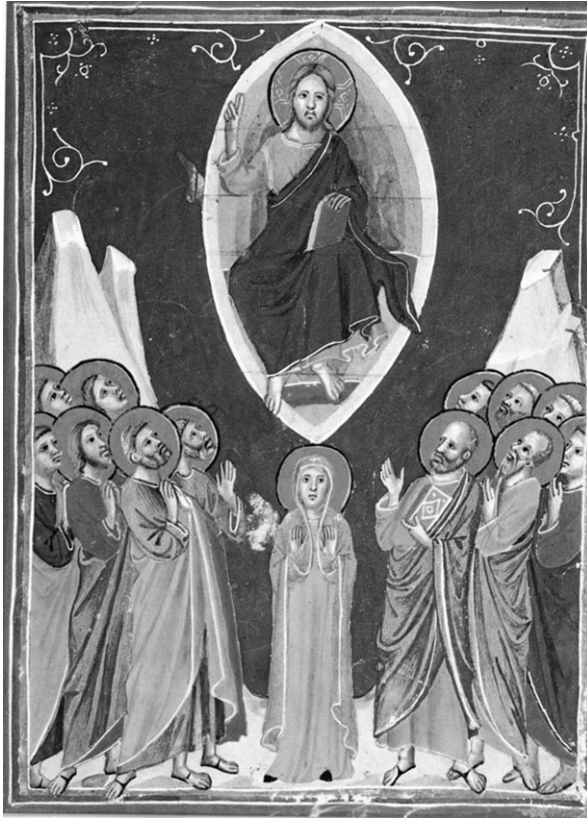


St. Gertrude

May 20, 2007 - Ascension Sunday



As Jesus rises He longs to take us with Him, including those who received their First Communion on Saturday (listed below). Congratulations, and welcome.

A COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*Orumgbe Peter Agholor
Christian Dave Agpasa
Nicolette Babayan
Caleb Michael Basting
Stephanie Burueana
Ashley Busse
Alan Elias Castro
Jordan Alice Champagne
Luis Alejandro Chavez
Vianney Angelica Chavez
Catherine Isabella Clifford
Juan Antonio Cruz-Manzanares
Ebunoluwe Daley-Cheesebourough
Lauren Elue
Matthew James English
Mathilda Lillian Esbrook
Madeleine Noel Fister*

*Melanie Nicole Garcia
Valentino Gomez
Connor Eyre Harnett
William Arthur Harnett
Patrick Holzman
Azra Imperial
Lorraine Rose Johnston
Shinowa Mikaella Kent
Dylan Kiser
Jimmy Kwizera
Alexandra Elizabeth Kzeski
Sofia Martin
Joseph Barry McRaith
Alicia Mena
Maxwell William Monty
Kathryn Cecilia Moran
Jax Anthony Mosquera*

*Alex Christopher Nguyen
Cailey Nolan
Andres Noriega
Gregory Noriega
Catherine Julia O'Donaghue
Celia Orenda
Rafael Orenda
Madeleine Osorio
Rosa Ott
Timothy Leo Plomin
Reah Xiaoming Rohrbeck
Andre Rojas-Castillo
Arthur Francis Tobin Siegle
Madison Lee Tenney
Keane Mathew Thompson
Liam Trinidad
Olivia Marguerite Varana
Quinn Richard White*

Fr. Grassi

My dear parishioners, I wanted to give you an update on what is happening with me. After 28 days in the hospital I am now in my Edgewater apartment recuperating from what I am still trying to comprehend that happened to me. My right leg was infected with a grade one strep infection and cellulitis. If it weren't for Peter sending three nurses to my room on Holy Saturday to convince me to go to the hospital I would not be here today. I owe my life to him and to Ann Marie, Nancy, and Marie. Easter Sunday night the *killer bacteria*, as the doctor called it, entered my bloodstream and for three and one half days it was touch and go as to my ability to resist it. But for whatever reason, God saw fit to keep me around. At the same time it was determined that my left knee cap was filled with bacteria so I also had orthoscopic surgery to remove the fluid, vacuum out the debris, and flush out the knee. So that is why I am still hobbling on both legs. I walk with a cane, go to the wound clinic weekly and am visited three times a week by a nurse and physical therapist. It has been a tough way to lose over thirty pounds, let me tell you.

I cannot begin to put into words my gratitude for your prayers most of all, for your cards and notes, and for the meals that are prepared for me. You have touched me more deeply than I could ever deserve. I also need to thank my brothers for all they did for me. But a special note of thanks for the staff of St. Gertrude who have stepped up and covered so much. I will ever be in debt to each of them.

I miss you , I miss praying Mass with you, I miss the smiles and handshakes after service, I miss Taizé prayer, I miss being there when I am needed, I miss the children of NCA and so much more.

It is humbling to go from helper to the one who must be helped. This has given me many new stories to share with you, many centered around my little sister in heaven whom I turn to in prayer during the worst times. I know my recovery will be lengthy. I cannot tell you when I will be allowed back to work. I long for it but know that there is still a lot to heal. I have learned so much. I know it will make me a better priest and pastor with you. So please keep praying, you are in my prayers every day.

DJG



The Ascension of Jesus, and other events in his life, stimulates interest in recent discoveries of science. These discoveries both cast a shadow of mystery over science and shed light on the mysteries of religion. One such discovery is the photoelectric effect, which shows that light is both wave and particle. The discovery of the photoelectric effect led to the discovery of tunneling. When a subatomic particle tunnels it moves from one place to another by changing from particle to wave and then back to particle. These discoveries excited the imagination of writers like Madeline L'Engle who wrote a *Wrinkle in Time* and inspired scenes in TV shows such as *Star Trek* which used a tunneling process for travel.

Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." He is the incarnation of faith. Faith is a form of energy. When a beggar touched Jesus' robe and was instantly healed, Jesus felt the energy go out of him. Science can say nothing about how a human could be the Light of the World. However, science is capable of describing paradoxes in the behavior of light that both make the mysteries of the life of Jesus more understandable, as well as beyond understanding at the same time. That's because for all that science has learned about subatomic particles, each discovery has lead to more mystery, not less. The clockwork predictability of the Newtonian universe has given way to a vision that provides, at the very least, analogies for the miraculous behavior of Jesus' Ascension and other inexplicable behaviors.

Do we really need science to explain the Ascension of Jesus? Or is that what faith is really all about?

Marty Butzen for *Growing in Faith*





Combined Mass Next Sunday, May 27 - Come celebrate the spirit so active and alive in our parish on Pentecost Sunday, at the combined 11am Mass.
There will be no 10am, 10:30 (gym) or 11:30am Mass.

What's Happening? Take A Look!

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

Retired men's Group - Meets Thursday, May 24 in the ministry center from 9:30am to noon. All retired men who live in or near the parish are welcome. Information: Wally Bradford ~ 761-1912.

Market Day - Forms are available at the back of the church and should be returned by May 27. Pick up date will be Saturday, June 2 in the school cafeteria.

Reminder: We are still in need of a new leader for Market Day. Eileen Jasper, who is stepping down after many years of service, raised almost \$5,000 last year which went towards maintaining our school buildings. Help us retain this important resource. It requires a time commitment of about 10 hours a month.

Daily Mass Forum - A discussion will be held Saturday, June 2 at 9am in the Church to discuss the daily (Monday through Friday) Mass time as we move to having only one weekday Mass.

Be Joyful. Again! - Widowed and looking to become whole again after your loss? Looking to meet others and bring hope to days ahead? June 10 & 11 there will be a retreat at Old St. Pat's. For information or to register call Madge at 708-354-7211.

Annual Hunger Walk - Saturday, June 16, the Greater Food Depository will hold their annual walk which provides for much of the food provided by Care for Real, our neighborhood food panty. For information on how to participate please contact Tom Robb ~ 769-6182.

Changes at the Rectory - In August we will be changing companies which supply our Sunday giving envelopes. We hope you will be patient with us during this process. If you do not receive envelopes or there is a problem with your name please contact the rectory at 764-3621. We especially need to know if there are problems with a part of your name being left off (i.e., Mary Ann becoming Mary) or if the last names of couples who have different last names become interchanged. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

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.** Social hall

Any questions please call 764-3621 or email stgertbulletin@yahoo.com



In 2001, the US Catholic Bishops wrote that "global climate change is about our human stewardship of God's creation, and our responsibility to those who come after us." So next time you wash your clothes, instead of a dryer use an outdoor clothesline - the sun and breeze can do wonders! Every simple action makes an earthly difference.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, MAY 21

7:00am Jaime Jeyuson †
9:00am Joan Regina Banky-Vischulis †

TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:00am Jane Kruzan †
9:00am Scott V. Sauve †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

7:00am Raymond White †
9:00am Mary Kranzfelder Huzzar

THURSDAY, MAY 24

7:00am Anna White †
9:00am Communion Service
Marion White †

FRIDAY, MAY 25

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †
9:00am Mary Kranzfelder Huzzar

SATURDAY, MAY 26

8:00am Inocencio & Rozue Julio Ariza †
5:00pm John J. McCall - 44th anniversary †

SUNDAY, MAY 27 - PENTECOST

8:00am Family of St. Gertrude
9:30am Held at St. Gertrude East
Loretta Kator †
11:00am Joseph Huy Nguyen †

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

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

Wedding Banns

II Cammy Phan and Hulbert Do

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MAY 26

5:00pm Roger DeKind, Emily Harrington,
Katie Maniates

SUNDAY, MAY 20

11:00am Rachel Rapp, Zoe Crowe-Barnes
Michael Zajakowski-Uhll

Lectors

SATURDAY, MAY 26

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

SUNDAY, May 27

8:00am Kathy Kollar, Mary Stachura
11:00am Janine Denomme, Carol McRaith

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Sunday Offering

May 13, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (242)	\$ 6470.00
Parish Pay (112)	\$ 12,026.00
Loose Checks (29)	\$ 859.00
Loose Cash	\$ 667.28
Total Collected	\$ 20,022.28
Budget *	\$ 22,917.00

Difference \$ 2,894.72

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 553,649.23

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 572,920.00

Difference \$ - 19,270.77

* Does include parish pay budgeted amount

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MAY 26

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Tim Harrington, Pat Mann
Joan Harrington, Mary Cook

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ester Bugler, Ed Bugler
Rodolfo Magadan, Jay Cook
11:00am Jeff Seitzer, Kathy Dunne, Kevin Kaufmann,
Nancy Merrill, Steve Monti, Anthony Long,
Dave Kasten Maggie Kast, Shelly Boniwell

Greeters

SATURDAY, MAY 26

5:00pm Maggie Howell, Maria Kulp

SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:00am Kate Flynn, Lisa Torres, Chris Phillips
11:00am Ed Butler, Heidi Schlumpf,
Steve and Tracy Mitchell



New Parishioners

Coleman Good
Michael Bennett
Wilburn Rachels

Baptisms

Claire Isabelle Hull, daughter of Erik Hull and Stacie Hull
Charlotte Anne Callahan, daughter of Darren Callahan and Lisa Ann Bishop
Maya Isabelle Hollendonner, daughter of Marc Hollendonner and Ivette Hollendonner

A Very Special Time for our Very Special School

This is a very special time of year for us at NCA. Our second-graders received the sacraments of reconciliation and first communion. Eighth graders are confirmed and are preparing for graduation. Fifth graders prepare to enter middle school where they are given more responsibility and bigger challenges. Our kindergarteners will soon “graduate.” Our preschoolers celebrate their milestones. All of our first graders are amazing readers now. Our third grade science project has hatched and the rooms are full of the peeps of new-born chicks. Fourth graders are learning about the birds and the bees. Seventh graders will soon be middle school leaders, while sixth graders cannot wait until they are no longer the “freshmen.”

These hurdles we leap over every year are made more special because we do them together as a community. We learn together, we grow together, we experience life’s up and downs together as a Catholic Community built on faith and values and filled with marvelous traditions.



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

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 4:30-4:45 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
<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.

