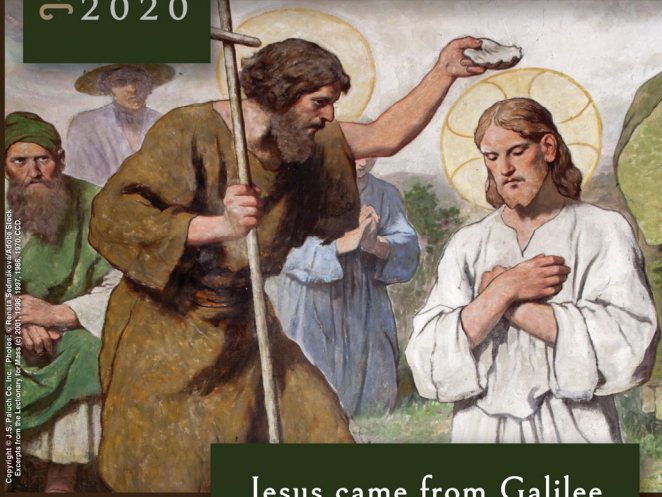


# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

## Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

January 12 2020



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

### The Baptism of the Lord

*Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*  
**Journey Song Book: Pg. 899**  
**Missalette: Pg. 52**  
**Communion Chant: Pg. 94**

**Sanctuary Lamp Jan. 13th - 19th, 2020**

**For the repose of the souls of:**

**Church: Una & Urcie Foret**

**Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude Church**



### Church Care: January

Elizabeth Denham & Janet Theriot

### Church Support

**Solemnity of Mary \$ 961.00**  
**January 4th & 5th \$ 2,102.03**  
**Maintenance \$ 754.00**

Thank you for supporting your church!



### PARISH OFFICE

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### Office Hours:

Monday - 9 AM to 1 PM  
 Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM

### PARISH STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Maria Matherne  
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 CYM Youth Minister: Lauren Gauley

### 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  
 Christmas Vigil: 4 PM, 12 Midnight & 9 AM Christmas Day  
 Solemnity of Mary: 4 PM Vigil & 9 AM New Years Day

### 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, January 13th**

No daily Mass

**Tuesday, January 14th**

**8:00 AM:** Agnus Dufrene

**Wednesday, January 15th**

**8:00 AM:** Arlene Loupe Hall

**Thursday, January 16th**

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

**Friday, January 17th**

**8:00 AM:** Ruby Smith, Ronald Gauthreaux, Sr.  
Ronald Gauthreaux, Jr., Norma Gauthreaux

**Saturday, January 18th**

**4:30 PM:** Jeannette Deroche Champagne,  
Floyd & Ralph Champagne, Barbara Mon-  
grue, Lawrence, Betty, & Irene Loupe, Ar-  
lene Loupe Hall, Autumn Fuller

**Sunday, January 19th**

**9:30 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr., Lloyd & Rose-  
mary Zeringue, Stanley & Eunice Cham-  
pagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue,  
Drew Frickey, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr.,  
M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle,  
Eugene Francis Rascoll, III, All parishioners  
of St. Gertrude

**6:00 PM:** Aaron Robichaux, Carl Simoneaux,  
All deceased family members of our Reli-  
gious Education Program

*Your prayers are asked for the following in-  
dividuals who are facing illness or life chal-  
lenges.*

Linda Adam, Susie Adams, Brooklyn Ainsworth,  
Donald Arnold, Charlie Augustine, Nathan  
Aupied, Bud Alexander, 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 Dufre-  
ne, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse,  
Jeannie Fonseca, Danny Ford, Erin Granier, Zack  
Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Azalie  
Guillot, 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, Martha Plaisance,  
Michael Plaisance, Nicholas Rose, Anthony & So-  
phia Reels, Kathy R. Savoie, Brenda Schmill Sa-  
voie, Nolan Simoneaux, Jack Smith, Jean Sliwin-  
ski, David Solar, Randy Thibodeaux, Kelly Tro-  
sclair, Gale Touchard, Adler "PeeWee" Tregle,  
Jr., Cathy Vanacor, Nicole Veillon, Lynelle Whip-  
ple, 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**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Saturday - 4:30 PM January 18th</b>	<b>Sunday - 9:30 AM January 19th</b>	<b>Sunday - 6:00 PM January 19th</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Anita Matherne	Opal Dufrene	Angelina Sander
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Terry Matherne Maria Matherne Sherry Folse	<b><u>Gerald Dufrene</u></b> Opal Dufrene Candy Ford	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Sunday, January 12th**  
**SUNDAY BINGO IS BACK!**

Our Sunday Bingo is back! Please join us on Sunday, January 12th, at 2 PM. Plan to come out and enjoy a fun filled afternoon. There will be a variety of food items and home baked goods waiting for you! Doors will open at 1 PM.

**Tuesday, January 14th**  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet this Tuesday, January 14th, at 7 PM in the Fr. Mac Center. The rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help the families in need in our church community, please consider joining us.

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
**Second Harvest**

St. John's Ministry of Care will distribute food for the needy this Wednesday, January 15th, from 8 AM to 12 PM, at St. John the Baptist Church in Paradis.

**Thursday, January 16th**  
**Senior Luncheon & Bingo**

St. John's monthly Senior Luncheon & Bingo will be held this Thursday, January 16th. Doors open at 11 AM. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church for any senior interested in attending.

**Thursday, January 16th**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**

A Pastoral Council Meeting be held this Thursday, January 16th, at 7 PM, in the church rectory.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

**Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism fully?**

**Weekly Church Envelopes**

Your 2020 weekly church envelopes should be arriving soon! We are returning to the boxed envelopes which were used in the past. As soon as the envelopes have arrived, Maria will place labels on each active family name and place the envelopes in the rear of the church. **Please note:** You **WILL NOT** have your old envelope number. A new number will be assigned to each family. These numbers will be assigned alphabetically. There will be available boxes for anyone who would like to become an envelope user. Please be sure to write you name and address on your first envelope so that we can update our records! Thank you!

**Bulletin Deadline:**

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.

Visit our website at: <http://stgertrudedesallemands.org>

Find us on Facebook at: [stgertrudethegreatda](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudethegreatda)

**Religious Education Schedule**

Sun. Jan. 12th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
Mon. Jan. 13th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
Sun. Jan. 19th, **No Classes-Martin Luther King Holiday**  
Mon. Jan. 20th, **No Classes-Martin Luther King Holiday**  
Sun. Jan. 26th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
Mon. Jan. 27th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
Mon. Jan. 27th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

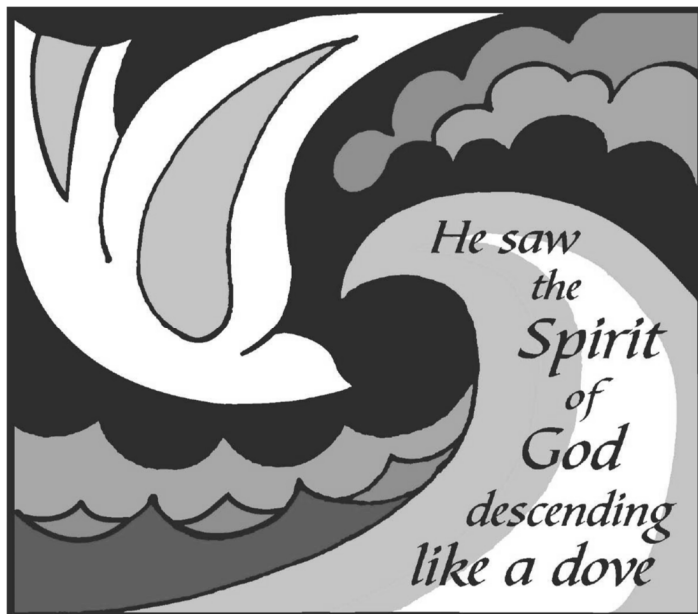
**The Baptism of the Lord**

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

**CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION**

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

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