

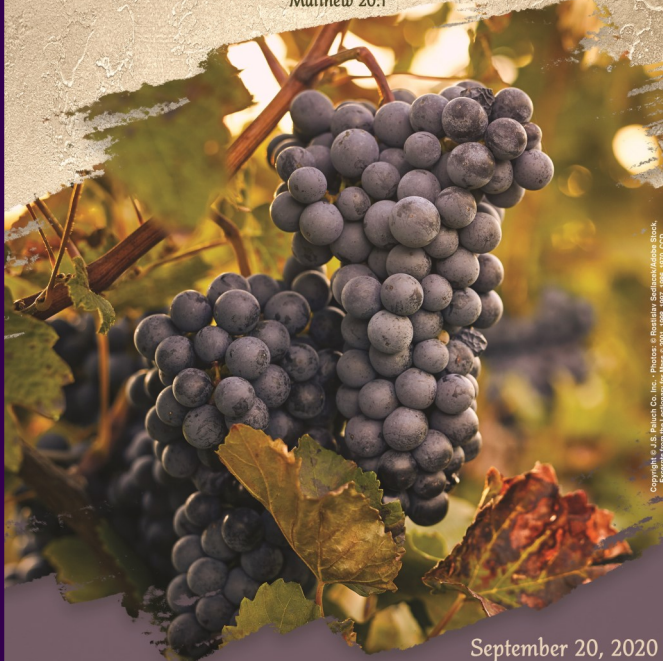
# St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

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 landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



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September 20, 2020

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"**  
Missalette: Pg. 35

**Sanctuary Lamp: September 21st to 27th**  
For the repose of the soul of:  
**Church: Bessie Labat**



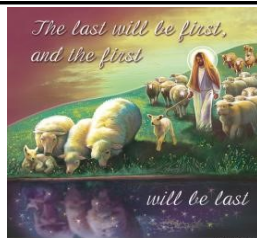
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**Church Care: September**  
**Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell**

## Church Support

September 5th & 6th  
\$ 3,104.61

Thank you for supporting your church!



## PARISH STAFF

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## Office Hours:

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM  
Friday - Closed

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass

## DAILY MASSES: Held in the Chapel

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, September 21st**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

**8:00 AM:** Judy Guhman

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

**8:00 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr., E.B. Brien, Earl & Frances Brien, Myrtle & Roland Tastet, David Matherne

**Thursday, September 24th**

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

**Friday, September 25th**

**8:00 AM:** For all souls in purgatory

**Saturday, September 26th**

**4:30 PM:** Jerry Dempster, Justilien Cortez, Jr. Lance Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunk, Beulah, Alvin, & Lester Hebert, Bobbie, Dickie, & Rickie Bergeron, Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, Jamie & Johnnie, Sr. Delatte, James, Byron, & Baby Ann Schaubhut, Caliste Naquin & Family, William Schaubhut & Family, John & Ouida Plaisance, William Lovell, Ron Dufrene, Julio Quinõnes, Roy F. Touchard, Judy Guhman

**Sunday, September 27th**

**9:30 AM:** Paul Candies, Sr., M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Joe, Mildred, & Karen Fambrough, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Elias Michael Petit, Deborah Tregle, Judy Guhman, Toney Dalelio, Rhodell Montgomery, M/M Early Plaisance, Alan, Tessie, Dwayne, & Vickie Dufrene

**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, Larry Breaux, Sr., Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Marcey Frazier Clement, Blake Comardelle, Dee Cortez, 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, Kathy Heckel, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Edith Hotard, Jake Lemmon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Laurie Nettles, Aurora Orosz, Melanie Pecpequene, Melvin Perron, Bentley Louviere, Bobbie Picou, Noah Prichard, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Adam Sims, Elijah Taylor, Jerry Thibodeaux, Randy Thibodeaux, Noah Townsend, Gale Touchard, Margaret Tregle, 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.*

**Thank You! Thank You!**

We would like to thank all those who assisted in making our sanctuary and sacristy floors so beautiful! St. Gertrude is truly blessed to have such devoted parishioners!

**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 26th	Sunday - 9:30 AM September 27th	Sunday - 6:00 PM September 27th
<b>Lector</b>	Anita Matherne	Betty Hogan	Monica Tabor
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Terry Matherne	Christine Soto-Dufrene	<b>No Minister Needed</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

## **Saturday & Sunday, September 19th & 20th Second Collection—Catholic Communication**

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of your donation will stay in your diocese to support local communication efforts. The other half will support national projects in the United States and around the world.

## **Tuesday, September 22nd St. Gertrude Senior Activity**

Due to Hurricane Sally, our Senior Prize Bingo has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd, 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 continue to follow 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.

## **Religious Education Program**

Thank you to those who volunteered to fill the vacant spots for our religious education program. We thank all of our teachers and volunteers who have donated countless hours over the past years in sharing your time and faith with the children in our church community.

## **Show your St. Gertrude Spirit!!**

Due to parishioner interest, Fellowship and Family Life is sponsoring a St. Gertrude t-shirt sale. Shirts are purple in color with a purple and white design and lettering. Examples of the design are located on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church. Order forms can be found at the doors of the church. Sale ends on **September 21st**.

God's ways  
are above



our ways

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## **Religious Education**

**Sunday, September 20th @ 6PM** in Church  
Teacher Commissioning

**Sunday, September 20th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, September 21st**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

**Sunday, September 27th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, September 28th**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

## **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus' parable depicts workers who "punch the clock" at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o'clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the late-comers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o'clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God's generosity toward "unworthy" believers, but also the Lord's inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

## **BEGINNING AGAIN**

Today's readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today's Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o'clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today's psalm insists that the "Lord is near to all who call upon him." In hope, then, we begin again.

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## **Catfish Festival Half & Half Raffle Tickets**

Catfish Festival half & half raffle tickets are still available and can be picked up from Ms. Cindy Candies or from the rectory on Tuesday thru Thursday between the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. They can also be purchased while you are waiting in the carline at our monthly luncheons! The winning prize has exceeded **\$1,000!** The winner of the half & half will be announced on Sunday, **November 8th. Good Luck!**

## **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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