



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

January 30, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, January 31, St. John Bosco (M)

- 7 a.m. † Dave Taylor by Margaret Hess
- 8 a.m. † Carmelita Duckro by The Pavloff Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 1, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Tom Geygan by Judy Bayer & Family
- 8 a.m. † Mary Regina Weber by Janet Buchert
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Mary Jo Morgan

Wednesday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord (F)

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. † Dorothy Grant by Pat & Nealy Mechley
- 11:30 a.m. † Ann Lukey by Sue & Butch Paluga

Candlemas

- 7 p.m. Couples Who Struggle with Infertility & Miscarriage

Thursday, February 3, St. Blaise (M); Blessing of Throats following Mass

- 7 a.m. † Gene Cameron by Jamie & Kathy Finnegan
- 8 a.m. † Brandon Hepner by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 11:30 a.m. † Patsy Scalo by The Wainscott Family

Friday, February 4, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joe Nichols by Pete & Claudia Kimener
- 8 a.m. Annemarie Skeen by The Lavin Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Jean Peiffer by Friends from Seasons of Hope

Saturday, February 5, St. Agatha (M)

- 8 a.m. † Patrick O'Mara by Chris & Isabel Hoff
- 11:30 a.m. † Jane Thole by Lou Thole
- 4:30 p.m. † Steve Abdo by Coleen Glorius

Sunday, February 6, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † William Eisenhauer, Jr. by The Lohr Family
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. † Dorothy Arozarena by Rita Roberts
- 6 p.m. Thien Cao by Thien Cao

Confession will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There is no Holy Hour or confession this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. due to Candlemas.

Parish Information

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

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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

Candlemas Day Mass

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
7 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

Join us for a special Mass in celebration of the Presentation of the Lord. Filled with traditional Dominican customs, a blessing of candles, and beautiful music, this Candlemas Day Mass is an opportunity to welcome Christ's light into your daily life and gather as a parish community.



For more information about Candlemas, please see page 7 in the bulletin.

 ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

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

February 5
St. John the Baptist
(Harrison)
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

February 10
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
(Cincinnati)
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

February 10
St. Albert (Kettering)
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sign language provided

February 12
St. Boniface (Cincinnati)
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
In Spanish

February 23
Our Lady of the Immaculate
Conception (Dayton)
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
In Spanish

February 24
Our Lady of Victory
(Cincinnati)
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Today is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, which is an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the presence and offerings of a parish school. As pastor of a parish with a school, I have a great interest in our school and its operations.

A parish school fits within the overall mission of a parish to bring people to an encounter with Jesus and support their friendship with him as a disciple. Obviously, there is much for children to learn in the entire realm of the arts and sciences, and a Catholic school does well to educate in these disciplines. There is an integrity and coherence in this education because a parish school can communicate to students (and parents) that all truth in every discipline is a reflection of the truth and creative order of God. One might ask what science has to do with God. A Catholic school can communicate that the laws of nature and the intricate functions of the world around us did not evolve out of nothing but reflect an intelligent being who orders creation and makes humanity stewards of it. The study of history not only offers much information but also teaches that God's Providence is revealed in the unfolding of human events. The study of art and music develops an appreciation of beauty and the cultivation of creative gifts.

A parish school provides a unique context of human formation in virtue. Catholic faith provides a clear teaching regarding the dignity of the human person and the excellence which every person can achieve. There are not only natural virtues but also the supernatural virtues that form and strengthen the goodness of a person. As St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, grace builds upon nature and perfects it. Certainly, it is a lifelong process, but a Catholic school education supports the workings of God's grace in each student. Intelligence is formed along with personality and character. Interacting with fellow students are occasions of practicing and perfecting the virtues.

Particularly, a parish school supports parents in their handing on of Catholic faith, doctrine, morality, and service. The school brings parents together with faculty and staff to provide the children with opportunities to encounter Jesus and experience the truths of faith in action. The school day begins and ends with prayer. Classes make devotional visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the school chapel or take a rosary walk on parish grounds. Each week, our students gather for the celebration of the Eucharist with their schoolmates. Regularly, our students encounter the loving mercy of Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Christmas pageant helps students to know and embrace the gift of the Incarnation. The rosary procession in October emphasizes the Catholic devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and our mother.

Many people and organizations support the operations of the school. We have parent volunteers who assist with serving lunch each day. There is the PTO that works to develop and sustain good relations between families and faculty and provides schoolwide activities such as Trunk or Treat in October and movie nights that bring school families together in a social setting. The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is a group of parents that provides advice and counsel to the school administration on matters that are

important to families. The Athletic Boosters provide many opportunities for team sports throughout the year. They utilize the Sports Leader program, which is a structured, intentional, and specific method and curriculum to help form leaders and teach virtue in the Catholic tradition. And we have many generous parishioners and alumni who support the school through the monthly in-pew collection, the Annual Fund, and other donations made in support of Catholic education.

In short, a parish school affirms the gift of every student as a child of God and strives to promote and support the full development of a child physically, emotionally, and spiritually. This reflection reminds me of the encouragement of St. Paul found in his letter to the Philippians: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (4:8). We are truly blessed to have a school as a vital expression of our mission as a parish. It is a blessing to see our children learning and growing in many ways. And how beautiful it is to hear and see our children praying to Jesus with childlike love and sincerity.

As we begin the observance of Catholic Schools Week, I invite everyone in the parish to give thanks to God for our parish school and the administration, faculty, staff, and volunteers who see to its daily operations. I also ask that you share the news about our school with others and encourage families to enroll their children in our school. We have room for more students and resources to make a Catholic education available for all who seek it. The school is an avenue of fulfilling our mission to form minds, hearts, bodies, and souls in all that is good, beautiful, and true. This formation is an encounter with God. Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Father George Schommer, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



I saw the Blessed Virgin, unspeakably beautiful. She came down from the altar to my kneeler, held me close to herself and said to me, "I am Mother to you all, thanks to the unfathomable mercy of God. Most pleasing to Me is that soul which faithfully carries out the will of God." She gave me to understand that I had faithfully fulfilled the will of God and had thus found favor in His eyes. "Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles, but fix your gaze upon the Passion of My Son, and in this way you will be victorious." (*Diary, #449*)

COVER IMAGE: St. Gertrude School students at the Mary Grotto on campus.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Catholic Schools Week 2022 – January 30-February 4
- Open House – January 30, 2022 | 1-3 p.m.
- First Reconciliation (2nd graders) – February 8

RESPECT LIFE MONTH EVENTS

Our student council organized the following two school-wide events in honor of Respect Life Month.

Pro-Life Drive: Between Tuesday, January 18, and Friday, January 21, our students brought in diapers and newborn baby clothes to support Pregnancy Center East. Each item was assigned a specific point value, with a school goal of 10,000 points. To reward the students for exceeding our goal, we had an out-of-uniform day on Friday, January 28.

All-School Rosary for Life: On Friday, January 21, our eighth grade student council officers led a special rosary at 9 a.m. in the church. This was a beautiful way for the entire school to gather together and remember the National Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn (January 22).



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday-Sunday, January 29-30: Alumni will speak before Masses about how St. Gertrude School made an impact on their lives; SGS families will present the gifts during each Mass and hand out thank you notes after Mass; Open House on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Monday, January 31: Students will dress up in professional attire for the Science Fair or as their favorite book character, academic profession, or teacher; classroom decorating contest; Science Fair (cafeteria)

Tuesday, February 1: Students will dress up like a Dominican or wear black and white in honor of our patrons St. Dominic and St. Gertrude; NCEA Day of Giving (see ad below); Holy Statue Scavenger Hunt; Spelling Bee

Wednesday, February 2: Students will dress in red, white, and blue and enjoy patriotic popsicles at lunchtime; Castle Skateland (SGS students and families only)

Thursday, February 3: Special lunch for teachers; school Mass and Blessing of the Throats

Friday, February 4: Students will dress up in their favorite team's spirit wear; Holy Hour; Bible Bowl; students get cookies at lunchtime

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of January 31, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Where students gather in faith, are guided in truth, and grow in excellence.



OPEN HOUSE

January 30, 2022
1-3 p.m.

Please RSVP at stgertrudesch.org

6543 Miami Ave.
Madeira, OH 45243
(513) 562-8020
stgertrudesch.org

Follow us on Facebook at @stgertrudeschool



Have you been positively impacted by SGS?

We invite you and your family and friends to participate in the National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA) online fundraising campaign A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. All money donated to St. Gertrude School during the 24-hour campaign will be dedicated to the advancement of SGS.

If we reach our \$20,000 goal, we will give out five \$1,000 scholarships to students who are enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year by February 25, 2022.

For more details and to donate, please visit bit.ly/3IOh0TV.



A DAY OF GIVING TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

February 1-2, 2022
12 p.m.- 12 p.m.



Make a Life-Changing Impact

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you sense that God may be calling you to use your gifts and talents in a new way? From serving as a catechist and a member of our L'alto: High School Core Team to making materials for CGS and helping set up for junior high events, there are many opportunities to get involved and make a life-changing impact on the children and youth here at St. Gertrude Church.

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WHAT TEENS ARE SAYING

"My biggest take away from the youth ministry program was that it allowed me see the value in and claim my faith for myself. I also became really close with some of the young adult mentors. I loved getting to know them and seeing how they were able to live their faith in the real world."

"One of my biggest takeaways from youth ministry would most definitely be the opportunity to experience Christ and community differently. The constant group of people made youth nights feel like simply hanging out with my friends. I felt comfortable and able to be myself. Embedded in the games and chatting was an exposure to the faith. We also were able to hear from adults and our peers about the different ways they have been called to live their lives and praise God."



If you're interested in serving with CGS, contact Mary Beth Dickert at mbdickert@stgertrude.org. If you're interested in serving with our L'alto programs, please contact Walter Plummer at wplummer@stgertrude.org.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

- Catechist Assistant* - Be present to the children's needs during their time in the atrium and facilitate a prayerful environment for catechesis.
- Catechist* - Lead the children and give presentations on Scripture passages and the liturgy to help them encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
- Material Maker - Help prepare and maintain the atrium environment. Volunteers are also welcome to clean and beautify the atrium (cleaning and caring for the linens, candles, etc.)

L'alto Programs

- L'alto: Junior High Core Team - Lead talks, small groups, and activities with seventh and eighth graders.
- L'alto: High School Core Team - Lead a small group and assist on retreats and excursions with high school teens.
- Event Prep - Assist a ministry leader setup and help prepare for junior high and high school events.

*Visit stgertrude.org/cgs for training information.



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WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING

"[CGS] has been a great step for us to bring Jesus back into our family and our lives. Thank you. [She] really enjoys this approach to teaching and always has the kindest things to say about her experience on Sundays in Atrium // which is a huge testament to [the catechist's] gift with children."

"CGS is going great. The kids are loving learning about Bible verses we have talked about. They are also really fascinated by the altar prep and the colors of the priest robes. We also learned something new! Thank you for all you do. Looking forward to them growing and exploring our beautiful faith!"

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2022 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend, February 5-6. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

WE'RE HIRING

Are you passionate about St. Gertrude Church's mission? Do you have a basic understanding of the Catholic Church's liturgy and knowledge of how to clean sacred vessels? Apply to be our head sacristan! 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. View the full job description and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

MCNICHOLAS HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St. Gertrude Church parishioners who made the McNicholas High School second quarter honor roll for the 2021-2022 school year:

Dean's List	First Honors	Second Honors
Jacob Klug	Nora Wagner	Stephanie Schmitt
Hayden Minnich		William Schneider
Carly Weidenbacher		

BAPTISM

Sunday, January 16, 2022



Child: Edmund Joseph Schreck
Parents: Alexandra & Peter Schreck

BOYS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN



All St. Gertrude Church boys in grades 3-8 are invited to play volleyball this spring. No experience required! Volleyball is a great team sport, and the league is less of a time commitment than typical leagues. If your son is interested, please register by February 6 (the sooner the better) so we can put together the teams by grade, register with the league, etc. For more information and to register, please visit sgsbulldogs.org.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING

Toward the end of September 2021, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati informed the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 of an opportunity to help Elizabeth's New Life Center (ENLC) purchase a new ultrasound machine for their Forest Park Center. Thanks to the generosity of St. Gertrude's parishioners, the council was able to donate the surplus dollars (\$16, 712.07) from last year's 2020 Raffle for Life to this effort. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus matched the funds and provided the other 50 percent of the cost of the machine. The Elder Council invites you to ENLC (Forest Park Center, 1230 W. Kemper Road., Cincinnati, OH 45240) on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 2 p.m. as Father George Schommer and Father Michael Mary Dosch bless the new machine. Thank you for raising the funds to purchase the two ultrasound machines—a true testament to your commitment to saving the lives of the most vulnerable.

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, Anne Siebert, 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

The 25th Annual
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
CALLLED TO BE SAINTS
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Returning to an IN-PERSON Gathering!
Adoration 6:00am • Registration 7:00am • Conference 8:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday † February 26, 2022
Kasich Hall † Ohio Expo Center, Columbus

FEATURING:



Sr. Miriam James Heitland, SOLT
...featured on EWTN's *The Journey Home*, this former DI athlete is now a national speaker, podcaster and author.



Matthew Leonard
...international speaker, author, podcaster, accomplished filmmaker and founder of the scienceofsanctity.com



Curtis Martin
...founder of Fellowship of Catholic University Students and consultant to Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

- † Adoration
- † Reconciliation
- † Holy Mass
- † Breakfast & Lunch
- † Faith Organizations

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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.

RUGBY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Is your child interested in playing rugby this spring? Sign them up for Rookie Rugby Cincinnati (grades K-8) or Walnut Hills Rugby Football Club (high school). For more information about Rookie Rugby Cincinnati and age divisions or to register, visit rookierugbyohio.com/registration-cincinnati. For more information about Walnut Hills Rugby or to register, please visit walnuthillsrugby.com/spring-2022. If you have any questions about either team, please email George Kimura at 513kimura@gmail.com.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Are you retired or an empty nester? Do you miss the sense of purpose you had when working? Do you wonder, *Is God finished with me?* The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is a great response to these questions. IVC matches your skill set with nonprofits while enhancing your spiritual growth. To learn more, contact Tom Conway, IVC region director, at tconway@ivcusa.org or (910) 685-5084.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Come to a Preplanning Seminar at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (Administration Building Chapel, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249) on February 15 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and is very beneficial. Benefits include communicating your wishes, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300 by February 14, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar you plan to attend.

HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m. Mass) the weekend of February 5-6 collecting items for Hope Emergency Center, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio, that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland, and surrounding counties. Needs this month include diapers, formula, baby food, and men's and boy's clothing and shoes. Items needed on a regular basis include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash or check donations are also appreciated. Please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with questions. Thank you for your support.

PCE IS HIRING

Start the new year with a new job! Pregnancy Center East is currently looking for a full-time chastity educator and a part-time or full-time event/development specialist to join its team. For more information, please contact lcurren@pregnancycentereast.com or visit supportpce.com.

MEN, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The tristate's largest Catholic men's conference is coming up on Saturday, February 26, 2022! Featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd, the 7th E6 Catholic Men's Conference is open to every man and includes inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass, and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. This quality, 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. The conference will be at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, Indiana.



**ASK A PRIEST —
CANDLEMAS (HOW TO
RELISH CHRISTMAS IN
FEBRUARY!)**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: When will we have our next special solemn Mass at St. Gertrude Church?

A: Once again we will mark the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February

2) with a solemn 7 p.m. Mass replete with traditional Roman and Dominican customs. *Candlemas* is the old English name for this feast, so-called because of the blessing of candles and procession that take place before Mass. The candles reflect the light which Jesus has brought into the world, the light he has shared with all the baptized. If you enjoyed our all-stops-out celebration of Christmas at St. Gertrude, then Candlemas is the perfect *inclusio* before you start down the path of Lent, which leads to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Why celebrate the Presentation of the Lord? During Advent and Christmas/Epiphany we began to recall the joyful mysteries in which God came to his people *and* revealed his salvation to the entire world. The days are sometimes very intentionally sequenced so that the faithful have the sense that the Lord acts in real time and in our real lives. For example, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1 (the final day of the Christmas Octave) was also the celebration of Jesus' circumcision. In Luke 2:21, this ritual was carried out eight days after Christ's nativity, marking him as part of God's people through the covenant with Abraham. On February 2, forty days after Christmas, we are reminded again of the biblical timeline. In Luke 2:22-40, Joseph and Mary brought the six-week-old Christ Child to

the temple to be consecrated to God and for Mary to be purified, in accord with the requirements of the Law of Moses. Besides making the mysteries of Christ's life more accessible to us, this calendar-spread of Christmas feasts invites each of us to take in their salvific meaning and power.

Why Candlemas? If welcoming Christ's light again into your daily life and celebrating Christmas together one last time aren't good enough reasons for you, then I'll lay out some specifics:

- **Blessed Candles:** Bring or purchase candles for the priest to bless at Mass, so that you can make use of these sacramentals (signs that dispose believers to be more open to God's blessings) at home throughout the year.
- **Renewal in Baptismal and Religious Consecration:** We continue a custom from the traditional Dominican liturgy where, at the offertory of the Mass, the friars entrust their baptismal light to the superior. Following, all the baptized are invited to entrust themselves to the care of their priests through this symbolic action.
- **Latin Chants and *Ad Orientem* Posture:** Once again, we offer parishioners and friends a chance to pray the Mass in a very traditional, Catholic way that crosses the barriers of time and space. Beauty in the liturgy helps lead us back to God.

Every Mass is an opportunity to welcome Jesus Christ, who still comes to live in the consecrated places of our churches, homes, and hearts. Through attending the Eucharist for Candlemas night, even when it's not obligatory, may our personal and communal hope in God's salvation grow and his light be inflamed within us.

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!



Monday, January 31	Tuesday, February 1	Wednesday, February 2	Thursday, February 3	Friday, February 4	Saturday, February 5	Sunday, February 6
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC Music Room	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	L'alto: Confirmation 7 p.m. Gym	Genesis to Jesus Study 9 a.m. School Cafeteria	LofC Hope Emergency After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses Sharing Van
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. Atrium I	Peer Ministry Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Rosary Sales After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses PC St. Dominic Lobby
	Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5 p.m. Atrium II		Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room		First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church	Family Faith 9 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School		KofC Business Meeting 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall		LofC Hope Emergency After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
						Little Flower Library Open 9-11:30 a.m.
						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L'alto: High School 7 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish
Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for January 23

Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Collection	\$ 36,768
Weekly Surplus	\$ 1,474

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,103,820
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,143,336
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 39,516

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
2/13/22

MATERIALS DUE
2/2/22

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