

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

JULY
29
2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Andrew said to Jesus,
"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"
John 6:8-9

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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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "B"

Journey Song Book: 997
Missalette: Pg. 68
Communion Chant: Pg. 94

Sanctuary Lamp July 30th - August 5th, 2018

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Morris Matherne
Chapel: Gordon Hotard

Church Care: August 2018

Lynne Pickett & Nancy Dowouis



Church Support

July 21st & 22nd, 2018 - \$2,731.46

Thank you for supporting your church!

Mass for the Week

Tuesday, July 31

8:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Schaubhut, Sr.

Wednesday, August 1

8:00 AM: All deceased Priests of St. Gertrude

Thursday, August 2

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Friday, August 3

8:00 AM: All deceased Priests of St. Gertrude

Saturday, August 4

4:30 PM: Mary Lou & James Lewis, Jeanette & Leopole Becnel, Ecton Plaisance, Jr., All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, August 5

9:30 AM: Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Donald J. Gautreaux, Sr., Leon A. Buras, Torey Jayne Buras, Edward L. Buras, III, Clayton Buras, Jr., Robin B. Whalen, Leon Bertucci, Dawson, Jacob & Aiden Neff, Lester & Alice Matherne, Earl & Anthony Danos, Mr. & Mrs. Whitney Naquin, Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Dufrene, Mr. & Mrs. Caliste Naquin, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Paul Candies, Sr., Floyd & Alice Folsie, Wayne & Ethel Hotard, Rene Laurent, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Kenneth, Theresa & Jeanne Somme', Aline Dufrene, Waitus W. Denham, Sr.

6:00 PM: For all deceased parishioners of St. Gertrude

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



Brooklyn Ainsworth, Mary Andrus, Margaret Antil, 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., Kaylene Murphy, Mike O' Daniels, Dee Parquet, Howard Peltier, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Dorothy Portera, Aaron Robicheux, Maria Rodriguez, Nicholas Rose, Christine Sachitano, Kathy R. Savoie, Lori Schaubhut, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Elaine Templet, 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.

We welcome all visitors & newcomers to St. Gertrude Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Registration forms can be found in the main entrance of the Church.



Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday August 4th 4:30 PM	Sunday August 5th 9:30 AM	Sunday August 5th 6:00 PM
Lector	Aurora Romero	Candy Ford	Angelina Sanders
Eucharist Minister	Lynne Pickett Sherry Folsie Sydney Dupont	Tommy Mahan Berdie Mahan Christine Soto-Dufrene	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Donna Hinrichs
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Hospitality	Tyler Matherne Randy Matherne	P.J. Zeringue Volunteer	Volunteers

**Sunday, July 29, 2018
Weekly Bingo!**



Come out and join us for our weekly bingo this Sunday, July 29th. Bingo begins at 2 PM and our doors open at 1 PM. No need to prepare lunch. We are now serving delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and chili, nachos and Frito pies. There are a variety of sweets to choose from also. Thank you for supporting our Bingo and St. Gertrude Church!

**Tuesday, July 31st, 2018
Blessing of the Fleet**



There will be a Blessing of the Fleet Meeting this Tuesday, July 31st, at 6:30 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center. This meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend.

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Ladies Altar Society**



The Ladies Altar Society will meet for their monthly meeting and pot-luck dinner this Wednesday, August 1st, at 6:30 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center. New members are welcome.

**Saturday-Sunday, August 4th & 5th
Second Collection for Maintenance**



There will be a second collection at all masses next weekend, August 4th & 5th, for the maintenance of our Church Parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**Sunday, August 5th
Donut Sunday**



Please join us for our monthly coffee and donuts presented by our Religious Education Program next Sunday, August 5th following the 9:30 AM Mass. Plan to stop by for a visit and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a tasty donut!

Earthkeeper Bible Camp

I would like to congratulate everyone on a fine bible camp and thank everyone that volunteered and assisted Sr. Marie Rose and Sr. Kim. This bible camp would not have been possible without your kind generosity.

Fr. John Ryan

Ladies Altar Society

Our purpose is to promote true Christian Charity, the love of God, and our neighbor, and Christian family life. We take care of and supply the immediate needs of the altar and sacristy. This includes the altar wine and hosts, care and cleaning of the vestments, server robes, purificators, and altar linens, candles, flowers, and other furnishings.

The LAS members meet monthly and begin in prayer for those who are in need in our community. The members share in a meal together, followed by fellowship and conclude in planning events to raise funds to pay for items needed for our church altar. St. Gertrude LAS sponsors a beautiful St. Joseph's Altar yearly and proceeds from this event are used to care for families who are in need in our community.

The LAS meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing. (John 6:2)

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word "sign." In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1-11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12-21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus' cross and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn't let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes!

Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle and how important it is for us. He'll tell us that this multiplied bread points to the true Bread of Life—his own Eucharistic flesh, which he will give "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). He'll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (6:32). And best of all, he'll promise to raise up "on the last day" everyone who eats this bread with faith and trust in him (6:54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with his very life, and after this life, he promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is!

Today is a perfect day to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life offered at Mass, and thank him for everything he has promised you. It's also a perfect day to tell him that you want to keep following him so that you can receive each and every blessing he has in store for you.

"Thank you, Jesus, for giving us your Bread of Life!"



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. **A CCD Registration Day has been scheduled for Monday, August 6th, from 6-8 PM in the CCD Building.** 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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