

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

March 31, 2019



Fourth Sunday
of

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Lent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass
Lenten Schedule: Daily Mass (**Mon-Fri**) at **6 PM** in the church.
Friday: Stations of the Cross immediately following **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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - "C"

Journey Song Book: 914

Missalette: Pg. 54

Communion Chant: Pg. 36

Sanctuary Lamp April 1st - 7th, 2019

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Arthur Bergeron

Chapel: All Deceased Priests of St. Gertrude



Church Care: April

Berdie Mahan & Faye Aucoin



Church Support

March 23rd & 24th, 2019 - \$ 2,251.25

Thank you for supporting your church!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 1st

No morning mass
6:00 PM: Mass in church

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.
6:00 PM: Mass in church

Wednesday, April 3rd

8:00 AM: Gladys Schaubhut
6:00 PM: Mass in church

Thursday, April 4th

8:00 AM: Mrs. Bernard Soto, Connelly Rhodes
6:00 PM: Mass in church

Friday, April 5th

8:00 AM: Iris Lunk
6:00 PM: Mass in church immediately followed by the Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 6th

4:30 PM: Judith & Gilbert Mayard, Donald & Dave Schouest, Chad Gervais, Sr., Cleveland Labat, Sr., Randolph Naquin, Sr., Wilson Cantrelle Family & Caliste Naquin Family, Sue & Chad Champagne, Charles "Chuck" Favrot, Jr.

Sunday, April 7th

9:30 AM: Rene Laurent, Waitus W. Denham, Sr. Leonce "Tut" Clement, Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Ferducy & 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, Ida Matherne, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Frickey, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Comardelle, Paul Candies, Sr., Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Kenneth, Theresa & Jeanne Somme', Aline Dufrene, Edward "Toe Joe" & Rosemary Fonseca, Eugene Cunningham, E.B. Brien, Roland & Myrtle Tastet, Frances & Earl Brien, David Matherne, Louis & Vivian Christen

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.



Melissa Adams, Amanda Ainsworth, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Donald Arnold, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Karen Alexander Bass, Dolly Bergeron, Virginia Branson, Stephanie Branson, Alan Brunet, Rory Carlos, Kent Chauvin, Darren Christian, Murphy Comardelle, Vern Cornwell, Dee Cortez, Johnny Delatte, Horace Dempster, Marc Denham, Clarabell Dufrene, Erica Easley, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Carl Frieze, Ronnie Gautreaux, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Azalie Guillot, Raymond Hood, Adrain Hotard, Wilton "Bud" Hue, Jr., George Landeche, Joel Leger, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Lilly Murdock, Kaylene Murphy, Alexa Naquin, Nikki Naquin, Toby Naquin, Mike O' Daniels, Jeff Penton, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Donald Rome, Ronnette Rome, Nicholas Rose, Kathy R. Savoie, Lori Schaubhut, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Randy Thibodeaux, Gale Touchard, Nicole Veillon, Lynelle Whipple, Donnie White, 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.

Lenten News



As requested, Fr. Ryan will offer a daily 6 PM mass (**Mon-Fri**) in church during Lent. **Each Friday, the Stations of the Cross will immediately follow the 6 PM mass.**

Come and join us in taking that lonely walk to Calvary with our Lord by meditating on his passion.

Parish Reconciliations

Confessions will be available in all parishes on the next two consecutive Wednesdays of Lent, **April 3rd, & April 10th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.**



Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM April 6th	Sunday - 9:30 AM April 7th	Sunday - 6:00 PM April 7th
Lector	Betty Hogan	Denise Matherne	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Sherry Folse Justy Cortez Sydney Dupont	Patsye Lunk Christine Soto-Dufrene Candy Ford	Jamie Hue Brett Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Christopher Pickett Volunteer	P.J. Zeringue Volunteer	Volunteers

Sunday, March 31st Weekly Bingo



Please join us for our weekly Bingo on Sunday, March 31st. Our Bingo begins at 2 PM and doors will open at 1 PM. We have a nice selection of food items for purchase and home baked goods. Plan to come out and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship among friends and neighbors. As always, we thank you for your continued support to St. Gertrude Church!

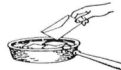
Wednesday, April 3rd Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society will meet this Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6 PM for their monthly meeting and potluck in the Fr. Mac Community Center.

Friday, April 5th Lenten Dinner

The final Lenten Dinner at St. Gertrude will be held this Friday, April 5th, from 5 to 7:30 PM. The menu will be white beans and rice with fried fish or gumbo with potato salad. Desserts and soft drinks will also be available.

Saturday/Sunday, April 6th & 7th Second Collection



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

Easter Altar Flowers

Donations for Easter Altar Flowers are now being taken. Envelopes have been provided by all doors of the church. For your convenience, you may place your donation in the collection basket or drop off at the church rectory.



Please remember to list your loved ones' names on your envelope!



Upcoming Easter Activities

Mark your calendars! We have two exciting activities coming up for the kiddos at St. Gertrude this Easter!

The Ladies Altar Society will present their yearly Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 7th**, directly following the 9:30 AM Mass.

The Bingo Committee will hold a Breakfast with Bunny on **Sunday, April 14th** at 9 AM.



More information to come!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist several families, providing food and money for utility bills, etc. Thank you!



Class Schedule for April

Sunday, March 31st, Grades 6 - 10, 7 - 8:15 PM
Monday, April 1st, Grades 1 - 5, 6 - 7:15 PM

***NOTE* Net Retreat**

Friday, April 5th, Grades 6-8, St. John the Baptist in Paradise 4:30-9:30 PM
Sunday, April 7th, Grades 9-10, St. Anthony in Luling, 1-8 PM

****NOTE****

Those students who DO NOT attend the Net Retreat, WILL be expected to attend the regularly scheduled class.

Sunday, April 14th, Spring Break - No CCD Classes
Monday, April 15th, Spring Break - No CCD Classes

Sunday, April 28th, First Communion 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday, April 28th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15, **Confirmation Meeting, Parents Must Attend!**
Monday, April 29th, Grades 1 - 5, 6 - 7:15 PM
Sunday, May 5th, May Crowning, All Grades 1-10, All students **MUST** attend the May Crowning closing Mass!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

It is hard to admit how easily we get lost. We lose our way in the rush of tasks, meetings, and activities and get out of the habit of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and service. We get caught up in the pursuit of material wealth, power, social status, and worldly success. We may be dismissive of people whose perspectives are different from our own. We become selfish and self-centered. We are blind to the needs of others, concerned solely with ourselves, our family, our small social circles. We get off track and for a while do not even realize we are lost. Like the young son in the parable, something has to happen to bring us back to our senses.

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The young son "hit bottom" and made his way home. The Israelites learned to trust in and follow God and entered the Promised Land. We are found the moment we realize we are lost and begin our journey back to the Lord. Jesus not only shows us the way, Christ is our way home to God. Our homeward path is often an examination of conscience, by which we search our hearts and recognize our failings. We may need to make amends to those whom we have hurt; we might be called to a change of attitude or behavior. Are you lost? Now is the perfect time to open your mind and heart, and admit that you have lost your way. Lent is a season when we admit that the ways that we are missing the mark and return to God. Often, we do so through the sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins, are given penance, and accept Christ's warm embrace and forgiveness.

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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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