

St. Gertrude

Mission Sunday - July 8, 2007



Fighting global exploitation of the poor ... with Hope

Over one half the world's 6.2 billion people live on less than \$2 a day, mostly due to enormous trade inequities between first and third world countries. How can we begin to comprehend this excruciating poverty on such a massive scale? Jesus taught his followers by sending them out 2 by 2 into the places he intended to be. He "intends" to be everywhere, unleashing the spiritual power needed to heal the world of sin and oppressive structures which exploit the poor. The Church as an organization of followers continues to send folks out, thousands of missionaries armed with hope, the prerequisite for faith and future. What can we do? Give. Contribute something, anything, forming in yourself a solidarity with the self-sacrificing missioners as well as the beautiful billions who need only access to opportunity. Understand yourself to be a follower, sent to bring a message of transformation, living the vision of all *being* connected in a symbiotic relationship with the divine *intention*.

From Father Grassi

As you probably can guess, I've had a lot of time to just sit and think about things over the past few months. And while some of what I was thinking about has been lost in the haze of medication and pain in which I found myself, a few insights remain vivid and compelling. The headlines over the past few weeks concerning priests, while not new, continue to remain troubling and disturbing to me as I know they are to you. Abuse of our children and misappropriation of funds cannot be tolerated in any way. When either occurs, the trust that is so necessary for me in order to be effective as a priest is eroded and affects all of us. Couple this with the hurt and anger that many among us have experienced because of the intolerance or insensitivity of priests in our lives or the lives of those we love, and it is no wonder that the credibility of priests is so often questioned.

The readings this week give me solace. I need to be reminded by Isaiah's word to trust in God and rejoice in God's love. I am humbled by Paul's compelling and honest admission of the cost of discipleship. And Luke's Gospel is a vivid reminder to me that God is in control and will provide the ministry that the people of God need in the way that it is needed. But this cannot happen without being open to the power of the Holy Spirit working in all of our lives.

When one is seriously ill, many fears run through your mind. For me, the greatest fear was not regaining my health sufficiently to come back to you here at St. Gertrude and minister. But illness can also clear away a lot of what limits us and blinds us. I find myself more open than I could have ever imagined myself being (control freak that I am) in letting God do things in God's way and not mine. What that means in terms of what my priesthood will evolve into the time God has given me to be with you, I cannot say. But know this. Your ongoing support and challenge, despite the negativity that swirls around the Church, are the source of solace that will help me and others regain, but more importantly, renew what is necessary and change what must be changed so that all who are a part of St. Gertrude parish will be able to minister and be ministered to as God has called us. Thank you for not giving up.

DJG



Good morning” “Bonjour” “Buon giorno” “Buenos dias” “Eka ro” “magandang umaga”.

Each morning when I arrive at my office at the Illinois Department of Human Services, I have the good fortune to greet my co-workers and clients in their original tongues. Likely the seventy-two sent by Our Lord would have had to also greet those they were to encounter in any one of several languages or dialects – Hebrew, Latin, Greek, Aramaic, etc. I am an immigrant. My job brings me in contact with many other first generation immigrants, both co-workers and clients, the poor seeking help in order to subsist.

Going like “lambs among wolves” may have been frightening to those whom Christ sent to the many towns and places. Immigrants, most especially those who come to America uninvited and unwelcome, also arrive carrying little or no money and few possessions. They more than likely also fall into the first “house” or situation that may offer hope. I am a naturalized citizen now. I am also a Christian. To me that means I must put all things in context with my Christianity, otherwise, why be a Christian?

Yes, governments led by men make laws and enforce laws. They have the secular right to do that. We can decide, as a nation, who can come and who can't; why they can come and why they can't.

Christ puts no conditions on His admonitions when He tells me to feed the hungry, to care about the poor and to welcome strangers. I don't decide whom to help. God makes that choice. It's the next needy person on my path. By what power do I have the right to attach conditions? Am I receiving the immigrants as well as Christ had hoped the citizens of the town and villages in the Gospel would receive the seventy-two He sent?

Ana Ward for *Growing in Faith*



Second Collection - Today there will be a second collection to benefit the work of the Missions. Please welcome Fr. Lawrence Ebuk from Grenada who will share his story with us at the Masses this weekend. If you would like to make a donation to assist the various missions, envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Stained Glass Windows Tour - Have you ever looked at the exquisite stained glass windows in our church and wondered when and where they were created? or What those symbols under the four evangelists behind the altar mean? or Why Mary is always dressed in blue?

Ann O'Connor, co-author of *A Guide to the Windows of St. Gertrude*, will answer these and many more questions on **Sunday, July 29 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.**

Learn about the fascinating history of religious stained glass art, find out why we have a side altar devoted to St. Theresa of Lisieux, what the error is in the window devoted to St. Gertrude, see and hear the stories of the life of Jesus in a whole new way, and much more!



What's Happening? Take A Look!

Good Books - The selection for Monday, July 9 is *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman. The group meets in the rectory dining room at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Ice Cream Social - The Senior Connection invites all those over the age of fifty to an ice cream extravaganza on Thursday, July 12, at 1pm in the social hall. There will be oodles of toppings along with a game of bingo. And, don't miss Mary Ann Collins' famous chocolate fountain!

Theology on Tap - The speaker series for adults in their 20's and 30's begins today Sunday, July 8, at St Gregory (5545 N. Paulina). This evening's topic is the insights into Catholic rites and rituals and begins with a barbecue at 6pm and with the speaker and discussion to follow. Information: 561-3546.

WOW News - The next planning meeting is scheduled for **July 15, at 11:15 am** in the ministry center. We'll work on planning the end-of-summer beach event and ideas for next year. If you would like to help shape the future of WOW, come with your ideas and enthusiasm—and bring a friend! Questions? Call Ann O'Connor at the rectory, 764-3621, or email at tappingthesource@gamil.com

Feast of Mary Magdalene - July 22 is the feast day for Mary Magdalene, otherwise known as the "apostle to the apostles." This year her feast falls on a Sunday, so we'll offer a tribute to her at the 10 o'clock Mass. Our celebration will include a liturgical dance, special music and a special offering of gifts and prayers of the faithful. Join us!

Parish Directory - Once again we are updating our data base in anticipation of publishing our parish directory. Please let us know if there have been any changes in your address, phone number or household make-up. If you would like to call and verify that we have your correct information that would be great ... or just correct it on your giving envelope!. If you have any questions/concerns please call Marge at the rectory, 764-3621.

Grace To You On behalf of the Smith and Schmitz family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support we received from the St. Gertrude community. Your kindness, support, and prayers helped us deal with the sorrow of the passing of our loved ones. We truly are blessed to be surrounded with people who care. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

Irene Schmitz & Family



Reduce Beef Consumption. Livestock are responsible for 18% of the greenhouses gases that cause global warming - burning fuel to produce fertilizer to grow feed, to transport meat and to clear vegetation for grazing, along with the wind and manure from cattle. Ranching is the major driver of deforestation which is responsible for 25% of global warming.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JULY 9

7:00am Victoria & Charles Chiatula
In honor of their 1st wedding anniversary

9:00am John Grogan †

TUESDAY, JULY 10

7:00am Raymond White †

9:00am Glenn E. Martin - 75th birthday †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 -

7:00am Peggy Collins †

9:00am Frederick Donnelly, Sr. †

THURSDAY, JULY 12

7:00am Anna White †

9:00am Christine Kiedysz †

FRIDAY, JULY 13

7:00am Deceased of Connery family †

9:00am Michael Hallinan - anniversary †

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8:00am Marion White †

5:00pm Hubert Jackiewicz †

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Loretta Kator †

9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*
Family of St. Gertrude

10:00am Paul M. and Paul C. Heidkamp †

11:30am Tassone & Emanuele & Pitaro families †

2:00pm *Gallick and Puentes Wedding*

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

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

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

Mary Cunneen

Altar Servers

SATURDAY JULY 14

5:00pm Pat Harrington, Max Gibson, Carol Isaac

SUNDAY, JULY 15

10:00am Fiona McRaith, Adam Glueckert,
Emilio Raby-Newsom

11:30am Jasmine Ott, Sergio Ott, Sam Guenette

Lectors

SATURDAY, JULY 14

5:00pm Joan Steinbrecher, Mary Jo Bowers

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Matt Kollar

10:00am Barbara Zeman, Bob Backis

11:30am Janine Denomme, DeLaina Ellis

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69 or 19; Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37

Wedding Banns

**II Kevin Gallick and Bricia Puentes
I Tammy Meadows and Adrian Caballero**

Sunday Offering

July 1, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (205)	\$ 6,799.00
Loose Checks (26)	\$ 667.00
Loose Cash	\$ 622.28
Total Collected	\$ 8,088.28
Budget *	\$ 10,378.00

Difference \$ - 2,289.72

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 8,088.28

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* Does not include parish pay budgeted amount

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JULY 14

5:00pm Peter Mulcrone, Colleen Mulcrone,
Mary Cook, Pat Norcik, Mickey Resch

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Ester Bugler, Ed Bugler, Judy Coswell,
Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Hallie Burhoe

10:00am Dana Sullivan, Cathy Chester, Gail Smith,
Rosita Nordgren, Fran Glowinski,
Val Hastings, RoseMarie Anichini

11:30am Claire O'Brien, Molly O'Hara, Susan Lercsch,
Dave Kasten, Bernard Ndiwe

Greeters

SATURDAY, JULY 14

5:00pm Eileen Schraeger, Cathie Moorhous

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Bridget Cahill, Joe Lepkowski,
Glenn Sieverson

10:00am Jeff Clennon, Walter Pophin,
Matthew Foran, Dana Johnson

11:30am Nancy Bujnowski, Susan Lersch



New Parishioners

William and Maria Hussey and their son Nicholas
David and Kate Merrill and their children Lauren, Phineas and Dave
Jason Neri
Matthew Null and Brooke Allyn
John Quinlan and Bridget Lawson

Baptisms

Haiden Axel Negrillo, son of Delmart Negrillo and Tammy Klavsek

News From Northside Catholic Academy

The most important things I learn at NCA...

Students say the most important things they learn here at NCA are:

To be myself, follow my dreams and try my best ... Be responsible for your own actions.

Never put material things ahead of God. Love others for who they are.

Respect everyone including myself. ... I can make a difference in this world.

Integrating faith throughout our curriculum is an important part of an NCA education. The development of values is complex and becomes the framework for one's life. The three influences that shape a child are home, school and church. Children are best served and have the strongest foundation when all three point in the same direction. If you hold the above values dear and hope that your children recognize them as the "most important" then NCA is the right place for you.

For information regarding Northside Catholic Academy, contact Kristi Erickson at 271-4310.



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
Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident
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.

