

# St. Gertrude

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**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 7, 2010**

## Toward A New Cosmology for the Banished Children of Eve                      A Light Musical



Saturday, November 20th, 7pm.  
St Gertrudes Gym ■ Admission \$10  
All Proceeds to Benefit HEART to HEART

A play about the cosmic battle between good and evil, being played out under a perfect sky, in sleepy little ~

Vale-O-Tears, Virginia,  
nestled next to Mount Grassi  
(where holy man, Brother Dominic  
dwells and prays).

Things have gone afoul and folks suspect  
a villain....could it be *Satan*?

**Saturday, November 20**

**In the gym**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**Play at 7pm**

**Admission is \$10.**

All proceeds will benefit  
Heart to Heart,  
St. Gertrude's parish program  
serving neighborhood seniors.

## A Tobin Play to benefit Heart to Heart

**Heart To Heart** – Both a parish ministry and a community program designed to serve seniors 60+ years of age living in Edgewater. Volunteers provide friendly phone calls and visits, assistance with grocery shopping and transportation to church, medical appointments and social events. Like the name suggests, Heart To Heart brings together generous volunteers with grateful seniors in need. A most worthy cause.

**A Tobin Play** – This is quite a bit harder to describe. It's like the script was folded up into a pants pocket and run through the laundry. You see that the lines are pure and saturated with meaning, but are hard to completely decipher satanic public redeemed... But you are compelled to come. So come, do yourself and your elder neighbors a favor. And bring a friend. You'll be glad you did! ~ *PB*

## *From Father Grassi*

As we move further into November toward the end of the liturgical year, our readings this weekend continue to focus on death and the end times. I was deeply moved last week as the names of those who died here this past year were read at Mass. A number of times during this week I have stood before the Ofrenda altar and reflected on the photos and mementos that have been placed there. I brought to the altar a picture of my father and mother. Like many of you, I continue to feel the loss of my loved ones even though many years have past. For me, what I miss most, strangely, is that I can no longer “hear” what their voices sounded like. I try but it is like an old photograph that has faded with time. I think of my good friends who have died and my brother. I strain to remember their voices as well that once were so familiar to me. My inability to do so has become for me the symbol of the relentless passage of time and the frailty of life. I am fortunate that my faith allows me the hope that one day we will be reunited. And so, our lives go on.

Next Sunday we celebrate the ongoing life of our parish with our annual *All Are Welcome* concert honoring the feast day of St. Gertrude. I hope you will attend and be a part of the celebration. It will be a special afternoon. In the silence between the beautiful music and the prayers and the reflection, I invite you to listen as well. Perhaps you will hear the voices of those from the past who were part of our dynamic parish. You might recognize some of them. Others who you hear will simply be soft reminders of those who, unknown to us, have gone before us here. Say a prayer for them in gratitude for the parish they have left us. And rest assured, long after our lives are over, there will be others who will still hear our voices, and so will pray for us as they find peace and solace and challenge at St. Gertrude Parish.

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All of this Sunday’s readings urge us to stand fast in our faith despite the attacks of people of malice and anger. The king who commands the torture of the mother and her sons in the first reading is “in a fury” against them because they will not abandon their faith. And the second reading pleads: “*pray for us...that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith.*” (2 Thes. 3:1-2)

In the gospel Luke tells us of the Sadducees questioning Jesus about the widow who was married to seven brothers in succession. That story follows several instances of questioners who were trying to trap Jesus into saying something that would get him into trouble with the authorities. Motivated by malice, they set up a deliberately ridiculous situation. They do not question Jesus to understand his teachings, but to hold them up to ridicule.

Those who ridicule religious faith are still among us. Have you ever had to contend with them? They may be co-workers, neighbors, even family members. We see their scornful remarks in the newspaper and in online comments about news stories having to do with religion. How should we respond when we hear religious faith spoken of with sneers or contempt, as a mere set of absurdities? Perhaps all we can do is to protest the injustice of their remarks, just as we should when people are ridiculed for their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, disability, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We may not change their minds; we may even lose their respect. But I ask myself what kind of faith do I have if I remain silent, making it seem that I agree with them?



Mary Grover for *Growing in Faith*

## Spotlight

You are Invited to Celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude.  
The theme for this year's ~



### Prayers of St. Gertrude.

We are a parish that loves to pray together. We are a parish that understands prayer as our communion with each other and our communion with the mind and heart of Jesus.

Our program will include:

music by the Music Ministers of St. Gertrude, and  
a reflection by Dr. Wendy Cotter, csj

Sunday, November 14 at 3pm.

Reception in the rectory immediately following the concert.

It's free...and all are welcome!

## Calendar Notes

### This Weeks's Activities

#### **Sunday, November 14**

Stewardship Sunday  
Winter coat drive for *Care for Real*

### Save the Date

#### **Saturday, November 20**

7pm Heart to Heart Play ~  
*Toward a New Cosmology:*  
*For the Banished Children of Eve*

#### **Sunday, November 21**

Scholastic Books Sale & French Nun's Pastry Sale  
ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
at North Shore Baptist

#### **Thursday, November 25 ~ Thanksgiving**

Labyrinth (of can goods) for Care for Real

#### **Sunday, November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

11am Combined Mass  
12:30pm Advent Wreath-Making ~  
Workshop and Blessing

#### **Saturday, December 4**

10am - 4pm Annual Christmas Bazaar


#### **Sunday, December 5**

9am - 2:30pm Christmas Bazaar with  
a pancake breakfast after all the masses

#### **Wednesday, December 8**


After 6pm Mass ~ Pace e Bene ~  
Spirituality of Non-Violence Workshop

## Parish News

**Dessert Tasting + Thanks + Giving:** We will have a pie tasting after all the masses this weekend. Buy a pie and donate it to Care for Real, our local food pantry  and we will deliver it. If we sell 250 pies we will make over \$900 for repairs to our primary campus and give a lot of people an incredible Thanksgiving holiday! Call Phyllis Raine – 773-728-2330.

**Coat Drive:** Please bring your gently used coats to the donation box in the vestibule of the church November 13-14. All donations benefit Care for Real, 6044 N Broadway. Contact Gail Dobseski at 773-849-9173. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Friendship Club** ~ will meet on Thursday, November 11 at noon for pot luck luncheon and white elephant. Please bring a dish to pass and wrapped gift for the white elephant game. Call Judy Diaz at 773-334-1507.

**Good Books:** Join in the discussion on Monday November 8 at 7:30pm in the rectory for *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. It spans a period of over 60 years and takes readers from Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe to present day Brighton Beach.  Questions? Contact Mary Grover at 773-338-3564.

**Nonviolent Living:** Building a Culture of Peace: Exploring The Transforming Power of Gospel Nonviolence In Our Lives, Our Families, Our Church, Our Community, and Our World Presented by Ken Butigan. Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service and Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies on Wednesday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7-9pm in the social hall. (No charge. A free will offering will be taken.)

**Poetry Pilgrims:** There's still something about Emily! Meet on Monday November 15 at 7:30pm in the rectory to read more poems by and about Emily Dickinson. Why do we love her so much? And how did this reclusive poet become so influential? And we'll add a couple of poems by a totally unrelated modern poet, just to mix things up. All are welcome. Contact Mary Grover at 773-338-3564.

**The St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast** ~ is fast approaching the weekend of December 4 and 5! We hope you can join in this annual tradition of our parish – get into the Christmas spirit while meeting friends, shopping, enjoying a delicious pancake breakfast after all Sunday Masses, and watching children open their hearts as they find or make the perfect gifts! There will be white elephant treasures, exciting raffles, a visit from Santa, and more. To make this weekend a success, we need your help and here's how::



**\*\*DONATE** ~ gently used items for our white elephant table. Bring items to the rectory ASAP.

**\*\*VOLUNTEER** ~ your time in an area that fits your time and interests – Friday night set up, concessions, raffle sales, kids' arts and crafts, Sunday cleanup, and more! Contact Leigh Holzman (773)743-6277 or lholzman@ncaweb.org to offer your time/talent.

**\*\*BE A COORDINATOR** ~ of concessions or raffle. Much of these duties are already planned out, we just need someone willing to take a leadership role. If interested, contact Mary McCormick at mwmccormick@sbcglobal.net.

**Brass and Woodwind Ensemble Forming** ~ to entertain the festive diners at the parish Christmas Bazaar's Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 5. We invite you to pull out your dusty horn, your rusty reed, and join us in our merry music-making! Contact Peter Buttitta at the rectory for details, 773-764-3621, stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net.

**2010 Parish Photo Directory Distribution:** Our 2010 parish photo directories are on the way! We will distribute the directories at all the masses Saturday and Sunday November 13 and 14. There is one free directory for every parish household that had their picture taken. Directories may be purchased at the rectory after the initial distribution.

**Broadway Cellars Give Back Saturday** ~ November 20, the third Saturday of the month, Broadway Cellars, 5900 N. Broadway, donates 10% of the lunch and dinner revenues to St. Gertrude. For reservations call 773-944-1208.

## School News and Activities

### NCA Thanks a Generous Donor

Through our Legacy of Faith campaign, NCA received a very generous donation from Mr. Bernie Beazley. Although his donation didn't directly purchase our new NCA bus, it helped us have the financial stability to do so. In recognition of his generosity, we named the new bus the "Beazley Bus." In a recent celebration, the whole school was able to show Mr. Beazley their appreciation. The children sang songs and cheered in his honor. Sabrina Odigie, our student council president, gave an impressive speech. Father Grassi blessed the bus.

Mr. Beazley was touched by the dedication ceremony, the small gifts we gave him, and the respectful behavior of our students. Everyone who attended the event was thoroughly impressed by the students' behavior. They were so respectful, polite, and happy. Please keep Mr. and Mrs. Beazley in your prayers as well as all our students and staff. What a promising future we have with the future leaders that attend our school who are able to reach their fullest potential because of support of people like the Beazleys.



**Scholastic Book Fair at NCA:** Come on by after mass on Sunday, November 21 and visit the Fall Scholastic Book Fair at NCA. Choose from many great new titles. Pick out a new novel for your children or a special gift for a friend. The fair is located in the school cafeteria, and is open from 10am to 1pm.

The book fair will also be open during school conferences on Tuesday, November 23, from 11am to 8pm. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. See you at the Book Fair!

## Community News and Activities

**Vatican II: Why It Matters Now:** Bob McClory will speak to the issue on Tuesday, November 9, 7pm, St. Nicholas Oldershaw Hall, 1800 Washington Street, Evanston. "In this overview we will look at what was achieved and especially at the undercurrent issues that are as alive today as they were in the early 1960's, affecting the way we Catholics think, act and pray." McClory is a parishioner of St. Nicholas and author of *Radical Disciple: Father Pflieger, St. Sabina Church, and the Fight for Social Justice*. Call 847-328-7610 for details.

**World AIDS Day Prayer Service:** December 1 is internationally recognized as World AIDS Day, a day to raise awareness, remember those who have passed on, and to celebrate victories. This year, Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House will join St. Joseph Parish for a World AIDS Day ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 1 at 6pm at St Joseph Parish at 1100 N. Orleans. Help bring the community together for this day. Please visit: [bonaventurehouse.org/WorldAIDSDay2010Chicago](http://bonaventurehouse.org/WorldAIDSDay2010Chicago). Or Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House, 825 W. Wellington Ave.

**Fall Leaf Raking:** Rep. Harry Osterman's leaf raking program will take place on Thursday November 11, (Veteran's Day – a national holiday). If an area senior or disabled homeowner is interested, contact Jerry at the district office at 773-784-2002 or via email to [jerrygoodman14@gmail.com](mailto:jerrygoodman14@gmail.com). (You do not need to be home at the time of the event.)



**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](http://www.northsidecatholic.org)

### Our Parish at Prayer

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am Finance Committee  
9:00am Mary Ellen Maloney †

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00am Spirituality and Liturgy Committee  
9:00am Michael Walsh †

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00am Linda Myers †  
9:00am Altar Servers

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00am *Communion Service* ~  
Art and Environment Committee  
9:00am *Communion Service* ~ Chief A. Mbanu †

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00am Jacqueline Kidanu †  
9:00am Pastoral Council

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00am Pedro Miranda †  
5:00pm George Cenar Sr †

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Annaree Suess †  
9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)* ~  
The Family of St. Gertrude †  
10:00am Aileen D'Elia †  
10:30am Joseph Cardinal Bernardin †  
11:30am Tassone-Emanule-Pitaro Families †

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

### Altar Servers

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00am Adam Glueckert, Genevieve Glueckert,  
Sarah Dundas-Gulley  
11:30am Randolph Cruz, Lauren Elue, Jonathan Elue

### Lectors

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

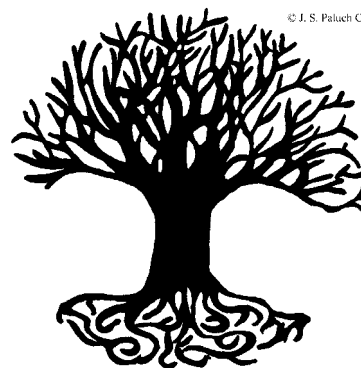
5:00pm Michelle Kuehlhorn, Mary Ellen Thomas

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Jay Cook, Mark Kollar  
10:00am Rafael Melendez, Ruth Ott  
11:30am Elizabeth Hartman, Elizabeth Sterling

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22 or  
any readings from the Common of the  
Dedication of a Church, nos. 701-706  
**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8  
**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98;  
2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



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God is God of the living

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:00pm Mary Ellen Thomas, Michelle Kuehlhorn,  
Helen Banta, Kathleen Dawson,  
Peggy Dawson

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Hallie Burhoe, Ann Bushelon, Barb Daly,  
Peter Morin, Don Nydereck, Chris Phillips,  
Paula Rodriguez  
10:00am Elizabeth Kendall, Bob Dwyer,  
Andrew Dwyer, Gail Smith, Linda Orellana,  
Beth Nelson, Laurie Hasbrook  
11:30am Debra Kite, Karen Griebel, Lina Peon,  
Bernard Ndiwe, Mary Pat Hartung,

### Greeters

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:00pm Eileen Schragar, Cathie Moorhous

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

## Financial Highlights

### Give Central – Electronic Giving

#### Benefits for parishioners

- Offers a convenient way to give
- Simplifies making and fulfilling stewardship commitments
- Strengthens participation in the ministry of the church
- Gives priority to giving to God
- Especially helpful for givers who can't be in church each week

#### Benefits for the parish

- Increases contributions
- Steadies cash flow
- Reduces borrowing or dipping into reserves
- Helps forecasting contributions
- Reduces work for volunteers and office staff
- Is secure, accurate, efficient

If you would like to learn more about electronic giving please visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) or speak to Marge Butzen: 773-764-3621. Thank you.

## Milestones

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.



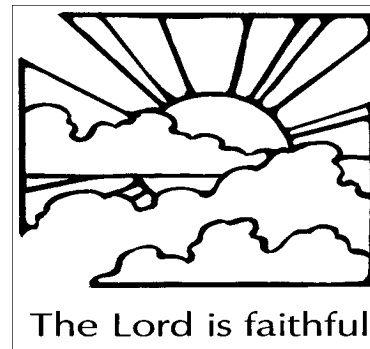
#### New Parishioners

Kipton and Regina Roderick and their son, Oliver



May they rest in peace...

Rosemary Craig  
Carl Goeltenbodt



## 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](mailto: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.