

St. Gertrude

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Second Sunday of Lent

Bulletin for March 8, 2020

Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design.

~ 2 Timothy 1:8-9



From Father Rich

As you have probably seen in the media, the Archdiocese of Chicago has issued new guidelines for liturgy in every parish until the Coronavirus crisis has passed. These guidelines are now in effect:

During all Masses and liturgies:

- Refrain from physical contact during the Sign of Peace. (Note: the Sign of Peace can be exchanged without physical contact.)
- Refrain from distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice.
- Given the frequency of direct contact with saliva in the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, every consideration should be given by each individual to receive Holy Communion reverently in open hands for the time being.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- Refrain from using Holy Water fonts. (All the fonts in Church will be empty.)

The guidelines also reminded us that the Church has always allowed any of us to miss Mass for a serious reason—and that has always included illness. It is an act of charity to everyone to stay home when you are sick and not endanger anyone else's health or worsen your own situation.

As we hear repeatedly from all the health officials, the most important things we can do to prevent the spread of this, or any virus, is to wash our hands often, avoid physical contact if we are feeling ill, and stay away from large gatherings when we don't feel well (meaning – we should stay home when ill.)

I would like to reiterate the request that those who receive Communion on the tongue refrain from doing so, instead receiving in the hand, until this crisis has passed. It is very difficult to distribute Communion to individuals on the tongue without getting some of their saliva on the ministers fingers.

Finally, please join in praying for all those who are sick.

An update on Renew My Church. As you know, St. Gertrude is in a "grouping" with St. Ignatius and St. Jerome parishes. Together, we will go through the Renew My Church process this fall. But the first official meeting that I have for Renew My Church is Monday evening when there is a gathering with Cardinal Cupich for all pastors whose parishes will be in the process this year. At this meeting, the Cardinal will share his own vision about Renew My Church and respond to any questions or concerns the pastors may have.

Then on Friday, March 20, the pastors in our grouping will meet with our facilitator who will share with us the makeup of the representatives from each parish who will be involved in the process this fall. My understanding of this meeting is that he will outline the characteristics of representatives we will be looking for. Each of the parishes will have five parishioner-representatives who will commit to the process.

In the first week of May, there will be a three-day retreat in Mundelein for the pastors whose parishes will be going through Renew My Church this year.

I encourage everyone to keep the Renew My Church initiative in their prayers as we begin preparing for the process that will help determine how we will be church in the coming years.

The weekend of March 21-22, members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be making an announcement at the Masses and will have members in the back of Church to offer parishioners the opportunity to express their opinions on the weekend Mass schedule. This is the second and final time they will be offering everyone the opportunity to express their own thoughts about the schedule. If you did not participate in this surveying back in November, please take a moment to do so that weekend. The survey results are then compiled by the Parish Council and carefully reviewed to determine what response might be called for. Their report will be published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Praise: Did you know that there is a special and valued ministry that needs participants, particularly our homebound and physically-restricted parishioners? Our Ministry of Praise provide participants with a prayer book and a monthly guide sheet reflecting some of the prayer requests taken from St. Gertrude Church's Prayer Wall. Call Jane Callahan-Moore at 773.973.5464 for more information.

Lent at St. Gertrude Parish

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.



Lenten Food Drive

Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8

This weekend, Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8, our parish will host their annual Lenten food drive for Care for Real in the back of Church. After this morning's Masses, the teens and confirmation classes of the parish will sort the donations and bring them to Care for Real.

We appreciate all who were able to donate items!

Almoner's Program

Each weekend in Lent after Mass, \$5 gift cards to McDonald's will be distributed by volunteers, with the intention of parishioners sharing them and a conversation with those in need. There will be a second collection after all weekend Masses during Lent to fund this program. Everyone is encouraged to use the moment of the handing over the card as an opportunity to have a brief and humane conversation with the other person, affirming them and wishing them well. This interaction is often more important than the card itself.



Simple Supper

***Wednesday, March 11
from 6:00-7:30 pm***

All are invited to participate in faith-focused reflections while sharing a meal of soup and bread. NCA's preschool team will host this meal in the Social Hall.

Rice Bowls

The CRS program is meant to encourage praying, fasting, learning and giving. For more information about using the rice bowls during Lent, visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>.

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.



Growing in Faith

Today we hear the story of Abram (before he was named Abraham) and the faith he had in God. He was told to leave his kinfolk and his father's house and go to a new land. He couldn't foresee the hardships he might encounter on the way, but he trusted that God would bless him as He promised. It makes me wonder how Abram experienced God's message to him. Was it anything like the Transfiguration event that Peter, James, and John had? That would be pretty convincing. But then they went back to ordinary life, cautioned to say nothing about what they had seen. Most of us, I suspect, get mostly ordinary life and our messages from the Lord may seem ambiguous. We may even start to doubt them.

Today's epistle tells us "to bear our share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." We all have hardships to endure; it may be

illness or the loss of a job, or the loss of a loved one. Refugees, like Abram, are on their way to a new land, fearful, not knowing what awaits them. Sometimes it may seem like God is absent. I think I'd welcome some clear message to sustain my faith. But that isn't what I get. Maybe the way God is speaking to me is through the words and acts of love, faith, and support from friends and family. Maybe God uses me to speak to them in the same way.

~ Mary Grover
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 8

- Second collection for our Almoner's program
- Lenten Food Drive in the back of Church
- After the 10:30 am Masses ~ NCA Book Fair
- 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

- 6:00-7:30 pm ~ Simple Supper in the Social Hall
- 7:00 pm ~ Knitting Group in the Ministry Center

Thursday, March 12

- 11:00 am ~ Women's Club Day of Reflection in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

- 1:00-4:00 pm ~ Confirmation retreat in the Social Hall for 7th graders

Sunday, March 15

- 10:30 am ~ No Gym Mass
- 10:30 am ~ First Scrutiny of the Elect
- 1:00 pm ~ Canon Law 101 with Father Mike Bradley in the Ministry Center

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 Scrutiny of the Elect
- 8:00 pm ~ Parish Play in the Gym (Doors open at 7:30 pm)

Sunday, March 22

- 1:00 pm ~ Lenten Reconciliation Service
- 6:30-8:00 pm ~ WOW teens in the Gym balcony

Monday, March 23

- 2:00 pm ~ Ignatian Volunteer Corps information session in the Ministry Center

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

- 1:00 pm ~ Confirmation in Church

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 am ~ Third Scrutiny of the Elect

Lent 2020: Discovery of Mission Through Prayer – Week II

God Provides Us With a Vision of Who We Can Be

Last week, as we began the Lenten season, we joined Jesus as the Spirit led him into the desert to be tempted. Jesus resisted those temptations, and so also encourages us to do the same.

This week, we have a very different image. Where last week Jesus was weak and vulnerable after 40 days of fasting, today we see a glorified Jesus—a vision of what will come to pass in time when he is crucified and dies on the cross, and then, after three days, is raised from the dead. This is God’s glory revealed living among us.

Peter, James, and John accompanied Jesus to the “high mountain.” Almost always, a “high mountain” in the sacred scriptures implies some kind of divine activity—and often it is a theophany, an actual encounter with God. It is no wonder Peter and the others were so overwhelmed and then, after hearing the voice of God pronouncing, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him,” struck with fear. It was almost unheard of that any human being could see God face to face and live.

While it seems the disciples who accompanied Jesus did not grasp just what it was they were experiencing at the time, it became a touchstone for them after they had lived through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Thus the Transfiguration is a kind of preview of what was to come and who Jesus was. And after the actual events unfolded, it became a source for understanding all that had happened.

This great vision of the glorified Lord was showing the disciples not only who Jesus truly was, it was also a hint at who they were and what they would become. It is a reminder of who we truly are as brothers and sisters of the Lord—especially in times when we feel overwhelmed by our sins, failings, and frailties.

I think of this as similar to what happens when a human being has been experiencing depression for any length of time. While living inside that debilitating state, hope seems forever lost and we are stricken with a certain powerlessness—an inability to do anything, the impossibility of lifting ourselves out of the depression. Then, whether with the help of a professional, and/or medication, and sometimes for no apparent reason whatsoever, the depression lifts and we are startled to find we feel alive, vibrant, hopeful once again. You might say we are restored to the human being God created us to be.

Just as God wanted only the best for His Son, God wants only the best for each and every one of us. When we stumble off the path, when we wander away from God, God never deserts us. God is always right there, waiting for us to turn back. God is always right there, waiting to remind us who we have been created to be.

Lent is a time for us to rest in God and God’s goodness. It is a time to remember who we are as God’s children. No matter what has dragged us down or misdirected our way, always we can cling to the vision which gives hope. Just as the Transfiguration helped the apostles when they thought all they counted on was lost, so also for us. Never give up on hope in God. And if we will spend a few moments with God—in silent prayer, in enjoying nature, in embracing someone we love, right there is our own Transfiguration—the reminder of who we truly are.

The Lenten Liturgy: During the Lenten season, just as we strive to simplify our lives, we also strive to “unclutter” our liturgy, helping us focus. At 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.” 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 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 quieter instruments leading our singing.

Parish News

Teen Get-Together: WOW teens and any teen in high school are invited to gather on Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, March 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Gym balcony.

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: Last week, our very own Father Mike Gabriel was gifted with a beautiful blanket knitted by the group and laid out and sown together by Carol Clennon.



All knitters and crocheters in the parish are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Women's Club: The group will host a day of reflection on Thursday, March 12 in the Ministry Center beginning at 11:00 am.

Confirmation Retreat for 7th Graders: Confirmation candidates from our parish in 7th grade (year one) are required to attend a retreat on Saturday, March 14 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Social Hall. Parents do not need to attend.

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

Canon Law 101: What is the Code of Canon Law? How did it come into existence? Why do religions have laws? Why does the Catholic Church have laws, requirements, and restrictions?

Next Sunday, March 15, from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Ministry Center, join Father Mike Bradley, for an opportunity to ask questions and discuss a bit of Church history, what Canon Law is and who is it for. Father Mike will take a review relevant Catholic Church history, shed light on some current issues, and answer a few of your questions about the legal system of the Catholic 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.

Our Spring Play is Coming Up!

Our annual spring parish play will be held on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21! The St. Gertrude Parish Players will present *Three Cheers*, a patriotic celebration of a veteran, in the Gym. Tickets for adults are \$10 each and entry for children is \$5. We hope to see you there!



Confirmation Information: The Sacrament of Confirmation 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.

R.C.I.A.: Last Sunday, March 1, Sean Madden, his sponsor and fiancée Karen Jahncke, and his parents, Laurie and Mitchell Madden, were sent with our blessings to Holy Name Cathedral and welcomed by Bishop Manz. They were joined by hundreds of others from around the Archdiocese for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. Please keep Sean in your prayers as he continue his journey to Easter.



Funeral Notices: Please note, funeral notices are now posted on the home page of our website, www.stgertrudechicago.org, once arrangements have been finalized.

Mass Intentions in 2021: The Mass intentions book for 2021 is now open. Intentions are limited to one per Mass. There is a \$20 suggested offering. Dates for intentions are subject to change.

Please note, a list of Lenten activities & events is located on page 3.

Refugee Committee Request

Kadidja and her two children, refugees from the Central African Republic, have been in the U.S. since April 2019. Up to now, Kadidja has been supported financially by Catholic Charities and the St. Gertrude Refugee Committee. The financial support from Catholic Charities will end at the end of March. She is currently studying English and is not fluent but she does understand some English. Kadidja needs to start working and move closer to relatives in Evanston in order to get childcare support. Email Jim Manzardo at jbmanz@att.net if you can help with the following:

- You know of an affordable apartment in the south end of Evanston for about \$1,000 a month.
- You know of an elderly couple with extra living quarters that may require assistance.
- You know of an employment opportunity such as cleaning, food prep, or sewing. (Kadidja has experience in sewing and natural hair braiding.)
- You have some creative ideas on childcare.

Made for More

Where do we come from and where are we going? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione on Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00-9:30 pm at St. Alphonsus, 1429 W. Wellington Ave., as they weave together live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. To learn more, visit <http://corproject.com/chicagodowntown/>.

Ignatian Volunteers Corps (IVC)

IVC is a program for retired adults which provides service, spiritual formation, and community. Volunteers are matched with opportunities to serve the poor and marginalized two days each week from September until June. Monthly, they come together for presentations, conversations, and prayer based in Ignatian spirituality. Mass, lunch, and fellowship enrich these gatherings. Individual meetings with a spiritual reflector and an annual, two-night retreat round out this special program. To learn more about Ignatian Volunteer Corps, there is an information session on Monday, March 23 at 2:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Register at www.ivcusa.org or contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312.961.6206 or jffitzgerald@ivcusa.org.

Fast & Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday 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 eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Parish Stewardship Report

Collection February 29-March 1	\$7,002.36
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
Variance	(-) \$722.64
Special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe	\$317.00
Almoner's Program	
Cards distributed last weekend:	243
Funds collected February 29-March 1:	\$1,144.41

TODAY—NCA Book Fair

Explore new titles and buy popular reads at NCA's Spring Book Fair. The event is in NCA's cafeteria, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. today, Sunday, March 8, after the 10:30 am Masses.

The True Cost: Stories of Human Trafficking

On Saturday, March 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm, the Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking will sponsor a performance and post-show panel discussion of *The True Cost: Stories of Human Trafficking* at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd. The production gives voice to the forgotten ones: People who are forced into sexual servitude; the children who are exploited as slave labor to provide cheap goods sold in our very own neighborhoods; the women and men who are lured into domestic labor that turns out to be entrapment rather than employment. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2vhBfZA>. A free will offering at the door will benefit the Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking.

Our Parish at Prayer

Monday, March 9

7:30 am Mary Ferguson †

† Indicates person listed is deceased.

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 am Matthew Huddleston †

10:00 am NCA Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 am Martin & Ellen Joyce †

Thursday, March 12

7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, March 13

7:30 am Living and deceased mothers and fathers of St. Gertrude parishioners

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

5:00 pm Henry Chamberlain, S.J., John Chamberlain, and Frank Chamberlain, S.J. †

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30 am Jack Newhall †

10:30 am Mary Lou O'Toole & Bobby Udrow †

There is no Gym Mass on Sunday, March 15.

Ministers of the Word

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Jayne Deiters, Steve Matre

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Jacalyn Meier, Hallie Burhoe

9:30 am TBA

10:30 am Rafael Melendez, Patrick Robinson

There is no Gym Mass on Sunday, March 15.

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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Mary Cook, Roman Reyes, Tim Harrington, Bob Backis

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Peter Morin, Marty McDermott, Mary Wyler

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

10:30 am Rose Marie Anichini, Carlos Barragan, Christine Curran, Mary Donlan, Debra Novak, Ruth Ott, Gail Smith

There is no Gym Mass on Sunday, March 15.

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm George Hanafee, Mariyam Agdubai, Adonai Agdubai

Sunday, March 15

10:30 am Ariella Gehl, Ariella Gehl, June Rutzen

Do You Have Questions About Mass Times, Events, Lenten 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
Margaret O'Sullivan
Don Piven
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
The Sullivan family
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray
Lorraine Walton



New Parishioners

Ulysses Manuel

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.



Weddings

Interested in getting married at St. Gertrude? Call the Rectory at 773.764.3621 to ask for more info.

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)

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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.
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