

# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

## Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

*First Week of Advent - A*

Journey Song Book: Pg. 878

Missalette: Pg. 17

Communion Chant: Pg. 92

**Sanctuary Lamp Dec. 2nd - Dec. 8th, 2019**

For the repose of the souls of:

*Church: Alaina Arnold*

*Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude*



**Church Care: December**

Julie Breaux & Elaine Deroche

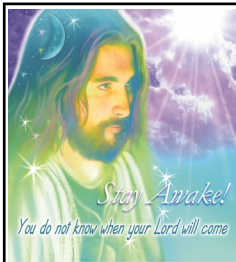


**Church Support**

November 23rd & 24th, 2019

To be announced 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

***Mother of Perpetual Help Novena follows the 8 AM Mass on Tuesday***

***St. Jude Novena follows the 8 AM Mass on Wednesday***

### **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 2nd**

No morning mass

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

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

**Wednesday, December 4th**

**8:00 AM:** Justilien Cortez, Jr.

**Thursday, December 5th**

**8:00 AM:** Alma Candies Loupe

**Friday, December 6th**

**8:00 AM:** All souls in purgatory

**Saturday, December 7th**

**4:30 PM:** Justilien Sr., Gloria & Justilien Cortez, Jr., Murphy Comardelle, Sr., M/M Willie Comardelle, Harry & Doris Laurent, Theresa Knuppel, Jeannette Deroche Champagne, Floyd & Ralph Champagne, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

**Sunday, December 8th**

**9:30 AM:** John F Matherne, Edward Tregle, Sr., Paul Candies, Sr., Alaina Arnold, Elizabeth Fern, Gerald Oubre, M/M Horace Oubre, Sr., M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Caliste Naquin, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Kim Hall Robichaux, Eugene Francis Rascoll, III

**6:00 PM:** Eugene Cunningham, Gladys & Merlin Schaubhut, Sr., Jean & Anna Gueffier, Alyson Picou, Cerene Matherne, All deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

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



Susie Adams, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Donald Arnold, Charlie Augustine, Nathan Aupied, Karen Alexander Bass, Charles "Butch" Boudreaux, Euclid Boudreaux, Stephanie Branson, Alan Brunet, Kathy Cardino, Rory Carlos, Darren Christen, Tammy Crochet, Dee Cortez, Marc Denham, Albert Dufrene, Jr., Clarabell Dufrene, Janet Dufrene, Roland Dufrene, Caleb Entuinez, Roland Dufrene, Kathryn Fambrough, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Jeannie Fonseca, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Azalie Guillot, Arlene Hall, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Adrian Hotard, Chris Kitso, Joan Lester, Jake Lemmon, Rosalind Lewis, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Monica Loveless, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Mark Morehouse, Kaylene Murphy, Kerean Naquin, Laurie Nettles, Jeff Penton, Christina Perilloux, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Donald Rome, Ronnette Rome, Nicholas Rose, Anthony & Sophia Reels, Kathy R. Savoie, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Jean Sliwinski, David Solar, Randy Thibodeaux, Kelly Trosclair, Gale Touchard, Adler "PeeWee" Tregle, Jr., Cathy Vanacor, Nicole Veillon, Lynelle Whipple, Donnie White, Charles "Buck" Whittington, 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 or emailed to you at your request.



## Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM December 7th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 8th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 8th
<b>Lector</b>	Vickie Hinrichs	Denise Matherne	Angelina Sander
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Patrick Hinrichs Lynne Pickett Christine Soto-Dufrene	<b>Tommy Mahan</b> Berdie Mahan Tina Montz	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st  
Second Collection – Maintenance**

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

**Thursday, December 5th  
Food for Seniors**

Food for Seniors will be distributed this Thursday, December 5th, from 10 to 11 AM, in the Fr. Mac Center.

**Saturday & Sunday, December 7th & 8th  
Second Collection – Retirement Fund for  
Religious Appeal**

There will be a second collection at all masses next week-end for the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Please give as generously as you are able.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

**As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.**

Join Us For An Afternoon Movie!

**THE STAR**



Sunday, December 8th, at 3:30 PM

Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, and Drinks

**NO COST !!!**

*Sponsored by Fellowship and Family Life Committee*

Fr. Mac Center  
St. Gertrude Catholic Church

**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 Wednesday, December 11th. You can either place your gift under the Angel Tree in the back of the church or drop them off at the rectory.**

**RELIGIOUS  
Education**

Sun. Dec. 1st, Grades 6-11, 7-8:15 PM  
Sun. Dec. 1st, **Confirmation Practice with Sponsors @ 7 PM**  
Mon. Dec. 2nd, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
**Thur. Dec. 12th, Confirmation @ 7:00 PM**  
Sun. Dec. 8th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
Mon. Dec. 9th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
Sun. Dec. 15th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
Mon. Dec. 16th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
Sun. Dec. 22nd, **No CCD - Christmas Holidays**  
Mon. Dec. 23rd, **No CCD - Christmas Holidays**  
Sun. Dec. 29th, **No CCD - New Years Holidays**  
Mon. Dec. 30th, **No CCD - New Years Holidays**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for "in case you missed it." We might think of today's readings as an "in case you missed it" announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ's return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of "out of sight, out of mind," and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

**HIT THE RESET BUTTON**

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God's love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us "stay awake" to Christ's higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.

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**Christmas Altar Flower Donation**

*The office is now accepting donations for Christmas altar poinsettias in memory of a loved one.*

*There are two ways you may donate:*

- *You may donate money for flowers by using the Christmas flower envelope located at all doors of the church. This envelope may be placed in the collection basket for your convenience.*
- *You may purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to church. There are tags located at all doors to place your loved ones name on and attach the tag to your poinsettia.*
- *Flowers will be accepted the weekend of December 20th & 21st.*

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