

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)

January

15 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN
AND TESTIFIED
THAT HE IS THE
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—A
Journey Song Book Number: 951*

Sanctuary Lamp

January 16th through 22nd, 2023

For the repose of the souls of:

All deceased priests of St. Gertrude



Church Support

December 24th & 25th, 2022

December 31st, 2022 & January 1st, 2023

January 7th & 8th, 2023

Will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for supporting your church!



PARISH STAFF

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE (Rectory Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS

During Rectory hours or by appointment with Fr. Ray

Fr. Ray's Cell: (504) 442-9299

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass - 6 PM

Feast Day Mass - 9 AM

RECTORY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 10 AM to 2PM

BAPTISMS

All first-time parents and godparents must attend a Baptism seminar (a meeting with the pastor) prior to the baptism of the child. It is preferred that both godparents are Catholics; however, at least one of the godparents must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, and the non-Catholic must be baptized with proof of his/her Baptism. Please call the parish to make arrangements for the Baptism and/or the seminar.

WEDDINGS

The bride or groom must contact the pastor at least six (6) months before the proposed date of the wedding. No other arrangements are to be made/confirmed before the first meeting with the pastor.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify Fr. Ray when a parishioner is ill at home or in the hospital if a visit is desired.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Fr. Ray should be notified when a parishioner dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14th

4:00 PM Paul B. Candies, Sr., E.J. & Martha Plaisance, Eddie & Edna Montz, Charles Frickey, Bessie Labat, Cleveland Labat, Sr., Cleveland Labat, Jr., Don & Lillian Jeffers, Eugene Champagne Family, Dave, Sr. & Anita Schouest, Donald & Dave, Jr. Schouest, Felton Robichaux

Sunday, January 15th

10:00 AM All parishioners of St. Gertrude

Monday, January 16th

No daily Mass.

Tuesday, January 17th

9:00 AM No daily Mass - Fr. Ray on retreat

Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 AM No daily Mass - Fr. Ray on retreat

Thursday, January 19th

9:00 AM No daily Mass - Fr. Ray on retreat

Friday, January 20th

9:00 AM No daily Mass - Fr. Ray on retreat

Saturday, January 21st

4:00 PM E.J. & Martha Plaisance, Eddie & Edna Montz, Paul B. Candies, Sr., Barbara Mongrue, George Landeche, Philip Landeche, Sr., Dee M. Cortez, Nolan "Black" Triche, Christina Triche

Sunday, January 22nd

10:00 AM Paul B. Candies, Sr., M/M Edward Manuel, M/M Alex Lemoine, Joe, Mildred, Karen, & Keith Fambrough, Mrs. Olive Dufrene, Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre' Romero, II, Pamela Matherne, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Whitney Naquin, M/M Caliste Naquin, M/M Stanford Naquin, M/M Donald Morgan

Fr. Ray's 2023 Retreat

Fr. Ray will away on retreat from Monday, January 16th through Friday, January 20th. There will be no daily Masses offered on these dates. If you have an emergency or a death in the family, please contact Maria Matherne at the rectory (985) 758-7542 or on her cell phone (985) 232-4464.

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society are now collecting dues for 2023. For your convenience, envelopes have been placed at the main entrance of the church.

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or life challenges.

Amelia Benoit Allemand, Carol Alvarez, Robert Bass, Robert Breaux, Jr, Bubba Cardino, Joanne Dempster, Marc Denham, Jason Frickey, Carl Frieze, Gaynell Hebert, Krystal Loupe, Susan Aizen McCarter, Amanda Manus, Harris Matherne, Sharon Matherne, Virgie "Plunk" Naquin, Audrey Raziano, Barbara Neely Self, David Tastet, John Tastet, Russell Tastet, Sandra Tastet, Randy Thibodeaux, Destiny Usea, Deacon Timothy Vedros, Loretta Zeringue, along with all of the sick, the suffering, the shut-ins, and all of our parishioners who have requested our prayers; the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and the special needs of our community.

Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.

Please call the rectory to add or update your family member's names.

Religious Education Calendar

Religious Education classes for St. Gertrude students will return to our campus this month and held in the Fr. Mac Center.

January 22nd - Grades 6 thru 10

January 23rd - Grades 1 thru 5

January 29th - Grades 6 thru 10

January 30th - Grades 1 thru 5

Any questions, please call Ms. Tina Montz. **(985) 758-7373.**

Second Harvest

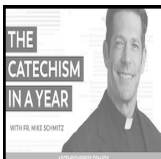
St. John Ministry of Care will distribute Second Harvest through a drive-thru process on Tuesday, January 17th, beginning at 9 AM.

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday-4 PM January 14th	Sunday-10 AM January 15th
Lector	Anita Matherne	Denise Matherne

Ministry	Saturday-4 PM January 20th	Sunday-10 AM January 21st
Lector	TBA	TBA

Spiritual Resources



With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform your relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

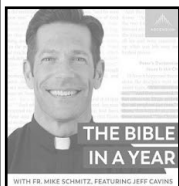
If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!

We can't wait to start this incredible journey with you!

Keep up-to-date on all things *Catechism in a Year (CIY)* by joining our Facebook Group.

These free resources are from Ascension Press and can be found online at:

Ascensionpress.com



Have you tried to read the Bible but struggled with understanding it? Try Bible in the Year with Fr. Mike Schmidt. Fr. Mike will walk you through the entire Bible in a year in about 25 minutes each day! He will read the Scriptures and explain key passages! This is a great resource and you will not be disappointed!

Both podcasts began on January 1st but you can do as many as needed if you would like to catch up and listen to them as scheduled!

THE CHOSEN

Join us for the first season of The Chosen each Tuesday! We plan on viewing a session each week with discussion and sharing following the program. All sessions will take place at the home of Terry & Anita Matherne at 6PM. The next session scheduled will be covering Season One, Episode 7 on January 15th. Consider joining us and get to know Jesus a little more personally through the eyes of the writers and actors, you will be blessed!



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Now I have seen and testified that he is the son of God.

John 1:34

BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

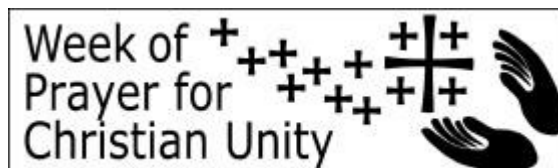
We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

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