

# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

October 17, 2021

## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, October 18, St. Luke (F)

- 7:00 a.m. Jim Smith/Mike & Beth Stoll
- 8:00 a.m. Seth & Rachel McGann/Jim & Anita Pappalardo
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, October 19, SS. John de Brébeuf &

#### Isaac Jogues & Companions (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Jane Andrew O'Connor/Kevin & Anne Lynch
- 8:00 a.m. †Jane Sansalone/Clyde & Pat Dorn
- 11:30 a.m. †Ted Bayer/Judy Bayer & Family

### Wednesday, October 20, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jim Frank/Shari Siebert & Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Pat & Jacque Gentile
- 11:30 a.m. †Cynthia Roth/Nancy & Bob Hoye

### Thursday, October 21, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Wally Hagadorn/Jeanne Johantges
- 8:00 a.m. †Monica Nordloh Mascavage/  
The Dollenmayer Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Karen Hock/The Maxwell Family

### Friday, October 22, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Fr. George Schommer, O.P./Don & Nancy Beimesche
- 8:00 a.m. Tom Costello/Dan Mott
- 11:30 a.m. †Julie & Bill Murphy/Donna & Dave Kallgren

### Saturday, October 23, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ/Elaine & Jeff Parker
- 11:30 a.m. †Virginia O. Goedde/Peter Goedde

### October 23-24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Ann Lukey/Frank & Deb Merle

#### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. †Ronald Rose/The Rose Family
- 12:00 p.m. Bill & Becky Karlak/Sherry Schuler
- 6:00 p.m. †Susan Archdeacon/The Best Family

Confessions 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 Office Info

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#### 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.

## ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Tuesday, November 2 | 7:00 p.m.

### St. Gertrude Church

November is the month of the holy souls—a time that we remember in a particular way those loved ones whom God has called to eternal life.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., for a special All Souls' Day solemn Mass in remembrance of all the deceased, especially those from St. Gertrude Church who have passed away since All Souls' Day 2020.

*Eternal rest grant unto your servants, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH

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## FALL RETREAT



### Step Back. Reconnect. Be Recreated.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Woodland Lakes Christian Camp & Retreat Center  
3051 Lindale Mt. Holly Road, Amelia, OH 45102

The retreat is \$90/person. We will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, and families are invited to join us! Parents, please drop off and pick up your teen at Woodland Lakes.

To register, visit [my.stertrude.org/s/events](http://my.stertrude.org/s/events).

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

*Sunday, October 24, 2021, is World Mission Sunday—an opportunity to not only give thanks to God for the missionaries, church leaders, and supporters who built the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and our church community but also generously support the mission dioceses that are in need. The following letter from Archbishop Schnurr regarding World Mission Sunday and the upcoming collection appeared in the October issue of The Catholic Telegraph. I encourage you to read it and to prayerfully discern what you are able to give.*

*Fr. George, O.P.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Once we experience the power of God’s love and recognize His fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus’ relationship with His disciples and His humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of His Incarnation, Gospel, and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes His own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns.”

These are the opening words of the 2021 World Mission Sunday statement by Pope Francis, in which he points out the sacrifices and joys of the early Christians. The Acts of the Apostles records how St. Paul and fellow missionaries carried out our Lord’s command to: “Go, therefore, to the highways and byways and invite everyone you find” (Matthew 22:9). No one is excluded and no one needs to feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

The Holy Father urges us to be grateful for these early missionaries, and all of our missionaries today throughout the world, and to follow their example. This year the Archdiocese of Cincinnati celebrates our 200th anniversary, a reminder to us to be thankful for the many sacrifices missionaries have made to build our local Catholic community: secular priests; religious brothers, sisters, priests; lay men and women.

We must also praise God for the past mission fundraising efforts of lay Catholics in Europe who supported the growth of our U.S. Church. In 1822, Pauline Jericot and her factory co-workers in Lyon, France, received letters from overseas missionaries and began to donate parts of their salaries to the Church here. This led to the establishment of the Pontifical Mission Societies, which gave more than \$7 million to U.S. missions in its first 100 years. Today, Catholic donations from the United States make up 25% of the collection received at the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Vatican. These gifts from Catholics in the United States are then shared with the 1,200 mission dioceses that cover more than half the globe.

As COVID-19 continues to be a major problem in many mission dioceses, I urge you to be especially generous to the upcoming collection at your local parish on World Mission Sunday, October 24, to benefit the Pontifical Mission Societies. You are welcome to join me for a special Mission Mass at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains that day to thank the Lord for all those who have and continue to sacrifice for the growth of our Church locally and globally.

Sincerely in the mission of Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

**Increasing Adoration Hours**

Efforts to restore perpetual eucharistic adoration in the Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel here at St. Gertrude continue. We reopened the chapel one year ago this month after being closed because of the pandemic. Currently, the chapel is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day. Volunteers are still needed during many of these hours. Nevertheless, to accommodate the desires and schedules of others who are interested, an incremental approach will be taken to restore the nighttime hours beginning with Wednesday and Saturday nights.

**We would like to begin with November 3 and 6, but we can do so only if we have a commitment of two adorers for every hour through the night.**

Please consider using one hour of the time God gives you to spend time in prayer and worship of the Lord Jesus in his eucharistic presence. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II:

*“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”*

**Sign up at [stgertrude.org/adoration](http://stgertrude.org/adoration) or by calling or stopping in the parish office. With your help, we can increase the hours of adoration here at our parish.**



**FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**



We should derive two kinds of profit from Holy Confession. First, we come to confession to be healed; second, we come to be educated – like a small child, our soul has constant need of education. O my Jesus, I understand these words to their very depths, and I know from my own experience that, on its own strength, the soul will not go far; it will exert itself greatly and will do nothing for the glory of God; it will err continually, because our mind is darkened and does not know how to discern its own affairs. (*Diary, #377*)

**COVER IMAGE:** Mosaic of Our Lady giving the rosary to the Dominican Order. Photo by Father Lawrence Lew, O.P., used with permission. (This mosaic is at the priory here at St. Gertrude.)

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Monthly Meeting with Sister Maria Christi** – Parents of junior high students are invited to meet with Sister Maria Christi on Tuesday, October 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

**ROSARY PROCESSION**

We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7 with an all-school rosary procession, followed by Benediction and the consecration of our school to Mary.



**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

School office hours for the week of October 18 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Do you want a fulfilling career in a supportive environment? St. Gertrude School is currently hiring two full-time positions:

- Junior High History Teacher
- School Receptionist



To view the full job descriptions and apply, visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment).

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*"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 whole world."*

- Sister Maria Christi Greve, Principal

**Fall Open House: November 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m and 7-8 p.m.**

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY MICHELLE DUSHENSKY

A few weeks ago during my commute home from St. Gertrude, I was listening to day 239 of “The Bible in a Year” podcast with Father Mike Schmitz. (Yes, I’m a little behind.) For those of you who are not familiar with the podcast, each episode consists of Father Mike reading from Scripture, saying a short prayer, and explaining the Bible passages he just read to help listeners understand the Word and what it means for them today.

In this particular episode, Father Mike read Jeremiah 22, Daniel 3, and Proverbs 15:29-33. Daniel 3—the story of how Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were thrown into the fiery furnace—has always amazed me. (These three Hebrews are better known by their Babylonian names Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego.) Here is the CliffsNotes version:

- King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has a golden statue made and orders that “nations and peoples of every language . . . must fall down and worship the golden statue” when they hear the sound of a musical instrument (Daniel 3:1-5).
- “Whoever does not fall down and worship shall be instantly cast into a white-hot furnace” (Daniel 3:6).
- Everyone obeys the decree except Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
- Some Babylonians tattle on Hananiah, Mishael, and Azaria, and King Nebuchadnezzar has them bound and thrown into the furnace.
- They “walk about in the flames, singing to God and blessing the Lord” (Daniel 3:24).
- The angel of the Lord goes into the furnace and drives out the flames so “the fire in no way touched them or caused them pain or harm” (Daniel 3:49-50).
- The king exclaims, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel to deliver the servants that trusted in him; they disobeyed the royal command and yielded their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree for nations and peoples of every language that whoever blasphemes the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut to pieces and his house made into a refuse heap. For there is no other God who can rescue like this” (Daniel 3:95-96).

Such bravery. Such conviction. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azaria believed that God could save them, “but even if he will not, you should know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up” (Daniel 3:18). Even in the face of death, these three men would not serve anyone but God.

Rather than focusing on Hananiah’s, Mishael’s, and Azaria’s unwavering faith, Father Mike’s explanation of this miraculous story centered on Hananiah’s, Mishael’s, and Azaria’s names. In Scripture, names have great significance; a person’s name is related to their

deepest identity. Hananiah, Mishael (a form of Michael), and Azaria are Hebrew names meaning “beloved of the Lord,” “who is like God,” and “the Lord is my help” respectively. After being taken captive in Babylon, these three men were given new names (Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego) in an attempt to strip them of who they were. In fact, their new names referred to three false gods of Babylon.

Father Mike’s commentary got me thinking about my own name, my own identity . . .



When I was 10 years old, my parents gave me a framed graphic with the meaning of the name Michelle. Like Michael and Mishael, Michelle means “who is like the Lord.” I didn’t pay much attention to that meaning during my adolescent or teenage years, but, as my relationship with God and my desire to live a radically Christian life deepened in my twenties, I used the meaning of my name as a guiding light—even a litmus test. *Am I treating others the way Jesus treated others? Am I detached from earthly desires and completely dependent on God my Father? Am I living and acting like the Lord?*

If I’m honest with myself, the answer is, “Not always.”

So how does the meaning of my name and my ability—to embody that meaning relate to my identity? Well, I recently learned that the meaning of Michelle (and Michael) is actually in the form of a question, rather than a statement. *Who is like the Lord? No one* is like the Lord (although many of us put other people, material goods, money, and even ourselves on the same level or even above God). Understanding the true meaning of my name has reminded me of the need to constantly surrender to and humble myself before God—my loving, merciful, all-knowing, and all-powerful Father, for my identity lies in being his beloved daughter.

Whether you know the meaning of your birth name or not, there is one name that you received at your baptism that can help you recall who you are and the best way to live: Christian. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Christians are called to lead henceforth a life ‘worthy of the gospel of Christ.’ [...] Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love by confirming their thoughts, words, and actions to the ‘mind . . . which is yours in Christ Jesus,’ and by following his example. [...] Christians have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. This ‘Spirit of the Son’ teaches them to pray to the Father and, having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear ‘the fruit of the Spirit’ by charity in action” (CCC 1692-1695). Unless we remind ourselves every day of who we are and what and who we believe in, it can be very challenging to live the Christian life—but it’s so important.

Do you live in a way that people recognize you as and call you Christian, or have you allowed today’s society to change your name and the God you serve?

**ANNUAL FRIAR FORMATION APPEAL**

Each member of our parish family should have received a letter this past week asking for support of the Dominican’s Annual Friar Formation Appeal, which helps support and sustain the Dominican Seminarians of the St. Joseph Province. If you have not received a letter, please make sure we have your name and address so you can receive future information. Please give prayerful thought to your annual gift according to your means and current circumstances.

**NORMAL AGING VS. DEMENTIA PRESENTATION**

The St. Gertrude Parish Health Ministry invites you to join Teresa Youngstrom, RN, on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Center Lobby for a dynamic and informative presentation entitled Normal vs. Not Normal Aging/Dementia. Teresa, Dementia Care Specialist and Founder of A Better Approach to Memory Care, will share incredible insights that will help you decipher whether your memory problems—or a loved one’s memory problems—may be due to normal aging or dementia. Caregivers will also learn new techniques that will empower them to better care for someone with dementia. All are welcome, and there is no cost to attend. To register, please contact Jeanie Naumann at jmnaumann@yahoo.com or (816) 786-0831 by October 24. (This event is sponsored by Tony Wright, publisher, Parish Neighbors Magazines.)

**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

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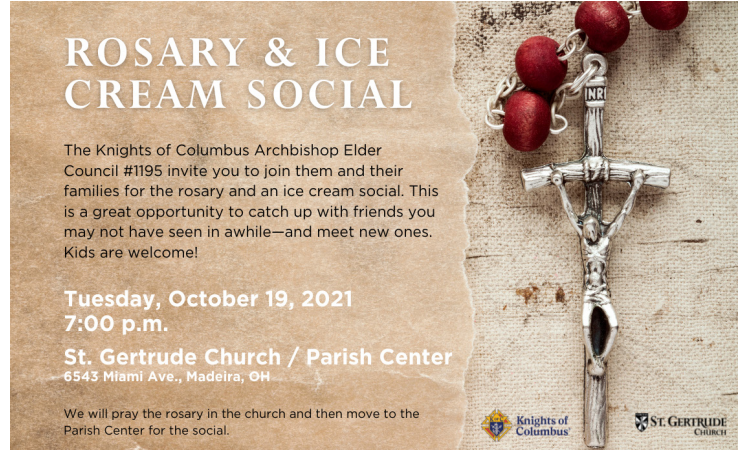
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**THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Samuel C. Bascom, Patrick Burke, 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**

Francis Kuhn – father of Kim Meyer



**ROSARY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families for the rosary and an ice cream social. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends you may not have seen in awhile—and meet new ones. Kids are welcome!

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude Church / Parish Center**  
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, OH

We will pray the rosary in the church and then move to the Parish Center for the social.

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**EDIFY \$10K CONTEST RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who nominated St. Gertrude School for CatholicVote’s EDIFY \$10K contest! The results are in . . . We got second place out of 2,477 other Catholic organizations! We greatly appreciate your support!

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

St. Gertrude Boy Scout Troop 555 is selling Christmas wreaths and sprays and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. If you do not know a scout or have not been contacted by one, you can order your wreaths after Mass the weekend of October 23-24. The wreaths will be delivered the weekend of November 20—just in time for those who like to start decorating right after Thanksgiving! Payment is due when your order is placed. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 boy scout or Mary Jo Schuette at (513) 207-1836 or Mjschuette2@gmail.com.



**CATHOLIC MEN’S ADVENT RETREAT DECEMBER 3-4**

The annual Catholic Men’s Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude Catholic Men’s Fellowship, will be Friday evening, December 3, through Saturday, December 4, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45212). Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., who served as a parochial vicar at St. Gertrude in 1992-1993, will be the retreat master. Themed “Revealing Man to Himself,” the retreat will focus on how being human is both a mystery and a challenge and will show how Jesus Christ, “the new Adam fully reveals man to himself.” Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Stay tuned for more details.

## Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Precious Blood Assembly Fundraiser

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## BRINGING COLLEGE STUDENTS BACK TO CHURCH

My name is Peter Baldan, and I am a 2021 graduate of Indiana University and the Pastoral Service intern at St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington, Indiana. I was raised Catholic, and when my family moved to Cincinnati in 2005, both my brother and I attended St. Gertrude School. We went to Mass at St. Gertrude every Sunday and volunteered at the parish every year. During high school, I had no attachment to my faith. Once I arrived at college, I felt called to attend Mass on my own. I attribute this calling to my blessed upbringing. Having parents who served as witnesses to the faith, receiving an excellent education at St. Gertrude, and participating in the St. Gertrude Youth Ministry program gave me a strong foundation in my faith that I could always fall back on. I would like to share with you more about my spiritual journey, my role at St. Paul's, and my request to prayerfully and financially support our ministry to bring college students back into the Church and strengthen our parishes. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at [pbaldan@hoosiercatholic.org](mailto:pbaldan@hoosiercatholic.org). Thank you.

## ALL SHOOK UP TO BENEFIT PCW

Pregnancy Center West invites you to the October 20 performance of *All Shook Up* at the Covedale Theater to benefit its ministry and the women the center serves. Tickets are \$22/each, and free snacks and treats will be provided. For more information or to register for this event, please visit [pc-west.org](http://pc-west.org), call 513-244-5700, or email [richard@pc-west.org](mailto:richard@pc-west.org).

## CINCINNATI RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Evening for Life, Thursday, October 21, at the Sharonville Convention Center. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program featuring emcee Anna Mitchell of Sacred Heart Radio and speaker George Dennehy. Reservations required. Visit [CincinnatiRightToLife.org](http://CincinnatiRightToLife.org), or call (513) 728-7870 to reserve your spot.

## THE CATHOLIC RUNNING PROJECT



Are you a fan of God and running? Join other Catholic runners in Cincinnati every other Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for a laid back, easy run that is meant to promote conversation and community. Whether a 7-minute pace is your sweet spot or a 10:30-minute mile is more your jam, we have a pace group for you. To learn more and to sign up for updates, please visit [thecatholicrunningproject.com](http://thecatholicrunningproject.com) or email [catholicrunningproject@gmail.com](mailto:catholicrunningproject@gmail.com).

## UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Do you find yourself struggling with the same sin time after time, stuck in your spiritual growth, struggling with forgiveness or bound by negative patterns of thinking? Find the freedom God intends for you! The Unbound: Freedom in Christ Seminar presents five keys to greater freedom in your life—repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, authority, and the Father's blessing. The seminar is Saturday, October 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Church (6 S. Third Street, Miamisburg, OH) and will include live talks from the Dayton Unbound Team and talks on DVD from Neal Lozano, the creator of the Unbound Model. There will be prayer opportunities throughout the day, and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost is a donation. To register, visit [unbound-dayton-oct30.eventbrite.com](http://unbound-dayton-oct30.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact [unbounddayton@gmail.com](mailto:unbounddayton@gmail.com) or (937) 530-3151.

### SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Elder Council #1195

# BLOOD DRIVE

**November 13, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Parish Center Gym**  
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Check the bulletin in the coming weeks  
for registration information.





## **THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING**

FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

*Part seven in an 8-part series.*

### **The Songs We Sing: The Texts We Live, Part II**

The texts we live. What can these words mean? Brides, remember the song you danced to with your father on your wedding day? All you husbands and wives, young and old, what's the song that is *your* song? Who isn't transported to recent Christmastimes or celebrations from long ago when you hear the first words and notes of *Silent Night*, or *Away in a Manger*? These are the songs we sing, and the texts we live!

#### **To Sing the Mass**

At the conclusion of my column last week, I wrote, "To sing the Mass draws us into a conversation with God, to which we respond with the words of God, and in which God has the final word." Very simply, this means that the words we speak within the liturgy are not words that we author or make up. Rather, what we say in the liturgy are the very words of God that pass our lips, live in our hearts, form our understanding, and teach us what we believe. This last sentence tells us *why* we sing the Mass, and not *sing at* Mass. The same sentence also tells us how important it is that we choose music wisely.

#### **55 Years Ago, 20 Years Ago, and Today**

In the last 55 years, the musical trajectory of the liturgy has moved with rocket-like speed in a direction that has led us back to the place where we started, and we are coming to know the place for the first time (cf. "Little Gidding," T.S. Eliot). Fifty-five years ago, we were singing the Mass: we sang the Introit, Gradual, Offertory, and *Communio* (Entrance Antiphon, Responsorial Psalm, Offertory, and Communion Antiphon respectively), and there were a set number of Masses we all knew. The diet we were offered through the Roman Missal and the music it offered was extremely rich—so rich we may not have appreciated it, even though the Council Fathers urged us to do so. We exchanged the words of God for the words of men and

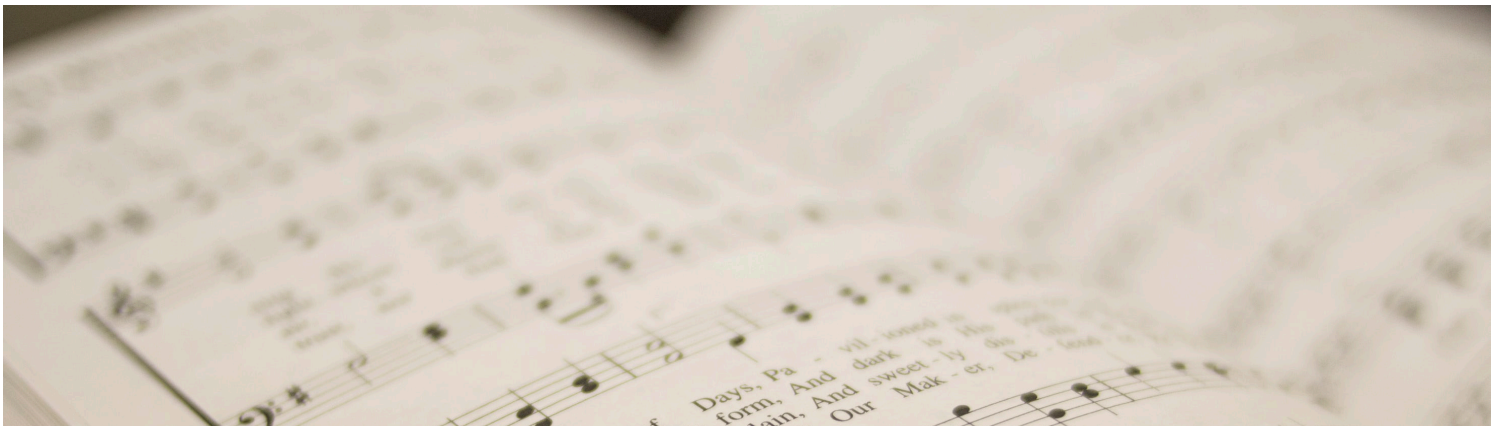
tried to replace parts like I mentioned above with hymns—mostly Protestant hymns—that captured the idea but certainly not the form or the essence of the richness found in the missal. As we evolved, other words came to our lips and found a home in our hearts. You know the list: *Here I Am, Lord, City of God, Eagles' Wings, All Are Welcome, You are Mine*, and more and more and more. And, let's not forget all the praise and worship music! Beautiful? Some, yes. Memorable? Some. Theologically accurate and able to bear the weight of the mysteries being celebrated? Few. Directed to the praise of God, to ourselves, or to our emotions? A little bit of each.

A tremendous amount of ink has been spilled about this musical journey, and more continues to fall. I would offer you the following for your reflection:

1. I have spent my entire life making music for the Lord and leading others to find and encounter him through the beauty of music—specifically music within the sacred liturgy. The only thing that is more precious or more life giving is preaching and celebrating the Mass and the sacraments.
2. Through the study of the liturgical theology of Benedict XVI, I began to discover that the richness of renewal that the Second Vatican Council dreamt of had not fully become a reality. As I read Pope Benedict, Louis Bouyer, Pius Parsch, and many others, I discovered that there was a liturgical feast that the council longed for us to enjoy, and somehow, we were given something less, still having some beauty but not as nourishing. Yes, the latter may be easier to swallow, but the former gives us what we need most.
3. To know the place for the first time. This is what we find in the richness of the texts of the Roman Missal—texts that are given to us by God. Texts we need to live!

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to [parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org), and I will answer it in this column.

*The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community who worships God in Spirit and in Truth.*





Monday, October 18	Tuesday, October 19	Wednesday, October 20	Thursday, October 21	Friday, October 22	Saturday, October 23	Sunday, October 24
<b>SportsLeader</b> 6:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	<b>Children's Choir</b> 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 10:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	<b>SGS PTO Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>L'alto: Confirmation Teaching Mass</b> 7:00 p.m. Church	<b>Into the Breach</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Scouts Wreath Sale</b> <i>After all Masses</i> Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 3:30 p.m. Atrium I	<b>Rosary Makers</b> 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Cana Family</b> 9:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		<b>Scouts Wreath Sale</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Breezeway	<b>Little Flower Library Open</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m.
<b>Booster Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	<b>Lvl 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 5:00 p.m. Atrium II	<b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Lvl 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I			<b>Family Faith</b> 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)	<b>Parent/Child Catechesis Sac. Form.</b> 6:30 p.m. Atrium II	<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church	<b>Cana Family Year 1</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
<b>KofC Executive Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. KofC Hall	<b>KofC Rosary Social</b> 7:00 p.m. Church		<b>Revitalize – Fall Series</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby			<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church
<b>L'alto: Confirmation Adult Core Team</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:15 p.m. School Cafeteria	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit <a href="http://stgertrude.org/covid19">stgertrude.org/covid19</a>.                 </div>				<b>L'alto: High School</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

## OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report

### Collection for October 10

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	38,108
Weekly Surplus	\$	2,814

2nd Collection: \$7,139 Dominican Friars Appeal

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	529,410
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	506,206
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(23,204)

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