

St. Gertrude

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Egyptian protester exerts love force against military might

Nonviolent Living: Building a culture of peace

Lent begins this Wednesday, and as a way to launch ourselves into the 40 days of Prayer, Fasting, and the Doing of Justice, we offer this retreat for your consideration -- *Nonviolent Living: Building a Culture of Peace*. We will hear inspiring stories of the creative ways ordinary people have responded to violence of all kinds -- from physical abuse and gun violence to angry emails -- and imagine new ways to respond to such violence in the future. Not for committed peace activists only, every person will come away from this retreat energized, enthusiastic and with a new set of lenses through which to view the world, not to mention some new vocabulary words (ever heard of the "magical circle of immunity" or "the two hands of non-violence?"). Retreat guide Ken Butigan is a dynamic, inspiring speaker, storyteller, writer and life-long activist who is currently serving as director of *Pace e Bene Nonviolent Services*. Join him this Friday & Saturday as we, together, revive our commitment to respond creatively and nonviolently to every challenge of life.

Friday, March 11, 7-9pm, Saturday, March 12, 9am-4pm, in the Social Hall

From Father Grassi

Reflections on the Year of the Table as we approach Lent.

Last Saturday night our neighborhood, where we live and play and shop and worship, looked more like Tripoli than Edgewater. Police sirens and flashing lights, closed streets and a crashed vehicle, gunshots cracking in the nights. There were reports of throats slashed, a police officer shot and a suspect killed. Drugs were involved. People talked about it after Mass on Sunday and throughout the week. A neighborhood community meeting was held at the aldermanic office. It made the nightly news. There is fear and shock and anger. On Wednesday of this week we will come together around the table and signal the start of the season of Lent by having ashes placed on our foreheads. “Repent” we will be told. “Remember” we will be asked. The sinfulness that is part of who we are as individuals has also become part of our collective sinfulness. We are not murderers. We are not drug dealers. But we are part of a society that has become fertile soil for such violence. Perhaps that is why the fear runs deeper than we might be willing to admit. It tears us apart from the unknown others and isolates us. That is precisely why it is important to gather around the altar during Lent and hold on tight to each other. Fed at the table, we will find strength unencumbered by the weight of our own sinfulness that we help each other cast off to carry our God with us to the darkest corners of Edgewater and not just demand but actually be the catalysts for the change that our faith tells us will come in the Resurrection experience of Easter. Lent is the opportunity you and I, we, need to make this happen. And around the table of our God is where it begins over and over again.

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For your Lenten Reflections

Several people have requested that we continue to offer a list of readings, websites and other means to inspire reflections and prayers during this upcoming Lenten Season. Here are some excellent sources for you:

Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent. Richard Rohr. (St Anthony Messenger Press, 2010) Everyone’s favorite Franciscan, Richard Rohr has many CD’s and other books available. Dick Westley also recommends Rohr’s ***The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*** (Crossroad Publishing, 2009) ***Field of Compassion: How the New Cosmology is Transforming Spiritual Life*** (Sorin Books, South Bend, IN, 2010)

Called to be Sent: Co-missioned as Disciples Today by Catholic Theological Union Professor Anthony J. Gittins (Liguroi MO, Ligouri Press 2008). A readable book for everyone regarding what is discipleship and how we are all called and sent.

For the novel reader, we can think of no better author than Marilynne Robinson. Either of her two novels, ***Home*** (2008) or ***Gilead*** (2004) are treasures.

Online, The Faithful of Southern Illinois put out scripture reflections of a special pastor, Roger Karban and also commentaries by Notre Dame Theology Professor Richard McBrien. Read their reflections and commentaries at www.fosionline.com

For movie viewing and reflection, we heartily recommend the following movie DVDs, ***Millions*** by director Danny Boyle (2005) Heartwarming story about the kingdom of God. ***Groundhog Day***, by director Harold Ramis (1993), about how we can break through our crazy lives to include compassion, creativity and love. ***Little Buddha***, directed by Bernardo Bertolucci (1993) Uplifting story ***As It Is In Heaven*** directed by Kay Pollack (2004) about an international conductor who interrupts his career to go home to his village.

The ***Growing in Faith*** Bulletin Planning Committee

Spotlight

Lent begins with Ashes, Wednesday, March 9

Masses 7am, 9am, 7pm

Ashes will be distributed during each mass, and from 6pm to 7pm, in church

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

God doesn't need our fasting, but we do. Fasting contributes to our spiritual life by creating moments of awareness – time to reflect on our perception of what we lack and what we seek to fill ourselves up. Our most common fast is from food, as we let physical hunger teach us about the cravings of our spirit for honesty, forgiveness and a sense of belonging. Fasting can also heighten our sense of solidarity with the hungry half of the world, inspiring in us acts of compassion. This year, the guidelines for fasting are:

- ▶ Abstinence from meat by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence from all festive foods is encouraged on every day of Lent as part of the common discipline of this holy season.

- ▶ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are at least 18 years of age but not yet 60. The fast allows only one full meal per day and two smaller meals if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals should be avoided.

- ▶ Solidarity: We invite you to fast from at least one meal each Wednesday for world harmony (and if you are able, to break-fast together at the Simple Supper that evening).

- ▶ Fast from things that kill relationships: grudges and gossip, deceit and [your favorite here].

May our Lenten fasting develop a taste in us for goodness: *Releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.*~Isaiah 58

Calendar Notes

This Weeks's Activities

Wednesday, March 9 ~ Ash Wednesday
7pm Mass

Friday, March 4
2:45pm ~ Stations of the Cross in church

Save the Date

Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12
Nonviolent Living Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time Begins ~
set clocks forward

10am Mass ~ RCIA Rite of Sending

Friday, March 18

6pm ~ WOW Pasta Dinner ~ Social Hall

Monday, March 21

NCA Spring break begins

Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26

Parish Play

Parish News

Stations of the Cross begin Friday ~ and each Friday during Lent at 2:45pm in Church. *However on Friday April 1, stations will be at 7pm.*

The Friendship Club ~ will have a Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 10. The day will begin with Mass at 9am. If you plan to attend, please call Judy Diaz at 773-334-1507 and make a reservation. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 7. Hope to see you there!

Nonviolent Living: A Lenten Retreat - As a companion event to our Advent workshop, we will offer an extended reflection on the spirituality of nonviolence as taught and practiced by Jesus, Gandhi, King and the Catholic Worker. Plan now to join us: March 11 and 12; Friday, 7-9pm, Saturday, 9am to 4pm. Call Jim Manzardo at 773-743-4632, or Peter Buttitta at 773-764-3621.

Good Books: "Women hold up half the sky." is the epigraph for the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDun. The authors, *New York Times* columnist Kristof and his wife, have combined individual women's stories and practical advice, arguing that the most effective way to fight global poverty is to unleash the potential of women. All are welcome to meet Monday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in the rectory. Contact Mary Grover at (773) 338-3564.



Broadway Cellars Give Back Saturday ~ March 19, the third Saturday of the month, Broadway Cellars (5900 N. Broadway) donates 10% of the lunch and dinner revenues to St. Gertrude. Enjoy lunch or dinner with friends, family, fellow parishioners and help support the parish. For reservations call 773-944-1208.

2012 Mass Book Opened: Tuesday, March 1: The 2012 Mass book of mass intentions is now open. The stipend for a Mass remains at \$15.

Heart to Heart: Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of some older adults in our community? Heart to Heart is offering an opportunity for you to volunteer to drive older adults to either the 11:30 a.m. Sunday mass or the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass. Please call Mary Ann or Brenda at 773-973-5464.

Parish Play: The parish play, *A Royal Coup* will be presented on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 p.m. in the gym. Tickets for this family-friendly show are \$10/adult, \$5/child and seniors, and will be available from the cast members, at the rectory after March 11, as well as at the door on the nights of the show. Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment featuring your fellow parishioners and neighbors.



WOW Spaghetti Dinner: SAVE THE DATE! Friday, March 18, 6 to 8pm for a fabulous pasta dinner hosted by the WOW Youth Group and their families. All proceeds will help pay expenses of their Mission Trip to Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota this summer. All are welcome! Further details will be in next week's bulletin. Please join us.

Special Meeting for Parents of Teenagers

Sometimes there are things that happen in our lives that we need to talk about.

Fr. Grassi's next informal gathering and discussion will be on
Tuesday, March 8

Teenagers: It Isn't Easy Being Their Parent.
Plan to meet at 7pm in the rectory.

Limited to the first 12 people
who RSVP to 773-764-3621.

School News and Activities



Share the Wealth! Help NCA with its “Taste the Wealth” Ticket Sales

Organizers of the 6th annual school fundraiser, *A Taste for NCA 2011*, have launched ticket sales for the “Taste the Wealth” Grand Raffle, and we need your help! Volunteer to sell tickets at school basketball games or after Mass at each of our six parishes. Or purchase tickets for the chance to win \$5,000.

Grand Raffle tickets are \$20 each, or six for \$100, with money going toward enabling wireless Internet access at both NCA campuses. For more details, contact Joel or Jill Sullivan at joeljill@comcast.net or 773.381.7424.

For more information about *A Taste for NCA 2011*, held on Saturday, May 7 at Misericordia beginning at 5 p.m., follow our link at the NCA website, www.northsidecatholic.org or contact co-chairs Meg Hogan, hogan1103@comcast.net, 773.262.7893 or Maggie Wrenn, maggiewrenn@att.net, 312.501.1747.

*Many thanks to our Grand Raffle sponsor,
Weiss Memorial Hospital.*



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

Community News and Activities

The Edgewater Community Council’s Environmental Sustainability Project will be holding a Forum at the Edgewater Library, Elmdale and Broadway, Thursday, March 10th, 6:30-7:30 pm. At the forum, they will discuss some of the toxic substances we are all exposed to on a daily basis, which ones that perhaps we should worry about, which ones we might not need to be as concerned about, and how you can decide. Edgewater Community Council’s Sustainability Project. Contact Allen Stryczek at 773-973-3637.

Divine Savior Parish ~ is hosting a Day of Reflection for women. The topic is “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World”. Participants will look at the story of Martha and Mary and learn how we can integrate the gifts of both women in our daily lives. The presenter is Sr. Jean McLoughlin, SSND. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch. It will be on Saturday, March 26 from 10am—3pm, 7740 W. Montrose in Norridge. For information or to register, please contact Kathy Novak at atknovakamssnd.org or 708-583-2404.

Loyola University Chicago, Institute of Pastoral Ministry (IPS) offers:

Chaplaincy for Lay People. IPS is sponsoring a workshop on the Chaplaincy Certification Process on Saturday, March 19, 9am—5pm (cost \$150, includes breakfast and lunch). Contact Susann Ozuk at 312-915-7400 or sozuk@luc.edu

Thinking about Ministry? If you think you are being called to deepen your faith and devote more of your time and energy to the many ways of ministry, there will be an Open House on Saturday, April 9, 9am – noon at Loyola’s Downtown Campus (25 E. Perason, Kasbeer Hall, 15th floor). To register, contact Ryan Hoffman 312-915-7484 or rhoffm4@luc.edu



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:00am Kay Buus †
9:00am Mary Lou O'Toole †

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

7:00am Ellen Cain †
9:00am Helen M. Schmidt †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 ~ *Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Bernadine Coletti †
9:00am NCA Children's Mass ~
Patrick and Agnes O'Malley †
7:00pm Victims of Violence †

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am *Communion Service* ~ Marie Cosgrove †
9:00am *Communion Service* ~
Matthew Huddlestun †

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am The Connery Family †
9:00am Ellen Joyce ~ *25th Anniversary* †

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00am The Family of St. Gertrude †
5:00pm Jeanette Poskocim †

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 (*Daylight Savings Time Begins*)

8:00am Joseph Michael Heaton †
9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)* ~
The Family of St. Gertrude †
10:00am Ken McCurry †
10:30am Pat Conway †
11:30am Strubbe-Galoney Family †

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

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00pm Cailey Nolan, Katie O'Donoghue,
Veronica Madell

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

10:00am Emma Ellis, Eileen Lamble, Elizabeth Dwyer
11:30am Randolph Cruz, Lauren Elue, Jonathan Elue

Lectors

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00pm Clarisse Croteau-Chonka, Mary Ellen Thomas

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00am Kathy Osberger, Jacalyn Meintz
10:00am Sara Miller, Brad Danna Mulick
11:30am Elizabeth Hartman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: I s 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Songs for March 5 and 6, 2011

Prelude: #305 ~ Our God Is Here
Psalm: #772 ~ Father I Put M Life
in Your Hands
Offertory: *** Take O Take Me as I Am
Communion: #442 ~ On Eagles Wings
Recessional: #437 ~ Amazing Grace

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Joan and Tim Harrington,
Mary Cook, Mary Ellen Thomas

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:00am Roman Reyes, Paula Rodriguez,
Charles Shaw, Mary Wyler, Mary Stachura,
Lisa Kelly, Donald Nyderek
10:00am Ruth Ott, Karen Gianos, Mary Dolan,
Theresa Resch, Tony Myers, Eileen Quinlan,
Rose Marie Anichini
11:30am Karen Giebel, Elizabeth Hartman,
Bill Mitchell, Anthony Long, Lindsay Nathan,
Chris Lincoln

Greeters

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:00pm Eileen Schrage, Cathie Moorhous

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

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

Financial Highlights

St. Gertrude Building Fund

Your outpouring of generosity for our building fund was incredible. To date we have over \$42,000 plus the promise of several stock donations. Much needed building repairs will be completed this fiscal year without depleting our savings. And, Father Grassi will not have to spend another winter shivering under blankets and watching his breath crystallize before his eyes! But, most importantly, St. Gertrude will continue to be home to all the wonderful ministries, programs, informal gatherings and journeys of faith. If you would still like to make a donation to the building fund you may do so by using an envelope at the back of church or by contacting Marge Butzen at the rectory, 773-764-3621.

100% of all donations to the building fund stay within the parish and are used specifically for the building repairs.

Milestones

If you have been attending Mass and other activities at St. Gertrude and have been thinking of becoming a member of our parish community, please consider registering. Just ask for the simple, one page registration form from one of the greeters after all the Sunday masses or at the rectory, 1420 W. Granville. Remember...membership has its privileges and its graces! Come join us!



Newly Baptized

Olivia Edita Guimbao, daughter of
Brian Guimbao and Melinda Ramos
Elaine Patricia Reyes, daughter of
Eric Reyes and Rebecca Maughan

New Parishioners

Gregory and Margaret Wojcicki and
their son George
Brian and Victoia Szubinski

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Dr. 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, Minister of First Impressions

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 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 773-761-4164, 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 MASSAGE THERAPY

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy, spiritual direction or massage 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

MASSAGE THERAPY –

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

SUPPORT GROUPS ...

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

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

Open AA - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center, and

Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

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.