

# *St. Gertrude*

March 25, 2007 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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When a woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus, scripture says he bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger. What do you suppose he wrote? \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOD CONSCIOUSNESS V • MAPS, NOT TRAPS

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Today's Gospel tells us that when the pious and righteous caught a woman sinning, they dragged her into the middle of the town square to stare at her, and to trap Jesus. In response, he decides to look away, instead drawing with his finger on the ground. So what did he draw? It was a map. The woman was stuck in the scornful glare of her accusers. Jesus made a map so she could move on, just as his "Let the one without sin cast the first stone," moved the crowd. Rather than condemn, thereby freezing her in judgement (as the crowd was eager to do), Jesus got her moving again through compassion and forgiveness. That's God consciousness. This Wednesday's Lenten Reconciliation Service reminds us of our need to ask forgiveness for the times we couldn't find a way to forgive: 7pm, in church. Come get your map.

## *From Father Grassi*

I am looking forward to celebrating my first Holy Week with you starting with Palm Sunday next week. The procession around the block, I am sure, will be a powerful symbol of the presence of our faith in the Edgewater Community that has been so strong for generations and that will continue to be a positive force for years to come. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist, God's loving presence given to us in Sacrament and in service. I look forward to the washing of the feet as a commitment to that service. On Good Friday we acknowledge the crosses in our lives, in our world, in our church. We lift them up and they simultaneously lose their power over us and become symbols of our victory over all that would take away and deaden our lives. Then on Holy Saturday, the vigil service with its incredible richness of symbols, carries us with its ringing Alleluias to the open and empty tomb. The Lord is risen and is in our hearts and world in a special way ... My Lord And My God!

I extend to all of you a personal invitation to join with us for all these wonderful Holy Week Celebrations, especially if you have not attended them in awhile. Many of your brother and sister parishioners have been working hard to make them as special as they can be. I am convinced that our loving God will touch our hearts in a special way if we give ourselves the opportunity by attending. Each service will begin at 7:30pm. Come with your friends or family or neighbors. Sit with your faith-sharing group or with others who share a common ministry with you. Invite someone who is new to the community or someone who hasn't worshipped with us for awhile. I hope we will all take ownership of Holy Week this year.

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In today's Gospel, we read the story of Jesus raising Lazarus and of Martha and Mary mourning the loss of their brother. I have often wondered about the qualities these two women had, to which many of us can relate.

In this story, Martha is seen as a person of great faith. She greets Jesus, yearning for his visit, to help her brother Lazarus, even now that he is dead. To me, she symbolizes the hope one has whenever a loved one is ill or dying. As a mother, I can personally identify with this hope, whenever my children or my grandchildren are ill. We hope for a promising diagnosis from the doctor; we hope for a positive solution; we hope and pray to Jesus for strength to "get through it." But what does Mary's role represent? I believe she is the patience for which we strive. She waits at home, but she also has faith in the Lord's graces. It is patience we need because we usually want a prompt answer to our requests. After all, we are used to "fast food," rapid internet service, and quick text-messaging. Why do we have to wait?

During this season of Lent, we hope in the Lord as our Saving Redeemer; yet, we must be patient. The six weeks of Lent teaches us just that.

I would like to share a prayer of hope and patience that a dear friend of mine gave me.

Be still the Lord is near.  
 Be still the Lord is.  
 Be still.  
 Be!



We are very proud of the young people in our parish who were confirmed by Bishop George Rassas on Saturday, March 24. We joyfully welcome them as fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Victoria Castaneda  
Halimi Castellanos  
Jozef Caushi  
Jay Conway  
Erin Corbett  
Andrew Dwyer  
Jessica Gayne  
Jennifer Korol  
Akheem Lang  
Michael Lucas  
Elia Martinez  
John McDonnell  
Cora McGleam  
Adrian McVane  
Andres Mena  
Nadia Miecznikowski



Theodore Ngyyen  
Timothy Nguyen  
Joanne Noriega  
Ellie O'Connor  
Celia Orenda  
Joseph Proppe  
Madeleine Resch  
Daniel Rincon  
Laura Rincon  
Frank Schabold  
Katya Simon  
Kyle Swartz  
William Tobin  
Emily Volini  
Brandon Wheatley  
Daniel Whorf

Thank you to the students, their parents and sponsors, and those parishioners who contributed to our prayer canopy. This visible sign of the prayers and hopes for the candidates added a full measure of depth and meaning to our celebration.

### *What's Happening? Take A Look!*

**Communal Reconciliation Service** - Join your brothers and sisters in faith as reconciliation returns you to peace on Wednesday evening, March 28, 7pm.

**What Makes Us Catholic** - Join others to reflect on the experience of reconciliation. In the rectory parlor at 8pm, following the reconciliation service on Wednesday, March 28.

**Bring a Bucket and Prepare for Easter** - On Saturday, March 31, 9am - noon we will clean the church in preparation for Holy Week. Please call the rectory if you can help out~ 764-3621.

**Holy Thursday Seder** - Join in celebrating a Seder, or Passover Meal, after the manner in which Jesus celebrated his Last Supper: April 5, in the social hall, 5:00 to 7:00pm, (preceding our Holy Thursday Liturgy at 7:30). To reserve a place, please call 388-2265 by April 2.

**Through Conflict To Connection** - Mary Butler, D.Min will present a workshop for couples, partners and singles that teaches the skills necessary for joyful partnerships. Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 - noon. Pre-registration is \$15. \$20 day of the event. For information contact Bob and Carolyn Backis ~ 262-0492.

*Palm Sunday, April 1, there is a combined Mass at 11am.  
There is no 10:00 Mass, 10:30 gym Mass or 11:30 Mass*



#### **New Parishioners**

Shalu Thakral and Dana Johnson  
Matthew and Susan Tegmeyer

#### **Baptisms**

Maille Elizabeth Retzloff, daughter of Stephen Retzloff and Erin Murphy

### Our Parish at Prayer

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †  
9:00am Robert Mayer †

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00am Deceased of Richter Family †  
9:00am Caprice Boylan †

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †  
9:00am Anna and Anton Bambach †  
7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

7:00am Matthew Huddlestun †  
9:00am *Communion Service*  
Michael White †

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

7:00am Teresita Ocular †  
9:00am Raymond White †  
2:30pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

8:00am Elizabeth Walsh †  
5:00pm Family of St. Gertrude

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, Palm Sunday**

8:00am Frances Perkins †  
9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*  
Anna White †  
11:00am Loretta Kator †

† Indicates the Mass in being said in memory of an individual

Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday



### Altar Servers

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

5:00pm Cora Byrne, Kate Jasper, Francie Sallinger

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

11:00 Joseph Dwyer, Sean Lambie, Daniel Whorf

### Lectors

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Clarisse Croteau Chonka

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00am Jon Anderson, Mary Stachura  
11:00am Mary Elsbernd OSF, Susan Lersch

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

### Sunday Offering

March 18, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (221)	\$ 5,695.00
Parish Pay	\$ 12,296.00
Loose Checks (40)	\$ 1,365.00
Cash/Coin	<u>\$ 1,259.39</u>
Total Collected	\$ 20,495.39
Budget *	<u>\$ 22,917.00</u>

**Difference** \$ - 2,421.61

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 470,836.00

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 462,382.71

**Difference** \$ - 8,453.29

\* Does include parish pay budgeted amount

### Eucharistic Ministers

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Colleen Mulcrone, Mary Cook  
Ken Ziganto, Peter Mulcrone

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00am Jay Cook, Mary Stachura, Ann Bushelon,  
Chris Phillips, Don Nyderek  
11:00am Fran Glowinski, RoseMarie Anichini,  
Cathy Chester, Bob Sierzega,  
Norma Viray, Chioma Okoli,  
Karen Billock, Lu Radzicki  
Ann Collins-Dole

### Greeters

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

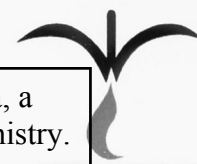
5:00pm Eileen Schraeger, Sr. Sue Paweski

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ona Kozar  
11:00am Ruth Ott, Sergio Ott, Rosa Ott

Until Palm Sunday, the WOW teens are supporting **The Night Ministry** by collecting trial-sized items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, mouthwash, bar soap, hand lotion, deodorant, and pre-moistened towelettes. Donations may be brought to the rectory or the back of church. Please mark your donations for "The Night Ministry." Questions, call the rectory ~ 764-3621.

**Calling all WOW teens** to the social hall after mass on Palm Sunday for a little pizza, a little prayer, and a lot of assembling of supplies that were collected for The Night Ministry. We want your company! We need your help! Please come. Questions? Call the rectory, 764-3621, or email Ann O'Connor at [tappingthesource@gmail.com](mailto:tappingthesource@gmail.com).



### What I like about NCA & the Middle School

"I'm a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade student here at NCA. If there is one thing my family and I have noticed about this school is the warmth, kindness and love the people give here. When I transferred last fall, everyone was incredibly warm, and I was automatically accepted. Everyone respects your thoughts and ideas. NCA just glows with love and happiness. The education here is also amazing. You can tell the teachers love the kids and love what they do. In return, we love them back and enjoy being in their classrooms. NCA also has a great extra curricular program which includes sports, music, and drama, literally anything in your interest! In all, it is really a well-rounded school. Everyday, when I walk into school, I always feel extremely blessed to be a family member of Northside Catholic Academy." ---Zoe Crowe-Barnes.



**OPEN HOUSES:** JOIN US TODAY, March 25, at the Middle School from 10am-1pm and Thursday, March 29, 9am at the Primary Campus.

Primary School Campus  
Preschool - 5th grade  
6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago



Middle School Campus  
6th - 8th Grade  
5525 N. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

**call 773.271.4310 or visit [www.northsidecatholic.org](http://www.northsidecatholic.org)**

### ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

#### STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor  
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus  
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate  
Chris Sikora, Pastoral Intern  
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation  
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music  
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services  
Walter Pophin, Business Manager  
Marge Butzen, Parish Secretary

#### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM  
9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)  
10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)  
MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM  
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

#### RECTORY HOURS

**Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm**  
Drop off/pick up: Weekdays, 4:30pm to 8pm  
Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday, 9am to 1pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 PM and by request  
Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

#### BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling the rectory.

#### MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor or associate. According to diocesan policy, preparations are to begin at least four (4) months prior to the desired date.

#### LOCATIONS:

RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. (60660)- Phone 773/764-3621  
Fax 761-4164, E-mail [stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net)  
<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood — 973-5464

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy or spiritual direction, leave a confidential message.

#### COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

John Neafsey 338-4334

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme 764-8884

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center  
Pregnancy Support — Free pregnancy tests, post-abortion help, Caris Pregnancy Center, 773-338-8311.  
Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.

