

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY of *Advent*



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

Fourth Sunday of Advent - A

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Sanctuary Lamp Dec. 23rd - Dec. 29th, 2019

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Alvin & Cleo Landeche

Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude



Church Care: December

Julie Breaux & Elaine Deroche



Church Support

December 14th & 15th, 2019

To be announced at a later date
due to an 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 23rd

No daily Mass

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM: Please see bulletin insert

12 Midnight: Please see bulletin insert

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 AM: Please see bulletin insert

Thursday, December 26th

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

Friday, December 27th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Octavia Fremin Dufrene

Saturday, December 28th

4:30 PM: Jerry Dempster, Justilien Cortez, Jr., Carroll Dempster, Julio Quinons, Milton Bourgeois, Jr.

Sunday, December 29th

9:30 AM: Paul Candies, Marilyn Grice, Stanley & Olive Dufrene, 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 Troclair, Gale Touchard, Adler "PeeWee" Tregle, Jr., Cathy Vanacor, Nicole Veillon, Lynelle Whipple, Donnie White, Charles "Buck" Whittington, Timmy Zeringue

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Lector: Anita Matherne
Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Matherne, Sherry Folse & Melanie Triche

12 Midnight Mass

Lector: Donna Hinrichs
Eucharistic Ministers: Vickie Hinrichs, Patrick Hinrichs & Kenney Matherne

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Lector: Aurora Romero
Eucharistic Ministers: Randy Matherne, Tina Montz & Robyn Montz

*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 28th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 29th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 29th
Lector	Sheena Candies	Betty Hogan	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Randy Matherne Maria Matherne Lynne Pickett	<u>Tommy Mahan</u> Birdie Mahan Sydney Dupont	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy, and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Fr. Ryan, staff, and St. Gertrude Committees, we'd like to wish you, our dedicated and devoted parishioners, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Sunday, January 5th Coffee & Donuts

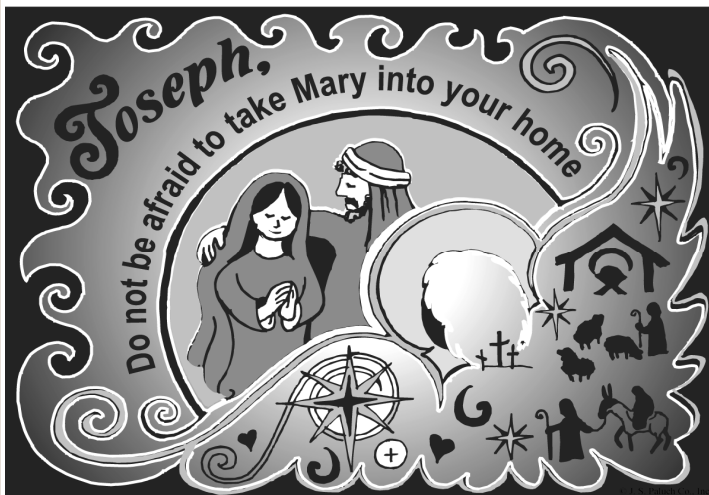
Our monthly coffee and donuts will be sponsored by our Pastoral Committee immediately following the 9:30 AM Mass. Please stop by for fellowship while enjoying a tasty donut and a hot cup of coffee.

Sunday, January 5th Sunday Bingo

After a much deserved time off for our Bingo workers to spend time with their families during the holidays, our Sunday Bingo will be coming back on Sunday, January 5th, at 2 PM. Fill up your car and plan to head over to the Fr. Mac Center for a fun filled afternoon. There will be a nice selection of food items and home baked goods waiting for you! Doors will open at 1 PM.

Wednesday, January 8th Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, January 8th, at 6 PM, in the Fr. Mac Center for their monthly meeting and potluck dinner. New members are welcomed.



Religious Education Schedule

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**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.

EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: "Emmanuel: God is with us" and "Jesus: God saves." The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

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Christmas Altar Flower Donation

If you purchased your own poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please bring it to church on Sunday, December 22nd. Tags will be placed in the main entrance of the church. Please remember to place your loved ones name on your poinsettia.

For those purchasing their own poinsettias, you will be able to pick them up after the Christmas Season.

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