

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE • FAITH • JOY • PEACE

In those days, at that time,
I will make a just shoot spring up for David;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, November 29, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Gene Cameron/Pat & Al Riesenber
8:00 a.m. †Peggy Kindt/Paul D. Kindt
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, November 30, St. Andrew (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory/Todd & Krista Baumer
8:00 a.m. †Harold Noble/The Noble Family
11:30 a.m. †Jay Long/Jennison Family

Wednesday, December 1, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jane Thole/Lou Thole
8:00 a.m. Antonio Mendez/Jeanne & Phil Palcic
11:30 a.m. †Miguel Obdulio Carrillo/Elvira Carrillo

Thursday, December 2, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Mike Stoll/Beth Stoll
8:00 a.m. †Lou Rebensdorf/The Arling Family
11:30 a.m. †Bill Harrison/The Laing & Harrison Families

Friday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer/The Schirmer Family
8:00 a.m. †Brandon Hepner/Pete & Donna Marcello
11:30 a.m. †Jeanne Hannan/Jane Wright

Saturday, December 4, Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Dr. Frank Cianciolo/Dee Cianciolo
11:30 a.m. †Joseph Pope/Kathy Balbach

December 4-5, Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Rita Cucinotta/The Cucinotta Family

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10:00 a.m. †Donald P. Mullane/Laurie Gessner
12:00 p.m. †Bill Malarick/Elder Council KofC
6:00 p.m. †Christine Voet/Mary Smithers

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.

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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.

Giving Tuesday

November 30, 2021



MORE FOR MISSION

There's no better time to get behind the mission of St. Gertrude Church.

To learn about MORE FOR MISSION and how to give, visit stgertrude.org/givingtuesday. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN UPS

You're invited to celebrate Christmas at St. Gertrude Church.

Christmas Eve Masses

- 3:00 p.m. (church, gym)
5:30 p.m. (church, gym)
7:30 p.m. (church only)
11:30 p.m. (church only)

Christmas Day Masses

- 8:00 a.m. (church only)
10:00 a.m. (church only)
12:00 p.m. (church only)

To best manage the large crowd, improve your experience, and help you plan your Christmas celebration, **we are requiring reservations for our 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses only.** Unlike last year, there will be open seating, meaning you will not be assigned a seat.

To reserve your free tickets, please visit buytickets.at/stgertrude beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, December 16. These Masses will fill up quickly!

Visit stgertrude.org/christmas2021 for more details.





PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF JESUS

Today we begin the holy season of Advent and the new liturgical year. The blessing of the Advent wreath directs our attention to Christ, the light of the world, who penetrates the darkness we experience because of our sins. The readings for the Mass today and throughout the season of Advent prepare us for the celebration of Our Lord's *first coming* (his Nativity or "birth" and Epiphany or "manifestation") at Christmas, and they deepen our anticipation of his *second coming* (his Parousia—literally, "his glorious presence") on the Last Day. In the mind of the Church, the two comings are deeply related.

Our lives are lived in the middle period of these two comings, and this time is filled with the opportunity to receive an abundance of grace. Taking a cue from a prayer of the Mass, the Lord comes to us each day in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. The word proclaimed in the liturgy and used within our personal time of prayer is the living word of God that has the power to cause an effect in our lives. The Letter to the Hebrews confirms this for us, stating: "the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart" (4:12). The sacraments that we receive give us the grace we need to live our lives each day according to the will of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that "the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith" (CCC 1210).

Through the sacred Scriptures and the holy sacraments, Christ comes to us with his presence and the power of his grace. Preparing our hearts and minds for his coming to us disposes us to experience all that his grace is able to accomplish in us. The more we are recollected and prepared to welcome the Lord, the more we will discover the sublime effect of his gifts. Such is the nature of our Advent preparations and the blessings for which we can hope. This is a season of special grace. "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAY FOR DOBBS



Celebrating the birth of the Lord reminds us of the inherent dignity of every child in the womb from the moment of conception. Sadly, in the United States, abortion has taken the lives of over 60 million unborn children since 1973 and kills well over 600,000 each year. It is an institutionalized evil of enormous proportion. The United States is an extreme outlier in abortion law and policy, being one of only four countries—along

with China, North Korea, and Canada—that allows abortion at *any stage* of a woman's pregnancy. The upcoming Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* could start to change that, as the court considers the question of whether it is constitutional to ban abortion at any point pre-viability. This could be the case for which we have prayed and waited for over a generation to hopefully overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Oral arguments begin on Wednesday, December 1. **Prayer for this intention begins in earnest on November 30 and needs to continue until a judgment is reached. See information elsewhere in this bulletin and at stgertrude.org/news/prayfordobbs.**

MORE FOR MISSION

Great news! Despite the changes and challenges happening in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, St. Gertrude is moving forward with new initiatives for the fulfillment of our mission—and your help is needed to accomplish it. The mission is to invite and welcome people to encounter Jesus through his Church. Fulfilling the mission means that we, as a parish, need to expand and re-double our efforts to engage and retain people in the Catholic faith. Here's how you can help . . .

MORE FOR MISSION is a mini-campaign on Giving Tuesday, November 30. On this day only, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will allow us to keep 100% of the money donated. This means:

- more for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our younger children
- more for Family Faith reaching children and parents
- more for L'Alto: Junior High and L'Alto: High School
- more for adult faith formation programs

I am asking for your generous financial support so that the parish can expand and improve faith support and formation ministries and programs for every parishioner.

On Tuesday, November 30, you have 24 hours to donate to MORE FOR MISSION through stgertrude.org/givingtuesday. If you prefer, you can bring cash or check to the parish office during regular office hours. Full details are on the parish website or contact the parish office. Remember, this is a single-day effort.

As your pastor, I want to thank you for your loyalty and continual generosity to St. Gertrude Church. Last year, we "crushed" the COVID-19 deficit in an amazing way. This year, it's MORE FOR MISSION. Let's make it another great year.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS



"Develop a lively devotion for Our Mother. She knows how to respond in a most sensitive way to the presents we give her. What is more, if you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path."

— St. Josemaría Escrivá

Happy First Sunday of Advent



*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."
— Isaiah 9:1*

WE'RE HIRING!

Do you have a gift for being warm and friendly? St. Gertrude School is seeking a **full-time receptionist**—and we want you on our team!

View the job description and apply at stgertrude.org/employment.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of November 29 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Where students gather in Faith, are guided in Truth, and grow in Excellence.



For over 85 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia have led St. Gertrude School, providing a foundation for students in grades K-8 to flourish and lead a full life for the glory of God.

"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

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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: BROADENING HORIZONS

BY BRAD BURSA



Parish involvement—what is that? How do we measure that? I know there are varying metrics and organizations to calculate and weigh these sorts of things. Usually, such mechanisms weigh the thing based upon activity . . .

“He’s very active. You see, he rakes all of the leaves on campus every Saturday, even in the summer. He’s part of the men’s group and the Knights of Columbus, and he’s a hall of fame seventh grade basketball coach.”

“She practically runs the parish. Last year she organized the festival, sang in the choir while lecturing, and won the 5k while organizing it. Not to mention, she volunteers in the school all of the time.”

You get the point.

In our overactive world, we tend to define ourselves or our fellow parishioners based upon activity and activity alone. Now, I’m obviously not arguing that everyone should halt involvement in all St. Gertrude activities. Far from it. But, I do think we might benefit from broadening the horizon a bit. We can start this by going back to square one. What’s the point of the Catholic Church anyway? I think we can glean an answer from the first three paragraphs of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that would go something like this: God calls persons, divided by sin, into the unity of one family called the Church. Urged on by the love of Christ, the members of the Church are to participate in proclaiming the Good News everywhere in the world—assisting with that apostolic mission of making disciples of all nations.

In other words, the Church is a family, yes. And families do things together. But, this is a family on a mission with a very real outward focus. This is a family that doesn’t just stay in—there’s some of that—but one that isn’t afraid to go out, to engage others, and to invite them into the family home.

What is a parish, then? How does it function within the Catholic Church and its mission? Well, Jesus sends the apostles from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (see Lk 24:47; Acts 1:6-8; Mk 16:15; and Mt 28:16-20). As they go along, they establish the Church in each locale with its own bishop, and the bishop eventually ordains priests and deacons, and there we go. As the Catholic Church’s structure and status

in society becomes more solid, parishes are eventually established. As canon law tells us, a parish is “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor (parochus) as its proper pastor (pastor) under the authority of the diocesan bishop” (Can. 515, §1). In other words, the bishop entrusts a group of Catholics to a pastor who has an administrative and pastoral responsibility. But, there is more! Canon 518 says, “As a general rule a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory.” Parishes are both people *and* territories. (The etymology of the word “parish” is indicative of this, but you can look that up yourself and ponder it.)

This is a good start, but what are the people of a parish supposed to do within the parish (i.e., geographical territory)? Be really active? Let’s look at canon law again:

A pastor is obliged to make provision so that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety to those living in the parish. . . . He is to make every effort, *even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful*, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith (Can. 528, §1).

Did you catch that? The pastor bears pastoral responsibility for bringing the Gospel to the non-Catholics in the parish territory—and the members of the lay faithful are to help him. Might this be the key for broadening our horizons around parish involvement? Sure, being involved on campus is valuable and necessary. However, we can’t forget that “what specifically characterizes the laity is their secular nature,” meaning “the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven” (*Lumen Gentium*, §31).

It is worth considering, perhaps, how an understanding of “parish involvement” might expand to embrace a fuller meaning for each parishioner—over and above the activities, events, and groups he or she engages with on our campus and into the neighborhood, workplace, social settings, and beyond.

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



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tim Brinkman, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp. Janice Koncius, 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, 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

Dorothy Grant – mother of Maureen Teller,
Father Jonah Teller, O.P., and Father Simon Teller, O.P.
Clyde Dorn – husband of Pat
James Baumgarten
Carmelita Duckro – mother of Anita Pappalardo

INTRODUCING: BREAKING FREE

St. Gertrude Church is happy to provide a group for men who are struggling with pornography and lust. The group will meet weekly on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Music Room (lower level). For more information, please visit stgertrude.org/breakingfree.

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER RESUMES

Beginning after the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Saturday, December 4, 2021, Regina Veritatis Healing and Prayer Ministry will be offering personal prayer in the church for those who would like to receive prayer or who would like intercessory prayer for someone else. After Mass, a member of the ministry will be standing in the middle of the church, directing you to a prayer team of two people who will be available to pray with you for your personal needs.

CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT - IMPORTANT UPDATE



Some men have encountered a problem while trying to register online for our annual Catholic Men’s Advent Retreat on Friday evening, December 3, until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45212). **If you registered**

online but did not receive a confirmation email or end up on a confirmation page, then your registration and payment did not go through. (You can also verify this by checking your credit or debit card charges.) If your online registration failed or you want to register for the retreat, please visit catholicmensretreat.org. If you want to confirm whether your registration and payment were successful, please reach out to Stan Lloyd at (513) 289-5268 or stan.lloyd@gmail.com.



WISH THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS

If you are interested in wishing friars and sisters who formerly served at St. Gertrude Church a very merry Christmas, please visit stgertrude.org/christmas2021 for a list of their contact information or call the parish office at (513) 561-5954.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Remember your family, friends and loved ones in a special way this Christmas by enrolling them in our Christmas Novena of Masses offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena will begin on Christmas Day, December 25, 2021, and go through Sunday, January 2, 2022. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the church office in the school. You can return your novena offering envelope in the collection or send it to the church office.

SCAM ALERT

This is a reminder that the Dominican friars and sisters, parish and school staff, and parish volunteers are prohibited from asking anyone for money or gift cards by email or text. Should you receive such a message, it is not authorized and should be discarded.

MORE FOR MISSION



Tuesday, November 30
stgertrude.org/givingtuesday

A SYNOD ON SYNODALITY?

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what Pope Francis has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the bishops and priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is targeting January and February 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. More information will soon be available on our archdiocesan website.

LOC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The Ladies of Charity will be collecting items for their annual Christmas Giving Tree project the weekend of December 4-5, 2021. Please stop by the white van in the parking lot before or after any Mass this weekend (except 6:00 p.m.) to pick up a list of

needed items. In addition, you are invited to take a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the church and bring back the requested items on December 4-5. For more information, including the list of needed items and the charities that will be receiving items from the Giving Tree, please visit stgertrude.org/news/locgivingtree. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR DOBBS - MASS AND ADORATION

Abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies every year in the United States. An upcoming Supreme Court case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, could change that. This could be the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. **Please join Archbishop Schnurr for 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 30, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to pray in a special way for this case and the dignity of all human life. Visit the archdiocese's website for [more information and a livestream link](#).

You are also invited to [join CatholicVote](#) and Catholics across the country in eucharistic adoration on November 30 and December 1, the day the Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments for the case. **As a reminder, our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and we have eucharistic exposition in the church on Wednesday, December 1, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** For more information and other ways to pray, please visit stgertrude.org/news/prayfordobbs.

If you would like to learn more about this case, please consult the [Pray for Dobbs](#) page on the archdiocese's website.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER EVENTS

On **Saturday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.**, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is hosting a benefit concert with internationally acclaimed composer, pianist, and inspirational speaker, Eric Genuis. Come early for Mass and a reception with appetizers, drinks, a raffle, and amazing silent auction items. For more information and to get your tickets, visit ollhsc.org or call the office at (513) 351-9800.

Sunday, December 5, from 4:00- 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is hosting *Christmas in Bethlehem*. It's a free, fun, family-friendly event with activities for the kids, story time with St. Nicholas, live animals, a procession with Mary and Joseph, food and drinks, and more! For more information, visit ollhsc.org.

YOU ARE A BLESSING



As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives! Below is a comment from a neighbor who has been touched by your generosity!

"I have been caught in a pinch several times this past year and was greeted with a prompt response from St. Gertrude's representatives of St. Vincent de Paul. Always bright and cheerful as they bless me with an important variety of food, I thank God for them and always keep them in my prayers."

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Advent Concert at
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
12-2-2021
7PM - 8:30PM

All families and friends are welcome!
Help us bring joy and cheer to this season of Advent with beautiful music and refreshments.

Please RSVP to 513-489-0300
or community@gateofheaven.org by 11-29-2021



ASK A PRIEST—JESUS' REIGN AND MY NEEDS

FATHER JOHN
MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Should I ever judge my neighbor? If I don't, how will justice come about? When and why must Christians forgive?

A: Pope St. John Paul II once wrote about justice that “if [it] is in itself suitable for ‘arbitration’ between people concerning the reciprocal distribution of objective goods in an equitable manner, love and only love (including that kindly love that we call ‘mercy’) is capable of restoring man to Himself.”¹ Justice is important, since it prompts you and me to see that our neighbors have what they need and deserve. The Church lists justice among certain values that promote human dignity: truth, freedom, justice, and love.² If it is isolated from these other values, justice can become something rather heartless, self-serving, and miserable. Justice must serve the higher reality of love.

Jesus taught that “with the judgement you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.”³ This serves as a warning to everyone of us, however innocent or guilty, with respect to upholding the aforementioned human values. Jesus clearly expected his disciples to be both righteous in their relations with others;⁴ he did not erase the basic value of justice for human society. “In no passage of the Gospel message does forgiveness, or mercy as its source, mean indulgence toward evil, scandals, injury, or insult. In any case, reparation for evil and scandal, compensation for injury, and satisfaction for insult are conditions for forgiveness.”⁵ Mercy, as an expression of true love for the human person, includes a respect for standards of justice. Mercy that ignores or smothers my brother or sister isn't worthy of the name! However, in the face of justice, mercy points to something higher and more essential in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is Divine Mercy unveiled. He fully reveals God's uninvited love with which he wishes to reconcile each sinful man and woman to himself. Remember last week's recognition of Christ the King, he who invited the thief into his kingdom while dying next to him on the cross.⁶ Christians have always been known for their willingness to imitate Jesus in this respect: “Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people.”⁷

¹ Pope St. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 17. See also *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 206.

² *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 197.

³ Matthew 7:2.

⁴ For instance, see the elevated standards of relating to one's neighbors that follows the beatitudes in Matthew 5:21-48.

⁵ Pope St. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 17.

⁶ Luke 23:43.

⁷ Pope St. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 17.

Christians confess they are sinners before God and man. Then they let that mercy flow toward others. This imprints upon the world a new shape and the pledge of heavenly glory.

Mercy affirms justice and leads it toward new heights. What better can “restore me to myself” if not God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ? What better can prompt me to show respect and fairness toward others, if not the mercy that has so deeply impacted me? “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.” If I ever find myself praying for someone in need or helping a stranger or sacrificing time to address a social issue in our community, this should be counted among the miracles of Jesus' mercy. Something has been “re-adjusted” inside me that cannot *not* impact those around me. In this new reality, justice is not just an exercise in social arithmetic, but it is revealed as a blessing of God “springing up” from the earth Jesus has renewed.

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



Monday, November 29	Tuesday, November 30	Wednesday, December 1	Thursday, December 2	Friday, December 3	Saturday, December 4	Sunday, December 5
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. PC Music Room	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	L'alto Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Gym	Genesis to Jesus Study 9:00 a.m. School Cafeteria	LofC Giving Tree Drop-offs After all Masses PC St. Dominic Lobby
Seasons of Hope 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Family Faith 6:00 p.m. School Classrooms	Peer Ministry Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Level I 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 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses PC St. Dominic Lobby
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden, weather permitting	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 p.m. Atrium I & II	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room		First Saturday Prayer Service 12:00 p.m. Church	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School		KofC Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall		LofC Giving Tree Drop-offs After 4:30 p.m. Mass PC St. Dominic Lobby	Family Faith 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
			Revitalize – Fall Series 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
						Boosters' Winter Sports Mass 12:00 p.m. Mass Church
						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						L'Alto High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for November 21

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	29,631
Weekly Deficit	(\$	5,663)
Catholic Education (2nd Collection) \$2,913.00		

Fiscal Year-To-Date

(for year ending June 30, 2022)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	741,174
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	716,634
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	20,540)

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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MATERIALS DUE
12/1/21

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