

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



Jesus said to his parents,
"Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:49

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
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Sanctuary Lamp December 31st - January 6th, 2018
For the repose of the souls of:
Church: Paul Candies, Sr.
Chapel: All Deceased Priests of St. Gertrude



Church Care: January

Elizabeth Denham & Janet Theriot

Church Support

December 15th & 16th - \$2,510.10
December 22nd & 23rd - To be announced at
a later date due to early bulletin deadline.



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

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

Monday: December 31st

4:00 PM: Solemnity of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Eugene Cunningham, Gladys Roussell, All deceased parishioners of St. Gertrude

Tuesday, January 1st

9:00 AM: Solemnity of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Schaubhut, Sr., Mrs. & Mrs. Clarence Loupe, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Charles Matherne, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Schaubhut, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Anice Loupe, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Durapau, Mr. & Mrs. Jean Louis Guiffer, Cerene Matherne, Amanda Schaubhut, Allyson Picou, All souls in purgatory, For the sick of the Parish, For all deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude, All deceased parishioners of St. Gertrude

Wednesday, January 2nd

8:00 AM: Bridget Ryan

Thursday, January 3rd

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

Friday, January 4th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Saturday, January 5th

4:30 PM: Charles Folse, Jr. & Edith C. Folse, Charles Folse, Sr., Lily Folse Dubeau, Martin, Theresa & Dennis Dufrene, Arthur LeBlanc, Sr., & Bernice LeBlanc, Carroll Dempster, All Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, January 6th

9:30 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Rene Laurent, Waitus W. Denham, Sr., Leonce "Tut" Clement, Kenneth, Theresa & Jeanne Somme', Aline Dufrene, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Wayde Sims, Landry & Rosemary Landry, Jr., Norton "Teeny" Tregle, Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Ferduducy & Rita Bergeron, Cleophus, Rose, Donald, Donlee & Lucy Gautreaux, Edward, Leon, Torey & Edward Buras, III, Robin Whalen, Leon Bertucci, Clayton Autin, Jr., Dawson, Tyler & Aiden Neff, Johnnie Hoffman, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Frickey, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Comardelle, Joseph & Theresa Frickey

6:00 PM: For all deceased family members of the 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., Audrey Keating, George Landeche, Natalie Lavelle, Carolyn & Mike Leicher, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, 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.

Banns of Marriage

*Kimberly Lauren Baudoin
Burt Joseph Dempster, Jr.*



Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM January 5th	Sunday - 9:30 AM January 6th	Sunday - 6:00 PM January 6th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Vickie Hinrichs	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Matherne Ashley Dauphin Sherry Folse	Tommy Mahan Birdie Mahan Patrick Hinrichs	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Lynne Pickett Christopher Pickett	A.J. Reyes Volunteer	Volunteers

**Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule
Holy Day of Obligation**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharist Minister</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Dec. 31st Monday 4:00 PM	Donna Hinrichs	Vickie Hinrichs Lynne Pickett Christopher Pickett	Volunteers
Jan. 1st Tuesday 9:00 AM	Justy Cortez	Tommy Mahan Birdie Mahan Patsye Lunk	Volunteers

**Wednesday, January 2nd
Ladies Altar Society Meeting & Potluck Dinner**

The Ladies Altar Society will meet this Wednesday, January 2nd, at 6 PM, in the Fr. Mac Community Center for their monthly meeting and potluck dinner. The 2019 LAS Dues are now due. Envelopes have been placed at all doors for your convenience. New members are welcome.

**Thursday, January 3rd
Food for Seniors**

Food for Seniors will distribute food this Thursday, January 3rd, between 10 and 11 AM in the Fr. Mac Community Center.

**Saturday - Sunday, January 5th & 6th
Second Collection for Maintenance**



There will be a second collection next weekend for the maintenance of our parish. Please give as generously as you are able.

**Sunday, January 6th
Donut Sunday**



The Fellowship & Family Life Committee will sponsor Donut Sunday next Sunday, January 6th, at the conclusion of the 9:30 AM mass. Please drop in for a visit and enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a tasty donut!

**Sunday, January 6th
Bingo is Back!**



Bring a neighbor or friend and join us for Bingo next **Sunday, January 6th, 2019. Our Jackpot will pay \$500.00!** Doors open at 1pm and Bingo begins at 2 PM. See you there!



Krewe of Des Allemands Parade



The Krewe of Des Allemands is selling calendars as one of their fundraisers. The cost of the calendars are \$20 and will be sold until February 28, 2019. If you're interested in purchasing a calendar, please let a committee member know. The members are Mitzi Petit, Janet Theriot, Lynne Pickett or Sherry Folse. Thanks for supporting the Krewe of Des Allemands.

Mark your Calendars! The Krewe of Des Allemands Parade will hold their annual Mardi Gras Ball on January 19, 2019, at 8 PM in the Fr. Mac Community Center. Music will be provided by Tèt Dur. The price of tickets will be \$10 per person. Please come out and support this community event!



**Sunday, Dec. 30th, NO CCD - Christmas Holidays
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Class Schedule for January

**Sunday, Jan. 5th, 6 - 10, 7 - 8:15 PM
Monday, Jan. 6th, 1- 5, 6 - 7:15 PM
Sunday, Jan. 13th, 6 - 10, 7 - 8:15 PM
Monday, Jan. 14th, 1- 5, 6 - 7:15 PM
Sunday, Jan. 20th, 6 - 10, NO CCD-Martin Luther King Holiday
Monday, Jan. 21st, 1- 5, NO CCD-Martin Luther King Holiday
Sunday, Jan. 27th, 6 - 10, 7 - 8:15 PM
Monday, Jan. 28th, 1- 5, 6 - 7:15 PM**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (Feast)

*Take care of your father when he is old.
(Sirach 3:12)*

Many of us are already living out Sirach's exhortation. In fact, statistics show that in many developed countries, 20 percent of the population is caring for ill, disabled, or aged family members. And they are spending an average of 20 hours per week doing it.

We read this passage from Sirach on the feast of the Holy Family because it speaks to all of our families in a surprising way. It tells us that caring for an elderly family member brings unexpected blessings: forgiveness of sins, spiritual treasures, joy, answered prayers, even long life. Yes, it can be a burden at times, but the blessings far outweigh the burden.

Taking care of our parents does a lot for us spiritually. We see God's self-giving love growing in us. As we walk with them in their later years, we find that we are also walking closer to the Lord. Our perspective on what's important shifts, and we, too, begin thinking more about our heavenly home.

Blessing might not be the first thing you think of though. The idea of being a caregiver can be scary. Financial concerns, emotional strain, and burnout are real issues. You might struggle to find time to recharge yourself, or have trouble avoiding sibling resentments.

But the same study referred to previously also shows that more than 80 percent of caregivers report that the experience is rewarding. They feel satisfaction from giving back to someone who sacrificed for them, they know they're providing quality care, and they feel increased meaning and purpose in life.

If you are currently caring for an elderly loved one, take heart! God is pleased by your efforts and is pouring out grace on you. If you are on the receiving end, know that you are a blessing to your loved ones. If you anticipate a time when you will need to do more for your parents, don't worry. Everything you do to honor and care for them will bless you.

"Lord, help me to honor and love my family."

Happy New Year!

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