

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. John M. Ryan, Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 1, 2020

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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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.

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Journey Song Book: Pg. 903
Missalette: Pg. 42
Communion Chant: Pg. 35

Sanctuary Lamp March 2nd - 8th, 2020

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Jamie Delatte & James Schaubhut

Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude Church



Church Care: March

Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell



Church Support

February 22nd & 23rd - \$ 1,406.11
Maintenance - \$ 714.00

Thank you for supporting your church!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 2nd

No daily Mass

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:00 AM: Justilien Cortez, Jr.

Wednesday, March 4th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Thursday, March 5th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Friday, March 6th

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Saturday, March 7th

4:30 PM: Jeannette Deroche Champagne, Floyd & Ralph Champagne, Elma Candies Loupe, Ben Cortez, Oscar Breaux, Jr., Priscilla Breaux, Lorence & Grace Deroche, Clarence & Kim Champagne, Herbert, Dave, Ulysee, Frank, & Ivy, Sr. Cavalier, Una C. Breaux, Irene C. Aucoin, Isabelle C. Lunk, Ron Dufrene, Grace & Joseph Cancienne, Byron & Jimmy Schaubhut, Judy Guhman, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, March 8th

9:30 AM: Ida Matherne, Paul Candies, Sr., 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, Audrey Duet Pitre, Judy Guhman, Bowler Family, Sampong Jai-prasi van Zanten, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Judy Guhman

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, Brian Branson, Stephanie Branson, Alan Brunet, Kathy Cardino, Rory Carlos, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Darren Christen, Patti Cornwell, Dee Cortez, Horace Dempster, Marc Denham, Janet Dufrene, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folve, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Judy Guhman, 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, Melvin Perron, Bobbie Picou, Rhylee Pizani, Bert Plaisance, Martha Plaisance, Michael Plaisance, Nicholas Rose, Marie Sevin, 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 March 8th	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 9th	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 9th
Lector	Vickie Hinrichs	Aurora Romero	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Randy Matherne Patrick Hinrichs Sydney Dupont	<u>Patsye Lunk</u> Gerald Dufrene Opal Dufrene	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

**Saturday/Sunday, February 29th & March 1st
Second Collection for Maintenance**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the maintenance of our parish. We apologize that the maintenance collection was held two weeks in a row for both February & March. OSV did not make the correction as requested for our 2020 contribution envelopes. As always, thank you for your generous donations.

**Sunday, March 1st
Donut Sunday**

The Bingo workers will sponsor our monthly donuts on Sunday, March 1st, directly following the 9:30 AM Mass. Stop by for a visit while enjoying a tasty donut and a hot cup of coffee. If you would like to volunteer once a month at the Sunday Bingo or donate baked items, please speak to one of our Bingo Volunteers.

**Sunday, March 1st
Weekly Sunday Bingo**

Please join us this Sunday, March 1st, for our weekly Bingo. Pick up a neighbor or friend and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. As always, there will be a nice selection of food items and home baked sweets to choose from. Doors open at 1 PM.

**Thursday, March 5th
Food for Seniors**

Food for Seniors will be distributed this Thursday, March 5th, from 10 to 11 AM in the Fr. Mac Center.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance?
Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that
together we can help the suffering and the poor .**

**St. Joseph Altar
Sunday, March 15th, 2020**

The St. Joseph Altar Committee invites any parishioners who wish to have a picture of their loved ones on either the Memorial and or Military tables for our St. Joseph Altar. You may bring your pictures to the Fr. Mac Community Center on Wednesday, March 11th, Thursday, March 12th, or Friday, March 13th, after 5 PM. You may also drop off your pictures after the 4:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday.

**St. Joseph Altar blessing and viewing will begin at
10:30 AM on Sunday, March 15th.**

**Viewing will be from 10:30 AM until 2 PM. Food will be
served until 1 PM.**

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

Religious Education Schedule

Sun. Feb. 29th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. March 1st, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

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The story of Adam and Eve, in Genesis 2 and 3, considers the origins of the trials and sufferings that we experience in human life. Part of the problem, the story suggests, is the human effort to be like God. Humans are therefore forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story is quite a contrast to Genesis 1, which proclaims that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and called to seek to become more like God. This creates a tension that points to a challenge in our life of faith: we are created both to embody God by developing our God-given human capacities, and also to live in radical trust and dependence on God. We are called to embrace and to live into this tension.

GOD'S BELOVED

When the people of Israel were freed from Egypt, they were declared to be God's chosen and beloved people. They wandered in the desert for forty years, often with great resistance, as God prepared them to enter the Promised Land.

Jesus' forty days in the desert echo their story, and offer a contrast. At his baptism, just before being led into the desert by the Spirit, Jesus was declared by a voice from the heavens to be God's "beloved Son." So, twice in today's passage, he is lured with the words "If you are the Son of God..." The devil tempts Jesus to redefine his sonship of God on his own terms, instead of following his Father. Israel had failed to understand its identity as God's people, but Jesus demonstrates how to live as God's Beloved.

These contrasting stories of Israel and of Jesus present us with a challenge. We are regularly tempted to redefine our identity as Christians on our own terms, to make faith comfortable and non-threatening. This Lenten season can re-mind us to allow God to transform our minds and hearts on God's terms.

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Christian Comedian Dinner Show

Join us for an evening of food and fun on Saturday, March 7th following the 4:30 Mass. The Fellowship and Family Life Committee will host a free Comedy Show featuring comedian Mutzie, Thou Shalt Not Laugh and dinner. The show is free but tickets are required and dinner will be \$10 which will include hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, bread, and a drink. Sweets and additional drinks can be purchased separately. Tickets for the show and for the dinner will be available after all Masses. A love offering will be taken for the performer following the show.

Catfish Festival Half-N-Half Raffle

The raffle tickets for our 2020 LA Catfish Festival are now on sale. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the end of all masses the weekend of **February 29th and March 1st**. We ask that each family stop by and pick up a few books of tickets to sell. The drawing will be held on the Sunday night, June 28th, at 8 PM (*winner need not be present*).

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