

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



*Second Sunday of*  
***Advent***  
December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.  
Baruch 5:5

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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.

*Second Sunday of Advent - "C"*

**Journey Song Book: 883**

**Missalette: Pg. 23**

**Communion Chant: Pg. 100**

**Sanctuary Lamp December 10th - 16th, 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 - \$2,566.00**  
**Maintenance - \$890.00**



**Thank you for supporting your church!**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Tuesday, December 11th**

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

**Wednesday, December 12th**

**8:00 AM:** Albert Fremin

**Thursday, December 13th**

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

**Friday, December 14th**

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

**Saturday, December 15th**

**4:30 PM:** Justilien, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Joseph Theriot, Thomas Edwise Theriot, Paul Candies, Sr., Ethel & Wages Hotard, Floyd, Alice & Dawn Folse

**Sunday, December 16th**

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

**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, Donald Arnold, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Karen Alexander Bass, Jarvis Barrios, Alden Baudion, Euclid Boudreaux, Stephanie Branson, Robert Breaux, Sr., Alan Brunet, Judy 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, Derrick Guidroz, 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, Janet Theriot, 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.*

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 - 4:30 PM December 15th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 16th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 16th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Aurora Romero	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Matherne Ashley Dauphin Maria Matherne	<u><b>Patsye Lunk</b></u> Candy Ford Christine Soto-Dufrene	Jamie Hue Brett Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Christopher Pickett Volunteer	A.J. Reyes Volunteer	Volunteers
Music	Brian Matherne	Jeff & Choir	Hue Girls

## 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.

## Saturday & Sunday/December 8th & 9th Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious



There will be a second collection at all masses this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please give as generously as you are able.

## Thursday, December 20th Pastoral Council Meeting & Christmas Social



The Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, December 20th, for the monthly meeting & Christmas Social in the church rectory at 7 PM.

## December 15th & 16th Operation Baby Jesus

The Fellowship and Family Life Committee invites all to bring the Baby Jesus from their manger at home to the weekend Masses on **December 15th & 16th**. Fr. Ryan will bless your Baby Jesus and at the conclusion of Mass, your Baby Jesus will be wrapped and upon returning home, the family will place the baby under their Christmas tree. The Baby Jesus will then be the first present unwrapped by the family on Christmas morning. This will bring a deeper understanding for our celebration of the season. **This will be the only weekend that you will be able to bring your baby Jesus to be blessed & wrapped.**



## Christmas Altar Flower Donations

We are now accepting donations in memory of a loved one for Christmas altar poinsettias. You may donate money for flowers by using the Christmas flower envelopes located at all doors of the church. For your convenience, you may place your donation in the collection basket or drop them off at the church rectory. Please remember to list your loved ones name on your envelope.



You may also purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to church. Tags have been provided at all doors. Please write your loved ones name on your tag and attach it to your poinsettia. At the end of the Christmas Season, you will be able to pick up the poinsettia that was placed in church by you.

Flowers will be accepted the weekend of **December 22nd & 23rd**. The Décor Committee will be decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23rd, directly following the 9:30 AM Mass.



## Class Schedule for December

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**



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

*God is leading Israel in joy. (Baruch 5:9)*

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way, but in a specific inspiring "Hey! I just felt the Lord!" way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem—a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look up and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze out, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen, and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness."

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So don't just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

*"Lord, open my eyes to see you!"*

## Bulletin Deadline:

Information to be placed in the Parish weekly bulletin must be received in writing in the Rectory no later than 2 PM, Thursday of the prior week.

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