

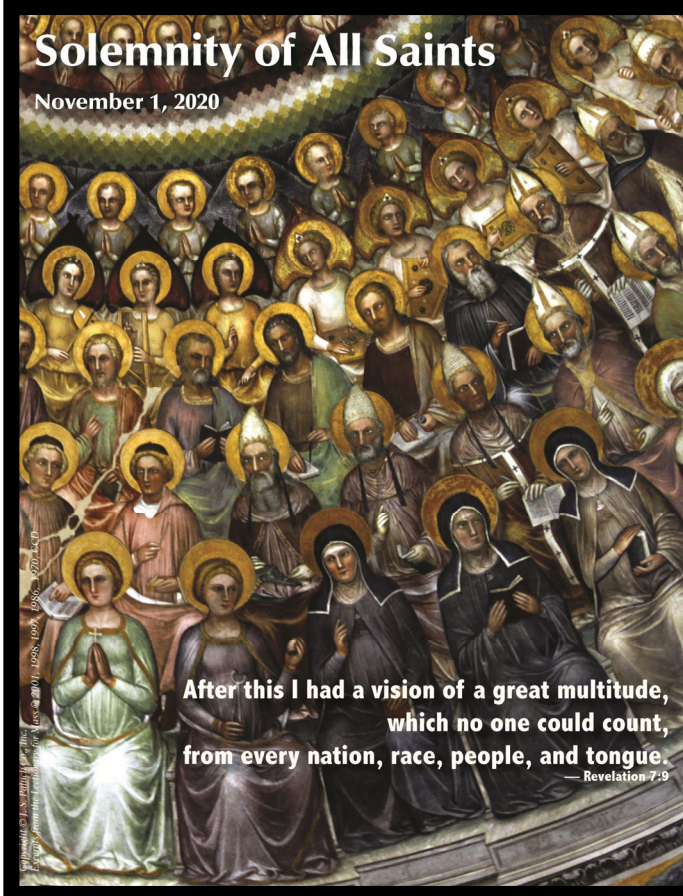
St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

Rev. Ray A. Hymel, Pastor

A Parish of Deanery 5 (St. John - St. Charles) Dean: Very Rev. Stephen Dardis (Pastor - Holy Family, Luling)

Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020



After this I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
— Revelation 7:9

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Missalette: Pg. 50

Sanctuary Lamp: November 2nd - 8th

For the repose of the soul of:

Church: Bessie Labat

Chapel: All deceased priests of St. Gertrude

Church Care: November

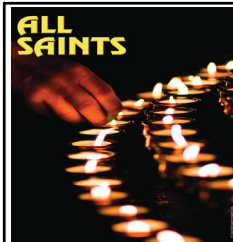
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Church Support

October 27th & 28th
\$ 1,871.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



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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
Adoration: Thursday: 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM

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, November 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, November 3rd

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

Wednesday, November 4th

8:00 AM: Alverta "Tootle" Matherne

Thursday, November 5th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Friday, November 6th

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Eloise Trauth Matherne

Saturday, November 7th

4:30 PM: Susan Landry, Valerie Buquoi, Mary Ann & Raymond Soudelier, Jessie Cedotal, Rita & Milton Bourgeois, Sr., Jessie Cedotal Rita & Milton Bourgeois, Sr., Cleland, Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, November 8th

9:30 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Justilien, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Justilien Cortez, Jr., Eugene Rascoll, III, Kyle Monot, Elias Michael Petit, Debbie Tregle, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle

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, Marcey Frazier Clement, Blake Comardelle, Dee Cortez, Jo Ann Dempster, Marc Denham, Janice "Clara" Dufrene, 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, Kristy Liner, Barbara Loggins, Landon Lyons, Susan Aizen McCarter, Laurie Nettles, Aurora Orosz, Melanie Pecquene, Melvin Perron, Bentley Louviere, Clarence "Buster" Naquin, Bobbie Picou, Noah Prichard, Betty Savoie, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Mark Savoie, Adam Sims, Bryant Tassin, Elijah Taylor, Jerry Thibodeaux, Randy Thibodeaux, Noah Townsend, Gale Touchard, Margaret Tregle, Christina Triche, 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.

**A Statement from the Archdiocese of New Orleans
October 21, 2020**

Church teaching is that marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony are between a man and a woman. According to reports, the pope's comments in a brief passage in the documentary film, "Francesco," are similar to the position the Holy Father took while archbishop of Buenos Aires and echo remarks he has made in several interviews during his pontificate. While always defining and defending marriage as between a man and a woman, the pope's recognition of civil unions is his acknowledgement of the "civil rights" of those in same-sex civil unions as provided by governments.

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 November 7th	Sunday - 9:30 AM November 8th	Sunday - 6:00 PM November 8th
Lector	Wade Hebert	Aurora Romero	Howard Gauley
Eucharistic Minister	Lynne Pickett	Patsye Lunk	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**Saturday & Sunday, November 7th & 8th
Second Collections- Church Décor & Maintenance**

We will have two second collections next weekend for Church Décor and the maintenance of our parish. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Catfish Festival Half & Half Raffle Tickets

Catfish Festival half & half raffle tickets can still be purchased up to the morning of Sunday, November 8th. For those who still have tickets out, please turn them in to Cindy Candies or the rectory as soon as possible. The winning prize has exceeded \$1,600! The winner of the half & half will be announced at the completion of our next monthly luncheon on Sunday, November 8th. Good Luck!

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Due to Covid-19, it has been decided to postpone this year's Veteran's Day Ceremony. Names of the deceased veterans of this year will still be inscribed on the plaque for viewing. This year's veterans will be recognized at next year's ceremony. Thank you for your understanding.

Anticipating Advent by Fr. Ray

As Catholics we observe a liturgical year as well the regular calendar year. The liturgical year starts at sundown on the First Sunday of Advent each year and ends the following year at sunset on the next First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical year doesn't begin and end at midnight like the calendar years begin and end at midnight on New Year's Eve/New Year's Day. The liturgical year begins and ends at sundown, as our Jewish ancestors marked the end of one day and the beginning of another. Since this past mid-March, both our calendar and liturgical year have been a time of uncertainty, challenge, and frustration. Yet, thanks be to God, we have come a long way since March 16, 2020, when everything but essential services and businesses were shut down, including the celebration of Masses and the entire sacramental life of the Church. Through the grace of God, the intercession of St. Gertrude, and the faith, hope, love, prayers, and financial generosity of St Gertrude parishioners, our parish family has now returned since the beginning of July, to the regular celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. What a blessing! Social distancing at Masses in the church and the chapel is not too difficult even with half-seating-capacity in church, and our chapel is large enough for daily Mass-goers to space themselves. As we progress carefully toward some more normalcy, please spread the word, if you're not already doing so, that weekday and weekend Masses have been "up and running" for almost four months now, and there's always room for more, even with social distancing. Since the celebration of Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, and the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek, then what better setting to give thanks to God for His blessings to us even during this pandemic. We've all been challenged and affected in different ways by the coronavirus, but we are still here by the grace of God. Let us continue to give God thanks and praise, especially to Jesus in the Eucharist. Again, thank you for your prayers, spiritual and financial support, and for your devotion and loyalty to our parish of St. Gertrude.

Religious Education

Sunday, November 1st, Fall Break - Election
Monday, November 2nd, Fall Break - Election

Sunday, November 8th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, November 9th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Sunday, November 15th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, November 16th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Sunday, November 22nd, - Thanksgiving Holidays
Monday, November 23rd, - Thanksgiving Holidays

Sunday, November 29th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, November 30th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

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Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

THE REWARD

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed souls in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

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Mark you calendars!

The Catfish Festival, we will once again sponsor a craft show and garage sale on Saturday, November 28th, in the Fr. Mac Center and festival grounds. Indoor booth space is no longer available but if you know of anyone that would be interested in an outdoor craft booth or garage sale booth, please contact Sheena Candies @ (504) 520-1541. For more information, please see the Catfish Festival Facebook page.

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