

I am
baptizing
you with
water,
but one
mightier
than I is
coming.

LUKE 3:16



DECEMBER 12, 2021

ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, December 13, St. Lucy (M)

- 7:00 a.m. Jeanne Johantges/Will Goodwin
- 8:00 a.m. Dennis Schone/Paula & Gary Long
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Lois Moran/Kevin & Susan Kane
- 8:00 a.m. Courtney Lemon/The Morgan Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Jim Frank/Dick & Peggy Gelhaus

Wednesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Paul Haley/Tom & Peggy Frank
- 8:00 a.m. †Gene Cameron/Dan Teller
- 11:30 a.m. †Rosella Walsh/Jeanne Johantges

Thursday, December 16, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Adam J. Castrucci/Benjamin Castrucci & Jill Corbett
- 8:00 a.m. †Joe Morrison/Karen Gerwel
- 11:30 a.m. The Rentrop Family/The Beinke Family

Friday, December 17, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Clyde Dorn/Don Von Hagel
- 8:00 a.m. †Pauline Elizabeth Eggers/Anne Marie Schmidt
- 11:30 a.m. The Bernhardt Family/The Runk Family

Saturday, December 18, Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Patrick Higgins/George Wade
- 11:30 a.m. †Virginia O. Goedde/Peter Goedde

December 18-19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Mary Lou Brockman/The Cucinotta Family

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. †The Kohus & Bough Families/John & Hilda Bough
- 12:00 p.m. †Jane Thole/Kathleen Petsche
- 6:00 p.m. †Rosemary Ward/Nancy & Bob Hoye

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.

There *will* be confessions at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, but *no* Holy Hour.

Parish Office Info

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

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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

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.



JOIN US FOR

Christmas Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021
2:00-4:00 P.M.
MADEIRA NEIGHBORHOODS

For more information, visit
stgertrude.org/christmas2021

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THE HOPE OF EVANGELIZATION

Last Sunday, Archbishop Schnurr promulgated the final Families of Parishes, which is part of the Beacons of Light pastoral planning process. Our parish of St. Gertrude is established as a family of one parish with the Dominican

Friars continuing to provide it with pastoral care and leadership. While this news may bring a sigh of relief because we do not have to go through the process of uniting as a family of parishes, we will be wise to remain engaged in the pastoral planning process so that we can be renewed and grow as a parish. We need to return to the evangelizing mission of the Church and correctly organize our resources (human, physical, financial) to pursue that mission.

Religious practice is declining nationwide, and the same can be said of our parish. Here are the statistics, based on counts made in October of 2001, 2011, and 2021:

- 20 years ago, 2,985 people attended Sunday Mass
- 10 years ago, 2,449 people attended Sunday Mass
- This year, 1,748 people attended Sunday Mass

Fewer Catholics are involved in parish life. A clear example is the commitment to the adoration chapel. Before the pandemic, the chapel operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a full complement of adorers. When we reopened the chapel in October 2020, we were not able to return to 24-hour adoration; and 1 year later, though we have the desire to return to 24/7 adoration, we are not able to find enough adorers to pray through the night on just two nights per week. (Two nights is an interim schedule with the hope of rebuilding the list of adorers.)

Sharing this information with you is not a way of saying that our parish is dying. I don't believe that for a second. But these realities do mean that we need to prayerfully evaluate our life, programming, and use of physical and financial resources. As the archbishop asked in a recent column, "Are [our resources] working in concert to continuously draw parishioners and attract new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus? Or are they consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and spread too thinly to be truly effective?" The archbishop continues, "The Beacons of Light pastoral planning process is designed to address exactly these questions. I am convinced that this initiative, born in great hope, will enable us to form stronger parishes, centered on the Eucharist, that radiate the love of Christ and the joy of the Gospel."

I believe that embracing the mission cannot wait for a pastoral planning process. We have programming that can be improved and enhanced. We have ideas to be considered and implemented. The recent Giving Tuesday initiative focused on raising More for Mission to further provide and promote opportunities for people of all ages to encounter Jesus and follow him as a disciple. The support of the

parish indicates an agreement that the mission must continue. Over 250 parishioners supported the one-day campaign and contributed over \$117,000. In the archdiocese, we had the highest number of parishioner support, and for that we won a \$1,000 prize. Thank you to all who supported this effort and donated.

Living the mission is the responsibility of every person. "Transmitting the faith means to create in every place and time the conditions which lead to this encounter between the person and Jesus Christ. The goal of all evangelization is to create the possibility for this encounter, which is, at one and the same time, intimate, personal, public and communal" (Working Document. Synod for New Evangelization). Each of us can live this mission within our family and among friends. Invite someone to Christmas Mass. Offer to pray for needs and intentions. Give some time to assist with errands or a project. Bring the light, love, and mercy to others. Keep it simple. Keep it local. Allow the Lord to work through you. Be a beacon of light.

Let us love one another and pray for each other.

Fr. George, O.P.

LIVESTREAMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will be streaming our 11:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve (December 24) and our 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day (December 25). To participate, please visit our YouTube channel on the respective day and at the scheduled Mass time. If you wish to be alerted when we are live, please subscribe to our YouTube channel, and then click on the bell.

**THE POWER OF THE ROSARY
QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS**



"Arm yourselves with the arms of God—with the holy rosary—and you will crush the devil's head and you will stand firm in the face of all his temptations."

– St. Louis de Montfort

COVER IMAGE:

Baptism of Jesus in the church kostel Svatého Vaclava, S.G. Rudi (1900)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- School Christmas Pageant – Thursday, December 16, 2021
- 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal – Friday, December 17, 2021
- Christmas Break/No School – Monday, December 20-Friday, December 31, 2021
- School Resumes – Monday, January 3, 2022

GIVING BACK

Our students have big hearts! Here are two ways that our students gave back to our community this holiday season.



Members of our eighth grade class presented Thank-You letters to volunteers at Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio.



Student council members delivered boxes of donated goods to the Little Sisters of the Poor. These donations were from the student council sponsored "Giving Thanks, Giving Back" campaign.

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 December 13 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday.

ERIC GENIUS CONCERT

On Friday afternoon, December 3, pianist, composer, and inspirational speaker Eric Genius performed at St. Gertrude School. Here is a photo from the event.



Come see us at our **OPEN HOUSE**

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2022-2023

Sun, January 30th
1:00pm - 3:00pm

L'alto: High School & L'alto: Junior High

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ice skate, eat, and get together with other teens before Christmas break!

**WHEN: Sunday, December 19, 2021
4:00-6:00 p.m.***

**WHERE: Northland Ice Center
10400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241**

WHO: Anyone in grades 7-12

COST: \$12/person

**To register, please visit
my.stgertrude.org/s/event-list.**

**Come between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m. If you are being picked up, please ask your ride to arrive by 6:00 p.m.*



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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 before Christmas.



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.

BREAKING FREE

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

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

George Sullivan
Ann Teuschler, mother of Jerry Teuschler

SCHEDULE CHANGES THIS WEEK

In preparation for the school Christmas pageant, daily Masses will be in the gym this week, beginning with 11:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, December 13, and ending after 11:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 17. Confessions will still be in the church. There *will* be confessions on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., but there *will not* be a Holy Hour.

**YOU CAN STILL DONATE
A ST. MICHAEL HYMNAL**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a St. Michael Hymnal and donated it back to the parish. We are very grateful for and overwhelmed by your generosity. The hymnals are in the pews with your special donor bookplates.

If you would still like to purchase a hymnal and donate it to St. Gertrude Church as a gift, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in thanksgiving for something, please visit stgertrude.org/news/stmichaelhymnal to see a sample of the bookplate and to download the donor purchase form. Return the completed form, along with your cash or check, to the parish office. Please note, we do not yet have a date when these additional hymnals will be in the pews.

BAPTISM



Saturday, November 27, 2021

Child: Clara Hope Sharpshair
Parents: Mary & Joseph Sharpshair



Sunday, November 28, 2021

Child: Graham Thomas Gertz Child: Felix Theodor Genn
Parents: Sara & Cody Gertz Parents: Melany & Ryan Genn

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE - THANK YOU!

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank everyone who participated in their annual Christmas Giving Tree project. It was remarkably successful; your generosity makes Christmas special for so many needy families in our area.

DONATE A NATIVITY SET

The Ladies of Charity invite you to donate nativity sets, individual nativity pieces, stars, or nativity crèches for their Nativities for Bread program. All profits made from the program go directly to help charities around the surrounding area. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Mary Lou Doran at (513) 543-3696. Thank you!

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in the archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one of the 12 scheduled meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit catholicaoc.org/synod.



SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise . . ."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE NEEDED

A parish family with two children ages nine and five is in need of babysitting help and after school care on Tuesdays and Fridays each week, starting January 4, 2022. Must be able to drive children to and from school and other activities, and pay is hourly based on experience and availability. If you are interested, please contact Dina at (513) 207-4246 for more information.

ANNUAL NATIVITIES DISPLAY

Between now and January 9, 2022, the Maria Stein Shrine in Maria Stein, Ohio, is holding its annual nativities display. This collection features over 75 nativities from around the world. It is a reminder of how the story of Christ has united people from across cultures over the years and of the peace that came to Earth by the birth of Jesus. The event is free, great for families, and open to the public during normal Shrine hours. For more information, visit mariasteinshrine.org.

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO ADVENT

The 2021 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from *The Catholic Telegraph* is now available! The guide is free, downloadable, and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, an Advent Novena, family activities, and more. It's the perfect companion for a peaceful and joyful Advent. Get your guide at thecatholictelegraph.com.

CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

There is no better Christmas gift for the men in your life than tickets to this!



Raymond Arroyo
PGA (New!) EWTT

Sat. April 2nd, 2022
Fifth Third Arena



Jim Caviezel
ACTOR (Passion of the Christ)



BUY TICKETS
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!



Bishop John C. Iffert
Diocese of Covington

CincinnatiMensConference.com



Coach Luke Fickell
(Invited Speaker)

***LADIES**, this is the perfect Christmas gift for the men in your life. No gift is more important than spiritual motivation.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance

to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the January 2022 program (which begins the weekend of January 7-9, 2022), visit HelpOurMarriage.com, or call (513) 486-6222.



7TH ANNUAL E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

St. Leon, Indiana | February 26, 2022

Become a better husband, parent, son, brother, and neighbor at the 7th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference. Featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd, the event is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and his Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen faith, opportunities for true fraternity, and exposure to good resources to aid in living the faith as disciples of Christ. Limited tickets available. Visit www.e6cmc.com for more information to register.



ASK A PRIEST — ADVENT ROSE AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Is there a connection between Gaudete Sunday (when the priest wears rose-colored vestments) and the amazing story of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

A: There is this year! It is indeed a beautiful work of God's providence that this year we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) with its unique rose-colored vestments and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas, on the same day.

Our Catholic imaginations combine the jubilant color rose and the Blessed Mother quite naturally. Indeed, maybe this is the motivating force for many a priest who would otherwise be reluctant to wear pink clothing for this Sunday of Advent, which celebrates that the Lord is near! There is the biblical love poem, the Song of Songs, where the voice of bridegroom and bride foreshadow the deep and captivating mutual love of Christ and his Church. The “rose of Sharon” and “lily of the valleys” in Song 2:1-2 are titles that might be applied to Jesus and Mary, the Savior-Son and his mother who ushered in the reflowering of humanity that started on the first Christmas. There is also the prophecy of Isaiah 11:1, in which a “shoot from the root of Jesse” is foretold that will grow and reunite fallen creation. The popular Advent carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*, presents Jesus as the “rose” springing from “tender stem” coming off of this root. The song continues, “Isaiah twas foretold it,/ The rose I have in mind;/ With Mary we behold it,/ The Virgin Mother kind.”

The rose connection between Jesus, Mary, and Gaudete Sunday is beautiful but sort of difficult to capture, given this scattered “bouquet” of biblical connections. What if rose is simply a natural sign encouraging believers to keep up hope as they await Christ's coming? This is partially the case. But the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe concretely brings flowers—and particularly the rose—before our sight today. One important detail in the miraculous happenings near Mexico City in 1531¹ was a collection of Castilian roses which fell from the famed tilma (cloak) of Juan Diego. This ordinary native man and Christian convert came before the first bishop of Mexico City, wishing to convince him of something extraordinary: he had seen a heavenly lady who expressed her maternal love for the suffering native and requested that a church be built on a hilltop near Juan Diego's village. The roses that fell from his bunched-up outer garment in front of the bishop—a type of flower known to grow in his native Spain and hence quite out-of-place in Mexico in mid-December—were a clear sign of heaven's workings. The bouquet had been arranged by the mysterious maiden herself and was part of the revelation of the luminous image now known throughout the Americas as Our Lady of Guadalupe. What a sign of hope for all involved!

The appreciation of this heavenly image, accompanied by a

bouquet of roses, deserves the attention of every man and woman on our continent. It holds deeply meaningful symbolism for the marriage of native and European cultures that cannot be explained apart from the intervention of God's love for mankind in Jesus. How the number of conversions from among the native population sky-rocketed as they freely confessed faith in Christ after this occurrence is history. How our Lady of Guadalupe is a sign and instrument of hopeful new life for all Americans today is for each of us to discover. It turns out that, this Sunday, Mary gives us roses along with her Son.

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.

¹ For an impressive and detailed account of the Our Lady of Guadalupe miracle and its historical and cultural significance, read G. Gorny, *Guadalupe Mysteries: Deciphering the Code* (Ignatius Press, 2016).



Monday, December 13	Tuesday, December 14	Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 17	Saturday, December 18	Sunday, December 19
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. PC Music Room	Prayer Shawl 10:00 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. Atrium I		Christmas Caroling in Madeira 2:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Gym	Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 4:30 p.m. Atrium II	Rosary Makers 3:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room			Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
	Family Faith 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. PC Music Room				Natural Family Planning (NFP) 1:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room
	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 p.m. Atrium I & II					Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby					Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 1:30 p.m. Atrium II
	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School					
	St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room					

Sacrament of Confession

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

The confession schedule will be as usual through Thursday, December 23, including the Wednesday evening Holy Hour. There will be no confession offered Friday, December 24, through Sunday, December 26.

Confessions will be heard at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, through Friday, December 31. We will not have our normal Holy Hour and confession on Wednesday evening, December 29, and there will be no confessions Saturday and Sunday, January 1 and 2, 2022.

Regular schedule resumes on Monday, January 3, 2022.

OFFERING	
St. Gertrude Parish	
Weekly Collection and Budget Report	
Collection for December 5	
Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Collection	\$ 31,130
Weekly Deficit	(\$ 4,164)
Fiscal Year-To-Date	
(for year ending June 30, 2022)	
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 811,762
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 783,198
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 28,564)

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
12/26/21

MATERIALS DUE
12/15/21

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org 6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243 (513) 561-5954 | FAX (513) 561-7184 | www.StGertrude.org

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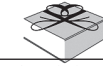
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