

# 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)

*Jesus said,*  
"Where two or three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them."  
Matthew 18:20

September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Office Hours:

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM & 6 PM Mass

## DAILY MASSES \*Held in church until further notice

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.

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Missalette: Pg. 30

**Sanctuary Lamp: September 7th to 13th**

For the repose of the souls of:

**Church: George Landeche &**

**Philip Landeche, Sr.**

**Chapel: Murphy Comardelle, Sr.**



**Church Care: September**

**Peggy Frickey & Caroline Cornwell**

**Church Support**

**August 22nd & 23rd  
\$ 1,152.00**

Thank you for supporting your church!



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 7th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 8th**

**8:00 AM:** Judy Guhman

**Wednesday, September 9th**

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

**Thursday, September 10th**

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

**Friday, September 11th**

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

**Saturday, September 12th**

**4:30 PM:** Barbara Mongrue, George J. Landeche, Philip Landeche, Sr., Joyce Uzee, Olive & Stanly Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Herbert, Dave, Ulysee, Frank, & Ivy, Sr. Cavalier, Una C. Breaux, Irene Aucoin, Isabelle Lunk, Cleveland Labat, Sr. & Jr. & Bessie Labat, Judy Guhman, Murphy Comardelle, Sr., Harry & Doris Laurent, Theresa Knupple Comardelle

**Sunday, September 13th**

**9:30 AM:** Ruth Hoffman, Paul Candies, Sr., Joseph & Theresa Frickey, Justilien, Sr. & Gloria Cortez, Justilien Cortez, Jr., Lloyd & Rosemary Zeringue, Stanley & Eunice Champagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey, Eugene Rascoll, III, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Elias Michael Petit, Deborah Tregle, Leona & Adrien Roger, Norman Rome, Clarabell Dufrene, Judy Guhman

**6:00 PM:** M/M Raoul Matherne, Wilvin Trahan, M/M Aramise Matherne, 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, Larry Breaux, Sr., Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Adler Champagne, Jr., Mark Champagne, Blake Comardelle, Dee Cortez, Clothilde Dempster, 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, Susette Higgins, Raymond Hood, Edith Hotard, Jake Lemmon, Theresa Lewis, Barbara Loggins, Laurie Nettles, Aurora Orosz, Melvin Perron, Bentley Louviere, Bobbie Picou, Noah Prichard, Brenda Schmill Savoie, Adam Sims, Elijah Taylor, Jerry Thibodeaux, Randy Thibodeaux, Noah Townsend, Gale Touchard, 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.*

**Hurricane Laura Relief**

If you would like to donate money, supplies or assist the Diocese of Lake Charles, please see the flyer enclosed in this bulletin for ways you can help out. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 September 12th	Sunday - 9:30 AM September 13th	Sunday - 6:00 PM September 13th
<b>Lector</b>	Kenney Matherne	Aurora Romero	Monica Tabor
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Maria Matherne	Tommy Mahan	<b>No Minister Needed</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

## **Coming in September!**

In Celebration of the Exultation of the Cross! Thursday, September 10th, @ 3 PM - 7:30 PM

3 PM: Opening of Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:20-5:20 PM: Adoration and Confessions  
5:30-5:45 PM: Benediction & Repose  
5:45-6:15 PM: Praise & Worship Music & Confessions  
6:30-7:30 PM: Mass

This will begin weekly morning adoration on Thursdays. Sign up sheet for adoration is located in the rear of the church!

## **Saturday & Sunday, September 12th & 13th Second Collection - Maintenance**

A second collection will be held at all masses next weekend for the maintenance of our parish. Thank you for your continued support!

## **Sunday, September 13th Monthly Luncheon Fundraiser**

Join us next Sunday, September 13th, for our monthly luncheon fundraiser starting at 10:30 AM. Please see your bulletin insert for more details!

## **Wednesday, September 16th St. Gertrude Senior Activity**

A Prize Bingo will be held for our Senior activity on Wednesday, September 16th, at 10 AM, in the Fr. Mac Center. Please bring a \$5 prize to contribute to our 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 senior parishioners who are 60 years of age or older. For your safety, we will continue to follow the social distancing guidelines. You will have to sign a log sheet and have your temperature taken as you enter into the Fr. Mac Center. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Help Needed for CCD**

Is God calling you to share your faith with our youth? If so, we are in need of one elementary and one 7th or 9th Grade teacher for CCD. If you can help our Religious Education Program, please get in touch with Ms. Tina Montz (758-7373).

## **CCD Registration**

If anyone would like to register their child for CCD, registration packets have been placed in the back of the church. You may fill them out and place them in an envelope with your registration fee and place them in the weekly collection or drop them off through the slot at the rectory.

## **Catfish Festival Half & Half Raffle Tickets**

We are asking that each family pick up at least one book of raffle tickets to help out. Raffle tickets 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 **\$900!** Our goal is to reach **\$1,000 or more!** The winner of the half & half will be announced on Sunday, **November 8th. Good Luck!**

## **Religious Education**

**Sunday, September 13th,** Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, September 14th,** Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM  
2nd Grade Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ **7 PM** in Church

**Saturday, September 19th @ 10 AM** in Church  
First Reconciliation Prayer Service

**Sunday, September 20th @ 6PM** in Church  
Teacher Commissioning

**Sunday, September 20th,** Grades 6-10, 7-8:15 PM  
**Monday, September 21st,** Grades 1-5, 6-7:15 PM

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

## **Show your St. Gertrude Spirit!!**

Due to parishioner interest, Fellowship and Family Life is sponsoring a St. Gertrude t-shirt sale. Shirts are purple in color with a purple and white design and lettering. Examples of the design are located on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church. Order forms can be found at the doors of the church. Sale ends on **September 21st.**

## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

## **IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE**

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that he not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

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