

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

January 23, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

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

- 7:00 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8:00 a.m. †Carmelita Duckro by The Stines Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul (F)

- 7:00 a.m. † Beverly Morris by Denise Daly
- 8:00 a.m. Amy Stein by Malissa & Nick Frohlich
- 11:30 a.m. †Evelyn & William Coulehan
by Molly, Stuart and Mia Jackson

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

- 7:00 a.m. † Dominic Germano
by Romualdo & Maria Pelle
- 8:00 a.m. †Robert Scheidler by John & Jan Cremons
- 11:30 a.m. †Tim Petric by Mary Petric

Thursday, January 27, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. † Frank Powers by Laura Ringenbach
- 8:00 a.m. †Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Steve Eddingfield
by Bertie Eddingfield & Family

Friday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, OP (F)

- 7:00 a.m. † Lilly Alexander by Benny Alexander
- 8:00 a.m. Father Thomas Kennealy, SJ,
by The Smithers Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Gene Cameron by Dan Mott

Saturday, January 29, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. † Dave Taylor by Sherry Schuler
- 11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 4:30 p.m. †Lillian Claire Rentrop by The Pavloff Family

Sunday, January 30, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. †Mary Raleigh by Ron & Pegge Schuermann
- 12:00 p.m. †Stephen Dominic Voto
by The Knights of Columbus
- 6:00 p.m. †Joe Morrison by Sherry Schuler

Confession will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 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 | www.stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Church Hours

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



Get your team
together!

SWING INTO SPRING

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser at Topgolf

9568 Water Front Drive West Chester Township

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

Cost: \$60 per player (includes brunch)

Early Bird Discount: Purchase a bay for \$325 and save 10 percent for your group (up to 6 golfers per bay). Payment due by February 18, 2022.

There will be prizes for closest to the pin and a putting contest.

More details to come.



Synod
2021
2023

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Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU!

There's still time to register and attend one of the
remaining sessions for the global Synod on Synodality.

Register at www.catholicaoc.org/synod

<p>February 5 St. John the Baptist (Harrison) 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>February 10 Mount St. Mary's Seminary (Cincinnati) 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.</p> <p>February 10 St. Albert (Kettering) 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. <i>Sign language provided</i></p>	<p>February 12 St. Boniface (Cincinnati) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>In Spanish</i></p> <p>February 23 Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Dayton) 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. <i>In Spanish</i></p> <p>February 24 Our Lady of Victory (Cincinnati) 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.</p>
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THE WORD OF GOD

In the Gospel reading for Mass today, Jesus reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah and then declares to all who heard him, “Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” His declaration is a clear teaching to all of us that “the word of God is

living and active” (Heb 4:12), a Word that continually speaks to every person who will listen.

Years ago, my relationship with sacred Scripture came alive when I read the following lines from the Vatican II document on divine revelation: “In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets his children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the Word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life” (DV 21). These lines taught me the relational nature of Scripture, the Father speaking with me as his child, communicating his love, teaching me his truth, and offering me the grace to respond with love and obedience. The Word of God is a continual source of nourishment for my soul and wisdom for daily living.

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (today) has been designated as the Sunday of the Word of God, which is to be observed annually. The purpose is to remind us of the “value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, December 2020). As we know, the proclamation of the Word of God is integral to the celebration of every Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states, “When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel” (29). We are invited to receive the Word as a gift from God and a source of communication between God and us. The following three paragraphs are from a resource, provided by the USCCB, on hearing the Word of God:

The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is “efficacious” that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction Dies Domini. He encourages “those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and

faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed” and adds that if we do not, “it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect” (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

I have written before about the practice of *lectio divina*, a method of praying with sacred Scripture every day. I continue to encourage everyone in the parish to incorporate this method into a daily prayer life. As a supplement, we have other gatherings on our parish campus for Bible study and reflection with others so that we can hear the Word of God in communion with our brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit lead each and all of us into a profound relationship with our heavenly Father.

Next weekend at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, we will honor Brad Bursa and Catherine Fishlock with a blessing of thanksgiving for their years of service within the parish. As we learned from their letters to the parish, each has decided to dedicate more time to their vocation within his/her family. So, we are not saying “farewell” to them and to their families. Both will remain active members of the parish and participate in the parish programming as their schedules allow. Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY



“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God . . . and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.”

— Pope St. Pius X

COVER IMAGE: James Tissot (French, 1836-1902). *Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue* (Jésus dans la synagogue déroule le livre), 1886-1894. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Catholic Schools Week 2022** – January 30-February 5
- **Coffee and Conversation** (for 3rd-5th grade parents) – Friday, January 28, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.
- **Open House** – January 30, 2022 | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- **First Reconciliation** (2nd graders) – February 8

WE'RE HIRING!

Do you have a gift for being warm and friendly? Are you a good communicator and multitasker? St. Gertrude School is seeking a full-time receptionist—and we want you on our team! To view the full job description and apply, please visit stgertrude.org/employment.

WHY CHOOSE ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL?

When it comes to choosing which school your child(ren) will attend, there are a lot of things to consider. But sometimes the most important things aren't easily measured and are often overlooked. Here are just a few of the intangibles you'll find at St. Gertrude School:

- A place where students smile and are genuinely happy.
- A place where children are respected as individuals and formed as boys and girls, male and female.
- High expectations that build mental stamina and endurance.

- A school that is run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, a religious order that knows, better than most, the value of Catholic education and how to deliver it.
- Teachers who are professional, experienced, Catholic, and faithful and who love their students and want the best for them.
- A place where students are given the space to make mistakes, to learn and understand, and then keep moving.
- Experienced staff, established systems, and interventions to help students when they struggle.
- A place where students are free to be children and are not asked to bear (or even have an opinion about) the world's problems.
- Stability and record academic growth despite all the recent disruptions and distractions.
- A place where children are taught manners and etiquette and faced with daily opportunities to practice virtue.
- A place where children become a part of a greater community and enduring Catholic school tradition that gives meaning and purpose and fosters lifelong connections and friendships.
- A school that is the beneficiary of a supportive parish and the Dominican friars.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of January 24, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



**ST.
GERTRUDE
SCHOOL**

Gather in faith.
Guide in truth.
Grow in excellence.

DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Please join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

SUN, JANUARY 30, 2022

1:00PM - 3:00PM

"We are building up our students in every way— teaching them to build intellectual and moral virtues so that they can go forth to build a culture of hope marked by freedom and peace that will radiate out to the world"

—Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

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**(TRYING TO)
LIVE THE MISSION:
A LESSON IN GLASS**
BY BRAD BURSA

The deep black panels loom over my head. In the faint candlelight, I can make out nothing but the jagged, crooked came.

Figures unintelligible, lying in wait. Their story goes untold, until the dawn breaks and light cracks the horizon and contemplates the glass. The beams penetrate the pieces, one after another, illuminating a tapestry of colors once heated, cooled, hardened by time and now softened by light. In the sunlight, each panel reveals a story, while bespeaking its own praise of the light necessary for its beauty to appear.

There is a lesson inscribed in every sacred stained glass window—a catechesis visually echoing that Word that lies at the origin of every life, every event, every memory. And each window, whether illustrating the life of Christ or the life of a saint, casts a vision for our own lives, welcoming us to consider what our lives could be like if God’s love touched the whole of them. Beyond the image revealed by the light, there is a lesson in the stained glass itself—the medium is also part of the message.

There’s a way in which our lives are like these mysterious windows. Fragments, jagged pieces of the self, some hard and others soft, some strong and some weak. It often seems that life is nothing but parts never whole—things separated, fractured, disintegrated, with no hope of coming together. At some time, maybe sometimes, a pervasive darkness renders our lives unintelligible even unto ourselves. Sin does this—whether sins we’ve committed or those committed against us. It breaks us and leaves us alone, in the dark isolation—a foretaste of hell. This is the genius of stained glass. It even has the capacity to capture the depth of darkness that is real and to reflect, in its pitch-blackness, the depths of our own darkness to us.

And, in so many ways, our humanity does lie in darkness, until the light from the Son’s daybreak encounters one fragment of our lives before another. As we avail ourselves to this Light, which we do not create for ourselves but which encounters us as Other, suddenly the many pieces of our lives—some forgotten, some memorable, and others painful—come together and form a meaningful whole. As the light of Christ peers into our lives, warming the cold, hard fragments, as we allow Christ’s light to penetrate every part of our lives, everything starts to make sense. Basking in the light of Christ, we start to see that every part was somehow necessary to create the beautiful whole. God brings our lives together.

This is what the reality of stained glass itself inspires, teaches. Our lives are like these church windows we love, because our lives are to be portals through which the world peers in order to gain access to the light of Christ. If we cooperate with that Light, our lives should make it possible for others to “see” God, so to speak, to see

the one who lit up our lives and who brought the disparate pieces of it together in a lifelong panorama.

In other words, we are called to be saints—real human beings like those who magnificently appear in stained glass during those morning hours. By “saint” here, I mean something like St. Paul’s reference to the Christians of the early Church. For Paul, the word did not denote only those canonized, or even canonizable Christians. Instead, as Ratzinger points out, the word does not refer to “a headlong leap into heroism that makes someone a saint,” or “adventurous achievements of virtue.”¹ Instead, the word refers to Christ’s own sanctifying initiative and action that sanctifies the Church and her members, those “saints” who “with Jesus receive a ray of his brightness” and who are “called to use their experience of the risen Lord to become a point of reference for others that could bring them into contact with Jesus’ vision of the living God.”² The saints are witnesses, they are reference points or living windows that allow the light of Christ, the living God, to reach others.

This, it seems to me, is the invitation that lies ever before us and of which the dawning of each day reminds us:

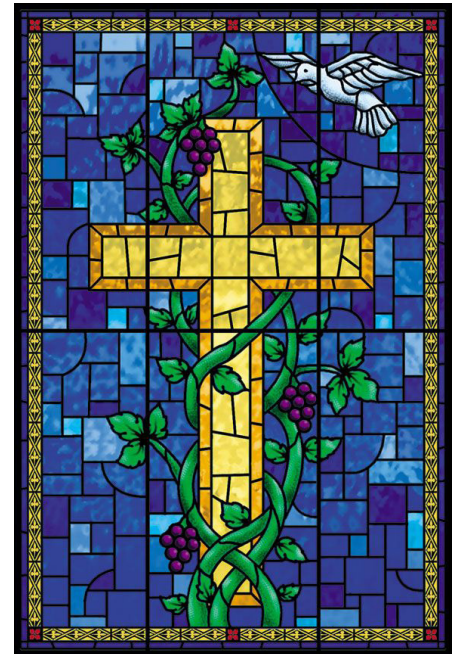
Will we allow the light of Christ to shine on the whole of our lives—even those less likeable parts? Will we allow the *Logos*, the Word made flesh, to illuminate and bring the fragments—which so often appear to be meaningless—of our lives together? Will we invite this gentle Light to carefully and tenderly overcome the creeping darkness of sin and the fright of fear?

In the stillness of a church in the morning, I imagine the windows crying out to the sun, begging for its light to transform them yet again. May we, daily, do the same, and may the Lord of Light, the one who defeats darkness, illuminate the whole of our lives—transforming them into windows through which others gain access to the only One capable of making sense of us such that others can make some sense of him.

The fourth Sunday of each month, we’ll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life.

¹ Ratzinger, *Yes of Jesus*, 104–5. See also Benedict XVI, “The Holiness.”

² Ratzinger, *Yes of Jesus*, 30–33.



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

In 2023, St. Gertrude Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary! As part of the centennial celebration, we will be publishing a commemorative coffee table book entitled *St. Gertrude: The First 100 Years*, which will be available in September 2023. We need your help tracking down historical photos, particularly from 1923 (our founding year) through 1975. Of special interest are photos of our founding families; early days as a mission church; the establishment of our school; and our current church, school, and parish center. We would also like to include photos from St. Gertrude School graduations, First Communion classes, the tornado of 1969, early parish festivals, the school Christmas pageant, and other events. If you are willing to share your photos for publication in this commemorative book, please send—or drop off—your photos (clearly identified with the event and description) to the parish office. Be sure to include your contact information so we can return your photos to you. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291. Thank you!

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)



It's time to kick off the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati! The CMA is

our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries, all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of 308 families here at St. Gertrude, we pledged \$107,519.00 to the 2021 CMA. This year, our goal is \$84,363. And if we exceed our parish goal for the CMA, 50 percent of our over-goal comes back to St. Gertrude to be used here at the parish.

In the coming week, families 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. Thank you!

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IS HIRING

We are looking for a head sacristan to join our team. In this role, you will be responsible for the maintenance of the sacristy, sanctuary, and altars, as well as overseeing all the supplies necessary for the celebration of the liturgy. To view the full job description and to apply, visit stgertrude.org/employment.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Elizabeth & Sajen Alexander
Brad & Cheryl Barker
Ashley Bennett

Matthew & Katie Frye
Richard & Monica Peckinpaugh
Jonathon Powell

BAPTISM

Sunday, January 9, 2022



Child: Judah James Dudenhoefer
Parents: Kelly & Nick



Child: Abigail Marie Mahle
Parents: Rachel & Ryan

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Dolores Brandstetter, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Janice Koncius, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED



MEN, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The tri-state's largest Catholic men's conference of 2022 is coming soon! Featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd, the 7th E6 Catholic Men's Conference will be Saturday, February 26, 2022, 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 event, which includes inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass, and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. This quality, substance-driven, faith-filled event will change your life and equip you to be the man Christ calls you to be. Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.

ANOTHER MARRIAGE-SAVING WEEKEND COMING SOON

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the April 2022 program beginning with a weekend on April 1-3, 2022, please call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

COUPLES' NIGHT

February 13 | *Maria Stein Shrine*

On Sunday, February 13, Father Dan Schmitmeyer, vocations director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is presenting "Marriage: Helping Each Other Reach Heaven." Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., and the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. Tickets are \$40.00 per couple and can be purchased online at mariasteinshrine.org.

EVIL PREVAILS WHEN GOOD MEN DO NOTHING

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022, to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Themed "Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing," the conference is intended for all men, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey or which faith you identify with. For more information and to get your tickets, visit CincinnatiMensConference.com. You won't regret it.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

Immaculate Heart of Mary (7820 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati) Health Ministry is sponsoring the Jewish Hospital Mobile Mammography Van on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Any woman over the age of 40 is welcome to sign up for an appointment to get a mammogram. Both 2D and 3D scans are available. 2D scans are 100 percent covered by insurance, and 3D scan coverage depends on the individual's specific policy. To schedule an appointment, please call (513) 686-3300 and press option 1. For more information, contact Mary Selvaggi, IHM parish nurse, at (513) 388-4184 or marys@ihom.org.

THE INCARNATION CLASSIC

May 21, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | Morrow, OH

Calling all runners! You won't want to miss this exciting weekend celebrating the life of Christ and your love for running. Join other runners for a 33K run into the wilderness. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to "Run for the Call" supporting the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For more information and to register, please go to theincarnationclassic.com.

HELPING THE POOR



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus, and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

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Focus on the Family,
President & CEO

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**ASK A PRIEST—
THE LEONINE PRAYERS
AFTER MASS**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO

Q: I understand that, prior to Vatican II, Catholics everywhere prayed the St. Michael Prayer, along with other prayers, following Mass. Is this why the custom was revived at St. Gertrude?

A: The St. Michael Prayer has had a big “comeback” over the last decade throughout the Catholic world, and notably so at St. Gertrude Church. Its popular recitation after Mass calls to mind the reasons that inspired two popes over a century apart to ask the entire Church to recite it, albeit with a different implementation.

First, if you’ve ever attended the Tridentine Mass, then you’ve likely experienced the way in which all Catholics used to incorporate the St. Michael Prayer into frequent practice. On the frequent occasions when Mass was not sung (i.e. low Mass), the Prayer to St. Michael was recited at the end of a series of prayers called the Leonine Prayers. Immediately following Mass, the priest led this litany from the foot of the altar: Hail Mary (x3), Hail Holy Queen, versicle and response, collect prayer, St. Michael Prayer, and “Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us” (x3). These prayers were required of the entire Church from 1884 until 1964 at the order of Pope Leo XIII and the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. Historically speaking, the Church had been feeling immense pressures from secularist governments in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Leonine Prayers, as evident from the included collect prayer, were instituted to beg God “for the conversion of sinners and for the liberty and exaltation of our holy mother the Church.”

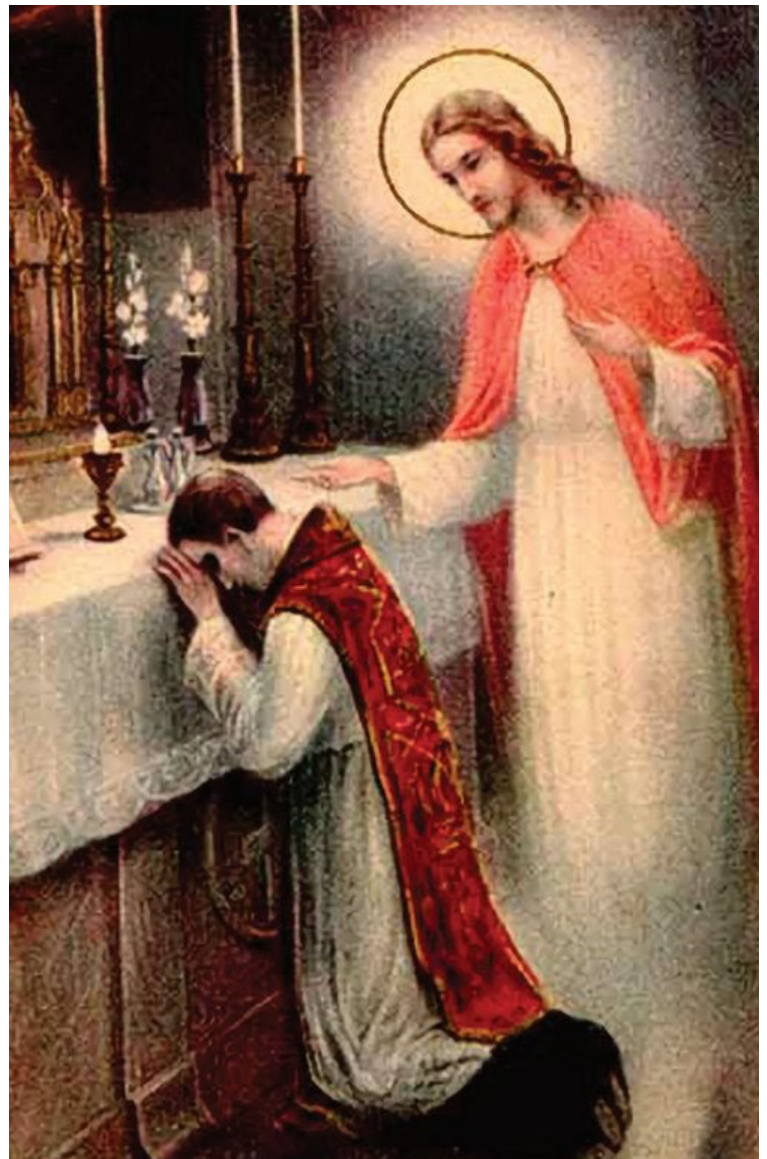
Second, in October 2018, in the wake of the turmoil following the clerical abuse scandals, Pope Francis invited the faithful throughout the world to pray the daily rosary, the ancient Marian Sub Tuum prayer, and the St. Michael Prayer for the protection of the Church against demonic oppression. He also explained the importance of prayer and fasting as a way for all to respond with compassion for victims of abuse: “When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, ‘to insist more upon prayer,’ seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church. She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.”¹ Many Catholics, both as individuals and as dioceses, were inspired to say these prayers following the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Our practice of reciting the St. Michael Prayer after Mass at St. Gertrude is part of a much larger movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church. It involves admitting how much we need God’s mercy

and protection individually and as a Church. The saints are able to help us by their prayers to God. We know that the Church has enemies—visible and invisible, outside and inside her walls. But our hope is in Jesus Christ our Savior who has won the victory over sin and Satan. In light of this hope, we do well to enlist the help of the Blessed Mother and the good angels like St. Michael as we strive for the grace to be faithful to Christ. Like the Catholics of the nineteenth century, having benefited from participation at the Mass in union with the saints in heaven, we implore God’s mercy for the entire Church and world.

Ask a Priest is a 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!

¹ See “Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God,” Vatican City, 20 August 2018. See also “Comunicato della Sala Stampa della Santa Sede,” 29 September 2018.



Monday, January 24	Tuesday, January 25	Wednesday, January 26	Thursday, January 27	Friday, January 28	Saturday, January 29	Sunday, January 30
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series 9:45 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby			Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
L'Alto: High School Core Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. PC Music Room	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Seasons of Hope 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Family Faith 6:00 p.m. School Classrooms	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria			L'alto: Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Event 1:00 p.m. Parish Center
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 p.m. Atrium I & II					St. Gertrude School Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m. School
	Faith Formation First Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Church					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					L'alto: High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School					

OFFERING

**St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for January 16**

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	45,619
Weekly Surplus	\$	10,325
2nd Collection: Catholic Education	\$	2,265

**Fiscal Year-To-Date
(for year ending June 30, 2022)**

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,068,526
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,106,568
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	38,042

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/6/22

MATERIALS DUE
1/26/22

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