

Come after me

and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19



ST. GERTRUDE

1923

2023

100TH ANNIVERSARY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 22, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, January 23,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 7 a.m. † The Kang Family by The Isaacs Family
- 8 a.m. † Earl Leonhardt by Ed & Pat Marshall
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales (M)

- 7 a.m. † Bob Parker by Brad & Katie Bursa Family
- 8 a.m. † Adam Castrucci by The Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly

Wednesday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (F)

- 7 a.m. † Elizabeth Greve by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin
- 8 a.m. Tim Stoll by Mike & Beth Stoll
- 11:30 a.m. † Paul Sharpshair by The Kellner Family

Thursday, January 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus (M)

- 7 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Catherine Fishlock
- 8 a.m. † Al Myers by The Farwick Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

Friday, January 27, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Vada Holscher by Elaine & Jeff Parker
- 8 a.m. † Laura Johns by Pat & Jan Brown
- 11:30 a.m. The Teller Family by Katie Stoiber

Saturday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. (F)

- 8 a.m. † Jim Raibel by Joan Ratajczak
- 11:30 a.m. The Hachten Family by Riley Kane
- 4:30 p.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

Sunday, January 29, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Charles Dollenmayer by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Jane Thole by Chip Thole
- 6 p.m. † Sister Mary Louis Russley, O.P. by Natalie Moore

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 | stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Church Hours

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



SWING INTO SPRING
Knights of Columbus fundraiser to support the
American Wheelchair Mission

Sponsored by
 Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
10 A.M.-1 P.M.
Check-in and registration begin promptly at 10 a.m.

TOPGOLF
9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township

Cost: \$60/person (includes three hours of Topgolf, free game instruction, clubs, breakfast, and more!)

Payment due by March 17, 2023.

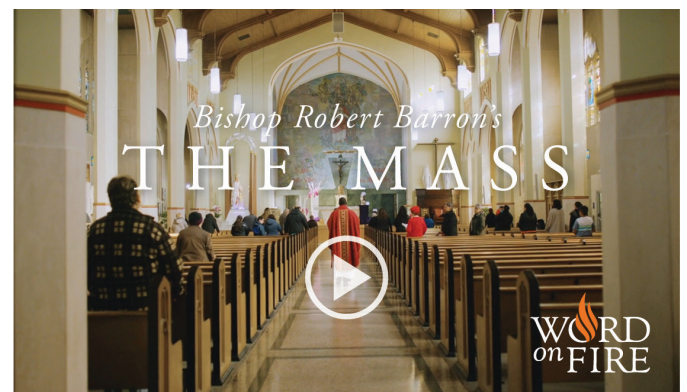
Early Bird Discount*: Purchase a bay for \$325 and save 10 percent for your group (up to 6 people per bay).

***Ends March 7, 2023**




Scan to register

For more information and to sign up, visit bit.ly/SwingIntoSpring2023 or contact Dale Walczak at (513) 720-6133, Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291.



Bishop Robert Barron's
THE MASS



WORD on FIRE

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. **Also available in Spanish.**

Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mass in a whole new way.

Sign up for free at CatholicAOC.org/theMass



SOME UPDATES FROM THE PASTOR AS WE BEGIN 2023

Now that we have concluded the Christmas season and are settling into the beginnings of Ordinary Time—with school and life schedules back to normal—I wanted to share some parish updates about a variety

of items, some new and some old.

SEATING FOR WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKERS

Next time you are in the church, you will notice that the two rows of extra-wide pews in the side section of seating by the rosary altar now have blue placards indicating these are special seating areas where those with limited mobility and their companions have priority seating. During Masses or events where there are not a large number of those with limited mobility, anyone is certainly free to use those pews.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The strategic planning process for the parish and school that I announced in the bulletin last fall is progressing. A core team of roughly 20 people (a mix of parishioners and parish/school staff) has been meeting once a month for a couple of months now. The core team, working with Sister Maria Christi and myself, has identified seven major challenges we think are facing us as a school and parish at the present time. Beginning in February, there will be larger planning workshops where brainstorming solutions to those challenges will begin. In addition, there will be a parish-wide convocation in May where every single individual and family who is a part of our parish and/or school will be invited to give their input into the process. That date is still being finalized, but we will announce it to everyone as soon as it is confirmed. Stay tuned!

SOUND SYSTEM

We are still in the process of getting bids for our sound system upgrade. This has taken longer than I initially expected but is still in progress. We did do some “tweaking” of the current system in the days before Christmas, which seems to have made some improvement as I had several people make comments to that effect.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

In the next few weeks, all parishioners will receive an email asking them to participate in a survey called the Disciple Maker Index, or DMI. I know many of you might be thinking, “Wait, didn’t we just take a survey last fall?” The answer to that question is yes, but these are two very different things. The survey last fall was very brief, general, and simply meant to survey whether you were enthusiastic enough about our parish and school that you would recommend

them to others. The DMI is a more comprehensive survey that is meant to help you reflect on your own journey of faith, your relationship with Our Lord, and whether the various sorts of opportunities we currently offer in the parish are being effective in helping you grow. So the focus is not on things like facilities or grounds or anything of that sort, but really hones in on the ways we are (or aren’t) being spiritually effective in what we do. I truly hope everyone—whether you are a longtime parishioner or new to our parish family—takes the time to answer the survey. Because in the end, the most important thing we in parish leadership are called to do is to help you grow closer to God . . . and the DMI is one very important way in which we can assess how well our attempts to do that are bearing fruit.

FINALLY . . . WE HAVE A NEW DOMINICAN PROVINCIAL!

Last weekend, I was away in New York for a special elective assembly of friars representing all of the priories and entities of our province, where we elected a new prior provincial. I am happy to share that we elected Father Allen Moran, O.P. Those who have been in the parish a while will surely recognize that name. He was a novice here in 2000-2001, and more recently, served for five years as the prior here from 2013 to 2018. He knows St. Gertrude quite well, and I am sure he will be attentive to the needs of our parish and priory in his role as prior provincial. Please join me in praying for Father Moran as he takes on this important role in our Dominican province.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

I give you thanks, most kind and gentle Jesus, and I confess now and at my last breath, that you have cared for me in body and soul, in all things prospers or adverse. I acknowledge that no power could have bestowed all the gifts I have received to end mightily or ordered all things so sweetly. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Painting of miracle fishing*, Reysschoot (1702-1772) ©shutterstock.com/RSedmakova

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **January 29, 2023:** Open House
- **January 30-February 3, 2023:** Catholic Schools Week
- **January 30-February 24, 2023:** Priority Enrollment for New Students
- **January 30-February 17, 2023:** Re-Enrollment Period
- **February 3, 2023:** Bible Bowl
- **February 7, 2023:** First Reconciliation

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

We are grateful to announce that we have partnered with Mr. Scott Borchers of InVia Counseling to provide counseling support for our school community. A parishioner of St. Gertrude Church, Mr. Borchers is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor who has spent the last ten years working with children, teens, and young adults in a variety of settings, including in a school, in a pediatric medical practice, and in InVia Counseling and Consultation. Mr. Borchers will be here on Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. throughout the remainder of this school year. Mr. Borchers will be available for consultation and to support students, as initiated by the teachers or our CARE Team and with permission from the parents.



DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Gather in Faith. Guide in Truth. Grow in Excellence.

Please join us for our Open House!

January 29, 2023
1-3 p.m.

Visit stgertrudesch.org/open-house-rsvp to schedule your personal tour.



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The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Our teachers have compiled a list of [online resources for students and parents](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kAyyvFd_KXOP2la2KkOPsteNPS9cJpKa/view) for this school year at drive.google.com/file/d/1kAyyvFd_KXOP2la2KkOPsteNPS9cJpKa/view.

GOOD NEWS! BOOK FAIR

Good News! Book Fair—a small business specializing in curating wholesome, virtuous selections of books for children of all ages—will be coming to St. Gertrude School during Catholic Schools Week this year. The company’s mission is “to provide fun, clean reads and faith-filled books that will inspire students to read more, laugh more, learn more, and grow in their faith and relationship with God each day.” Stop by the SGS Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. to shop the fair and support St. Gertrude School!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of January 23, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



IT'S NOT A CLUB; IT'S A VOCATION

St. Gertrude Church has dozens of ministries, groups, programs, and organizations for adults and children of all ages. You are probably familiar with some of them; others you may have never heard of. One group—unique to the Dominicans—is the lay Dominicans, men and women who are dedicated to Dominican spirituality and strive for the sanctification of themselves and those around them.

St. Gertrude Bulletin had the opportunity to speak with Margaret Brecount, a longtime St. Gertrude parishioner and current member of the lay Dominicans, about why she joined this group and her experience with the Dominican Laity.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: What drew you to the Dominican Laity?

Margaret Brecount: Sometimes a particular saint exercises influence over our lives, and we don't realize it until later. This has certainly been the case for me with St. Dominic. His quiet invitation to friendship has stretched across much of my life, but I didn't realize it until I got older.

As a senior in high school, I started occasionally coming to St. Gertrude's 6 p.m. Mass. At the time, I had no idea who the Dominicans were, but I was always drawn to their solid preaching. In college at the University of Dallas, some of the most influential priests on campus were the wise Dominicans who offered daily Mass. By my early 20s, my sister and I had visited the Nashville Dominicans several times, and we were drawn to their strength, joy, and zeal.

My sister entered the order in 1998. But God had other plans for me. While attending a Catholic young adult group, Generation Christ, I befriended the dynamic young man, David Brecount, who had started the group with Father James Sullivan, O.P. David would become my husband in the year 2000, and Father James would marry us!

As David and I followed alongside my sister's religious vocation, we too felt called to participate in this specifically *Dominican* way of living out the faith. In 2002, David and I entered lay Dominican formation together, and the rest is history! We made our final promises as lay Dominicans on the feast of St. Albert the Great, November 15, 2008.

SGB: What has been the biggest struggle of being a lay Dominican?

Margaret: When I was a young homeschooling mother with five little children, I found the daily prayer requirements and monthly

assignments for chapter meetings sometimes heavy, not because these obligations were undesirable, but because I felt spread so thin. I struggled to get enough sleep and then to find connected times of silence for prayer and study; oftentimes I juggled an infant on my hip and lively little ones in the pew as I attempted daily Mass; I would sometimes scramble for babysitters so that we could make our chapter meetings. This season as a young parent was definitely a time of pruning and shaping. Yet, God simultaneously poured out tremendous grace. In those years, for example, with sleeping babies on my lap, I plowed through St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, encyclicals, saint biographies, Russian novels, and Father Jacques Phillippe books. The Lord took whatever scraps I could give him and cleared space for my intellectual and spiritual formation.



SGB: What has been the biggest blessing of being a lay Dominican?

Margaret: Living this vocation *with* David has been the biggest blessing. To be sharing a vision with my husband—where we're both headed in the same direction, following the same approach—is so stabilizing.

SGB: What advice do you have for someone contemplating the lay Dominicans?

Margaret: Father James Sullivan advised us decades ago: "The lay Dominican life is not a club. It's a vocation." A deep desire for prayer, study, contemplation, preaching, and teaching, as well as zeal for souls, are all components of the Dominican vocation.

Learn more about the Dominican Laity at St. Gertrude at stgertrude.org/desiringformation.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is open—and we need your input.

Please visit portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ytddb3 to complete this 10-15 minute survey. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. If you prefer a hard copy of the survey, you may pick up a paper copy in the parish office. Please return your completed paper survey to the office.

This information will be invaluable to St. Gertrude Church and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

RECOGNITION OF YOUNG PARISHIONER

If you regularly go to 12 p.m. Sunday Mass, you have probably been welcomed by Elizabeth Genung, an 11-year-old parishioner who helps serve as a greeter. Elizabeth's joyful smile is hard to forget, and her warm heart has left a lasting impression on one 79-year-old man. The beautiful story that follows was submitted by parishioner Michelle Ruscher.



Each week when my 79-year-old dad and I arrive for 12 p.m. Mass, there is a young lady named Elizabeth at the side door whom my father asks if she is handing out ice creams. (She is actually handing out programs for Mass.) This has been going on for several weeks. Elizabeth laughs at my dad for asking the silly question and typically says, "Maybe next week," to which my dad chuckles.

As we approached Elizabeth the Sunday before Thanksgiving, my dad asked her the same question about giving out ice creams. Elizabeth reached into her pocket and pulled out many Post-It Notes and handed them to my dad. Elizabeth had drawn an ice cream cone on each of the nine Post-It Notes. Each one a different color and name of the ice cream. As you can imagine, my dad was so very touched by her actions! He chuckled and got choked up because of the great thought and care that Elizabeth put forth to connect with a senior citizen who was just trying to be funny and get a chuckle out of a young kid. What a wonderful young lady we have in our St. Gertrude community! If this is our future, we have been truly blessed!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Patrick Boduch	Ruth Hall
Mary Bride	Brian & Emily Sullivan

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

It's time to kick off the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. On our website (stgertrude.org), you will find a video message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the CMA helps make the ministries possible that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Last year, St. Gertrude's goal was \$84,363. Thanks to your generosity, we contributed \$109,950 in pledges in gifts. This year, our goal is \$87,097.

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. As a reminder, if we exceed our parish CMA goal, 50 percent of our over-goal funds stays right here for use in our parish!

BOYS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the boys volleyball spring season is now open! All boys in grades 3-8 who are parishioners of St. Gertrude Church are welcome. No experience is required, as a men's college volleyball coach will be helping form the boys in all the volleyball basics. The spring season is less of a time commitment than typical sports and leagues, and many boys play a second spring sport. The cost is \$80. To register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org and click "Online Registration" in the left column. Registration ends February 11. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Kaufman at bridget_kaufman@yahoo.com.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Scifert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Edith Merle, mother of Frank Merle
 Joan Glass, mother of Michelle Schneider, Deborah Ridgley & James Glass
 Terry Kennedy, husband of Lois
 Susan Leonard, sister of Mary Jane DeHanes

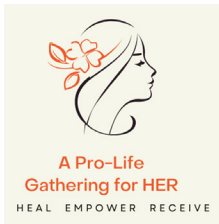
PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Start 2023 on a good note by attending one of the Preplanning Seminars at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tuesday, January 24. You will have peace-of-mind knowing that your wishes will be followed through. The seminars are offered at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. in the Administration – Chapel Building (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati 45249). RSVP to (513) 489-0300 or community@gateofheaven.org. Please let us know your name, contact information, how many will be attending, your parish, and which seminar you will be attending.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older) that primarily focuses on support, prayer, and socializing. We come together at various times throughout the year for prayer, craft-making, and refreshments. Upcoming events include January 28, March 25, and a date in May for the year-end picnic. All gatherings are from 1 to 3 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center (8939 Montgomery Road). New members are always welcome and need to RSVP prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at (513) 793-3546.

A PRO-LIFE GATHERING FOR HER



In partnership with St. Susanna Parish, Cincinnati Right to Life is hosting its first ever pro-life gathering of prayer, presentations, and pro-life information. The event will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Mason. The day will include Mass,

three compelling pro-life speakers (Kelly Lester, Maria Lees Dunlap, and Mother Seraphina), coffee, and lunch. Purchase your tickets at cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org or call (513) 728-7870.

LYDIA'S HOUSE - DOROTHY DAY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Lydia's House is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Norwood. We're currently recruiting women of faith to live out a calling of service through our Dorothy Day Fellowship Program. Fellows commit for two years to do work for the community, including birth accompaniment, benefits navigation, transportation, deep listening, meal planning and preparation, and child enrichment, thus living out the corporal works of mercy in a setting of encounter and solidarity with families experiencing homelessness. Fellows are offered a monthly living stipend, health insurance, housing in community, opportunities for prayer and spiritual companionship, mentoring in the work of hospitality and social service, and space and funding to continue education. To learn more and apply, visit stlydiashouse.org/fellowshipprogram/.

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men, mark your calendar for the 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 18, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, Indiana (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). Every man is invited to attend this 8th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), Mass, and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational, and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the men Christ calls them to be. Speakers include Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk, author and EWTN host Bear Woznick, Father Jonathan Meyer, and more! Do not miss this! For more details and to purchase your tickets, visit e6cmc.com.

MEDITATIONS ON THE NATIVITY

Experience Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur* in a concert of art, music, and light, presented by organist Stella O'Neill and painter Olivia Wiering. This event aims to both reveal the beauty of Olivier Messiaen's music and to create art that brings people closer to the faith. The preconcert talk begins at 7 p.m., followed by the concert at 8 p.m. The event is on Saturday, January 28, at Christ Church Cathedral (318 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati) and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit stellaoneillmusic.com.

PRO-LIFE JOB OPENINGS

Elizabeth's New Life Center has been saving babies and changing lives for 33 years. We have an immediate need for employees in the Cincinnati area. Please visit elizabethnewlife.org/careers/ for more information or to apply for the following positions:

- Women's Center Manager: Oversee responsibilities for all operations at the Forest Park Women's Center
- RN/RDMS: Perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds
- Consultant South Float: Work with women clients facing crisis pregnancies
- Community Relations Officer: Work with area organizations to ensure communities are aware of ENLC services

SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE LETTER

The Community of the Good Shepherd's Earth Shepherds Ministry and the Archdiocesan Care for Creation Task Force are pleased to invite you to a community screening of the documentary film *The Letter* on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6 p.m. at The Community of the Good Shepherd (8815 E Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249). *The Letter* is a compelling story that features environmental champions from around the world from different faiths and worldviews in their journey to Rome to discuss the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope included in the film offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.



**ASK A PRIEST—WHY
“SABBATH” ON SUNDAY**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Why did the Church shift the obligation to “keep holy the Sabbath” from Saturday to Sunday?

A: There’s a historical aspect to this response that I don’t feel fully qualified to give! We know that from the earliest days of the Church, Christians

distinguished between the Jewish traditions inherited through the Apostles and a new way of doing things now that Christ (i.e. “Messiah”) had come. Sooner or later, the day of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, Sunday, became the more significant day on which to recognize “the Lord’s Day of rest.” Jews who did not recognize Jesus continued to worship God and rest on the seventh day, Saturday, the traditional “Sabbath” according to the law of Moses.

The Christian celebration of Sunday as the Lord’s Day really sets us apart and deserves revisiting throughout our Catholic lives. *Why* and *how* do we keep holy the Lord’s Day?

Both the Jewish and Christian Sabbaths set their respective believers apart: they communicate a story and an identity. They also ask something of them. Like the Jewish people, Catholics celebrate the dignity of being made “in God’s image” (see Gen 1:27) on their day of rest. Sunday designates a day of thanksgiving and enjoyment in communion with God our Creator who gazed upon his creation

and saw it “very good.” Do we take time on Sunday to imitate God in his rest and to rejoice in it with him and our loved ones?

Once again, like the Jewish people, the Church recognizes that the story of creation continued with God’s liberation of his people in history (see Exodus 20:1-11). Jesus, our “new Moses,” rescued us from a life of slavery to sin and introduced us to a new life of freedom in God’s Holy Spirit through the life of the Church. This happened through Jesus’ suffering and death on Good Friday and his resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday. For those redeemed by Jesus’ blood and welcomed into the Church through the waters of Baptism, this part of the story is perhaps more significant than our first creation! Here we rediscover our identity as God’s beloved children and heirs to his kingdom. Do I “remember the Sabbath day” in accord with countless generations of Catholic Christians who recognized the freedom Jesus came to win?

Our recognition of Sunday, the Christian Sabbath, should not be marked by toil or oppression or fear of these. Jesus teaches this in the Gospels (for example, see Mk 3:1-6). Sunday is a day to celebrate the freedom Jesus won for us by his redemptive death and life-giving resurrection. It can be our joy and happiness to listen to God’s Word, to praise God with the Church, to partake in the Bread of Life, and to love our neighbor as a brother or sister. All this can happen on Sunday, thanks to God’s gift in Jesus.

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



Monday, January 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, January 25	Thursday, January 26	Friday, January 27	Saturday, January 28	Sunday, January 29
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	Altar Server Training 3 p.m. Church	CGS Level II Training 8 a.m. Atrium I	Family Faith - Child Only Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria			Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	St. Gertrude School Open House 1-3 p.m. School
Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			Angelic Warfare 10:30 a.m. Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Faith Formation First Reconciliation 7 p.m. Church					Benedictine Oblates 2 p.m. St. Joseph Room
						L’alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you.

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for January 15**

Collection	\$	47,360
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	10,860
2nd Collection – Pregnancy Center East: \$4,768		
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,119,057
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,072,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	47,057

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/5/23

MATERIALS DUE
1/25/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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(513) 561-5954 | FAX (513) 561-5184 | www.StGertrude.org

Parish Staff

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