

# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

## Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

December 15, 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY of *Advent*



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Jesus said,  
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."  
Matthew 11:4-5

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**Sanctuary Lamp Dec. 16th - Dec. 22nd, 2019**  
For the repose of the souls of:  
**Church:** Jamie Delatte & James Schaubhut  
**Chapel:** Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr.

### Church Care: December

Julie Breaux & Elaine Deroche



### Church Support

December 7th & 8th, 2019  
\$ 1,272.00

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal  
\$ 393.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



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### PARISH STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Maria Matherne  
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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 16th**

No daily Mass

### **Tuesday, December 17th**

**8:00 AM:** Clarence Loupe, Sr., E.B. Brien, Roland & Myrtle Tastet, Frances & Earl Brien, & David Matherne

### **Wednesday, December 18th**

**8:00 AM:** Merlin Schaubhut, Sr.

### **Thursday, December 19th**

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

### **Friday, December 20th**

**8:00 AM:** For all souls in purgatory

### **Saturday, December 21st**

**4:30 PM:** Joseph Theriot, Milton Bourgeois, Jr., Jamie, & Johnnie Delatte, Sr., Byron, James, & Baby Ann Schaubhut, Ron Dufrene, Caliste Naquin & Family, William Schaubhut & Family, John & Ouida Plaisance, William J. Lovell, Justilien Cortez, Jr.

### **Sunday, December 22nd**

**9:30 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr., Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Eugene Francis Rascoll, III

**6:00 PM:** All deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

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

Linda Adam, 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, 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, Roy Lunk, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Patsy Matherne, Mark Morehouse, Kaylene Murphy, Kerean Naquin, Laurie Nettles, Jeff Penton, Christina Perilloux, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, James & Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, 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 21st	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 22nd	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 22nd
Lector	Howard Gauley	Donna Hinrichs	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Lauren Gauley Kenney Matherne Maria Matherne	<b><u>Gerald Dufrene</u></b> Patrick Hinrichs Vickie Hinrichs	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

**Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

## SILENT NIGHT

It was approaching Midnight on Christmas Eve in 1818. The organ had failed so there was to be no music. The Church of St. Nicholas in the small Austrian town of Oberndorf.

The crowd had trudged through the snow old, young, fit and not-so-fit, faithful to attend Midnight Mass. Nobody could have known that they were witnessing history being made when the organist, carrying a chair entered the sanctuary and sat down with a guitar, a few parishioners and young priest, who began to sing in a high tenor voice

**Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht**

**Alles Schlaft Einsam Wacht**

That is how Silent Night was born. It has now been translated into more than three hundred languages and dialects and sung around the world every Christmas. The words of Silent Night were composed by Joseph Mohr two years earlier and Franz Gruber composed the music at Fr. Mohr's request after he walked three miles in the snow to the town of Arnsdorf where Franz lived. As part of his payment for repairing the organ at St. Nicholas, Karl Mauracher was given a copy of the sheet music. He gave the music to some of his customers to use on other church organs. A copy came into the hands of the Stasser Sisters who had a glove making business which took them over Germany. To attract customers they would sing Austrian Folk Songs including Franz Gruber's Silent Night. The Duke of Leipzig heart it and loved all six verses of the carol.

So great was Silent Night that Mozart, Bethoven and Haydn were credited with its composition. Finally in the matter of authorship was settled in 1995 when a handwritten manuscript found in Fr. Mohr's handwriting words written in 1816 by Mohr and "Melodie Von Francis Xavier, Gruber". William of Prussia called for Protestants and Catholics to sing it in 1871. In the first world war Germans and British troops facing each other in Belgium on Christmas Eve Wilfred Kirchoff a tenor with the Berlin Opera - the British responded in English.

## Religious Education Schedule

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**

## Third Sunday of Advent

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God's people. John's baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ. John's message of repentance and the demands of faith, of justice, and care for the poor and oppressed, while comforting to the weak and vulnerable, was challenging to those in positions of power. Like the prophets before him, he refused to ignore the promptings of God to speak God's word. And like many prophets who preceded him, John was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John's urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God's care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God's love to which John so powerfully gave witness.

## GOD IS WITH YOU

We too ache for God's healing and peace. We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and lead us to joy in the presence of God's mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

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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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