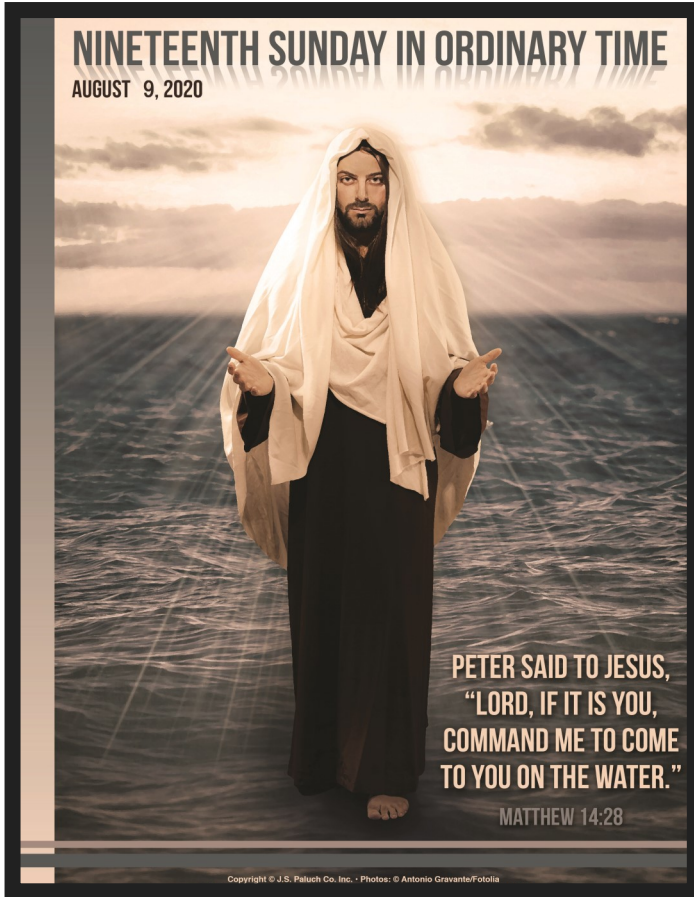


St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

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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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"
Missalette: Pg. 17

Sanctuary Lamp: August 10th thru 16th
For the repose of the souls of:
Church: George J. Landeche
Kyle Monot



Church Care: August
Lynne Pickett & Nancy Dowouis

Church Support

July 25th & 26th
\$ 1,561.75

Thank you for supporting your church!



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 11th

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

Wednesday, August 12th

8:00 AM: Leo Vial & Cameron Kremer

Thursday, August 13th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Friday, August 14th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Kyle Monot & Lionel Clu-lee

Saturday, August 15th

4:30 PM: Barbara Mongrue, George J. Landeche, Philip Landeche, Sr., Alvin & Cleo Landeche, Lawrence, Betty, & Irene Loupe, Arlene Loupe Hall, Autumn Fuller, Marie Gaudet, Leverance Labat, Cleveland Labat Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, Frank, Dave, Ulyssee, Frank, & Ivy. Sr. Cavalier, Una C. Breaux, Irene C. Aucoin, Isabelle Lunk, Barbara Robert, E.B. Brien, Earl & Frances Brien, Myrtle & Roland Tastet, David Matherne, Roy F. Touchard, Judy Guhman

Sunday, August 16th

9:30 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Lloyd & Rosemary Zeringue, Stanley & Eunice Champagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Eugene Rascoll, III, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Leo Vial, Cameron Kremer, Elias Michael Petit, Judy Guhman, all parishioners of St. Gertrude

6:00 PM: Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mabel Simoneaux, Bobby Hogan, Roy F. Touchard, Judy Guhman, Maureen & Michael Chaisson

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 Folve, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, 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, Noah Townsend, 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 15th	Sunday - 9:30 AM August 16th	Sunday - 6:00 PM August 16th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Denise Matherne	Kenney Matherne
Eucharistic Minister	Terry Matherne	Patsye Lunk	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Tuesday, August 18th
St. Gertrude Senior Activity

A Prize Bingo will be held for our Senior activity on Tuesday, August 18th, at 10 AM, in the Fr. Mac Center. Please bring a \$5 prize to contribute to our Senior Bingo. If you are interested in attending this event, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church. This event is opened to senior parishioners who are 60 years of age or older. For your safety, we will be following the social distancing guidelines. You will have to sign a log sheet and have your temperature taken as you enter into the Fr. Mac Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, August 19th
Second Harvest

St. John Ministry of Care will distribute Second Harvest on Wednesday, August 19th, thru a drive through process beginning at 8 AM until all food has been distributed.

Saturday & Sunday, August 15th & 16th
Second Collection for Religious Education

There will be a second collection at all masses next weekend, August 15th & 16th for our Religious Education Program. Please give as generously as you are able.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program will hold two registration nights. **August 11th & August 17th.** Both will be held from **6 PM - 8 PM** in the **Fr. Mac Building**. Please wear masks and social distance as mandated in Phase 2.

As of today's date, there will be two separate opening masses. **August 30th** mass will be held at **6 PM** for the **High School Grades (6th-11th)** and **August 31st** mass will be held at **6 PM** for the **Elementary Grades (1st-5th)**. Students are expected to attend the Opening Mass as this is considered our first class. Two masses are necessary so that we adhere to social distancing measures and all other safety precautions. It is a mandate that masks must be worn to mass.

Welcome back to St. Gertrude Fr. Ray!

Very Rev. Stephen Dardis will be at St. Gertrude next Saturday, August 15th, to celebrate Fr. Ray's Installation as pastor of St. Gertrude, at the 4:30 Vigil Mass. Please join us for this very special celebration.

Catfish Festival Half & Half Raffle Tickets

Our 2020 Catfish Festival has been cancelled due to Covid-19. To make up the revenue that the festival provides, St. Gertrude will hold a monthly Sunday luncheon the second Sunday of each month. We ask each family to pick up at least one book of raffle tickets to help this cause. The winner will be announced on Sunday, **November 8th.**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREE TO CHOOSE

Our readings today drench us in God's kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul's letter, and the Gospel demonstrate God's creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God's gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today's scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God's constant work in our lives.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah's case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a "tiny whispering sound." God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God's chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God's people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the "constant anguish" in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew's gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciples during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples' hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

TO THE LIMIT

Sometimes God's creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to share miraculous power with him. Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

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