

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)

Second SUNDAY
of
Advent

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Mark 1:4

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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
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.

Second Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp: December 7th - 13th
For the repose of the soul of:
Church: George J. Landeche
Chapel: Alaina Arnold
Jeannette, Floyd, & Ralph Champagne

Church Care: December

Julie Breaux and Elaine Deroche

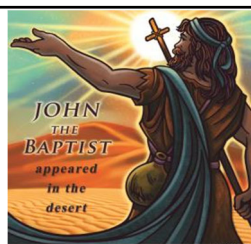
Church Support

November 21st & 22nd
\$1,727.50

Catholic Campaign
\$486.00

November 28th & 29th
To be announced at a later date

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Mass Intentions

Immaculate Conception Masses

Monday, December 7th

7:00 PM: All deceased parishioners of St. Gertrude

Tuesday, December 8th

9:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Barbara Robert, Clementine Dufrene, Joseph & Theresa Frickey, Elias Michael Petit, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Judy Guhman, Fr. Benedict Quang, Joachim, Maria, Joseph, John, & Vincent, Clothilde & Mitchell Dempster, Elizabeth Fearn

7:00 PM: All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Wednesday, December 9th

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

Thursday, December 10th

8:00 AM: Judy Guhman

Friday, December 11th

8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Saturday, December 12th

4:30 PM: Paul Candies, Sr., Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr., Lance Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunck, Arthur Bergeron Family, Beulah, Alvin, & Lester Hebert, Bobbie, Dickie, & Rickie Bergeron, Alaina Arnold

Sunday, December 13th

9:30 AM: Justilien, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Justilien Cortez, Jr., M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cyndi Naquin, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Elias Michael Petit, Debbie Tregle, 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, 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 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 12th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 13th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 13th
Lector	Kenney Matherne	Vickie Hinrichs	Monica Tabor
Eucharistic Minister	Maria Matherne	Melanie Triche	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

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!

Religious Education

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

Safe Environment Training—Wednesday, December 16th, @ 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Fr. Mac Center

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.

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society Christmas meal will be held at Little Touch of Tokyo in Boutte again this year. The date of the lunch will be December 9th, at 11:30 AM.

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'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.

Mass Schedule Change

Due to the upcoming Christmas Holiday, the office will follow the office closures as the archdiocese offices. Therefore, the church rectory will be closed December 21st through January 5th.

Fr. Ray **will not** be celebrating the **6 PM Mass** on the following dates: **December 20th, 27th, and January 3rd, 10th & 17th.** If you have scheduled a Mass Intention for a loved one on these dates, they will be moved to the Saturday Vigil Mass of that same weekend.

Second Sunday of Advent

With Covid-19, much time is spent wondering "where did it start?" or "who passed it on to whom?" Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today's Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are "Comfort, comfort, my people." John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to "Prepare the way."

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John's words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by "fire and brimstone," and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

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