

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

FIRST SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockerow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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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: 9:00 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.

First Week of Advent - "C"
Journey Song Book: 880
Missalette: Pg. 18
Communion Chant: Pg. 100

Sanctuary Lamp December 3rd - 9th, 2018

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Alaina Arnold

Chapel: For all deceased Priests of St. Gertrude



Church Care: December

Julie Breaux & Elaine Deroche



Church Support

November 17th & 18th, 2018 - \$2,149.50
November 24th & 25th, 2018 - \$1,729.00



Thank you for supporting your church!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 4th

8:00 AM: For all deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude

Wednesday, December 5th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Alaina Arnold

Thursday, December 6th

8:00 AM: For all deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude

Friday, December 7th

8:00 AM: Clementine Dufrene

7:00 PM: Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Bridget Ryan, Lance Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunk, Beulah, Alvin & Lester Hebert, Bobby, Dickie & Ricky Bergeron, Arthur Bergeron Family, & Irene Aucoin and for all Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Saturday, December 8th

9:00 AM: Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation - For all Parishioners Of St. Gertrude

4:30 PM: Sue & Chad Champagne, Randolph Naquin, Sr., Caliste Naquin Family, Wilson Cantrelle Family, Lawrence, Betty & Irene Loupe, Eugene Cunningham, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Dorothy & Percy DeJean, Sr., Percy "Toot" DeJean, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Schaubhut, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Loupe, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles Matherne, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Schaubhut, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Louis Durapau, Mr. & Mrs. Anice Loupe, Amanda Schaubhut, Allyson Picou, Mr. & Mrs. Jean Louis Guiffier and Cerene Matherne

Sunday, December 9th

9:30 AM: John Matherne, Edward Tregle, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Whitney Naquin, Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Dufrene, Mr. & Mrs. Caliste Naquin, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Roy & Bessie Touchard, Paul Candies, Sr., Stanley Folse, Janet Folse, Elaine Folse Tregre, Remi Vicknair, Helen Vicknair, Kenneth, Theresa, & Jeanne Somme' and Aline Dufrene

6:00 PM: For all deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

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



Amanda Ainsworth, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Karen Alexander Bass, Jarvis Barrios, Alden Baudion, Stephanie Branson, Robert Breaux, Sr., Alan Brunet, Rory Carlos, Rick Carone, Richard Chiasson, Murphy Comardelle, Angelle Cortez, Ben Cortez, Jr., Esma Cortez, Tammy Crochet, Marc Denham, Clarabelle Dufrene, Rita Dufrene, Darren Duplantis, Autumn Ford, Edward "ToJoe" Fonseca, Ronnie Gautreaux, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Azalie Guillot, Raymond Hood, Adrain Hotard, Edith Hotard, Wilton "Bud" Hue, Jr., George Landeche, Natalie Lavelle, Carolyn & Mike Leicher, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Arlene Loupe, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Lee Montgomery, Kaylene Murphy, Alexa Naquin, Nikki Naquin, Mike O' Daniels, Shae Ortalanto, Howard Peltier, Jeff Penton, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Nelton Rodrigue, Donald Rome, Ronnette Rome, Nicholas Rose, Christine Sachitano, Kathy R. Savoie, Lori Schaubhut, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Gale Touchard, Nicole Veillon, 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.

Immaculate Conception Mass Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharist Minister</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Dec. 7th Friday 7:00 PM	Anita Matherne	Terry Matherne Lauren Gauley Justy Cortez	Christopher Pickett Volunteer
Dec. 8th Saturday 9:30 AM	Aurora Romero	Randy Matherne Gerald Dufrene Kenney Matherne	Tyler Matherne Volunteer

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM December 8th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 9th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 9th
Lector	Justy Cortez	Vickie Hinrichs	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Christopher Pickett Lynne Pickett Sherry Folse	<u>Tommy Mahan</u> Berdie Mahan Patrick Hinrichs	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Christopher Zeringue Volunteer	Randy Matherne Tyler Matherne	Volunteers
Music	Brian Matherne	Jeff & Choir	Hue Girls

**Saturday & Sunday/December 1st & 2nd
Second Collection for the Maintenance of
our Parish**



There will be a second collection at all masses this week-end for the maintenance of our Church Parish. Please give as generously as you are able.

**Sunday, December 2nd
Coffee & Donut Sunday**



Our monthly coffee and donuts this month will be sponsored by our Hospitality Committee. Please join us on Sunday, December 2nd, directly following the 9:30 AM Mass for a hot cup of coffee and a tasty donut!

**Sunday, December 2nd
Confirmation Practice**

There will be a mandatory confirmation practice this Sunday, December 2nd at 7:15 PM in the church. All confirming candidates **MUST** have their sponsors present at this practice!

**Wednesday, December 5th
Ladies Altar Society Christmas Social**



The Ladies Altar Society will hold their Christmas Social this Wednesday, December 5th, at 6 PM, in the Fr. Mac Center. If you are a member and would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift at a \$15 value.

**Thursday, December 6th
St. Gertrude Confirmation**



Please join us for our upcoming Confirmation on Thursday, December 6th, at 7:00 PM. There will be a small reception following the Confirmation in the Fr. Mac Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Saturday, December 8th
Fellowship & Family Life Movie Night**



Fellowship and Family Life Committee will host a family movie night on Saturday, December 8th, following the 4:30pm Mass. The family movie that will be shown will be The Muppet Christmas Carol. Join us for hotdogs, hot chocolate, cookies, and a great fun evening. It all takes place in the Fr. Mac Center, join us to get to know the meaning of Christmas in a fun and entertaining way.

St. Gertrude Angel Tree



*The St. Gertrude Angel Tree is here! If you would like to purchase a gift for a beautiful child in need, you may take an angel off the tree in the back of the church. The price range of the gift is \$15. We ask that the gift be a toy, (**no clothing please**). Please do not wrap your gift. Simply tape your angel tag to the gift and place beneath the Angel Tree.*

The deadline for your donation will be Sunday, December 7th. You can either place your gift under the Angel Tree in the back of the church or drop them off at the rectory.



Class Schedule for December

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Confirmation Practice, 7:15 PM
Monday, Dec. 3rd, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Thursday, Dec. 6th, Confirmation at 7:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 9th, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, Dec. 10th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sunday, Dec. 16th, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, Dec. 17th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sunday, Dec. 23rd, NO CCD - Christmas Holidays
Monday, Dec. 24th, NO CCD - Christmas Holidays
Sunday, Dec. 30th, NO CCD - Christmas Holidays
Monday, Dec. 31st, NO CCD - Christmas Holidays



1st Sunday of Advent

*The days are coming, says the Lord . . .
(Jeremiah 33:14)*

We often talk about "The Christmas Story," as if it were one single story. Actually, it's made up of a number of individual stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary's openness to God's plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tells us how John the Baptist—Jesus' forerunner—was called at birth. The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tell us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There's another story we don't often think about because it's not as long. It's the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he did manage to find room for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honored throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location, and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let's not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he didn't make room for Jesus.

Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don't mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter.

Let's have this same attitude toward Jesus. Let's get ready with joy and anticipation, even if it involves some work on our part. Let's embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us.

Our first reading tells us that "the days are coming" when God will visit his people (Jeremiah 33:14). Let's dedicate the next twenty-three days to making our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

"Lord, help me to make time for you this Advent."

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