

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 1st

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

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Thursday, December 3rd

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Friday, December 4th

8:00 AM: Charles A. Zeringue, Jr. & Sr., Zoe Zeringue, M/M Whitney Becnel

Saturday, December 5th

4:30 PM: Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr., Jeannette Deroche Champagne, Floyd & Ralph Champagne, Alaina Arnold, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Sunday, December 6th

9:30 AM: John F. Matherne, Edward Tregle, Sr., Wai-tus W. Denham, Sr., Paul Candies, Sr., Lloyd & Rosemary Zeringue, Stanley & Eunice Champagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Albert & Brent Blank, Chad William Siegle, Ferducy & Rita Bergeron, Cleophus, Rose, Donald, Don Lee, & Lucy Gautreaux, Edward, Leon, Torey, & Edward Buras, III, Robin Whalen, Leon Bertucci, Clayton Autin, Jr., Dawson, Tyler, & Aiden Neff, Elias Michael Petit, Debbie Tregle, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, M/M Early Plaisance, Marla Rose, M/M Eddie Pierce Clothilde & Mitchell Dempster, All parishioners of St. Gertrude

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, Collette 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 Pecpequene, Melvin Perron, Bentley Louviere, Clarence "Buster" Naquin, Bobbie Picou, Noah Prichard, Betty Savoie, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Adam Sims, 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.*

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr. Ray will celebrate three masses as follows:

*7 PM Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7th
9 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 8th
7 PM Mass on Tuesday, December 8th*

**Note* This is a Holy Day of Obligation!*

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM December 5th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 6th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 6th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Sheena Candies	Howard Gauley
Eucharistic Minister	Terry Matherne	Sherry Folse	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:00 PM. An evening of lite refreshments will be provided while following social distancing.

The Ladies Altar Society Christmas meal will be held at Little Touch of Tokyo in Boutte again this year. Any member interested in attending must let Sherry know by November 29th/30th. She can be reached at (985) 852-2866 or (985) 758-1628. The date of the lunch will be December 9th, at 11:30 AM.

Food for Seniors

Food for Seniors will be distributed this Thursday, December 3rd, from 10 to 11 AM in the Fr. Mac Center.

Monthly Adoration

Join us for our Monthly Adoration and Confession Night on Thursday, December 3rd from 6PM to 7PM with Mass at 7PM! What a great way to begin your Advent Season as to spend some time with our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Music, Prayer, Confessions, a wonderful way to welcome the Holy Season!

Christmas Altar Flower Donation

The office is now accepting donations for Christmas altar poinsettias in memory of a loved one.

There are two ways you may donate:

- *You may donate money for flowers by using the Christmas flower envelope located at all doors of the church. This envelope may be placed in the collection basket for your convenience.*
- *You may purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to church. There are tags located at all doors to place your loved ones name on and attach the tag to your poinsettia.*
- *Flowers will be accepted the weekend of December 19th & 20th.*

St. Gertrude Family Christmas Tree Decorating and Caroling Event

Join us as we open the Holiday Season with our first Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling Event with Hot Chocolate on Saturday, December 12th following the 4:30PM Mass. All free of charge! Have your family represented by bringing a weather resistant outdoor ornament for the tree that represents your family. The ornament can be bought or homemade. Have your family join the entire St. Gertrude family for the tree decorating, lighting, and caroling topped off with hot chocolate all sponsored by the Fellowship and Family Life Committee!

St. Gertrude's Monthly Senior Activity

Our monthly Senior Prize Bingo will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, at 10 AM, in the Fr. Mac Center. Since this will be our Senior Christmas Celebration, you may bring along one guest. We ask that each person bring along either a Christmas ornament or Christmas decoration valued at \$5 to contribute to our Christmas 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 any senior parishioner who is 60 years of age or older.

Religious Education

Sunday, November 29th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, November 30th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sunday, December 6th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, December 7th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM
Sunday, December 13th, Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM
Monday, December 14th, Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

Christmas/New Years Holidays

(Dec. 20th - Jan. 9th) Classes resume January 10th

We are still in need of a 3rd grade Religious Education teacher. Please pray about this. If you feel called to teach, please contact Ms. Tina Montz at 758-7373.

First Sunday of Advent

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be Alert One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

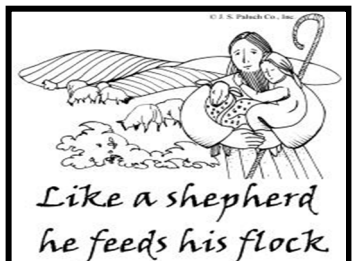
WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

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St. Gertrude Angel Tree

Due to Covid-19, the parish Angel Tree Event will not take place this year. We thank you for your kind generosity in years past.



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