



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

November 1, 2020

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MASSES AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, November 2, All Souls' Day

- 7:00 a.m. ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
- 8:00 a.m. ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
- 11:30 a.m. ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Tuesday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres, O.P. (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Brandon Hepner/Peter & Donna Marcello
- 8:00 a.m. President Donald Trump/Malissa & Nick Frohlich
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Order of Preachers

Wednesday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Mrs. Elsea/The Wood Family
- 8:00 a.m. †John Patrick Kinsella/The Family
- 11:30 a.m. †George Kovach/The Kovach Family

Thursday, November 5, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Michael Currin/The Pappalardo Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Sue Mock/Jack & Sherry Schuler
- 11:30 a.m. Roger Yenke/Anne & Dave Spaeth

Friday, November 6, Bls. Bonaventure Garcia Paredes & Hyacinth Serrano Lopez, O.P.

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Ellyn Pusz/Jeanne Palcic
- 8:00 a.m. †Jack Hearn/Sheila Saalfeld
- 11:30 a.m. †Nancy Lamb/Lisa Buck

Saturday, November 7, All Saints of the Order of Preachers (F)

- 8:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Don & Nancy Beimesche
- 11:30 a.m. †Carol Coors/Melanie & John Sheridan

November 7-8, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday †Emil Eugene Jemail/The Wahl Family
- Sunday People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
- †Deceased Brothers & Sisters of the Order of Friars Preachers
- †Evelyn Remenowsky/Carol & Jeff Remenowsky
- †David Sammons/Elder Council KofC
- †Mitzi Smith/Julie & John Murdock

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Church Hours

Every day: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Updated November 1, 2020

The Archbishop dispenses the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Please do not come if you feel sick. Those who are vulnerable may consider coming to a less crowded weekday Mass.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Keep a prudent distance inside the church. Ushers will help ensure safe seating on Sundays.
- We ask that the faithful wear cloth masks for the sake of the common good. People with breathing difficulties and young children should not wear masks.
- Only friars, sisters, novices, lay ministers and a limited number of staff members will be in the sanctuary and sacristy.
- Volunteers will help wipe down high-touch surfaces between Sunday Masses.

HOLY COMMUNION

- You are not obliged to receive Holy Communion at every Mass you attend. Consider making a spiritual communion, or receiving at a weekday Mass.
- The faithful who choose to receive Holy Communion will come up to the altar rail, where one or two priests will distribute the sacred host. Keep space in line, and only remove your mask at the rail.
- You may receive in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing. Note: the rail is a high-contact surface.

Mass & Confession Schedule

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Mass

WEEKDAYS

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in Church
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
- 7:30 p.m. Confessions in Church (Wednesdays Only)

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
- 4:30 p.m. Mass (Sunday Anticipated)

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

This coming week, we observe All Souls Day. This is an annual commemoration of all the faithful departed and a reminder that praying for the holy souls in Purgatory is a salutary act of charity. We learn from the Catechism that “from the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: ‘Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them’” (CCC 1032). Examples of how we can obtain indulgences to help these holy souls are: making an offering for Masses to be said on their behalf (contact the parish office), by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, and by praying the Holy Rosary. The following decree was issued on October 23, 2020:

This year, in the current circumstances due to the “Covid-19” pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, on the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, willingly establishes and decides that this year, in order to avoid gatherings where they are forbidden:

a. - *the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally, normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;*

b. - *the Plenary Indulgence of 2 November, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the “Our Father” and the “Creed” there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful.*

The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, in order to prevent numerous faithful from crowding into the holy places, will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example, Lauds and Vespers of

the Office of the Dead, the Marian Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or occupy themselves in considered reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy of the deceased, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

Let us love one another and pray for each other, living and deceased,

Fr. George, O.P.



**ST. GERTRUDE
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All Souls' Day Masses

Monday, November 2, 2020

St. Gertrude Catholic Church

Parish Masses 7 & 8 AM

Sung Conventual Mass 11:30 AM

Missa Cantata in the Dominican Rite 7:30 PM

**With Prayers of Absolution at the Catafalque for the Faithful
Deceased**

*Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, the final Mass is a metered event; please
reserve your space at:*

<https://buytickets.at/stgertrude/442875>



ALL SOULS CANDLES

This November, we continue the Church's tradition of prayer for the souls of the faithful departed, especially for our recently deceased parishioners. Beginning this weekend, a sign listing **names of the recently deceased** will be placed near the Rosary Altar in the church with a book for additional names to be inscribed. Special **All Souls candles**, for placement at the Rosary Altar, will be available for purchase in the sacristy between Masses this weekend and in the parish office throughout the week.

COVER IMAGE: “The Heavenly Jerusalem.” Interior of the Duomo in Florence, Italy. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP. Used with permission.

ROCKET DESIGNS

The 7th Grade Science classes have been studying the Engineering Design Process and building prototypes of rockets. They designed different fins for their rockets on CAD software and 3D printed their designs. They tested their designs last week and will redesign and test a final prototype this week. They had some very successful launches! Thank you to Br. Aron for helping us!



MEET THE TEAM:**CINDY WURZELBACHER**

Each month, the St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature an interview with a member of the Evangelization Team at the church. This month, we're highlighting Cindy Wurzelbacher, director of primary evangelization.

**St. Gertrude Bulletin: What is your current role at St. Gertrude?**

Cindy: I am honored to serve as the Director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). As Director, I manage 3 different atria, which are specially prepared environments with materials based on scripture and liturgy. There are over 20 trained catechists in our parish and school who work with over 250 children each year to draw nearer to God. CGS is currently offered for 3-year-olds through 3rd grade. Additionally, I prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

SGB: But, you've been part of the staff at St. Gertrude before, right?

Cindy: I was. I served as the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry from 2004-2007. Now I'm teaching kids of former teens I worked with in youth ministry. It's surreal and a blessing to see the importance of faith passed down to the next generation.

SGB: What first drew you to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Cindy: Great question. Because I worked in high school youth ministry years ago, I've been able to witness those kids grow into adulthood. Some remain active in church life, but many have fallen away from Jesus, which pains my heart.

When I experienced the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd firsthand, I was struck with how this method is truly about growing closer in relationship with Jesus Christ. It allows children to be contemplative, to ponder scripture, and to enjoy God. Beginning at an early age the children fall in love with Jesus in a profound way, which I hope will remain with them forever.

SGB: What do you enjoy most about the ministry you are part of at St. Gertrude Church?

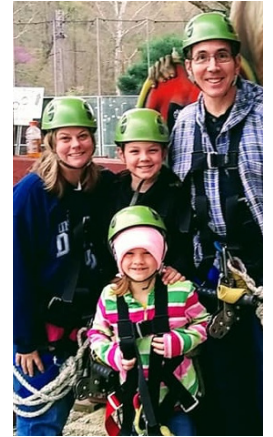
Cindy: My favorite part is being with the kids in the atrium. They love the stillness of the space to hear God's voice (yes, even the 3-year-olds!), while at the same time are filled with pure joy as they do their work with the materials. I'm often the catechist with the kids for multiple years, and observing their growth in their faith life is a true gift.

SGB: Did you always want to work for the church?

Cindy: No way! I went to public school and quit CCD after 2nd grade. It wasn't until college that I came to know Jesus and embrace my Catholic faith. I got Confirmed and the Lord has been working on me ever since!

SGB: Can you tell us a bit about your family?

Cindy: I met my husband Bob at St. Gertrude. He was the Director of Youth Ministry before I had the position, and I volunteered with him. The rest is history! We were married at St. Gertrude in 2002. He serves as the Director of Respect Life Ministry at the Archdiocese. We are blessed to parent Ellie, who just turned 12 and is a 6th grader, and Talia, who is 8 and in the 3rd grade. Joining us at home are our two dogs, Quinny and Samson (who just turned 6 months old!)

**SGB: Have you gone swimming with sharks?**

Cindy: Wow! You share a fun fact at a youth event and it comes back to you. Yes, in high school I went swimming with sharks ON PURPOSE in Big Pine Key, Florida on a marine biology trip. I much prefer working with kids!

Save the Date:

Advent Wreath Making

- Sunday November 29th
- \$25 per wreath kit
- Tickets go live on Monday November 2nd at 5:30pm - <https://buytickets.at/stgertrude>
- In-Person and Take-Home option

Contact Kristen Eggers for details
ymassistant@stgertrude.org
 513-561-8369

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GIFT CARD SCAM

Please note that the Dominican Friars and Sisters, Parish and School Staff, and Parish Volunteers are prohibited from soliciting any type of gift card by email or text. Should you receive such a message, it is not authorized and should be discarded.

#GIVECatholicAOC

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 to encourage people to give to others. It refers to the Tuesday after our National Thanksgiving holiday to promote charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. This year, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (AOC) is helping individual parishes to utilize the day to promote charitable giving. Funds donated via the **St. Gertrude Donor page only on Tuesday, December 1** will be eligible for the archdiocesan assessment waiver, which means more of your donation stays here in the Parish! These donations must be made via credit card or EFT on the Donor page. Additional information will be coming in future bulletins.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY ENROLLMENT

The St. Gertrude Chapter of the Confraternity of the Rosary will be enrolling new members at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, November 21, 2020. You can be enrolled in the confraternity whether you are a parishioner of St. Gertrude or not. You can be enrolled even if you cannot attend the ceremony, though the enrollment ceremony is highly encouraged. You can read more about the confraternity at rosaryconfraternity.org. If you would like to learn more or register to be enrolled, please fill out the registration form on our website at stgertrude.org/rosary-confraternity. As a part of the enrollment ceremony, new enrollees receive a blessed medal, rosary and candle. Please also consider helping us to offset the cost of these items by making a freewill offering of \$20.00. For more information, email Brian Zappia at rosary@stgertrude.org.

SVdP

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God blesses us.

Knowing that we find Christ in the face of the poor, give prayerful consideration of becoming a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to serve our neighbors in need. You can do so by leaving a message on the SVDP Voicemail at 513-561-5954, ext. 2112. Let your light shine in the world. God will bless you.



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Anthony Alvarez, Lisa Bertke, Bettie Caudill, Marguerite Crema, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Carlos LaTorre, Sophia LaTorre, Ann Lukey, Linda Merkley, Frank Merle, Sandra Munyon, Leo Napuri, Gerry Patterson, Tim Petric, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Shari Siebert, Teddie Slaper, Alex Smithers, Jack Spilker, Patricia Strauss, George Sullivan, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney, Mary Saul, Mary Valke and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Sammy Mascho, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

William Ralph – Father of Mike
Allen Myers

BAPTISMS



Child: Jonah Daniel Svelling
Parents: Carolyn & Craig Svelling

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS!!!

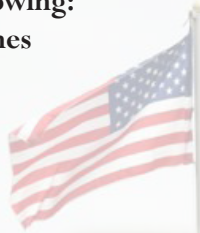
The **Knights of Columbus** are taking donations of items for Veterans who are served by area VA facilities. Donations will be collected after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th. A collection station will be placed in the parking lot entrance to the Church. These items go directly to Veterans and are greatly appreciated!

Items needed include the following:

- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Dental floss
- Feminine products
- Deodorant
- Laundry products (detergent and cling free sheets)
- Paper towels
- Small notepads
- Ink pens
- Canned fruits, vegetables, or meats
- Gift cards for grocery store or fuel

Monetary donations are also accepted.

Let's help our area Veterans and show our support for all they have done for this country!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Marriage Encounter Experience is not in a hotel or a retreat center. It is a virtual experience via Zoom, where you experience Marriage Encounter from the comfort of your home. The virtual experience is for those who wish to attend and experience but do not feel safe attending an in-person event or find it difficult finding childcare, pet care or care for parents for an entire weekend. The upcoming experience is November 20-22. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. If you apply by November 1, use discount code "Covid19" to pay only \$19.00 to apply. For more details, contact Andy and Jeanne Folfas at 937-886-5196.

CISE RAFFLE

Pete Bushelman "FRIENDS OF CISE" 40th Annual Raffle. COVID-19 has necessitated the cancellation of the actual Raffle Celebration, but the RAFFLE IS ON! Grand Raffle Tickets are \$100 each. Prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500. Winning tickets will be drawn by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. You can view a video of the live drawing at www.CISEKids.org after the drawing on December 4th. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Mikayla at the CISE office at 513-263-3475 or mgermain@CatholicAOC.org. Proceeds provide tuition aid to low-income students attending ten Catholic inner-city, elementary schools in Cincinnati. Your support is needed now more than ever. As CISE scholars face an uncertain school year, whether in the school buildings or distance-learning, the pandemic has increased expenses at the schools. Please help us honor Pete by continuing to support the raffle and the children of Cincinnati's inner-city.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Ladies of Charity announce their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. A list of the items needed this year will be available at the information tables located near the entrances to the Church (inside and outside) on the weekend of November 7th & 8th. Drop-offs will be November 14th & 15th.

The following are especially needed during this time:

- Canned fruits/veggies
- Canned pumpkin
- Biscuit mix
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Boxed desserts, pudding, Jell-O
- Sugar, flour, oil
- Canned cranberries
- Evaporated milk
- Gravy - packages or canned (preferred)
- Canned yams
- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Tea, coffee, cocoa

Please consider donating the items mentioned above to help someone in need have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If you cannot bring an item, cash/check donations (made payable to Ladies of Charity) are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Please direct questions to Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085.

HOLY TEACHING

ASK A PRIEST: HOW ARE SAINTS MADE?

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, OP



There are really two answers to this question. Immediately after Pope John Paul II died, banners with the words *Santo Subito* (roughly, “Sanctity Soon!”) were furling across St. Peter’s Square. Popular acclaim is a traditional criterion of sanctity, followed by “canonization” by the Church’s pastors in the prayers of the Mass. And yet, all this would be for nothing if the holy person being celebrated was not actually in Heaven.

There are, then, two answers to the question, “How are saints made?” The first answer is more fundamental: Saints are made through God’s gracious mercy toward individual human beings. Everyone in Heaven is a saint. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, every saint has perfected his or her “yes” to God through a life of responsiveness to God’s saving work through His only-begotten Son and the practice of steady discipleship. Purgatory is place where the friends of God who still need purification in holiness go before entering the joy of heaven (CCC 1030). Essentially, all the saints receive an “abundance of reconciliation”¹ with God through the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Their lives become extensions of Christ’s own victory over sin and death. The saints of every time and place – especially those who embraced paths of heroic virtue in this life – signal to us that holiness, or “the fullness of Christian life and...the perfection in charity”² is the natural path of each and every believer. Every baptized person has the potential and the call, thanks to Jesus’ invitation and grace, to become God’s intimate friend – a saint.



The second answer to “how are saints made” involves understanding something about the Church’s process for canonization. Three main steps are outlined on the USCCB website:

“In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood: a candidate becomes ‘Venerable,’ then ‘Blessed’ and then ‘Saint.’ Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the pope as having lived a heroically

virtuous life or offered their life [i.e. martyrdom]. To be beatified and recognized as a Blessed, one miracle acquired through the candidate’s intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or offering of life. Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification. The pope may waive these requirements. A miracle is not required prior to a martyr’s beatification, but one is required before canonization.”³

The Church involves experts in history, theology, canon law, and medicine combined with the testimonies of witnesses (whenever possible) to investigate the life of a Servant of God. During the first millennium of Christianity, the process for canonization could take place exclusively on the local level. This changed when Popes in the second millennium of Christianity began to require a centralized process for canonization. Today, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is always involved after a local bishop verifies that a specific candidate for sainthood has “authentic and widespread reputation for holiness or of martyrdom” as well as the “reputation of intercessory power” among the faithful.⁴



On All Saints’ Day (November 1), the Church recognizes all those who, thanks to the mercy of God, have gained the prize of eternal life with God. We ask the saints—both those canonized as well as those who have been left undeclared—to remember us favorably before the throne of God, so that we might join them one day in that heavenly place of which St. Paul writes so beautifully: “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Cor 2:9).

“Ask a Priest” will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

¹ Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for All Saints’ Day.
² Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2013.
³ “Saints” on <https://www.usccb.org/offices/public-affairs/saints>.
⁴ Cf. *Sanctorum Mater: Instruction for Conducting Diocesan or Eparchial Inquiries in the Causes of Saints* (Rome: Congregation for the Causes of Saint, 2007), Title II.

Monday, November 2	Tuesday, November 3	Wednesday, November 4	Thursday, November 5	Friday, November 6	Saturday, November 7	Sunday, November 8
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family Training 6:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		RCIA Retreat 8:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Knights of Columbus Personal Care Goods Collection for VA <i>After All Masses</i>
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Outside (weather permitting) or Church	Religious Education 4:30 p.m. School Atrium	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Music Room		Knights of Columbus Personal Care Goods Collection for VA <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i>	Religious Education 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria, Atrium
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts – 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Peer Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria				HSYM Discipleship Cells 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Dominican Rite Mass 7:30 p.m. Church	Adult FF – Real Friendship 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit: stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report 10/25/20

Collection:	\$ 19,918.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 36,000.00
Weekly Deficit:	(\$ 16,082.00)
Year to Date Budget:	\$ 606,000.00
Year to Date Actual:	\$ 535,436.68
Year to Date Deficit:	(\$ 70,563.32)

There will be a second collection the weekend of November 7-8 to support Catholic Relief Services.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
11/15/20

MATERIALS DUE
11/4/20

Please submit your Mass announcements & bulletin articles to: bulletin@stgertrude.org

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Rev. Clement Dickie, O.P., parochial vicar
Rev. John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar

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Very Rev. John Langlois, O.P., prior
Rev. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
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Rev. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

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Youth Choir – Catherine Fishlock 513.561.5954

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