

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)



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

THE SON OF MAN WILL COME
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL
ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.

Matthew 16:27



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"

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Sanctuary Lamp: August 31st to September 6th
For the repose of the soul of:
Church: Isabelle Lunk

Church Care: September

Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell

Church Support

August 15th & 16th
\$ 1,785.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



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Office Hours:

Monday - Closed
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, August 31st

No Mass

Tuesday, September 1st

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

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Thursday, September 3rd

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Friday, September 4th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman, Venice Dufrene, Sr. & Jr.

Saturday, September 5th

4:30 PM: Johnnie Hoffman, Paul Candies, Sr., Dr. David Vial, Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, Judy Guhman, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, September 6th

9:30 AM Waitus W. Denham, Sr., Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Ferducy & Rita Bergeron, Cleophus, Rose, Donald, Donlee, & 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, Elias Michael Petit, Deborah Tregle, Alverta & Dewey Matherne, Didier & Emily Loupe, Sidney, Aline, Quinsen, & Darrick Matherne, Judy Guhman

6:00 PM: Carl Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mabel Simoneaux, Bobby Hogan, Judy Guhman, Maureen & Michael Chaisson, All deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

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, Larry Breaux, Sr., Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Blake Comardelle, Dee Cortez, Clothilde Dempster, Dianna S. Dempster, Jo Ann Dempster, Marc Denham, Eric Folse, Colette Freloux, Carl Frieze, Betty Gautreaux, Cliff Gendron, Brad Gibbons, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" & Nancy Hebert, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Jake Lemmon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Laurie Nettles, Aurora Orosz, Melvin Perron, Bentley Louviere, Bobbie Picou, Noah Prichard, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Adam Sims, Elijah Taylor, Jerry Thibodeaux, Randy Thibodeaux, Noah Townsend, Gale Touchard, Larry Vanderbrook

*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 September 5th	Sunday - 9:30 AM September 6th	Sunday - 6:00 PM September 6th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Denise Matherne	Kenney Matherne
Eucharistic Minister	Terry Matherne	Randy Matherne	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Tuesday, September 1st CCD Teachers Meeting

There will be a CCD teacher meeting this Tuesday, September 1st, at 6:30 PM, in the Fr. Mac Building. Please make every effort to attend as we will be discussing many important issues. Please be sure to bring and wear your masks for this meeting.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Needed

As things are slowly getting back to a normal procedure at church, we are still in need of additional readers and Eucharistic Ministers. We currently have only seven readers which is difficult to schedule since we have three masses on the weekend. Currently, we have a few more Eucharist Ministers but we continually lose both with each schedule. **PLEASE** consider volunteering to assist at Mass! If interested, contact the rectory at 758-7542 as we will be creating a new schedule soon!

Help Needed for CCD

We are in need of one elementary and one 7th or 9th Grade teacher for CCD. Please pray upon this and contact Ms. Tina Montz (758-7373) if you can help the Religious Education Program.

CCD Registration

If anyone would like to register their child for CCD, registration packets have been placed in the back of the church. You may fill them out and place them in an envelope with your registration fee and place them in the weekly collection or drop them off through the slot at the rectory.

Thank You Everyone!

We thank all who came out and volunteered to work for our Funnel Cake Sale! We sold over 125 Funnel Cakes! We also thank our community and neighbors who stopped by to support this event! Stay tuned, our next event will be Sunday, September 13th. More information to follow!

Catfish Festival Half & Half Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the monthly luncheons or picked up from the rectory Tuesday thru Thursday between the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. We ask each family to pick up at least one book of raffle tickets to help this cause. As of this bulletin, the winnings are over **\$700!** Our goal is to reach **\$1,000!** The winner of the half & half will be announced on Sunday, **November 8th. Good Luck!**



Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program will hold two separate opening masses. The High School Mass will be held on **Sunday, August 30th, at 6 PM, for Grades (6th-11th)** and the Elementary Grade Mass will be held on **Monday, August 31st, at 6 PM, for Grades (1st-5th)**. 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.

Important Dates

Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 7PM in Church
First Reconciliation Students & Parents

Saturday, September 19, 2020 @ 10 AM in Church
First Reconciliation Students & Parents

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

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.

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