

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your
**light
must
shine**

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"

Journey Song Book: Pg. 960

Missalette: Pg. 62

Communion Chant: Pg. 94



Sanctuary Lamp February 10th - 16th, 2020

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: George J. Landeche & Philip Landeche, Sr.

Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude Church

Church Care: February

Lynne Pickett & Nancy Dowouis



Church Support

February 1st & 2nd - \$ 2,331.00

Thank you for supporting your church!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 10th

No daily Mass

Tuesday, February 11th

8:00 AM: Ginni Clem Orr

Wednesday, February 12th

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Thursday, February 13th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Friday, February 14th

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

Saturday, February 15th

4:30 PM: Charles Folse, Jr. & Edith C. Folse, Charles Folse, Sr. Lily Folse Dubea, Martin, Theresa, & Dennis Dufrene, Arthur LeBlanc, Sr. & Bernice LeBlanc, Lawrence, Betty, & Irene Loupe, Arlene Loupe Hall, Autumn Fuller, Ray & Frozine Webb, Jamie & Johnnie, Sr. Delatte, James, Byron, & Baby Ann Schaubhut, Caliste Naquin & Family, William Schaubhut & Family, John & Ouida Plaisance, William Lovell, Ron Dufrene, Judy Guhman

Sunday, February 16th

9:30 AM: Stanley Folse, Janet Folse, Elaine Folse Tregre, Remi Vicknair, Helen Vicknair, Lester & Alice Matherne, Joseph & Theresa Frickey, Justilien Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Justilien Cortez, Jr., M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Lloyd & Rosemary Zeringue, Stanley & Eunice Champagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Judy Guhman

6:00 PM: Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Judy Guhman, 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, Bud & Josie Alexander, Karen Alexander Bass, Charles "Butch" Boudreaux, Euclid Boudreaux, Stephanie Branson, Alan Brunet, Kathy Cardino, Rory Carlos, Darren Christen, Dee Cortez, Marc Denham, Janet Dufrene, Roland Dufrene, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" Hebert, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Adrian Hotard, Joan Lester, Jake Lemmon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Monica Loveless, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Patsy Matherne, Mark Morehouse, Kaylene Murphy, Laurie Nettles, Jeff Penton, Christina Perilloux, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Nicholas Rose, Anthony & Sophia Reels, Kathy R. Savoie, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Jack Smith, Jean Sliwinski, David Solar, Randy Thibodeaux, Jody Tregle, Kelly Trosclair, Gale Touchard, Roy F. 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 February 15th	Sunday - 9:30 AM February 16th	Sunday - 6:00 PM February 16th
Lector	Howard Gauley	Aurora Romero	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Lauren Gauley Robyn Montz Tina Montz	<u>Melanie Triche</u> Sherry Folse Christine Soto-Dufrene	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Saturday/Sunday, February 8th & 9th
Second Collection for Catholic Charities**

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Charities. Please give as generously as you are able.

**Sunday, February 9th
Weekly Sunday Bingo**

Please join us Sunday, February 9th, at 2 PM, for our weekly bingo. We have a nice selection of food items and home baked goods for you to choose from. Doors open at 1 PM. We always welcome any help or donation of home baked goods. Thank you for your support.

**Wednesday, February 19th
Second Harvest**

St. John's Ministry of Care will distribute food for the needy next Wednesday, February 19th, from 8 AM to 12 PM, at St. John the Baptist Church in Paradis. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church for anyone who would like to attend.

**Thursday, February 20th
Senior Luncheon & Bingo**

St. John's monthly Senior Luncheon & Bingo will be held next Thursday, February 20th. Doors open at 11 AM. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church for any senior interested in attending.

**Thursday, February 20th
Pastoral Council Meeting**

A Pastoral Council Meeting be held next Thursday, February 20th, at 7 PM, in the church rectory.

Maintenance Collection

There was an error in the printing of our 2020 contribution envelopes. The maintenance collection envelope was dated **February 23rd**, rather than **February 2nd**. Therefore, this collection will be held on **February 23rd**. We apologize for any confusion.

From the Pastor

St. Gertrude is most fortunate to be able to announce that we are having a Lenten Mission from Saturday, March 28th to Thursday, April 2nd.

The Missioner is Fr. George E. Knab, O.M.I.

The Mission Theme will be Simply Live-True Religions for the 21st Century.

2019 Contribution Statement

If you would like to request a 2019 Contribution Statement for tax purposes, please contact the rectory or place a note in an envelope marked Maria in the weekly collection. 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. Feb. 8th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Feb. 9th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sun. Feb. 16th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. Feb. 17th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sun. Feb. 23rd, **No CCD Classes - Mardi Gras Holidays**
Mon. Feb. 24th, **No CCD Classes - Mardi Gras Holidays**
Sun. Feb. 29th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. March 1st, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God's providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, "if you think you can," or "after all of your own needs have been met." On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by the wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.

PROCEED WITH PRAYER

We all agree that caring for others is important. Absolutely no one wants to see a child waste away from starvation. And yet, we often fear to donate time, talent, or money to charitable causes. What if recipients use the money poorly? What if donations promote helplessness and long-term dependence? What if my own situation isn't very stable? How can I help others when my daily life is so difficult and the future so uncertain? These are legitimate questions. And God wants us to use our intellect when discerning how best to perform good deeds. But uncertainty must not lead to inaction. If we don't know exactly how to proceed, we must spend a great deal of time in prayer. In prayer, we consider our options and ask the Lord to show us how to be salt and light in the world. As today's psalm reminds us, God calls us to gracious and merciful. Believing firmly that God will always care for us, we trust with steadfast hearts and share with others—not occasionally, guiltily, or provisionally, but "lavishly."

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Blessing of the Throats

Fr. Ryan will bless the throats at the completion of all Masses the weekend of February 8th & 9th.

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