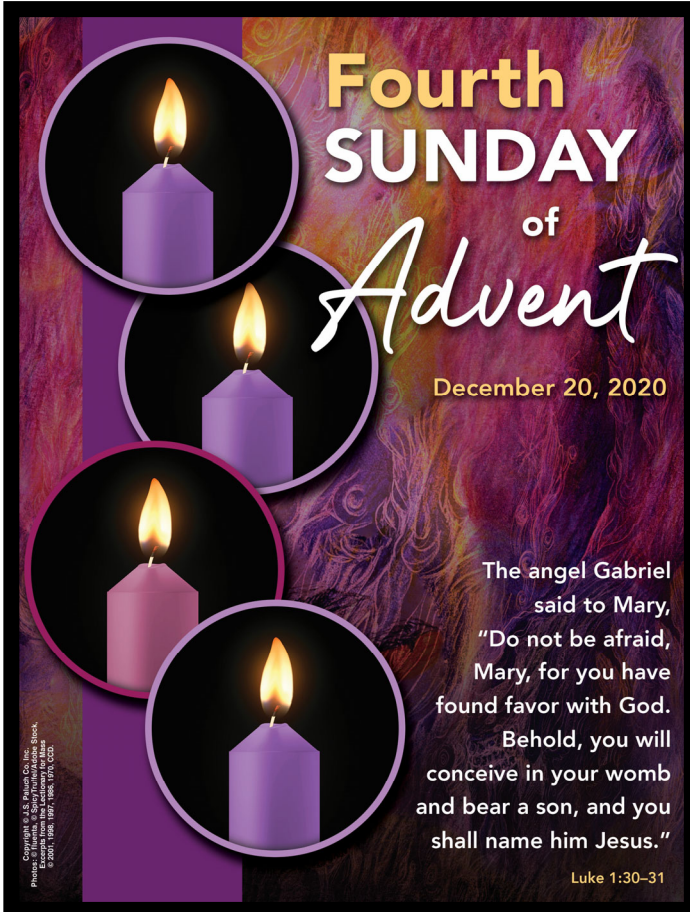


St. Gertrude the Great Catholic Church

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



**Fourth
SUNDAY**
of
Advent

December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sanctuary Lamp: December 21st - 27th
For the repose of the souls of:
Church: Alvin & Cleo Landeche
Chapel: Carl Simoneaux, Sr.
Bessie Labat

Church Care: December

Julie Breaux and Elaine Deroche



Church Support

To be announced at a later date due to early bulletin deadline

Thank you for supporting your church!

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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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21st
No Mass

Tuesday, December 22nd
8:00 AM: All deceased priests and deacons of St. Gertrude

Wednesday, December 23rd
8:00 AM: All souls in purgatory

Thursday, December 24th
4:30 PM: See bulletin insert

12 Midnight: See bulletin insert

Friday, December 25th
9:00 AM: See bulletin insert

Saturday, December 26th
4:30 PM: Jerry Dempster, Justilien Cortez, Jr., Paul Candies, Sr., Milton Bourgeois, Jr., Joe Johnson, Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat Sr. & Jr., Julio Quinones, Alaina Arnold, Dee Cortez

Sunday, December 27th
9:30 AM: Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Dora Ford, Adeline Falgoust, Gilbert Comardelle, Sr., Kyle Monot, Clothilde & Mitchell Dempster, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle

6:00 PM: No Mass

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, Blake Comardelle, Marc Denham, Janice "Clara" Dufrene, Carl Frieze, Betty Gautreaux, Azalie Guillot, Kathy Heckel, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Edith Hotard, Theresa Lewis, Kristy Liner, Barbara Loggins, Susan Aizen McCarter, Laurie Nettles, Clarence "Buster" Naquin, Noah Prichard, Randy Rome, Betty Savoie, Terry Tastet, 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.*

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Lector: Howard Gauley
Eucharistic Minister: Sydney Dupont

12 Midnight Mass

Lector: Denise Matherne
Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer

9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

Lector: Vickie Hinrichs
Eucharistic Minister: Patrick Hinrichs

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM December 26th	Sunday - 9:30 AM December 27th	Sunday - 6:00 PM December 27th
Lector	Wade Hebert	Denise Matherne	No Mass
Eucharistic Minister	Sherry Folse	Randy Matherne	No Mass
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	No Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every
side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king,
"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did
of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before
me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithful-
ness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long
ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Alleluia

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

CCD Classes

January 10th & 11th: NO face to face classes; assignments to complete will be emailed to students.

January 17th & 18th: NO CLASSES: Martin Luther King Holiday

Sunday, January 24th (7-8:15 PM) - In person classes will resume.

Monday, January 25th (6-7:15 PM) - In personal classes will resume.

Sunday, January 31st (7-8:15 PM)
Monday, February 1st (6-7:15 PM)

Sunday, February 7th (7-8:15 PM) *Confirmation Mass Prac-
tice; Sponsors must be present
Monday, February 8th (6-7:15 PM)

February 14th & 15th NO CLASSES: Mardi Gras Break
February 20th: CONFIRMATION MASS at 4:30 PM

Sunday, February 21st (7-8:15 PM)
Monday, February 22nd (6-7:15 PM)

Sunday, February 28th (7-8:15 PM)
Monday, March 1st (6-7 PM)

Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."
But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
Then the angel departed from her.



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