourage praying, fasting, learning and giving.

Lenten Food Drive

Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8

Teens from our parish will host their annual Lenten food drive for Care for Real on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 in the back of Church.

Empty bags will be distributed to parishioners after Masses next weekend, Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1, to be fill with donations and returned the following weekend, March 7-8.



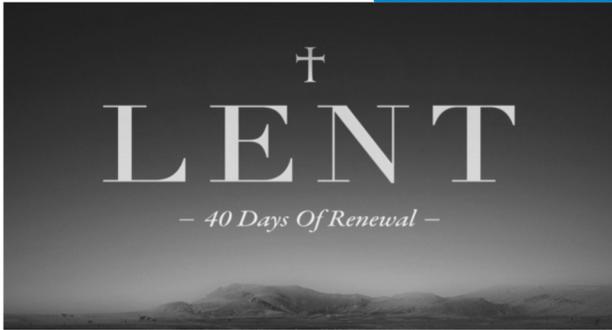
Lenten Reconciliation Service

Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm

Our Lenten Reconciliation service will be in Church. This service, lasting less than an hour, offers absolution of our sins in preparation for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter through reflection and quiet prayer.



Lenten Small Groups



As part of our Lent 2020, everyone is invited to join a Lenten small group. Groups will meet six times during the Lenten season, beginning THIS weekend (February 22-23). Groups will meet the weekends of (or during the weeks following the weekends of) February 22-23, February 29-March 1, March 7-8, March 14-15, March 21-22, and March 28-29. This ensures all groups can complete their meetings before Holy Week. You can still sign up for one of the faith-sharing groups on sheets in the back of church this weekend. We expect to have small groups meeting each Sunday after the 8:00 am and

10:30 am Masses in either the Ministry Center or the Rectory, and during the week (evenings) in the Ministry Center, Rectory, or in parishioners' homes. As much as we are able, the sign-up sheets will contain the meeting location, time, and how many spaces are available.

This year, parish small groups will be using the [New Wine, New Wineskins: A Faith-Sharing Resource for Restructuring Parishes](#). This booklet was written for parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago as a lead-in to the *Renew My Church* process we will participate in this fall. Each group will have a leader whose main job is to be sure the space and materials are available, and during the faith-sharing, to keep the conversation on track.

In his introductory letter to [New Wine, New Wineskins](#), Cardinal Cupich writes, "As we seek to answer the call of Jesus Christ to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness our parishes need to have a solid foundation from which to grow. It is my prayer that each parish will find ways to become more vibrant, sharing even more fully in Christ's lifechanging mission."

Please consider this six-week Lenten commitment to grow your own faith and help St. Gertrude parish as together we strive to become better disciples of Jesus.

Lenten Liturgy

During the Lenten season, just as we strive to simplify our lives, we also strive to "unclutter" our liturgy, helping us focus. Each Mass during Lent the ministers process in as usual, then the Presider moves to a kneeler in front of the Lenten cross. Here he begins the Mass, provides a brief focus-statement and then invites us to kneel for the *Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison*, (Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.), which we sing after the Cantor. This Penitential Rite during Lent encourages us to call to mind where we have been "missing the mark" and asking God's mercy that we might have the strength to follow Him.

There is no Glory to God during Lent, nor do we sing any Alleluias. These absences help us be aware that this is a Penitential season. After the first and second reading, we take slightly longer pauses to give us a brief time for reflection. The responsorial Psalm we sing is the same throughout Lent, "Let your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we place our trust in you." After the second reading, we sing the Gospel Acclamation, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory."

After the homily and intercessions, we move into the eucharistic prayer. During Lent, we make use of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. These are the newest eucharistic prayers written, and are beautiful both in their theology of reconciliation and in the poetry of their language.

After the Eucharistic Prayer, the Lord's Prayer and Communion, we again pause for a slightly extended period of silence for the post-Communion reflection.

On the fifth Sunday of Lent we will have a very simple musical setting—with no piano and only "quieter" instruments leading our singing.

Growing in Faith: Lenten Resources

Each year, the Growing in Faith Committee traditionally shares a few favorite resources that parishioners might explore to enhance their Lenten experience and journey to Easter. Here are some of our picks for this year:

- The book that the parish handed out is wonderful: [Bible Basics for Catholics](#). Let this book accompany your Lenten readings.
- The website, JourneywithJesus.net is a treasure trove of essays, poetry, book reviews, containing a weekly webzine for the global church. The weekly lectionary essays are particularly excellent and knowledgeable. You can also enjoy previous essays and beautiful religious artwork.

- Podcasts worth checking out: Fr. Richard Rohr's *Another Name for Everything* and *Homilies by Fr. Richard Rohr*; listen to fascinating interviews by Krista Tippett in the podcast, *On Being*.
- The recent movie, *Yesterday*, by Danny Boyle, is delightful, family-friendly, and zeros-in on key ethical questions for life.
- Martin Scorsese's film, *Silence*, based on the 1966 novel by Schusaku Endo, is a brutal, beautiful, violent, and challenging film about the meaning of faith, set in 17th century Japan. Belief, as his movie shows, is not always simple, easy, or clear.

We wish you a rich and meaningful Lenten travels ahead.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday of this week (February 26) is Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 7:30 am, 10:00 am (NCA School) and 7:00 pm Masses. Ashes will also be distributed from 6:00 - 6:45 pm in Church.



Fasting & Abstinence Regulations

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“(On) the weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observance of fasting. In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge, particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance.”

~ U.S. Bishops statement on penitential observances, 1966

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 23

- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens in the Gym balcony

Wednesday, February 26 *Ash Wednesday*

- 7:30 am ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
- 10:00 am ~ NCA's school Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)
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- 7:00 pm ~ Mass (Ashes distributed during Mass.)

Friday, February 28

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, February 29

- 10:00 am through the 5:00 pm Mass ~ PreCana (Registration is required.)
- 5:00 pm ~ Special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (Place earmarked envelopes in the regular collection.)
- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for our Almoner's program
- 5:00 pm ~ Bag distribution for Lenten Food Drive after Mass
- 7:00 pm ~ Women's Club at Ann Wilson's house, 1034 W. Albion Ave.

Sunday, March 1

- Special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (Place earmarked envelopes in the regular collection.)
- Second collection for our Almoner's program at all Masses
- Bag distribution for Lenten Food Drive after all Masses
- 9:00 am-12:00 pm ~ Boy Scouts pancake breakfast in the Social Hall
- 10:30 am ~ Family Mass in Church hosted by third graders and their families

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class (Registration is required.)

Tuesday, March 3

- 9:00 am ~ Mass intentions book for 2021 opens

Friday, March 6

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 7

- 5:00 pm ~ Lenten Food Drive at Mass and second collection for our Almoner's program

Sunday, March 8

- Lenten Food Drive in the back of Church
- Second collection for our Almoner's program at all Masses
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens in the Gym balcony

Monday, March 9

- 7:30 am ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center.

Wednesday, March 11

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitting Group in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 13

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 14

- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for our Almoner's program

Sunday, March 15

- 10:30 am ~ No Gym Mass
- Second collection for our Almoner's program at all Masses

Monday, March 16

- 7:30 pm ~ Poetry Pilgrims in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 20

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church
- 8:00 pm ~ Parish Play in the Gym (Doors open at 7:30 pm)

Saturday, March 21

- 1:00 pm ~ Confirmation practice in Church
- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for our Almoner's program
- 8:00 pm ~ Parish Play in the Gym Doors open at 7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 22

- Second collection for our Almoner's program at all Masses
- 1:00 pm ~ Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens in the Gym balcony

Friday, March 27

- 3:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 28

- 1:00 pm ~ Confirmation in Church
- 5:00 pm ~ Second collection for our Almoner's program

Parish News

TODAY—Teen Get-Together: WOW teens and any teen in high school, are invited to gather today, Sunday, February 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony. During Lent, the teens will also meet on Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, March 22.

Special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Next weekend, Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1, there will be a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The collection helps to rebuild the Church after 70 years of communist repression by supporting seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, and Catholic media in 28 countries. Please place your envelopes earmarked for this outreach in the regular collection basket.

Upcoming St. Gertrude's Women's Club Gathering: Beat the winter blues on leap day, Saturday, February 29! Break out your favorite beachwear (hats, shades, etc.) and hike on over to Ann Wilson's (new) house, 1034 W. Albion, at 7:00 pm to bask under happy lights and be with happy women! Bring a drink or a snack to share. If you have questions or want a ride from church, email Laurie Jacob at jacobfamily@sbcglobal.net.

Pancake Breakfast: Boy Scout Pack 3822 will host their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Social Hall. Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the door, \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors and kids under 12. Proceeds help pay for events, outings, and operational expenses.

Upcoming Family Mass: On Sunday, March 1, there will be a Family Mass in Church at 10:30 am, hosted by third-grade students and their families. Hospitality is not offered after Mass during Lent.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Mass Intentions in 2021: The Mass Intentions book for 2021 will open on Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00 am. Intentions are limited to one per Mass. There is a \$20 suggested offering. Please note that the dates for intentions are subject to change.

Good Books: The book club will meet on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Gym Mass Info: On Sunday, March 15, there is no Gym Mass. Please join us at the 10:30 am Mass in Church.

Poetry Pilgrims: The next Poetry Pilgrims gathering will be Monday, March 16 at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please email Mary Grover at mary@marsgrover.com for a list of poems.

Save the Date! Please note, our annual Spring Parish Play will be held on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21! We hope to see you there!

Confirmation Information: Please note, Confirmation this year will be held on Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 pm in Church. There is a mandatory practice scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.

Parish Pastoral Council: Minutes from the January PPC meeting can be found online at <https://stgertrudechicago.org/parish-advisory-groups>.

A Note from Our Music Minister: The season of Lent is almost upon us. One way to deepen our spiritual experience of Lent is through music. I am asking you to consider joining the choir for the season of Lent and Holy Week. We are particularly looking for more male singers but welcome all newcomers. We meet on Thursday evenings in the Church and practice from 7:00-8:30 pm and sing at the 10:30 am Masses on Sundays. I have beautiful new music just waiting to be sung by a full choir and I think you will find this a rewarding experience! For further information, please contact me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. ~ *Mary Clare Barker*

Parish Stewardship Report from Last Week:

Sunday Collection February 15-16	\$6,004.60
Budgeted Collection	<u>\$7,725.00</u>
Variance	(-) \$1,720.40

Our Parish at Prayer

Monday, February 24

7:30 am Marcelino Rios †

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am John McCall †

Wednesday, February 26 *Ash Wednesday*

7:30 am Mary Jo & Norm Bowers

10:00 am NCA Mass

7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gertrude

**Ashes will also be distributed in Church between 6:00-6:45pm.*

Thursday, February 27

7:30 am Communion service

Friday, February 28

7:30 am Daniel O'Connell Joyce †

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Deceased members of Paul & Cecille Heidkamp Family †

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Marie Cristol †

9:30 am Mary Ferguson †

10:30 am Marjorie Feld †

10:30 am Judy Pier † (*Gym Mass*)

† *Indicates person listed is deceased.*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm Peggy Dawson (Mary Cook assisting), Kathleen Dawson, Tim Harrington, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Brian DeVarenne, Marty McDermott, Peter Morin

9:30 am Leon Ward, Forrest Ingram, Ruth Timmons, Rene Elhoumaidi

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Carlos Barragan, Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak, Ruth Ott, Gail Smith, Jana Ashbeck

10:30 am (*Gym Mass*) TBA

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Steve Matre

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, David Sullivan

9:30 am TBA

10:30 am Steven Monti, Richard Ashbeck

10:30 am (*Gym Mass*) TBA

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm Aibhlinn Morrison, Gabe Morrow, Norah Moran

Sunday, March 1

10:30 am Isabella Brobbey, Grayson Sweeney, Jack Sobczyk

How Do You Find & Contact Your Elected Officials?

Be a voice for change! Contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on gun control, immigration, and more.

Visit usa.gov/elected-officials for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

Do You Have Questions About Mass Times, Events, or Rectory Hours?

Visit our website at www.stgertrudechicago.org for a complete listing of events, Mass times, office hours, pictures from our celebrations, bulletins, and more.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

- Walter Bradford
Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Connie Cool
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Gina Heidkamp

- Maria Hertl
Bernice Kiedysz
Karey Myers
Don Piven
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
The Sullivan family
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray
Lorraine Walton



New Parishioners

If you are interested in joining our community of faith, please fill out a registration form. They are located in the back of Church, at the Rectory, and online at our parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.



Rest in Peace

Brian Dunne

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
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
Jim Potthast, Youth and 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 and 10:30 am in Church
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am in the Gym (1401 W. Granville)
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
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Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 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
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

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. 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

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