

# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

## Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amen I say to you,  
until heaven and  
earth pass away,  
not the smallest  
letter or the  
smallest part of  
a letter will pass  
from the law.

*Matthew 5:18*



February 16, 2020

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"*

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**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 8th & 9th - \$ 1,820.00  
Catholic Charities - \$ 499.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



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### **Office Hours:**

Monday - 9 AM to 1 PM  
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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, February 17th**  
No daily Mass

**Tuesday, February 18th**  
**8:00 AM:** All souls in purgatory

**Wednesday, February 19th**  
**8:00 AM:** Judy Guhman

**Thursday, February 20th**  
**8:00 AM:** For all deceased priests of St. Gertrude

**Friday, February 21st**  
**8:00 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr.

**Saturday, February 22nd**  
**4:30 PM:** Helen & Johnny Saucier, Milton, Sr. & Rita Bourgeois, Wages & Ethel Hotard, Floyd, Alice, & Dawn Folse, Norman Rome, Judy Guhman

**Sunday, February 23rd**  
**9:30 AM:** Marilyn Grice, Lester Matherne, Paul Candies, Sr., Adrien & Leona Roger & Family, Louis Seraphin, Josephine, & Family, Eloise Trauth Matherne, Theresa Maruschak & Family, Bill Miller & Family, M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Audrey Duet Pitre, Judy Guhman, Bowler Family, Sampong Jai-prasi van Zanten

**6:00 PM:** Audrey Duet Pitre, Judy Guhman, Carl Simoneaux, Sr., 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, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Darren Christen, Dee Cortez, Marc Denham, Janet Dufrene, Roland Dufrene, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" Hebert, Susetta 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**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Saturday - 4:30 PM February 22nd</b>	<b>Sunday - 9:30 AM February 23rd</b>	<b>Sunday - 6:00 PM February 23rd</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Vickie Hinrichs	Sheena Candies	Angelina Sander
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sherry Folse Lynne Pickett Patrick Hinrichs	<b><u>Tommy Mahan</u></b> Birdie Mahan Sydney Dupont	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Saturday/Sunday, February 15th & 16th  
Second Collection for the Solidarity Fund in Africa**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Solidarity Fund in Africa. Your gift is a sign of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in faith in Africa.

**Sunday, February 16th  
Weekly Sunday Bingo**

Please join us Sunday, February 16th, at 2 PM, for our weekly bingo. Pick up a neighbor or friend and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Doors open at 1 PM. We always welcome any help or donation of home baked goods. Thank you for your continued support.

**Wednesday, February 19th  
Second Harvest**

St. John's Ministry of Care will distribute food for the needy this 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 this 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 this Thursday, February 20th, at 7 PM, in the church rectory.

**Saturday/Sunday, February 22nd & 23rd  
Second Collection for Maintenance**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the maintenance of our parish. Please give as generously as you are able.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.

**By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into actions as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.**

**Catfish Festival Meeting**

Due to Lent and the upcoming Parish Mission, Fr. Ryan has cancelled the Catfish Festival Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th.

**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.

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

**Religious Education Schedule**

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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saint Paul speaks of both the "wisdom of this age" and the "rulers of this age." He refers specifically to the so-called wise people and institutions responsible for unjustly condemning Jesus to death. As we mourn the human sin that killed Jesus two thousand years ago, we also consider the contemporary errors and evils that wound the Body of Christ in our own age. We easily recognize the crimes of our leaders. Religious, corporate, and government institutions have inflicted suffering on countless innocent souls. The depth of our modern-day failures threatens us with despair. But Jesus call us to renewed faithfulness and hope. Jesus tells us to "surpass" our leaders in righteousness. He instructs us to simplify our own lives: "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one." We are right to work against the sins of our leaders, but we must also scrutinize our own lives and make peace with our families, neighbors, and coworkers.

**PASSING AWAY**

There is some urgency in Christ's call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus' call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to "leave your gift at the altar" and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today's readings reflect on the deep connection between God's law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, "love is the fulfillment of the law." Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God's love and God's law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

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**Thank you for changing lives this Lent!**

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