

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 (Pastor - Holy Family, Luling)

The Kingdom of heaven

is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

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Office Hours:

Monday - 9 AM to 1 PM
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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.

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Sanctuary Lamp July 27th - Aug. 2nd
For the repose of the souls of:
Church: Jamie Delatte & James Schaubhut



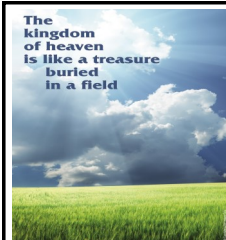
Church Care: August

Lynne Pickett & Nancy Dowouis

Church Support

July 18th & 19th
To be announced at a later date.

Thank you for supporting your church!



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 27th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28th

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Wednesday, July 29th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Thursday, July 30th

8:00 AM: M/M Merlin Schaubhut, Sr.

Friday, July 31st

8:00 AM: Leo Vial & Cameron Kremer

Saturday, August 1st

4:30 PM: Justilien Cortez, Jr. Earl (Spanky) Songy, Floyd, Alice, & Dawn Folse, Wages & Ethel Hotard, Roy F. Touchard, Cleveland Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, Landry & Lilia Dufrene, All Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, August 2nd

9:30 AM: Waitus W. Denham, Sr., Paul Candies, Sr., Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Ferducy & Rita Bergeron, Cleophus, Rose, Donald, Donless & Lucy Gautreaux, Edward, Leon, Torey, & Edward Buras, III, Robin Whalen, Leon Bertucci, Claytin Autin, Jr., Dawson, Tyler, & Aiden Neff, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Leo Vial, Cameron Kremer, Elias Michael Petit, Nora Held, Kathy Vanacor

6:00 PM: M/M Raoul Trahan, Wilvin Trahan, M/M Aramise Matherne, Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mable Simoneaux, Bobby Hogan, Roy F. Touchard

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, 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, Aurora Orosz, 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

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM August 1st	Sunday - 9:30 AM August 2nd	Sunday - 6:00 PM August 2nd
Lector	Betty Hogan	Vickie Hinrichs	Monica Tabor
Eucharistic Minister	Lynne Pickett	Patrick Hinrichs	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

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.

Sunday Take-Out Dinner

Due to the current coronavirus directives, the Sunday afternoon Bingo is still canceled until further notice. Since the limit is 50 people for gatherings such as the bingo, we would not want to turn people away at the door. So, in order to recover the income that the bingo brings to our parish hall kitchen, on the second Sundays of the month, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Menus will be published the week before each dinner. Once a month, beginning in August, come by the Fr. Mac building and get your complete lunch without cooking yourself that Sunday. On November 8th, the name of the winner of the Catfish 50/50 Raffle will be drawn - this raffle began before the coronavirus hit us, thus canceling the Catfish Festival for 2020 - so tickets are still being sold for the 50/50 drawing, and the drawing will take place at the November 8th Sunday take-out dinner. Mark these dates on your calendar and come out and get your Sunday dinner and continue your generous support of St. Gertrude Church. The Bingo will resume as soon as the restrictions allow us to welcome all who want to come and play. Watch our church bulletin for weekly updates on activities here at St. Gertrude's.

Here are the Take-Out Sunday Dinner Dates:

August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

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)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is speaking in parables and offers three different images for the kingdom of heaven. Remember that popular line from a phone commercial: "Can you hear me now?" Jesus is trying to teach and basically says, "Do you understand me now? Do you get it now? Let me explain it another way." He is shedding light on just how very important his mission is, that the kingdom of God is the most important thing, and that we must make every choice, every effort to strive for it. To use a sports metaphor, Jesus is telling us we must not look for immediate satisfaction, but we must "play the long game" because in the end, this is the only thing that really matters.

GIVING UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE

This message again seems very countercultural. We live in an age of instant gratification. Consumer debt is at an all-time high. Houses get bigger and bigger and more luxurious. Instead of saying "I can't afford a new car," people stretch payments out over six or seven years in an attempt to afford the unaffordable. Today we are called to put it all in perspective, to follow the "pearl of great price," to put all things aside that we might seek the kingdom of God and reach our heavenly goal, our salvation. This may require a paradigm shift and making radical changes in our lifestyle, in how we spend our time, our money, our energy, how we define what is important to us. May each of us find the wisdom of Solomon to guide us in making the right choices.

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St. Gertrude's Senior Citizens Upcoming Gatherings

Beginning in August and going through December, St. Gertrude's is sponsoring monthly gatherings for our senior citizens, to break up the monotony of staying at home during coronavirus and to reunite with parishioners and friends as we observe social distancing. These gatherings will begin at 10 am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Father Mac Building, will include refreshments, and will have a game and/or craft project to reflect the upcoming holiday. More information to come - watch the church bulletin. Here are the dates of the senior citizens gatherings:

Third Tuesdays of the month, August through December, 2020 at 10 AM in the Father Mac Building

August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

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