

St. Gertrude

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 15, 2007



**Our new priest resident is a man on the move,
marathon man Rev. Mike Bradley**

Welcome, Rev. Mike Bradley

Meet Rev. Mike Bradley. He is our new resident priest, which means that, while he will "reside" here, he has a job somewhere else. Father Mike works downtown at the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal as a canon lawyer (please don't hold that against him!). However, he will preside at the 7am weekday masses and on weekends here, too.

Father Mike has lived in the Chicago area all his life (except for going away to study in Belgium). His mom moved to Des Plaines after his father died. Father Mike also has three brothers and sisters-in-law, and is the proud uncle of five nephews and nieces. He attended the Archdiocesan seminaries, has a degree from Loyola University, and was ordained at Mundelein Seminary in 1978 (parishioner Mark Kollar was Mike's classmate at Quigley). Father Mike was a resident at St. Josaphat Parish before moving here, and has known Fr. Grassi for over 25 years. With hobbies like mountain biking, jogging, gardening and skiing (and reading Father Grassi's books), Father Mike brings great vitality with him wherever he goes. Welcome, Father Mike.

From Father Grassi

Last Monday when a storm passed quickly over us in the stifling heat of the afternoon, I was sitting in my room at the rectory when I was startled by a loud crash coming from my bathroom. It also startled my cat, Sambucca, who left the marks of her claws on my leg as she jumped off my lap and hid herself behind my couch. It sounded like a gunshot more than anything else. But all it turned out to be was my aloe plant falling, knocked down by a gust of wind from my window ledge and the ceramic pot shattering. Better a little dirt on the floor than bullets flying. It seems that every day we read about young people being shot, most of them innocent victims caught in the crossfire of gangs fighting over drugs and turf. Some were sitting on their own porches or even in their homes when they were struck by "stray" bullets. We should all be outraged at the carnage. Today's Gospel of the Good Samaritan is a not too subtle reminder that these are not strangers but our brothers and sisters. We cannot sit idly by. Gun control is not a political litmus test. It is a necessity. Just wages, better education, drug control, decent housing, family structures, eradicating racism and poverty are all issues that we should advocate. The problems are complex. But we have to be part of their solution.

I also want to personally welcome Fr. Mike Bradley to St. Gertrude Parish. Mike has been helping out during my illness and now is in residence with us. His full time ministry is in the Pastoral Center where he uses his PhD from the Louvain. You'll see him helping out at morning Mass and on weekends. Or you might see him training for the Chicago marathon or biking through the neighborhood. Mike is a great guy and a caring priest. Just don't ask him to help you remove an air conditioner from your window. You'll have to ask him what that's all about.

I am feeling stronger and hope to be moving back into the parish this coming week. My stamina has not completely returned. So I'll continue to take things one day at a time. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

DJG



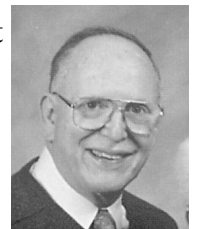
Throughout both Old and New Testament the message is always the same, whether it be the story of Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), the account of the unforgiving servant (Matt. 18:23-35), or today's Gospel story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). And that message is: **To be a person of faith does not mean the absence of intellectual doubt, but the presence of deliberate concrete action.** Real believers - are people who act!

It was to Abraham that the Judeo-Christian vocation was first announced: "leave your homeland and become "blessing" to your world." To fulfill that vocation he had to "act" not merely profess he "believed." Like Abraham we are called to leave our homeland, which psychologically is "complete dedication to our own self interest." Until we do, we cannot be "blessing" to our world.

In Matthew we have the story of the servant who was blessed when his master forgave him a huge debt, but who would not do likewise with regard to the pittance a fellow servant owed him. Obviously, the thing to do was to pass the blessing on. Why couldn't he "do" that? Because to "be blessing" one must leave the homeland of self-centeredness and he just couldn't.

The "Good Samaritan" in Luke was able to act on his feelings of compassion because he had left that homeland long ago. Jesus tells the "Good Samaritan" story to encourage us to do likewise.

Dick Westley *for Growing in Faith*



Meet Our Resident Priest ~ You can meet Father Mike Bradley, our new resident priest, today, after the 10am Mass, in the rectory backyard. Snacks (and photo ops?) will be available.

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!

Poetry Pilgrimage - The poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins will be read Monday, July 16. The group meets in the rectory dining room at 7:30pm and all are welcome. Information: Mary Grover ~ 338-3546.

Theology on Tap - The speaker series for adults in their 20's and 30's continues today Sunday, July 15, at St Gregory (5545 N. Paulina). This evening Fr. John Grace will speak on bringing Christ into the world. Barbecue at 6pm and with the speaker and discussion to follow. Information: 561-3546.

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 and a special offering of gifts and prayers of the faithful. Join us!

St. Gertrude Foster and Adoptive Families - An outing to Garfield Park is planned for July 26 for a viewing of the sculpture exhibit of Niki in the Garden at 4:30pm followed by Summer Dance Chicago on Move. (There will be free dance instruction at 6pm and music and dancing to follow at 7pm) Those interested in fostering or adopting are also welcome! Questions: Ruth Ott ~ 339-0507 or rgott_marie@yahoo.com

Sunday Giving Envelopes - In August we will be changing companies that 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.

Mission Sunday - Thank you for your generous support to benefit the work of the Missions. Our second collection totaled \$2,633 last week.

TO THE STAFF AND PARISHIONERS - I wish to extend a special thank you to the staff and my fellow parishioners of St. Gertrude's. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity have been a real blessing in my time of need. I will always be grateful that I am part of a parish that practices the art of being a true Christian Community with such a loving spirit. There will always be a special spot in my heart for all of you. Your generosity will never be forgotten. Bless you all.

A Grateful Friend ~ Pat Stich



Check out "CoolGlobes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet." 100 globes are on display from the Museum Campus to Navy Pier. The project uses public art to inspire discussion about potential solutions to global warming. The globes are on display until September 2007. Check out their website for more info ~ www.coolglobes.com

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JULY 16

7:00am Gloria Esqueda Peña †
9:00am Jack Hallinan †

TUESDAY, JULY 17

7:00am Mary Kenneally †
9:00am Jerome and Vincent Walsh †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

7:00am Anna White †
9:00am Dr. Rose Greco †

THURSDAY, JULY 19

7:00am Msgr. J. Gerald Kealy †
9:00am Marion White †

FRIDAY, JULY 20

7:00am Samuel and Margaret Maranto †
9:00am Michael White †

SATURDAY, JULY 21

8:00am Margaret Maranto - anniversary †
3:00pm Meadows and Caballero Wedding
5:00pm John English - birthday †

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:00am Margaret Maranto †
9:30am Held at St. Gertrude East
Family of St. Gertrude
10:00am Peggy Conboy †
11:30am Loretta Kator †

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

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

Wedding Banns

III Tammy Meadows and Adrian Caballero
II Kathy Bardales and Ron Sandana
I Chelli Pettengill and Darin Facer

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: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42

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

Roslyn Marie Montesdeoca

Sunday Offering

July 8, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (220)	\$ 6,623.00
Loose Checks (23)	\$ 670.00
Loose Cash	\$ 813.62
Total Collected	\$ 8,106.62
Budget *	\$ 10,378.00

Difference \$ - 2,271.38

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 16,194.90

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 20,756.00

Difference \$ - 4,561.10

* 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

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.


Welcome to Our Community Baptisms

Sabian Edouard, son of Stephan Edouard and Yue Zhu
Sirena Edouard, daughter of Stephan Edouard and Yue Zhu
George Dwight Hanafee, son of Mark Hanafee and Michelle Burke

News From Northside Catholic Academy

A Message from Gladys Fitzgerald

After 14 years of dedicated service as “lunch lady” and extended care supervisor, Gladys Fitzgerald is retiring. She intends to enjoy retirement by volunteering with SPRED, working on her gorgeous garden, and spending time with her family and friends. Gladys announced her retirement on the last day of school to avoid any hoopla from the students and staff, but she asked me to give you this message **“I want to thank all the parents for sharing their children with me. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending my days with them, getting to know their unique personalities and watching them grow. It’s been a pleasure. Thank you.”** Please join us in wishing her all the best.



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.

