

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



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
Luke 3:16

Third Sunday of Advent - "C"

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Sanctuary Lamp December 17th - 23rd, 2018

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Marla Rose

Chapel: Nolan "Snookie" Frickey



Church Care: December

Julie Breaux & Elaine Deroche

Church Support

December 8th & 9th, 2018 - \$2,794.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 18th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Wednesday, December 19th

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

Thursday, December 20th

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

Friday, December 21st

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

Saturday, December 22nd

4:30 PM: Jerry Dempster, Carrol Dempster

Sunday, December 23rd

9:30 AM: Jamie & Johnnie Delatte, Sr., Byron, James & Baby Ann Schaubhut, Ron Dufrene, Caliste Naquin & Family, William Schaubhut & Family, John & Ouida Plaisance, William Lovell, Rosemary & Lloyd Zeringue, Eunice & Stanley Champagne, Sheila Zeringue, Amy Zeringue, Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Paul Candies, Sr., Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Lois Ford, Kenneth, Theresa & Jeanne Somme', 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, 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, Martha Carlos, 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, Bobby Picou, 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 22nd	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 23rd	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 23rd
Lector	Howard Gauley	Candy Ford	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Lauren Gauley Lynne Pickett Sherry Folse	<u>Gerald Dufrene</u> Patrick Hinrichs Vickie Hinrichs	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Christopher Pickett Volunteer	Zack Zeringue Volunteer	Volunteers
Music	Open	Jeff & Choir	Hue Girls

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.**

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.

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!

St. Gertrude Church welcomes the following young adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, on December 6th, 2018.

<i>Bernard Abadie</i>	<i>Justin Dufrene</i>
<i>Drake Badeaux</i>	<i>Shelby Dufrene</i>
<i>Alfred Barrera, Jr.</i>	<i>Ingrid Fonseca</i>
<i>Davin Baudoin</i>	<i>Bayleigh Frickey</i>
<i>Dalynn Bergeron</i>	<i>Charleigh Frickey</i>
<i>Maegan Breaux</i>	<i>Chase Frickey</i>
<i>Logan Charles</i>	<i>Logan Martindale</i>
<i>Abel Comardelle</i>	<i>Maeson Martindale</i>
<i>Kellie Dalton</i>	<i>Walter Penick</i>
<i>Amanda Dufrene</i>	<i>Brandi Trabeaux</i>

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 decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23rd, directly following the

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class Schedule for December

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



3rd Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

St. Paul believed that rejoicing was a basic disposition that we all should try to maintain, even when things don't go our way. In his short Letter to the Philippians, in fact, he spoke about rejoicing fifteen times. And let's not forget that Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter! He was not going to let his circumstances rob him of his joy.

So how did Paul maintain a joyful disposition? First, he rejoiced because he knew Jesus' love. If you back up just two chapters in this letter, you'll see him singing a hymn that extols Jesus' willingness to empty himself, become a man, and die on the cross (Philippians 2:7-8). And then in the next chapter, he writes, "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (3:8). The thought of Jesus' love—a love that gives of itself freely—continually filled Paul with joy.

Second, Paul rejoiced in the Philippians themselves. They were his joy and his crown (Philippians 4:1). They were his dear friends who had joined him in a "partnership for the gospel" (1:5). He rejoiced because he knew he had brothers and sisters who loved him and supported him in his faith.

We will all encounter times of trial and suffering, but Jesus asks us to rejoice whether or not the sun is shining on us. He especially wants us to rejoice as we prepare for Christmas. If Paul were here, he would urge us to keep things in perspective—to look at our lives through the lens of God's love. He would urge us never to let anxiousness rule our lives, but to strive to keep our sense of peace at all times. He would urge us to pray through the tough times and to find reasons to rejoice.

Jesus has done so much for us. Let's repay him by rejoicing in his love—and sharing that joy with the people around us.

"Lord, help me hold onto my joy, especially when I face the difficult challenges of life."

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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