

St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

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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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Journey Song Book: Pg. 912

Missalette: Pg. 51

Communion Chant: Pg. 35



Sanctuary Lamp March 23rd - 29th, 2020

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Paul Candies, Sr.

Chapel: All deceased Priests of St. Gertrude

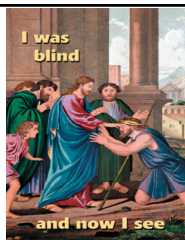
Church Care: March

Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell

Church Support

March 21st & 22nd - Mass not held due to Covid-19. Thanks to those who dropped off their envelopes thru the slot at the rectory.

Thank you for supporting your church!



**Mass Intentions for this Week
will be offered at a later date.**

**All Masses have been cancelled
until further notice due to the
spread of Covid-19!**

Monday, March 23rd
No daily Mass

Tuesday, March 24th
8:00 AM: Cancelled

Wednesday, March 25th
8:00 AM: Cancelled

Thursday, March 26th
8:00 AM: Cancelled

Friday, March 27th
8:00 AM: Cancelled

6:00 PM Mass & Way of the Cross
Saturday, March 28th
4:30 PM: Cancelled

Sunday, March 29th
9:30 AM: Cancelled
6:00 PM: Cancelled

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 Lemmon, 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.*

Parish News

Fr. Ryan has been unlocking the front door of the church daily. There are handouts available inside the church for your prayer use.

Confessions are available by appointment. Please contact Fr. Ryan at the church rectory. (985) 758-7542. If you cannot reach Fr. Ryan in the case of an emergency, please contact Maria Matherne, Admin. Asst. at office@stgertrudedesallemands.org Maria is working from home and checks the church emails several times daily.

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM March 28th	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 29th	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 29th
Lector	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Eucharistic Ministers			
Hospitality			

Spiritual Communion Prayers

Before Communion

I believe, O Lord, and confess that you are truly the Christ, the son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper. I will not reveal your mystery to Your enemies nor shall I give you a kiss like that of Judas, but like the thief, I confess to you: Remember me, O Lord, when you come into your Kingdom. Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your Kingdom. Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into your Kingdom. May this spiritual partaking of Your holy Mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation but for the healing of soul and body. God, be merciful to me, a sinner. God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me. I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.

Communion

O Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, I wish to be united with your eternal oblation to the Father, with each Eucharistic sacrifice being offered at this moment upon this earth. Lord, Jesus, come and dwell in my heart, nourish me with the Bread of Life, Yourself; cleanse, wash and purify me in the bath of Your Precious Blood.

Prayer to End Coronavirus Pandemic *Pope Frances*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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

All CCD Classes have been cancelled until further notice.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the Blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

HUMILITY AND ACTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.

How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

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In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

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