


# 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)



September 27, 2020

*Jesus said*

*to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you."*

*Matthew 21:31*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"  
Missalette: Pg. 37

**Sanctuary Lamp: Sept. 28th - October 4th**  
For the repose of the souls of:  
**Church: Justilien "Justy" Cortez, Jr.**  
**Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude**



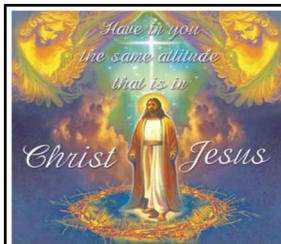
## Church Care: October

**Berdie Mahan & Faye Aucoin**

## Church Support

September 13th & 14th  
\$ 1,230.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 28th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 29th**

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

**Wednesday, September 30th**

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

**Thursday, October 1st**

**8:00 AM:** Judy Guhman

**Friday, October 2nd**

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

**Saturday, October 3rd**

**4:30 PM:** Charles Folse, Jr. & Edith C. Folse, Charles Folse, Sr. & Lily Folse Dubea, Martin, Theresa, & Dennis Dufrene, Arthur LeBlanc, Sr. & Bernice LeBlanc, Christine Folse, Barbara Mongrue, George J. Landeche, Philip Landeche, Sr., Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Lawrence, Betty, & Irene Loupe, Arlene Loupe Hall, Autumn Fuller, Adam & Joseph Theriot, Herbert, Dave, Ulysee, Frank, & Ivy, Sr. Cavalier, Una C. Breaux, Irene C. Aucoin, Isabelle Lunk, E. B. Brien, Earl & Frances Brien, Myrtle & Roland Tastet, David Matherne, Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, M/M Early Plaisance, Marla Rose, Lynn Hogan, Sr., Velma Breaux, Judy Guhman, Ecton & Martha Plaisance

**Sunday, October 4th**

**9:30 AM:** John F. Matherne, Paul Candies, Sr., Joseph & Theresa Frickey, Justilien, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Justilien "Justy" Cortez, Jr. M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Eugene Rascol, III, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Elias Michael Petit, Deborah Tregle, 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, Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Adler Champagne, Jr., Greg Champagne, Mark Champagne, Richard Chiasson, 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**

We thank all those in our church community who came out to support our September luncheon. We raised over \$3,700! The October Luncheon will be held Sunday, October 11th, and sponsored by First National Bank USA. The menu will be spaghetti meat sauce over pasta, salad and bread.

**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 October 3rd</b>	<b>Sunday - 9:30 AM October 4th</b>	<b>Sunday - 6:00 PM October 4th</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Howard Gauley	Sheena Candies	Monica Tabor
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Lynne Pickett	Patsye Lunk	<b>No Minister Needed</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**Monday, September 28th**  
**T-shirt Order — Fellowship & Family Life**

If you have not placed your order for a St. Gertrude T-shirt it is not too late. We will accept orders thru Monday, September 28th. A sample of the T-shirt can be found on the bulletin boards in the main entrance of the church. Order forms can be found in the back of the church as well.

**Thursday, October 1st**  
**Food for Seniors**

Food for Seniors will be distributed this Thursday, October 1st, from 10 to 11 AM in the Fr. Mac Center.

**Saturday/Sunday, October 2nd & 3rd**  
**Second Collection - Maintenance**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the maintenance of our parish. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

**Wednesday, October 7th**  
**Ladies Altar Society**

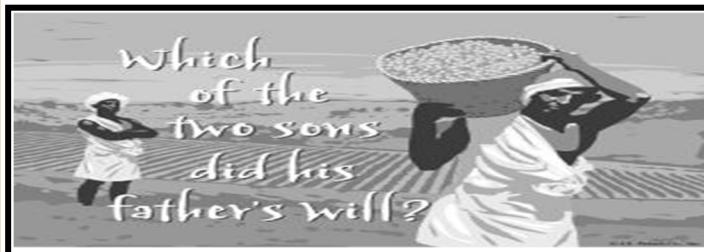
The LAS will begin their meetings again on Wednesday, October 7th, at 6 PM, in the Fr. Mac Center. The pot-luck dinners will not be held due to Covid-19.

**Monthly Adoration and Mass Evening**

St. Gertrude will host our monthly Prayer, Praise, Adoration, Confession and Mass Evening on October 8th. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 6 PM with praise music and quiet reflection time before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Ray will be available for those wishing to go to confession. Adoration will conclude near 7 with Mass beginning at 7 PM. Join us for an evening of worship during these difficult times. October 8th is the Feast of St. Ambrose of Siena, amazingly healed as a child, became a Dominican and was respected by kings and popes! There is power in the name of Jesus!

**Krewe of Boo**

Mark your calendars! Since we have moved to Phase 3, Krewe of Boo will be held on Friday, October 30th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This year, Krewe of Boo will be held on the festival grounds behind the Fr. Mac Center. Due to Covid-19, food and beverages will not be served. Stay tuned for more information to come.



**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!**

**Religious Education**

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

**Sunday, October 4th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, October 5th**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

**Sunday, October 11th**, 3rd Grade First Communion practice and parent meeting @ 7 PM

**Sunday, October 11th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, October 12th**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

**Sunday, October 18th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, October 19th**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

**Sunday, October 25th**, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, October 26th**, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

\*October 11th & 12th were added to the Religious Education calendar. This was necessary due to the cancellation of class dates due to Hurricane Sally.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Humbly regard others as more than important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.*

*Philippians 2:3-4*

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

**SUPERNATURE**

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

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