



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

October 2, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, October 3, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Anthony Thieu Tran by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † Jeff Schubeler by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi (F)

- 7 a.m. Al Riesenberg by Pat Riesenberg
- 8 a.m. † Dorothy Grant by Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin
- 11:30 a.m. † The Kohus & Bough Families by John & Hilda Bough

Wednesday, October 5, St. Raymond of Capua, O.P. (M)

- 7 a.m. † Jose Reyes & Agustin Reyes by Alan & Dina Henderson
- 8 a.m. † Linda Parrish by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Gillen by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Thursday, October 6, St. Marie Rose Durocher (M)

- 7 a.m. Nancy Dankert by Sheila & Chris Cole
- 8 a.m. † Betty Schommer by The Smithers Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne

Friday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary (F)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8:05 a.m. † Bill Van Hise by Tom & Kim Hahn
- 11:30 a.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke

Saturday, October 8, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Salvador Bove by The Dollenmayer Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Gene Cameron by Jamie & Kathy Finnegan
- 4:30 p.m. † Anne Siebert by Katie Stoiber

Sunday, October 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Charles Dollenmayer by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. The Wasserman Family by The Ferguson Family
- 6 p.m. † Dr. Jay Galla by Elaine & Jeff Parker

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 | www.stgertrude.org

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

**Pancakes,
eggs, sausage**

Gluten-free / dairy-free
menu available

**THIS
WEEKEND!**

**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT
ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!**

WHEN: Sunday, October 2, 2022
Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

WHERE: St. Gertrude Gym

COST*: \$9/adult \$5/children grades K-8
\$30/family Children 5 and under free

*Credit cards accepted

All proceeds will go toward
funding Elder Council's Coats for
Kids program, ensuring that all
children of low-income families in
the Cincinnati area will have a
coat this winter.



SAVE THE DATE

All Saints' Day Vigil

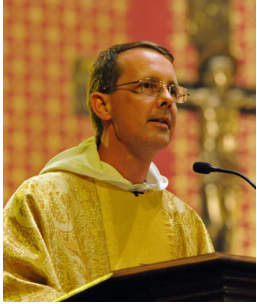
Monday, October 31, 2022 | 7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

Join St. Gertrude Parish for a special
candlelight vigil to celebrate the
lives of saints. This special event
will include readings from the
saints, meditation hymns, chanting
of Compline, and the litany of the
saints with a procession of
relics. A reception will follow.



8 A.M. MASS ON OCTOBER 7 TIME CHANGE

St. Gertrude School students and teachers will be joining us
for 8 a.m. Mass on Friday, October 7, to kick off the school's
Faith Rally. Mass will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will be longer
than usual, as it will include singing. There will be signs in the
pews in the center sections designating where the students
will be sitting. The section on the right side of the church in
front of Our Lady will be open for seating. All are welcome!



The following article, published on thecatholictelegraph.com and in the July 2022 issue of *The Catholic Telegraph Magazine*, is the sixth in a series of articles covering each of the six foundational principles of Beacons of Light, the pastoral planning process of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. As the article states, “the Beacons of Light Love in Action principle cheers on every Family of Parishes’ critical work to serve those in need, change systems that marginalize and oppress, protect human life from conception until natural death and build bridges of solidarity across the beautiful diversity of our one human family.” As we kick off Respect Life Month, I encourage you to read the article below and let it inspire you to put your love for others in action.

Rev. John Paul Walder, O.S.A.

**BEACONS OF LIGHT
FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES #6: LOVE IN ACTION**

By Tony Stieritz

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn. 3:16). During His ministry on Earth, Jesus revealed this love to us in very concrete ways. He healed the sick, He fed the hungry and He brought hope to the downhearted. He also kept close company with society’s outcasts, such as lepers, the lost sinners and despised Samaritans. Jesus mercifully responded to people’s physical, mental and spiritual anguish. He walked in their shoes, understood their sufferings and sincerely desired their liberation. As Pope Francis proclaimed in his Message for the Fifth World Day of the Poor, “Jesus not only sides with the poor; he also shares their lot” (no. 3). The Church today must do the same. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI taught, this is why exercising the ministries of charity and social justice is one of the Church’s three-fold responsibilities. Along with proclaiming the Word and celebrating the sacraments, “charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no.25a). As the home of the Church, then, our parishes are to embrace the work of charity and justice as an integral part of their identities – although this may look different for each faith community. Parishes live this out, for example, by partnering with Catholic Charities or Catholic Social Services to assist at food pantries or welcome newly arrived refugee and migrant families to the community. Other ministries advocate to public officials for the lives of the unborn, for more public support for mothers in need or for an end to capital punishment. Some parishes conscientiously care for creation and future generations by using less energy and resources on parish grounds. Others proactively ensure involvement in the life and decision-making of the parish from those of minority backgrounds and those with disabilities. The list goes on.

The Beacons of Light “Love in Action” principle cheers on every Family of Parishes’ critical work to serve those in need, change systems that marginalize and oppress, protect human life from conception until natural death and build bridges of solidarity across the beautiful diversity of our one human family. This is not a new vision. In fact, the U.S. Catholic bishops forthrightly stated 30 years ago that “the Church’s social mission is an essential measure of every parish community” (*Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish*).

However, the Beacons of Light process offers new opportunities. With multiple church communities combining their ministries, talents and resources, this is a new moment for us to multiply our works of mercy. As we forge new relationships across former parish boundaries, now is our time to rediscover together the Gospel of love and to make a greater impact in the world!

In response, the Love in Action team wants to support Families of Parishes in building social ministry structures that expand parishioner involvement, increase coordination among all involved and elevate the works of mercy to the highest consciences of parish identity.

Love in Action envisions that our Parish Families will:

- Recognize the HUMAN DIGNITY of each person, who is created in the “image of God” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 12).
- EDUCATE and FORM parishioners, staff and clergy – utilizing the rich history of Catholic Social Teaching and Scripture – on what it means to be a community of “salt and light” in today’s world (Mt. 5:13-16).
- Create spaces of BELONGING that facilitate the inclusion, affirmation and meaningful participation of all Catholics in the community of faith.
- Exercise the ministries of CHARITY and JUSTICE, with significant numbers of parishioners engaging in both direct service to the vulnerable and public advocacy to protect all life and care for creation.
- Inspire all members to SOLIDARITY, encountering Christ in all people, both locally and across the globe. As Pope John Paul II declared, “we are all really responsible for all” (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, no.38).

We should all be asking ourselves what success is supposed to look like through this Beacons of Light reorganization. One outcome must certainly be an advancement of charity and justice ministries throughout our local Church. Or, more to the point, more people should experience God’s love more fully through our works of mercy. In addition, we should all expect that more parishioners will know the joy of furthering the kingdom of God. May the Holy Spirit guide our vital efforts for the sake of our parishes – and the world!

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PRO-LIFE QUOTE



“Human Life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

– Catechism of the Catholic Church

COVER IMAGE: Photo by Father Lawrence Lew, O.P., of a painting of *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary*. Painting is in the museum of Santa Sabina in Rome. Photo used with permission.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday, October 3, 2022:** Winter Uniform Begins
- **Thursday, October 6, 2022:** Rosary Procession
- **Friday, October 7, 2022:** Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary; Faith Rally

WE HAVE A NEW FLAG!

If you've driven past our school during the past week, you may have noticed a large, bright, new American flag flying high on our flagpole! This past Monday morning, September 26, all our students, teachers, and faculty—along with representatives from the Madeira fire department, members of Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 in full uniform, and members of Boy Scout Troop 555—gathered outside to take down our old flag and raise the new, bigger US flag. The reverence and patriotism were palpable, especially as everyone joined together to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Here are a few pictures from the special event! (Check out our Facebook page at facebook.com/stgertrudeschool to watch a video of the ceremony.)



JOIN US FOR ADORATION DURING OUR FAITH RALLY

All St. Gertrude School parents are invited to join us for Eucharistic adoration on Friday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, during our Faith Rally. Adoration will be in the school chapel from 9 to 11 a.m. and in the gym from 12 to 1 p.m.

please join us for
ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL'S
ROSARY PROCESSION
AND
CONSECRATION
TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:30 PM OCTOBER 6, 2022 6:30 PM

DINNER PROVIDED

PROCESSION FROM THE SCHOOL TO THE CHURCH CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

ROSARY PROCESSION

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

RSVP FOR DINNER BY SEPT. 30
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QP092D](https://bit.ly/3QP092D)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

All St. Gertrude Parish families are invited to a very special Marian celebration on Thursday, October 6, the day before the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is a powerful opportunity to gather together as a school community and bring all our needs to Jesus through Mary.

OPEN POSITIONS

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

- Grades K-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-4 (part-time)

Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the job descriptions and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of October 2, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you . . .” (Jeremiah 1:5)

St. Gertrude Church has a long history of pro-life efforts. Thanks to the dedication of many parishioners (especially Debbie Graham, who has been our Respect Life coordinator for years) and the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195, our parish has participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign and the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Machine Initiative, has hosted pro-life speakers, placed Crosses of the Innocents on the front lawn, and more. Even our pastor, Father John Paul Walker, O.P., has been involved in the pro-life movement for decades, attending the March for Life 18 times.

As we all know, the landscape has shifted quite a bit since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* this past summer, opening up new needs and necessitating more pro-life support than ever. On Saturday, September 24, St. Gertrude’s Respect Life Ministry met to discuss upcoming local pro-life events and new opportunities to get involved. Here’s what is on the docket in the near future. All are invited to participate—to not just *be* pro-life, but to *do* pro-life.

Make Abortion Illegal Again | October 4, 2022: Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America and Students for Life Action, will be speaking at the University of Cincinnati on October 4 as part of her brand-new speaking tour, Make Abortion Illegal Again. Kristan will share the pro-life movement’s strategy for a Post-Roe America and answer the most common objections to our goal of protection at conception.

Ohio March for Life | Wednesday, October 5, 2022: St. Gertrude’s Respect Life Ministry members and parishioners will be joining pro-life supporters from all over the state at Ohio’s March for Life in Columbus. We are at a critical moment in Ohio’s battle for life, and our state government needs to hear from us. A bus will leave from the St. Gertrude Church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please see the ad below for more information and to sign up.

OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 | Columbus, OH

Join us at the state capitol as we protest the continued legalization of abortion in Ohio.

Schedule

7:30 a.m. Depart for Columbus (via bus)
10 a.m.–2 p.m. Rally and March
Please bring your own lunch
4:30 p.m. Arrive back in Cincinnati

Cost

\$30 cash or check (Bring on day of event)



Only 50 spots available! Registration required. Sign up today at bit.ly/OHmarchforlife2022.

Gift of Life Collection | October 2022: As is a long-standing tradition, a Pack 'N Play will soon be placed outside the Holy Family Chapel in the church to collect new baby items that parishioners donate throughout the month. Requested items include diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, onesies, sleepers, blankets, bottles, formula, etc. The items will be delivered to Old St. Mary’s pregnancy center in Over-the-Rhine, which provides counseling, catechesis, and critically-needed baby items to urban, underserved mothers.

Crosses of the Innocents | October 22-November 4, 2022: Every October (during Respect Life Month and the fall 40 Days for Life Campaign), St. Gertrude Church’s Respect Life Ministry, the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195, and parishioners install the Crosses of the Innocents on the church front lawn as a visual representation of the number of children killed by abortion. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Panel Discussion | Late October 2022: Our Respect Life Ministry is planning to host a panel discussion in late October to help you understand the current lay of the land and prepare you for the November 2022 election. More details to come.

40 Days for Life | October 26, 2022: Did you know that 2021 was Planned Parenthood’s most profitable year? As part of the fall 40 Days for Life Campaign (an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion), St. Gertrude Church parishioners and members of the Respect Life Ministry will pray outside of Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati) on October 26. All are welcome to participate. Stay tuned for sign-up information.

Election Day | Tuesday, November 8, 2022: We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives, but this can be difficult—especially when it comes to voting. iVoteCatholic, an online resource created by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, will help you gain a fuller understanding of the Church’s teaching so you can be an advocate for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Rather than telling you whom or what to vote for, iVoteCatholic encourages discernment, prayer, compassion, and our universal call to holiness to inform your vote. Dig in at ivotecatholic.org. Since this election is critical for the abortion issue in Ohio, Cincinnati Right to Life is another great resource for educating yourself on what’s at stake and learning about pro-life candidates. Learn more at cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org/media, paying special attention to the article “The Right to Life in Ohio Will Be Decided by the Ohio Supreme Court Elections This November.”

If you have any questions or would like to join St. Gertrude Church’s Respect Life Ministry, please contact Debbie Graham at debbiegraham10654@gmail.com or Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., at frjoachim@stgertrude.org.

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED

Have you been searching for a way to serve in the parish? Volunteer to provide child care on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. so mothers of our parish can attend Walking with Purpose, a women’s Catholic Bible Study. As a child care provider, you will help with setup and cleanup, Bible story time, snacks, and indoor play. This opportunity is perfect for older moms, retired couples, and homeschooled teens and college-age young adults looking for service hours. Anyone 18 years old and older will need to complete the SafeParish edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training prior to volunteering. For more information, please contact Martha Thompson at (270) 217-3068 or wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com.

BULLDOGS WRESTLING OPEN MAT NIGHT

Is your son in grades 4-8 and interested in joining the Bulldogs wrestling team? We invite him to come to our Open Mat Night to give wrestling a try and see what it’s like to be part of the team! The Open Mat Night is on Monday, October 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center (552 Main Street, Milford, Ohio 45150). To sign up, please email our program coordinators, Jonathan Fritinger and Alex Linz, at bulldogwrestling413@gmail.com.

BAPTISM

Sunday, September 18, 2022



Child: Maximilian Joseph Frederick
Parents: Jennifer & Philip



Child: Brody Nicholas Miller
Parent: Samantha & Zachary
Priest: Father Ethan Moore

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEN’S ADVENT RETREAT

Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men’s Advent Retreat, “How to Live Honestly in a Time of Lies.” The retreat, sponsored by St. Gertrude Church’s Catholic Men’s Fellowship group and led by Father Henry Stephan, O.P., will begin Friday evening, December 2, and conclude Saturday afternoon, December 3, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Come and discover how to live with peace of heart in a world that’s gone off-kilter. Registration is open now through November 28— or until tickets sell out. Space is limited, so register today at buytickets.at/stgertrude or by scanning this QR code.



FREE EXPLORING POVERTY WORKSHOP

Deepen your sense of solidarity with those you serve by attending the free Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Exploring Poverty Workshop next Saturday, October 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. We’ll explore the perspectives of our neighbors in poverty and the differences between socioeconomic classes. RSVP at bit.ly/poverty-workshop or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions, call (513) 561-5954, ext. 2112.



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O’Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Bob Perazzo, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, 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, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Charles Raterman and All Our Beloved Dead

MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) this weekend, October 1-2, collecting items for Mother of Christ Food Pantry, a food pantry that provides needy families in the St. Bernard Parish food and personal care items. In addition to nonperishable food items, the pantry has special needs for toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers like Pine-Sol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash and check donations are also welcome. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your help!



20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER AL LAUER'S DEATH

Please join in memorizing the 20th anniversary of Father Al Lauer's death on Saturday, October 8, at St. Antoninus Church (1500 Linneman Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238). Father David Endres, who is Father Al's nephew, will be the celebrant of the 11 a.m. Mass, which will be immediately followed by a complimentary luncheon in the parish's undercroft. Father Al was a beloved and gifted archdiocesan priest whose memory lives on through his many publications and audio tracks that can be accessed online at presentationministries.com. Please contact Sally Koester at (513) 235-7793 or sakoester@zoomtown.com with any questions.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES TASTE OF MISSION

The 13th annual Comboni Missionaries Taste of Mission is next Saturday, October 8, from 3 to 7 p.m. Join us for this one-day festival, which includes international food booths, beer and wine tastings from Country Fresh Farm Market, a children's area, Mission Museum Tours, live entertainment, and more! You can also meet some of our local missionaries. This event is at the Cincinnati Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255. For more information, visit ComboniMissionaries.org/TOM or call (513) 474-4997.

DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

The St. Gertrude Church Ladies of Charity are calling all bakers to help provide baked goods for the Bake Sale at their annual Craft and Gift Show on October 15, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Parish Center beginning Friday, October 14, at 2 p.m. Items may also be dropped off the day of the event. All proceeds go to help charities in the Cincinnati area. If you have any questions about the Ladies of Charity or any of our events, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your support!

COMMIT2WOMEN CAMPAIGN A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Commit2Women Campaign this past July. Your collective efforts benefit local agencies that directly serve pregnant women in need. The archdiocese collected a total of nearly \$230,000 which enabled distribution of a much-needed \$10,440 to each of 22 different organizations (representing over 30 individual centers), helping them respond to current needs with the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. For a complete list of those 22 organizations, please visit Commit2Women.org.



All men are invited to join in the 8th Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The procession will begin with 8 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Following Mass, there will be a two-mile procession through downtown Cincinnati, ending with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. The procession will be led by Father Jon-Paul Bevak and the priests of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. For more information, please contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or Doug Jaegar at (513) 417-2503 or visit facebook.com/HolyNameCincinnati.

HOPE FOR WOMEN HEALING FROM BETRAYAL TRAUMA

Are you or someone you know suffering from the trauma of betrayal? Join us for Hope Blooms, a powerful virtual retreat for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, which includes discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. This powerful virtual retreat is October 7-8 and includes talks, meditations, small group healing prayer, a Q&A panel, and adoration. To view the full schedule, learn about the retreat leaders, and register, visit hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats.



ASK A PRIEST— CHOIRS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT MASS (PT 2)

Q: Over the past two weeks, you've discussed our choirs (especially the new Schola Cantorum for youth) and how they will help everyone actively participate at Sunday Mass. Exactly how will this play out?

A: Last week, we reviewed the Church's goal of "full, conscious, and active participation" at Mass and in all liturgical celebrations.¹ As we've begun to see, singing plays a big part in reaching this goal. Although the most "active" participation in worship must originate in the soul, our bodies and senses manifest to ourselves and everyone where we've placed our hearts when at Mass. Singing nourishes faith by helping us contemplate God and open ourselves to his blessings, in harmony with those standing next to us in the pews or in front of us at the altar.

So, now to get into the nitty-gritty. What parts are sung at Mass and by whom? How will our parish choirs (composed of youth and adult singers), cantors, and other musicians help us participate fully, consciously, and actively?

The post-conciliar document *Musicam Sacram* addresses the first question in this way:

"[The active participation of the whole congregation] should first of all include acclamations, responses to the greetings of the priest and ministers and to the prayers of litany form, and also antiphons and psalms, refrains or repeated responses, hymns and canticles."²

Acclamations, such as the "Alleluia" and "Great Amen," as well as the dialogues between priest and people and sung litanies,

like "Kyrie eleison" and "Agnus Dei," have high priority in terms of *everyone* singing the Mass. After these, the entrance and communion antiphons, the responsorial psalm, and the hymns and canticles of the Mass ("Gloria in excelsis Deo" and "Sanctus") are recommended for collective singing.

So, where does the choir fit in? *Musicam Sacram* 15 continues:

"Through suitable instruction and practices, the people should be gradually led to a fuller — indeed, to a complete — participation in those parts of the singing which pertain to them.

Some of the people's song, however, especially if the faithful have not yet been sufficiently instructed or if musical settings for several voices are used, can be handed over to the choir alone, provided that the people are not excluded from those parts that concern them . . ."

Our choirs at St. Gertrude Church both represent and support the rest of the congregation in exercising their Christian power and duty to praise the Lord at Mass. Our adult and youth choirs (the youth Schola Cantorum debuts at the 12 p.m. Mass on October 2!) will help us sing familiar parts and learn new ones. On a regular basis, our choirs also chant the opening responses of the Kyrie, and the verses of the antiphons, psalm, and alleluia. They also sing choral pieces called "motets" at the offertory following the hymn, and at communion before the antiphon. These encourage the "active participation" of our hearts so that our vocal prayers represent an even deeper contemplation of the Sacred Mysteries. They also allow the members of the choirs to pray the Mass through the language of music, a gift from God which speaks so profoundly to them.

¹ See Vatican II, *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, para 14.

² Vatican II, *Instruction on Music in the Liturgy* (March 1967), 15 + 29.

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, October 3	Tuesday, October 4	Wednesday, October 5	Thursday, October 6	Friday, October 7	Saturday, October 8	Sunday, October 9
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking With Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room	St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden			SGS Rosary Procession Dinner 5:30 p.m. Gym		SVDP “Exploring Poverty” Workshop 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	L’alto: Confirmation Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall			SGS Rosary Procession 6:30 p.m. Church			L’alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall			
			Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room			

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 September 25

Collection	\$	28,726
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(7,774)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	419,259
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	474,500
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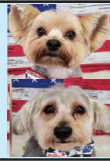
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