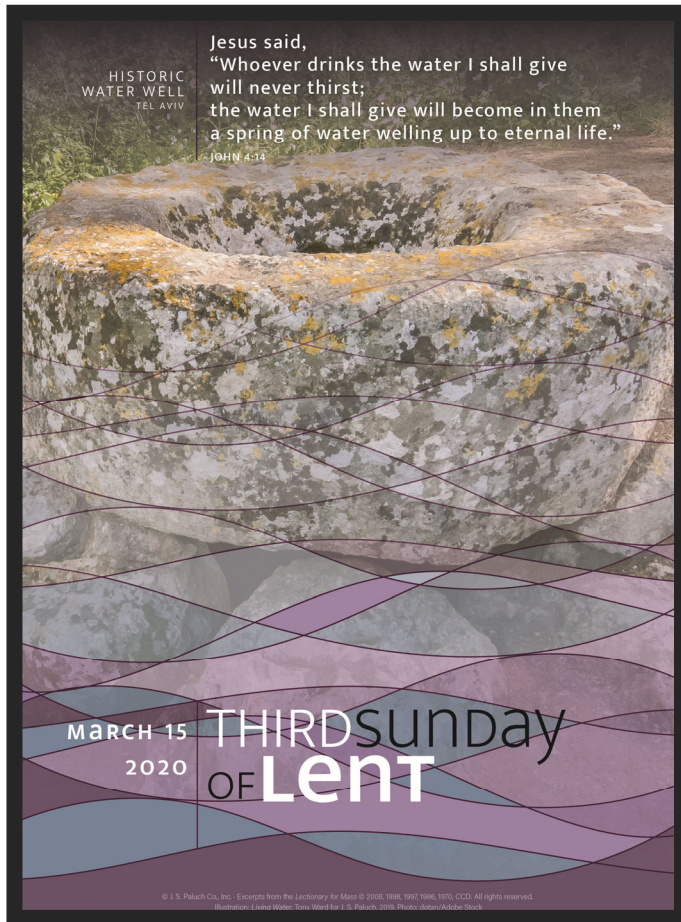


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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Third Sunday in Lent
Journey Song Book: Pg. 909
Missalette: Pg. 47
Communion Chant: Pg. 35

Sanctuary Lamp March 16th - 22nd, 2020
For the repose of the souls of:
Church: Deacon Landry Matherne
Chapel: All deceased Priests of St. Gertrude



Church Care: March

Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell

Church Support

March 8th & 9th - \$ 2,094.80

Thank you for supporting your church!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 16th

No daily Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Wednesday, March 18th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Thursday, March 19th

8:00 AM: Louise Trauth

Friday, March 20th

8:00 AM: Leo Vial & Cameron Kremer

6:00 PM: All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Way of the Cross immediately following Mass

Saturday, March 21st

4:30 PM: Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Lance Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunk, Beulah, Alvin & Lester Hebert, Bobbie, Dickie, & Rickey Bergeron, Ron Dufrene, Grace & Joseph Cancienne, Byron & Jimmy Schaubut, Judy Guhman, Bessie Labat

Sunday, March 22nd

9:30 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Adrien & Leona Roger & Family, Louis Seraphin & Josephine & Family, Eloise Trauth Matherne & Family, Theresa Maruschak & Family, Bill Miller & Family, M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Judy Guhman, Audrey Duet Pitre, Leo Vial, Cameron Kremer, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

6:00 PM: Judy Guhman, Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mable Simoneaux, Bobby Hogan, 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, Dianna S. Dempster, Horace Dempster, Marc Denham, Janet Dufrene, Caleb Entuinez, Keith Fambrough, Eric Folse, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, Erin Granier, Zack Gras, Ricky Gravois, Frances "Tee" Gros, Judy Guhman, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" Hebert, Susette Higgins, Lynn "Boz" Hogan, Raymond Hood, Adrian Hotard, Joan Lester, Jake Lemon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Monica Loveless, Timmy Maloz, Cole Martin, Cathy Martindale, 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, William Lynne Scott, 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.

Lenten News

Please join us each Friday evening for 6 PM Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Join us in taking that lonely walk to Calvary with our Lord by meditating on his passion.

Parish Reconciliations

Confessions will be available in all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays of Lent, **March 18th, March 25th, & April 1st** from **5:00 to 6:30 PM.**

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM March 21st	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 22nd	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 22nd
Lector	Anita Matherne	Opal Dufrene	Angelina Sander
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Matherne Maria Matherne Sydney Dupont	<u>Tommy Mahan</u> Birdie Mahan Christine Soto-Dufrene	Brett Hue Jamie Hue Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

Sunday, March 15th
Weekly Sunday Bingo

There will be no Sunday Bingo this weekend due to the St. Joseph Altar. We ask that all go out and view this beautiful altar to support the ladies of the Altar Society who have worked so hard in their preparations. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Wednesday, March 18th
Second Harvest

St. John's Ministry of Care will distribute food for the needy this Wednesday, March 18th, from 8 AM to 12 PM, at St. John the Baptist Church in Paradis.

Thursday, March 19th
Senior Luncheon

St. John's monthly Senior Luncheon & Bingo will be held this Thursday, March 19th. Doors open at 11 AM. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church for any senior interested in attending.

Thursday, March 19th
Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council Committee will meet this Thursday, March 19th, at 7 PM in the church rectory.

Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd
Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend to Support Catholic Relief Services. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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. March 15th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. March 16th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Wed. March 18th, Confession 5-6:30 PM in Church
Sun. March 22nd, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Mon. March 23rd, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Wed. March 25th, Confession 5-6:30 PM in Church
Sun. March 29th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Sun. March 29th, 1st Reconciliation with Parents
Mon. March 30th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Third Sunday in Lent

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

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St. Gertrude Lenten Mission

Fr. George E. Knab, O.M.I. will be here for our Lenten Mission the week beginning March 28th. The Theme of the Mission will be: Simply Live-True Religion for the 21st Century. Please see next weekend's bulletin for more information about our upcoming Lenten Mission.

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