

# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. Ray A. Hymel, Pastor

A Parish of Deanery 5 (St. John - St. Charles) Dean: Very Rev. Stephen Dardis



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"  
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Sanctuary Lamp July 20th - July 26th  
For the repose of the souls of:  
**Church:** Paul Candies, Sr.

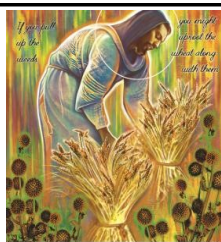
## Church Care: July

Elizabeth Denham & Janet Theriot

## Church Support

July 5th & 6th  
\$ 2,404.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



## PARISH STAFF

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## Office Hours:

Monday - 9 AM to 1 PM

Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass

## DAILY MASSES \*Held in church until further notice

8:00 AM - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM

Sunday: 8:45 - 9:15 AM

Anytime by appointment with Fr. Ray

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM, Holy Day: 9:00 AM & 7 PM

## 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. Ray when a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Fr. Ray should be notified as soon as possible when someone in the family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 20th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 21st**

**8:00 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr.

**Wednesday, July 22nd**

**8:00 AM:** Leo Vial, Cameron Kremer

**Thursday, July 23rd**

**8:00 AM:** All deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude

**Friday, July 24th**

**8:00 AM:** All souls in purgatory

**Saturday, July 25th**

**4:30 PM:** Jerry Dempster, Justilien Cortez, Jr., Paul Candies, Sr., Lance Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunk, Alvin, Beulah & Lester Hebert, Bobbie, Dickie, & Rickie Bergeron, E. B. Brian, Earl & Frances Brien, Myrtle & Roland Tastet, David Matherne, Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr., Bessie Labat, Jamie & Johnnie, Sr. Delatte, James, Byron, & Baby Ann Scaubhut, Caliste Naquin & Family, William Schaubhut & Family, John & Ouida Plaisance, William Lovell, Ron Dufrene

**Sunday, July 26th**

**9:30 AM:** Adrien & Leona Roger & Family, Luis Seraphin & Josephine & Family, Eloise Trauth Matherne & Family, Theresa Maruschak & Family, Bill Miller & Family, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Leo Vial, Cameron Kremer, Elias Michael Petit, Judy Guhman, Julio Quinones

**6:00 PM:** Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mable Simoneaux, Bobby Hogan, Roy Touchard, Sr.

*Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or life challenges.*

Susie Adams, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Donald Arnold, Karen Alexander Bass, Charles "Butch" Boudreaux, Euclid Boudreaux, Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Blake Comardelle, Dee Cortez, Clothilde Dempster, Dianna S. Dempster, Clarabell Dufrene, Marc Denham, Eric Folse, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, Judy Guhman, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" & Nancy Hebert, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Jake Lemmon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Laurie Nettles, Melvin Perron, Bobbie Picou, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Elijah Taylor, Randy Thibodeaux, Gale Touchard

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.  
Please call the rectory to add or update your family member's names.*

**PRAYER FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON**



Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season and from all harm and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen (Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be)*

**Ministry Schedule**

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Saturday - 4:30 PM July 25th</b>	<b>Sunday - 9:30 AM July 26th</b>	<b>Sunday - 6:00 PM July 26th</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Anita Matherne	Sheena Candies	Kenney Matherne
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Terry Matherne	Berdie Mahan	<b>No Minister Needed</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Covid-19 Procedures

With more people returning to Mass and with St. Gertrude following recommended procedures please consider wearing your face mask at least when entering and exiting the church. Please keep a six (6) foot distance from other families, refraining from visiting with others. Use hand sanitizer prior to receiving Holy Communion, keep a distance in the communion line and finally, please use sanitizer wipes to clean your area before you leave the church. This should keep all safe and our church open.

### Monday - July 20th Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, July 20th. It will reopen on Tuesday, July 21st, at 9 AM.

### Prayer Against Coronavirus

God our Father, your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness."

At his command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, and all health care workers who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.

May they know your protection and peace.

Give researchers the wisdom to find a lasting cure for this disease and to work for prevention of future outbreaks.

I now place myself, my family, my loved ones, my friends and all people under the cross of Jesus Christ. I cover everyone with the precious blood of Christ against Coronavirus and all other diseases of mind and body.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world, Amen.



We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

### WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to "grow up" and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a "do-over." Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and "gather the wheat." Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15-16: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant."

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### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

During these hard times during the Covid-19 pandemic, our pantry is open to all who are in need. We are here to provide food boxes on Tuesday & Thursday each week. If you know of anyone who is in need, please contact the rectory.

### 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)

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