

St. Gertrude

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 3, 2010

The Canticle of the Sun

by Francis of Assisi

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.
To you, alone, Most High, do these belong.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through our beloved Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and through whom you give light,
beautiful and radiant in splendor,
bearing your Most Holy likeness!

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;
she is exceedingly useful and humble, precious and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister, Mother Earth,
who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.
Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whose embrace no living person can escape --
Woe to those who die refusing your offer of mercy and forgiveness!
Happy those she finds doing your most holy will.
The second death can do them no harm.

Let all Creation Praise and Bless my Lord! Give Thanks, and Serve all with great Humility.



From Father Grassi

What a wonderful party the GRalley was. From the bicycle parade down the alley to start the day to the final notes from the trumpets of *Kings Go Forth* it was all a great success. My thanks to all who worked so hard before, during and after the day. It was a parish event that brought out the best of St. Gertrude Parish and is quickly settling in as an annual part of the fabric of our neighborhood and community. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished. The final totals are not in yet. We will let you know how we did financially as soon as all the bills are paid. As you know the money we raise goes into the operating budget of the parish. We will be settling on the date for next year's GRalley soon. There is one sad note. One of our parishioners, Peter Andina, won the grand prize in the raffle. When I called him on Monday morning to tell him the good news I found out that he had suffered a serious stroke on Sunday. He was not conscious when I anointed him at Weiss Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Among the many tasks I truly love to do is the annual blessing of pets that happens this time every year in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. It will take place today, Sunday, at one o'clock on the front steps of the church. Pets of all types are invited. We will pray and sing and then each pet will be blessed individually and given a treat. They truly bring joy into our lives. It is good to thank God for them by having them blessed. Please join us later on today.

One final thought. Fall is here. The cool weather has made that clear. The change of the seasons gives us all the opportunity to pause and give thanks to God for all the beauty that is in nature around us. We are also reminded of our obligation to protect all that God has given to us.

DJG



There's much to love about St. Francis, whose feast we celebrate this day with our own festive animal blessing. What's not to love about a guy who talked to birds, calmed fierce, hungry wolves, and, as the website of the Catholic Encyclopedia puts it, "saw sermons even in stones." While other saints may have found God in austere, cave-like places, Francis seems to have rejoiced in the beauty of God's created world, and in its bountiful manifestation of the Divine. Or so goes the legend. And for someone like myself who searches in Christian theology for an environmental ethic, it is sufficient.

But there's more to my affection for this 12th century Umbrian saint than *his* affection for furry creatures and singing birds. It has mainly to do with my mother.

When my parents married in the 1930s, they were not allowed a traditional church wedding. It was a "mixed" marriage, my mother Lutheran, my father Catholic, a union that at the time bordered on the scandalous. And it was my mother who took the brunt of the Church's fear—of faiths different from its own, of a mother's deep and primal influence on her children. As kids, my brother and I were not allowed to go to church with our mother, not permitted to share in the meaning and solace her own religion offered her.

It was all so confusing. Love the Church, love your mother, but never the twain shall meet. Until, that is, I discovered St. Francis. And though I likely lacked a mature appreciation of him, especially of his life's devotion to the poor, of the meaning of his stigmata—I could see him, this Catholic saint, mirrored in my mother's devotion to the stray cats and dogs that filled our house, in the generosity with which she gave to others, a generosity of spirit that she and Francis, if not the Church, surely shared.



Carol LaChapelle for *Growing in Faith*

Spotlight

Many thanks to all in our parish who supported the GRalley. You bought and sold tickets, donated to our silent auction and baked desserts. You volunteered your time and talents, danced to the music, ate burgers, and rode in the bike parade. You chatted with old friends and met some new ones. You showed up. It was a chilly day weatherwise, but our hearts were warmed by your presence and your participation. The GRalley is a giant undertaking and your support has made all the difference to its success. Volunteering alongside someone is an unparalleled way to build community, and our parish is so much the better for your efforts. If you have any comments or thoughts about the 2010 GRalley, or suggestions for future GRalleys, we'd like to hear from you. You can contact us at jblake@edgewatergralley.com.



And, congratulations to our raffle winners:

- 1st prize - Peter Andina
- 2nd prize - Brenda Arreola
- 3rd prize - Rebecca Ulmer

With GRatitude to God for an awesome parish family,
 Jeff and Carol Clennon
 Jon and Jackie Blake

Pet Blessing

In honor of the Creation-loving St. Francis of Assisi, pets will be blessed on the steps of church today at 1pm. All pets are welcome (owner discretion is advised).

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

"Are any among your sick? Let them call for the elders of the church to come and pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14

Next weekend at all masses we will offer an anointing for all those experiencing "dis-ease" of body, mind or spirit. Please notify your friends or family members who may benefit from this sacrament.

Calendar Notes

This Week's Activities

Today, Sunday, October 3

- 8:45 - 9:45am ~ CCD classes begin
- 8am - 2pm ~ LifeSource blood drive
- 1pm ~ Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10

- Anointing of the Sick at all masses
- Fr. Mike and the Chicago Marathon

Save the Date

Saturday, October 16

- 11am ~ Pax Christi Illinois Peace Mass

Friday, October 22

- 6 - 9pm ~ NCA Family Dance

Saturday, October 30

- 9am ~ *WOW* trip to Starved Rock State Park

Saturday and Sunday, October 30 and 31

- At all the masses, Ofrenda Table

Sunday, November 14

- Parish Pictorial Directory available
- 3pm ~ Celebration of the Feast of St. Gertrude,
All Are Welcome Concert

Saturday, November 20

- Heart to Heart Play ~ directed by Mike Tobin

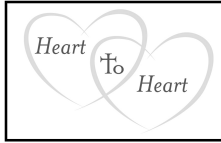
Sunday, November 21

- ECRA Thanksgiving Concert at ~
North Shore Baptist Church

Parish News

CCD: Please consider registering your grade school-aged child for CCD classes, which begin today, Sunday, October 3 at 8:45am. Call Ann O'Connor at 773-764-3621.

The Heart to Heart Program ~ serves seniors living in the parish and the Edgewater community. Some of our senior parishioners are unable to attend the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass and the 11:30 a.m. Sunday mass without transportation. We need volunteer drivers to help our seniors get to and from mass. If you are able to help or want more information please call Mary Ann or Brenda at 773-973-5464.



St. Gertrude's Open Hands Community ~ invites you to their annual *Family Fall Fest!* Saturday, October 30, 6-9pm in the ministry center. Games! Pumpkin painting! Silly dancing! This is a family-friendly event. It will be alcohol-free and full of lots of fun, food and fellowship!

Please participate in the Chili Cook-off! The winner will receive a prize! You can bring your pots of chili to the M.C. at 5:30pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 28 to: GertsOpenHands@gmail.com



Helping Hands Ministry: The first group meets Monday, October 4 at 7:30pm in the cafeteria. Come and find out what it's all about. All are welcome. Call Brenda Arreola at 773-973-5464.



WOW is going to Starved Rock! Mark your calendars now for our annual Starved Rock State Park Day trip: Saturday, October 30, 9 am to 8 pm. Call Ann O'Connor at the rectory ~ 773-764-3621 for further information.

Blood Drive: The LifeSource blood drive is today, Sunday, October 3 in the social hall after all the masses. Please consider donating.

Bread for the Journey: Becoming a Community of Hope ~ Saturday, October 16, 11am – 2pm, in the social hall. You are invited to a gathering of the Catholic Peace & Justice Community of Chicago, to:

- 1) celebrate the Eucharist,
- 2) give public witness and,
- 3) share a potluck meal.



We are proud to host this event and hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

All who partake of the Eucharist must commit themselves to peacemaking in our world scarred by violence and war, and today, in particular, by terrorism, economic corruption and sexual exploitation. – Pope Benedict XVI

St. Gertrude Parish Honors and Celebrates the Lives of Our Loved Ones Who Have Died.

Please join us for our annual

Masses in Memory of the Dead
Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 31 at
8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Memorials



The names of those from the parish who died during the past year will be read at each Mass. Everyone is invited to bring a small, framed photograph or memento of a loved one to place on our ofrenda altar in the church.

Christmas Bazaar!?! It's really not too early...especially if you are cleaning closets or garages and you find buried treasures for the white elephant table. Items may be dropped off at the rectory. Or, call the rectory ~ 773-764-3621.



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School News and Activities

Open Houses for Prospective Families Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, December 2

Attending an open house is a great way for prospective families to check out the school in action. Our Open Houses begin at 9am in the Primary Campus cafeteria (6216 N. Glenwood).

First our Principal, Debbie Sullivan, gives a brief welcome and introduction. Then parents are encouraged to ask questions in this group setting. After that, some of our 5th grade students give tours of the school. When the tours have completed, parents are brought back to the cafeteria where they are able to continue the conversation about NCA and application process.

This year, we have begun a formal application process for all new students (including siblings who will be new students). We will begin accepting applications for 2011-12 school year at the first Open House and continue into February 2011.

A Message from Fr. Mike

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon takes place on Sunday, October 10. A number of parishioners and I are among the 45,000 souls running the 26.2 miles through various neighborhoods of our city. This will be my 25th marathon overall.

Over the years I've asked my family, friends and parishioners to sponsor me in raising money for various causes. The support for this effort has been tremendous, and for that I'm very grateful. This is the fourth marathon that I'm running to benefit our beloved NCA (Northside Catholic Academy).

Would you please consider "running along" with me by sponsoring me with a pledge of prayers -- and a donation to NCA? 100% of the donations help to

provide scholarships for needy students at NCA. Envelopes are available at the church entrances, and may be placed in the collection basket or sent directly to St. Gertrude rectory.

As I run I keep our parishioners in my prayers. If you have a special intention, please let me know (via email stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 773-764-3621 or in person, and I'll include your intention in my prayers.

Father Mike Bradley

Who ya gonna call? Your school secretary, of course!

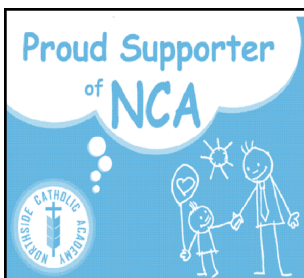
The main offices of our school are command central. Please contact the secretaries for everything relating to absenteeism to after care. They can be reached via note, phone or email:

Mrs. Cannon (Primary Campus)
773-743-6277 or scannon@ncaweb.org

Mrs. Yates (Middle School Campus)
773-271-2008 kyates@ncaweb.org

Community News and Activities

Dying to Live: A Theology of Migration ~ with Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, Ph.D., Tuesday, October 12, 7:30-9pm, St. Nicholas Parish, Oldershaw Hall, 806 N. Ridge, Evanston. Immigration is a complex issue that is changing the face of cultures worldwide. In the United States it is often controversial, with many social, economic, political and even religious implications. Daniel Groody will offer his thoughts on this human struggle for a more dignified life and the search for God in the midst of it. He will explore who migrants are, why they leave their homes, and what they face in their journey. This presentation will include the film *Dying to Live*. Groody is a Holy Cross priest, assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame. A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses. This event is co-sponsored by the St. Nicholas' Adult Faith Formation and Peace & Justice Committees.



NCA Primary School:
6216 N. Glenwood Ave
Phone: 773-743-6277

NCA Middle School:
5519 N. Magnolia
Phone: 773-271-2008, or

www.northsidecatholic.org

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00am Ministers of Youth and Teen Programs
9:00am Izabela Vel Lagoda Halas †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †
9:00am Ethan Seitzer †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00am Elvira Fox †
9:00am *NCA Children's Mass* ~ Kathleen Casey †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00am *Communion Service* ~
Marriage Encounter Ministry
9:00am *Communion Service* ~
Adoptive and Foster Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00am The Connery Family †
9:00am Patrick and Agnes O'Malley †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00am Donald North †
2:30pm *Manley/Beuthin Wedding*
5:00pm Joseph and Michael Laczkowski †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00am Thomas P. Joyce †
9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)* ~
The Family of St. Gertrude †
10:00am Margaret Sanders †
10:30am Living and Deceased of the Flood Family †
11:30am Tassone-Emanuele-Pitaro Families †

† Indicates Mass is being said in memory of the individual
Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:00pm Henry Jacob, Daniel Cancilla,
Peter Zajakowski-Uhll,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00am Adam and Genevieve Glueckert,
Basma Saadallah
11:30am Randolph Cruz, Lauren and Jonathan Elue

Lectors

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

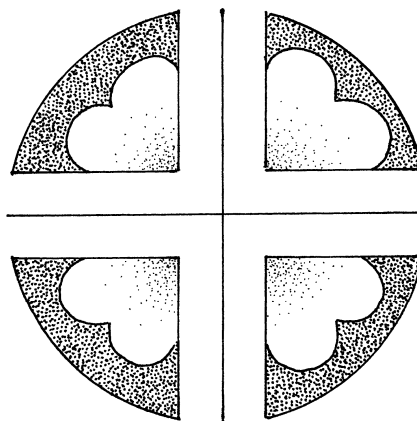
5:00pm Mary Ellen Thomas, Marian Shaw

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00am Ed Bugler, Jay Cook
10:00am Heather Anichini, Rafael Melendez
11:30am Steve Monti, Troy McMillan

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19



Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:00pm Mary Ellen Thomas, Marian Shaw,
Mary Cook, Pat Norcik,
Katherine Heffernan, BVM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00am Ed and Ester Bugler, Julie Dorger,
Sara McCarthy, Charles Shaw, Chris Phillips,
Hallie Burhoe
10:00am Laurette Hasbrook, Bob Dwyer,
Andrew Dwyer, Justine Aten, Kathy Dunne,
Kevin Kaufmann, Dana Sullivan
11:30am Steve Monti, Troy McMillan,
Bernard Ndiwe, Mary Pat Hartung,
Karen Griebel, Anthony Long, Tere Zdunek

Greeters

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:00pm Eileen Schragger, Cathie Moorhous

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00am Brenda Arreola, Ona Kozar,
Pamela Sherrod Anderson
10:00am Jessie North, Maria Vallely, Mae Laurecella
11:30am Paul Elue, Melinda Banahene

Financial Highlights

August 2010 Giving

Electronic giving	\$15,655
Sunday envelopes	\$34,297
Loose cash	\$3,319
TOTAL GIVING	\$53,271

August Budget

(five Sundays in August) \$71,015

Difference - \$17,743

Year to Date Giving

Budgeted	\$102,121
Difference	- \$38,961



Milestones

Wedding Banns

III *Scott Manley and Megan Beuthin*
II *Michael Lane and Dana Blum*



If you would like to become a member of the parish, please ask for a registration form from one of the greeters on Sunday or stop by the rectory.

Baptisms

Grace Anne Anderson, daughter of
Neil Anderson and Julie Nichols
Theodore Whelan Wallace Merritt, son of
Ian Merritt and Catherine Wuest
Carlos Edward Pacheco, son of
Carlos Pacheco and Jennifer Suerth

New Parishioners

Gregg and Carrie Cunningham and
their son Henry

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Peter Buttitta, Director of Ministries
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
Marge Butzen, Business Manager
Jayne Deiters, 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: Monday - Wednesday, 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 the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor. 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 772-761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
http://www.stgertrudechicago.org

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood Phone 773-973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register. And, you may register with one of the Greeters before or after any Mass."

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, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND MESSAGE THERAPY

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

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY – 773-338-4334, Dr. John Neafsey

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – 773-764-8884

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, Terra Solove

MESSAGE THERAPY –

Carol McRaith, 773-259-1268; Terra Solove, 773-358-8020

SUPPORT GROUPS

Heart to Heart ~ Senior outreach and service connection - 773-973-5464

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center

Open AA - Gertie's Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center

Caris Pregnancy Center - Pregnancy Support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help, ~ 773-338-8311.

Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.