

# St. Gertrude

May 6, 2007 - 5th Sunday of Easter



Seeking the Sacred Feminine, artwork by Sally Coleman

## HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE

Besides flowers, May brings us a warm hello from Mary, Jesus' mother. We have come to know her by lots of titles over the years, from *Crown of Heaven* to *Seat of Wisdom*. It well may be that the titles endearing her most to us are the ones that reflect chapters of our own life: diaper-changer, widow, next-of-kin (to her executed son). Mary's close association with the divine creates in us a hope that grace be infused into the clay of our existence, too, inspiring a desire to say "yes" when creative urges well up inside us, like Mary did, because we know that they will just as quickly flow out again. Artists, like Sally Coleman, aid us in tapping the mystery of Mary who refuses to be domesticated despite her housewife credentials. Our parish Legion of Mary invites you to encounter Mary via the Rosary. Wherever, however she is embraced, Jesus will always be there, too, right in the center of whatever she is about.

*Good News: Father Dom is back at his apartment on Sheridan Road, working slowly towards a "normal" routine. He has been in rehab the past weeks, re-building his muscles and learning how to get around on his own again. The doctors are pleased with his progress and Father Dom is eager to get on with this next chapter. As he continues his recuperation he will need help with meals. If you can assist with a meal please call the rectory at 764-3621. Father Dom is overwhelmed with gratitude for the outpouring of cards, well-wishes, and prayers; he looks forward to returning to all of us here at St. Gertrude.*

## *Wanted*

**Parish Council Nominations** -- New terms for our 9-member parish council begin in August and nominations are now being accepted to fill three seats. Terms run 2 years (with an option on a 3rd year!). All registered parishioners age 18 and older are eligible to serve (one seat is also reserved for youth representation). Please send names (including self-nominations) to the rectory. For details about the role of the parish council, check our parish website: [www.stgertrudechicago.org](http://www.stgertrudechicago.org). Thank you.

Janine Denomme, Parish Council chairperson

**Calling all parishioners between the ages of 21 and 33: We need you!** Look for the letter we mailed to you this week to ask for your support and involvement with our youth ministry program known as *Walk on Water* or WOW. Please give our request some prayerful consideration and call Ann O'Connor at the rectory with any questions ~ 764-3621. If you did not receive a letter, but would like to learn more, we would love to hear from you, too! Thank you

**Heart to Heart** - Volunteers are needed to help low vision older adults read their mail. If you have a few hours a month to give please call Brenda or Mary Ann ~ 973-5464.

**Maps? Atlases?** - We are looking for old, out-of-date atlases. If you have any atlases that you no longer need, please drop them off at the rectory. Thanks so very much.



I was asked to reflect on today's reading, in which Paul and Barnabus "proclaimed the good news," because I have the immense honor of proclaiming the good news as a lector. One of the wonderful things about lectoring is that it forces me to memorize a passage of Scripture and to reflect on it during the week, so that on Sunday, the holy words I speak are something that have meaning to me personally. My hope is that by living with the Word for the week, I can convey more of its meaning when I do the reading on Sunday. And yet, another aspect of being a lector is the realization that the Word is inherently meaningful, and that I am purely a set of vocal chords through which the Word can resound. It's humbling. I need to be present to the Word, but it's all about the Word, and not at all about me.

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Paul and Barnabus are willing to face the truth: we are in for a lot of suffering. The good news is that this suffering has a purpose and a reward: it transforms us so that we may enter the kingdom of God. This message reinforces my lessons as a lector. On one hand, it's not about you, in that your own preference for a life without suffering has almost no relevance. On the other hand, it is about you, in that God loves you just as you are, but also loves you too much to let you stay this way. So, he transforms you by suffering. Like Paul and Barnabus, may we strengthen one another's spirits, and exhort one another to persevere in the faith, so that we may enter the Kingdom together.

Ruth Ott for *Growing in Faith*



**Second Collection** - Sunday, May 13, we will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal. Please consider giving.

### ***Wednesdays with St Gertrude!***

Our parish celebration of prayer and learning continues through May 30.

Taizé Prayer will begin at 7pm and the Institute Classes will run from 8-9pm. Feel free to join us.

- **Justice for Immigrants and Catholic Social Teachings: Bringing St. Gertrude's into the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform.** Location: Ministry center chapel
- **Experiencing Prayer.** Location: Rectory parlor
- **Praying the OUR FATHER for the First Time.** Location: Social hall

Any questions please call 764-3621 or email [stgertbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stgertbulletin@yahoo.com)



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

**Target the Hero in You** - Donate blood and you could be eligible to win one of the Target gift cards! The blood drive is today, Sunday, May 6, 8:30 - 1pm in the social hall.

**Eco-Sustainability** - St. Gertrude's Eco-Sustainability group will meet Monday, May 7, at 7pm in the ministry center. All are welcome. For information contact Sandy ~ 381-1721.

**Senior Connection** - Welcome Spring at a luncheon at the Misericordia Greenhouse on Thursday, May 10, at 11:30am. Paid reservations of \$13 are due at the rectory by May 6.

**Musical Magic** - The Edgewater Singers present a free concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1500 W. Elmdale) on Saturday, May 12, at 7:30pm.

**"Then let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream"** - Explore the challenge of Christian faith and social justice both globally and locally at *Justice Day* on Saturday, May 12, 8am - 3pm at St. Giles Parish (Oak Park) Information ~ 312-751-8390 or email [jjacoby@archchicago.org](mailto:jjacoby@archchicago.org)

**The French Nun Pastries** - The sisters of the Fraternite de Notre Dame will be selling their fabulous French tarts and pastries in the school cafeteria on Sunday, May 13. Your purchase supports their work with the poor on the west side of Chicago.

**Great Books** - The selection for Monday, May 14, is The Giver by Lois Lowry. The group meets at 7:30pm in the rectory dining room. All are welcome. For information contact Mary Grover ~ 338-3564.

**Poetry Pilgrimage** - The poetry of Kenneth Rexroth will be read at the next meeting, Monday, May 21. The group meets in the rectory dining room at 7:30pm. For information contact Mary Grover ~ 338-3564.

### ***Ministry Spotlight: Legion of Mary***

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to their pastor in order to aid him in performing spiritual works in the Parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary so that with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread a deeper devotion to her among others. The objectives are:

- The personal sanctification of its members, who taking Mary as their model, endeavor to imitate her virtues, especially her Faith, Charity and Humility.
- The spread of devotion to Mary, primarily by encouraging the recitation of the Rosary which is Mary's request at Fatima.
- The performance of apostolic work under the direction of the Spiritual Director of the Parish unit of the Legion.

All of welcome to join the group in St. Gertrude. For information contact Pat Conway ~ 764-1018.

### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, MAY 7

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †  
9:00am Bonnie Burnham †

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8

7:00am Marion White †  
9:00am John Resch †

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:00am Michael White †  
9:00am Bridget Brown †

#### THURSDAY, MAY 10

7:00am Raymond White †  
9:00am Communion Service  
Patricia McKee †

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11

7:00am John Clemency †  
9:00am Samuel and Margaret Maranto †

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

8:00am Joan Joyce Tuohy  
5:00pm Tassone-Emanuele-Pitaro Families †

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:00am Lillian Nyderek †  
9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*  
Marie Kawula †  
10:00am Alfred Sepkowski †  
10:30am Loretta Kator †  
11:30am Ocular and Eugenio Families †

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

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

### Wedding Banns

II Scott King & Courtney Rowland

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00pm Allie McRaith, Kate Jasper, Francie Sallinger

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

10:00am Jasmine Ott, Sergio Ott, Sam Guenette  
11:30am Kendall Elue, Taylor Hartung, Allison Wall

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00pm MaryJo Bowers, Joan Steinbrecher

#### SUNDAY, May 13

8:00am Mary Stachura, Kathy Kollar  
10:00am Barbara Zeman, Ruth Ott  
11:30am Matt Kollar, Steve Monti

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67;  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

*Through the mercy of God  
may she rest in peace ...*

**Mary Claire Blondis**

### Sunday Offering

April 29, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (228)	\$ 6,453.00
Loose Checks (30)	\$ 790.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1048.66
Total Collected	\$ 8,291.66
Budget *	\$ 9,375.00

**Difference** \$ - 1,083.34

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 522,970.51

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 540,628.00

**Difference** \$ - 17,657.49

\* Does not include parish pay budgeted amount

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00pm MaryJo Bowers, Kathleen Dawson,  
Peggy Dawson, Pat Norcik, Pat Mann

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ed Bugler, Ester Bugler  
Hallie Burhoe, Jay Cook  
10:00am Bob Dwyer, Beth Siegal, Nancy Merrill  
Theresa Resch, Laurie Hasbrook, Gail Smith  
RoseMarie Anichini  
10:30am Judy Diaz, Madeleine Fister  
11:30am Steve Monti, Molly O'Hara, Claire O'Brien  
Anthony Long, Susan Lersch

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, MAY 12

5:00pm Eileen Schraeger, Cathie Moorhous

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ona Kozar  
Pamela Sherrod Anderson  
10:00am Jessie North, Maria Valley, Mae Lauricella  
11:30am Paul Elue, Melinda Banahene



**New Parishioners**  
*Kevin and Mary Beth Yarashefski (congratulations on your marriage!)*

**Baptisms**

*Alyssa Grace Meyer, daughter of Anthony Meyer and Andrea Ancheta*  
*Charlotte Elizabeth Musselman, daughter of Brian Musselman and Jaclyn Embleton*  
*Charlotte Rita Gass, daughter of John Gass and Suzanne Carmen*

**A Taste for NCA  
 is Huge Success**

Last weekend we celebrated our second “A Taste for NCA” fundraising event. Not only was it a fun filled evening with live music, fine wines, good food, great conversation... **it raised OVER \$65,000 for the school!!!** Thank You NCA Parent Organization, fundraising committee, event coordinators, all the volunteers, donors, sponsors, attendees, and everyone involved.



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  
 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 - 338-4334**

John Neafsey

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION—764-8884**

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme

**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.

