

*St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church*  
*Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
*July 8, 2018*



Many who heard Jesus were astonished.  
They said,  
"Where did this man get all this?  
Is he not the carpenter,  
the son of Mary?"  
Mark 6:2,3

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass

**DAILY MASSES & DEVOTION**

8:00 AM - Chapel Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM, Sunday: 8:45-9:15 AM  
or by appointment

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil: 7:00 PM, Holy Day: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

**BAPTISM**

All first time parents and godparents must attend a Baptism seminar prior to the birth of their child. Only Confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church may be godparents. Please call the parish to make arrangements for the Baptism. Baptisms are by appointment.

**WEDDINGS**

Before making any arrangements, please contact the parish priest at least six (6) months before the proposed wedding date to begin the required preparation process.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK**

Please notify Fr. Ryan when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Fr. Ryan should be notified as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"**

Journey Song Book: 988

Missalette: Pg. 62

Communion Chant: Pg. 94

**Sanctuary Lamp July 9th - 15th, 2018**

For the repose of the souls of:

**Church:** Nolan "Black" Triche & Shirley Toner

**Chapel:** Early Plaisance & Mrs. Alta Matherne

**Church Care: July 2018**

Elizabeth Denham & Janet Theriot



**Church Support**

July 1st, 2018 - To be announced due to early bulletin deadline.

Thank you for supporting your church!



# Mass for the Week

## Tuesday, July 10

**8:00 AM:** For all Deceased Priests of St. Gertrude

## Wednesday, July 11

**8:00 AM:** Joe, Mildred & Karen Fambrough

## Thursday, July 12

**8:00 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr.

## Friday, July 13

**8:00 AM:** For all Deceased Priests of St. Gertrude

## Saturday, July 14

**4:30 PM:** Nolan "Black" Triche, Alice Matherne, Barbara Mongrue, Betty & Hugh "Nunnie" Dufrene, Alta Matherne, Gina Chiasson, Paul Candies, Sr., Charles Folsie Jr. & Edith Folsie, Charles Folsie, Sr. & Lily Folsie Dubea, Martin, Theresa & Dennis Dufrene, Arthur & Bernice LeBlanc, Randolph Naquin, Sr., Caliste Naquin & Family, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Norton "Teeny" Tregle, Richard V. Martindale, Sr., Debbie M. Tregle, Landry B. Tregle, Sr., Rosemary L. Tregle, Landry "Poucky" Tregle, Jr., Nel Folsie, Jr., Adlar Tregle, Sr., Alana Nadine Martindale & Harold L. Martindale

## Sunday, July 15

**9:30 AM** Kenneth, Theresa & Jeanne Somme', Aline Dufrene, All Parishioners of St. Gertrude

**6:00 PM:** Eugene Cunningham

*Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or life challenges.*



Brooklyn Ainsworth, Mary Andrus, Rhett Arceneaux, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Robert Breaux, Sr., Rory Carlos, Robin Chauvin, Richard Chiasson, Leonce "Tut" Clement, Murphy Comardelle, Angelle Cortez, Ben Cortez, Jr., Esma Cortez, Marc Denham, Clarabelle Dufrene, Rita Dufrene, Darren Duplantis, Kayla Folsie, Edward "ToJoe" Fonseca, Ronnie Gautreaux, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Azalie Guillot, Peggy Holmes, Raymond Hood, Edith Hotard, George Landeche, Albert "Punk" Laque, Natalie Lavelle, Allie LeBlanc, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Lee Montgomery, Eugene Morales, Jr., Brandy Naquin, Mike O' Daniels, Howard Peltier, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Dorothy Portera, Aaron Robicheux, Nicholas Rose, Christine Sachitano, Kathy R. Savoie, Lori Schaubhut, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Adlar Tregle, Anita Tregle, Gale Touchard, Nicole Veillon, Loretta S. Vial, Lynelle Whipple, Timmy Zeringue

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.*

*Please call the rectory to add or update your family member's names.*

### Banns of Marriage

Emily Nicole Pellerin  
Dallas Joseph Landry



## Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday July 14th 4:30 PM	Sunday July 15th 9:30 AM	Sunday July 15th 6:00 PM
Lector	Justy Cortez	Aurora Romero	Angelina Sanders
Eucharist Minister	Randy Matherne Mindi Punch Christine Soto-Dufrene	<b>Melanie Triche</b> Gerald Dufrene Opal Dufrene	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Hospitality	Tyler Matherne Volunteer	Zack Zeringue Volunteer	Volunteers

**Sunday, July 8th, 2018  
Weekly Bingo!**



Our weekly bingo will be Sunday, July 8th, at 2 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center. Doors will open at 1 PM. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun while supporting your Church.

**Saturday & Sunday, July 7th & 8th, 2018  
2nd Collection**

There will be a second collection for the Maintenance of our Parish net weekend, July 7th and 8th. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**Wednesday, July 18th, 2018  
Second Harvest**

St. John's Ministry of Care will be distributing food for the needy at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Paradise next Wednesday, July 18th, from 8 AM to 12 PM.

**Thursday, July 19th, 2018  
Senior Luncheon & Bingo**




St. John's monthly Senior Luncheon & Bingo will be held next Thursday, July 19th. Doors open at 11 AM. Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church for any senior interested in attending.

**Thursday, July 19th, 2018  
Pastoral Council Meeting**

The Pastoral Council will meet next Thursday, July 19th, at 7 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**M-F July 16-20th, 9-12:00 PM  
Pre-K—Grade 8, \$20 per family**



**Earthkeepers**  
Adventures for Creation Care Kids

Earthkeepers Vacation Bible camp helps kids explore how to care for all of God's creation. It is based on Pope Francis' encyclical and it includes engaging Bible Stories, catchy songs and dances, fun games, creative activities, yummy snacks, compelling stories, amazing crafts. The last day will include water slide and other water games. Bring a hat and a spirit filled of learning.

**Health Announcement**

Spiritual health is the main message of our Faith. However, physical health is also very important. Rightway Imaging will be visiting St. Gertrude next weekend July 14th & 15th after mass to permit parishioners to prearrange a date for July from 10 AM to 6 PM.

The cost of the total package is \$159.00. All information will be sent to your physician. This is a very inexpensive way to have this medical examination performed.

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*A thorn in the flesh . . . (2 Corinthians 12:7)*

Many theologians have guessed as to what Paul was referring to. Some say it was something physical like a chronic eye problem, migraines, or a speech impediment. Some say Paul was talking about temptations from the devil. Still others say Paul was referring to those "false apostles" who do a "great deal of harm" (2 Corinthians 11:13; 2 Timothy 4:14). Whatever it was, this "thorn" caused Paul a great deal of distress.

Now, compared to last Sunday's Gospel, which told us that Jesus heals people who have faith in him, today's reading tells us that even people who have great faith are not always healed. Paul had great faith, and he begged the Lord to deliver him, but the thorn remained.

Let this sink in for a moment: Paul the miracle worker, a man through whom people were healed just by touching his clothes, was himself not healed (Acts 19:12). Clearly, healing is a mystery that we cannot fully understand.

But here is what we can understand: God, our heavenly Father, knows us intimately (Jeremiah 1:5). He knows why Paul was not healed of this thorn. He knows why Francis of Assisi was not healed of his eye disease. He knows why some of our loved ones continue to suffer as well.

God knows all of the thorns in our lives—spiritual, emotional, and physical—and he knows the plans he has for our lives. In many cases, we won't find the answers to these mysteries until we are united with the Lord in heaven. But that doesn't mean we should lose our faith. If anything, these mysteries should deepen it! Sometimes, the only answer is to pray for courage, resiliency, and steadfastness. Sometimes, the only answer we have is to trust God and have faith in "what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

This is exactly what Paul did. He trusted that God's grace would be sufficient for him. And it was sufficient—just as it can be for all of us.

***"Lord, help me to deal with the thorns in my life. Jesus, I surrender them to you."***

**Religious Education Registration**

Enrollment for our 2018-2019 Religious Education Program is now open! Forms can be found in the main entrance of the church and dropped in the collection or at the church rectory. If you feel that you are being called to share your faith with our children as a Religious Education Teacher, please contact the rectory at (985) 758-7542.

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