

Most blessed

are you among women,
and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.

Luke 1:33



December 19, 2021
ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, December 20, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Clyde Dorn/Sal & Teri Forlini
8:00 a.m. †Joe Morrison/Dave & Reen Taylor
11:30 a.m. †Denita Clifford/Elaine & Jeff Parker

Tuesday, December 21, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Chris Smith/Lee & Tracy Luiso
8:00 a.m. †Evelyn & William Coulehan/Molly,
Stuart & Mia Jackson
11:30 a.m. †Sr. Mary de Lellis, SND/Tricia Speicher

Wednesday, December 22, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Gene Cameron/The Wurzelbacher Family
8:00 a.m. †Mary Regina Weber/Janet Buchert
11:30 a.m. †William Steiger/LaVerne Steiger

Thursday, December 23, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Steve Eddingfield/Bertie Eddingfield & Family
8:00 a.m. †Liselotte P. Gardner/Heidi & Ron Sparer
11:30 a.m. †Dorothy Arozarena/Rita Roberts

Friday, December 24, Advent Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Tim Petric/Mary Petric

December 24-25, The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) (S) Friday

- 3:00 p.m. (Church) Intention of the Celebrant
3:00 p.m. (Gym) Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
7:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
11:30 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
10:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
12:00 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, December 26,

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (F)

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
10:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
12:00 p.m. †Barbara Dugan/The Finnegan Family

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no confession offered Friday, December 24, through Sunday, December 26.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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



Reservations are required for our 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.
For more information, please visit stgertrude.org/christmas2021.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Adoration, Mass, Confession

- Thursday, December 23-Sunday, December 26 - Adoration chapel closed
- Friday, December 24 - No 7:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, December 26 - No 6:00 p.m. Mass
- Wednesday, December 29 - No evening Holy Hour or confessions
- Saturday, January 1-Sunday, January 2 - No confessions

Regular schedule resumes Monday, January 3, 2022.

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.

Parish Office Info

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
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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.



**EVANGELIZATION
WITHIN OUR FAMILIES**

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading portrays for us the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. As soon as Mary had given her “yes” to God to be the mother of Jesus, she set out to bring the good news of

salvation to a member of her family. Through the angel, Mary had a personal encounter with God—an encounter that signaled that God was coming into the world so that every person could encounter him. This was joyful news, and it was incumbent upon Mary to share it.

The visitation of Mary is an excellent example of evangelization within our families. We who pray, receive the sacraments, and engage in works of mercy have ongoing encounters with the Lord. He speaks to us, sanctifies us, and increases charity in our souls. God’s grace enters our lives and begins to bear good fruit. Thus we, who experience the joy of salvation, are given opportunities by the Lord to share this good news within our families. The celebration of Christmas is a time when many families are reunited, if only for a short time. There are expressions of love, joy, and hospitality that enhance the bond shared by blood or marriage. These are moments of evangelization—without words and with words. The love of God entered the world through the birth of his Son. And the love of God has entered our hearts through our encounters with him. That love should proceed from us to the other as other.

Sometimes these gatherings are “complicated.” If so, bring those complications to the Lord and surrender them to him. Surrender the persons who are not practicing their Catholic faith. Surrender the persons who are living lives contrary to God’s plan for human flourishing. Surrender the persons who are difficult to have around because of weakness, sickness, or contrariness. Holiday gatherings may not be the time for direct or explicit conversations regarding faith and living by faith. Remember what Jesus says in the Gospel of John, “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”(3:17). Loving the sinner is the methodology of evangelization at these times. Jesus has come to be the savior of every person, and it is his love that opens the human heart.

The visitation of Mary portrays for us the grace, joy, and blessing that came to Elizabeth when she welcomed Mary into her home. The same can be true for us. Mary continually brings Jesus to us.



Mary continually directs our attention to the saving grace of God. Mary continually teaches us that God’s action in our lives occurs because of his love and goodness. Mary shows us how to acknowledge and witness to the works of God in our lives. She teaches us true humility, which is a virtue that goes a long way when we desire to be instruments of evangelization within our families. Our welcome of Mary into our lives and our continual devotion to her will help us to grow in humility. She will help us to trust in her Son and his grace and timing of salvation for members of our families.

St. Gertrude Church is the family parish for many people, and we welcome all those who come home for Christmas. Please reach out to your family members and friends and invite them to participate in one of our Christmas Masses. Bring them with you; offer to pick them up. The gift you give them may well be the occasion to encounter the living Lord.

May God give you the graces of these final days of Advent. Let us love one another and pray for each other.

Fr. George, O.P.

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



From early morning, I felt the nearness of the Blessed Mother. During Holy Mass, I saw Her, so lovely and so beautiful that I have no words to express even a small part of this beauty. She was all in white, with a blue sash around Her waist. Her cloak was also blue, and there was a crown on Her head. Marvelous light streamed forth from Her whole figure. "I am the Queen of heaven and earth, but especially the Mother of your Congregation." She pressed me to Her heart and said, "I feel constant compassion for you." I felt the force of Her Immaculate Heart which was communicated to my soul. Now I understand why I have been preparing for this feast for two months and have been looking forward to it with such yearning. (Diary, #805)

COVER IMAGE: *Visitation* (Detail), Ghirlandaio (1491)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Christmas Break/No School – Monday, December 19-Friday, December 31, 2021
- School Resumes – Monday, January 3, 2022

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

The school office will be closed Monday, December 20, through Friday, December 31. The school office will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

REASON LEADS TO TRUTH

Write about philosophy in eighth grade? St. Gertrude School's students do! In English class, our eighth graders wrote essays comparing and contrasting related terms in *The One Minute Philosopher* by Montague Brown. Students explored how two terms relate and how shades of meaning can mean the difference between truth and error. After writing their essays, students gave oral presentations to their peers. Some of the topics included Right vs. Want, Statesman vs. Demagogue, Patriotism vs. Nationalism, Reality vs. Matter, Politics vs. Partisanship, and Freedom vs. License. Like the philosophers of old, our students experienced how the proper exercise of reason leads to the truth.



Come see us at our **OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday
January 30, 2022
1:00–3:00 p.m.

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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: IT'S ALWAYS ADVENT

BRAD BURSA

It's now the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The flame has made its lap around the wreath, and the anticipation of Christmas has reached its height. Before we get carried away with the family gatherings, work parties, and presents, it's worth considering again the lesson and the invitation of the Advent season—which the wreath itself reveals.

Amongst other things, the gradual lighting of candles around the perimeter of the wreath signifies the advancement of human history before Christ—waiting in anxious agony for redemption to come. Joseph Ratzinger comments on this phenomenon, saying, “it reminds us of the darkness of history that was still not yet redeemed, in which the lamps of hope were only gradually being lit, until finally Christ, the Light of the World, came and freed the world from its unredeemed darkness.” The Advent wreath dramatically displays, so to speak, that line from John’s Gospel, “the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world” (1:9). The coming of God’s Son in the flesh, and his birth that very first Christmas, marks the great transition from B.C. (“before Christ”—*Ante Christum*) to A.D. (“the year of the Lord”—*Anno Domini*). The event of Christ’s birth bears within itself the great divide between an age of iniquity, under the dark shadow of the Fall, and the age of salvation, in the light of Christ.

However, as we reflect upon history, is it really so clear as that? Is there really such a clean-cut break between the dark age of sin before Christ and an age of salvation ushered in him? Rather than such a stark contrast between the millennia before Christ and the two which have followed, it seems as though “history as a whole, and mankind as a whole . . . [is] a mass of gray, in which time and again there appear flickers of that goodness which can never quite be extinguished . . . but in which also, time and again, collapses occur into all the horrors of evil.”

And, we can push the point into an even more personal space, because iniquity still exists in our own lives, baptized as we have been by his light. We, perhaps, shield ourselves from our own sinfulness with a thousand distractions. We numb the loneliness, boredom, anxiety, depression, and despair with addictions, medications, and overactivity. But, when we really come face-to-face with the horrors of history since the star arose over Bethlehem and the various horrors of our own personal history, we have to wonder if Christianity sometimes—maybe a lot of times—seems ineffective before all this. Ratzinger admits this, saying, “in our own lives, too, we inevitably experience time and again how Christian reality is powerless against all the other forces that influence us and make demands on us.” In Advent, we realize that “before Christ” and “after Christ” isn’t merely a demarcation on old textbook timelines, but that it runs through

our own lives as well. Some parts of our lives still seem as though they remain dimmed and tucked away in darkened recesses away from Christ’s light.

Here, amid the trials of our moment in history, and amid our own personal struggles, the Church again proposes to us Advent. Advent invites us to stare our own reality in the face and to bring the whole of it—even the darkest parts—before God. Ratzinger comments that Advent is not about presenting only the good half of our lives to God, so as to “spare him the rest because we might perhaps annoy him,” but instead to bring him “in complete honesty, the whole burden of our life. . . . to leave it to God himself to answer and to tell him how we are standing here in our darkness with no answers.”

In other words, Advent is not merely a recollection of the past—of Christ’s light entering into a once sin-darkened world—or only about a future coming-in-glory. Instead, it signifies the light of Christ coming right now and entering again into the muddied, gray mess of this moment in history and the shadowy parts of our own lives—if we let him. Ratzinger says, “Insofar as we are living on a basis of selfishness, of egoism, then even today we are ‘before Christ.’ But in this time of Advent, let us ask the Lord to grant that we may live less and less ‘before Christ,’ and certainly not ‘after Christ,’ but truly with Christ and in Christ: with him who is indeed Christ yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8).”

May we again open our hearts to Christ’s light and allow the flame of his love to lap our lives and to dispel darkness once and for all. And may his love dawn on us anew this Christmas as we discover him in his humble hiddenness most brilliantly manifest in his coming in the Eucharist. For in Christ, “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn 1:5).

All quotes taken from What It Means to Be a Christian by Joseph Ratzinger.



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.



DOMINICANA JOURNAL

The Dominican Student Brothers recently published the 2021 issue of *Dominicana*, a Dominican-produced journal that features articles, interviews, art, a translation, and book reviews. St. Gertrude Church has purchased an online subscription to the journal, and you have online access—for free! To view the recent issue, which focuses on education in the Catholic tradition, visit dominicanajournal.org/login/ and enter our parish username (stgertrude) and password (CincinnatiOP).

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IS HIRING

We are looking for a head sacristan to join our team. In this role, you will be responsible for the maintenance of the sacristy, sanctuary, and altars, as well as overseeing all the supplies necessary for the celebration of the liturgy. To view the full job description and to apply, visit stgertrude.org/employment.

THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

You're invited to join us on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to watch and discuss Fr. Michael Gaitley's *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* videos and to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will meet from 9:45 a.m to 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center on the following dates in 2022: January 13, January 27, February 10, February 24, March 20, March 24, April 28, and May 12.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Stephen & Anelia Babcock
Dalton Davis
Nick & Kelly Dudenhoefer
Jean Paul & Cheryl Gegato
Bailey Gould

Greg & Lauren Hutzl
Zach & Caitlin Jacob
Lynn Murray
Richard & Alicia Sparks

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Tim Brinkman, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, 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

BAPTISM

Sunday, December 5, 2021



Child: Sophia Grace Beinke
Parents: Cara & Daniel Beinke



Child: Leo Richard Warmouth
Parents: Jessica & Kyle Warmouth

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.



MARRIAGE SAVING: THE POST-SESSION PHASE

The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information about or to register for January 2022 program beginning with a weekend January 7-9, 2022, call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

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



Raymond Arroyo
FOX News | EWTN

Sat. April 2nd, 2022
Fifth Third Arena



Jim Caviezel
ACTOR (Passion of the Christ)

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Diocese of Covington

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





Coach Luke Fickell
(Invited Speaker)

ROSARY SOCIAL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Church / Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families to pray the rosary and then enjoy refreshments while listening to two veterans from the Veterans Administration give a presentation on the constant needs of our veterans and how donations are used.

Rosary in the church, Presentation in the Parish Center.

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.

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—
SAVORING THE
CHRISTMAS GOSPELS**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Do we hear the entire Christmas story when we come to Mass on December 24 or 25?

A: No; one day is not enough to taste the richness of Christmas! Throughout the Christmas season (the Vigil Mass of Christmas on the evening of December 24 until the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord), we will commemorate the birth and infancy of Jesus from its various “approaches” as we attend Mass. This can help motivate us to “come hungry” and celebrate the Eucharist during the holidays.¹ Unless the priest chooses the shorter option on any given day, here’s how the main Christmas Gospels usually unfold:

Christmas

- ❖ The Vigil Mass: The Genealogy of Jesus and Joseph’s Dream (Mt 1:1-25)
- ❖ Mass during the Night: Journey to Bethlehem, Birth in the Manger, Angelic Announcement to the Shepherds (Lk 2:1-14)
- ❖ Mass at Dawn: Adoration by the Shepherds (Lk 2:15-20)
- ❖ Mass during the Day: Incarnation of the eternal Word (Jn 1:1-18)

The Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family)

- ❖ Year A: Flight into Egypt and the Return to Nazareth (Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)
- ❖ Year B: Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple (Lk: 2:22-30)
- ❖ Year C: Finding of the Boy Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-52)

Mary, Mother of God (Octave of Christmas)

- ❖ Adoration by the Shepherds and Jesus’ Circumcision (Lk 2:16-21)

Second Sunday after Christmas

- ❖ Incarnation of the Eternal Word (Jn 1:1-18)

Epiphany of the Lord

- ❖ The Vigil Mass + Mass during the Day: Adoration by the Magi (Mt 2:1-12)

The Baptism of the Lord

- ❖ Year A: The Baptism of Jesus by John (Mt 3:13-17; “it is fitting to fulfill all righteousness”)
- ❖ Year B: The Baptism of Jesus by John (Mk 1:7-11; “he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”)
- ❖ Year C: The Baptism of Jesus by John (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22; “he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”)

Look carefully at these passages from the four Gospels, especially those from Matthew and Luke. Is anything missing from the Christmas story? I bet there’s more to tell than you initially remembered! Do you see how the various *pericope* (excerpts) are arranged to fit the various commemorations? The Church, if I may put it this way, is a master chef de cuisine when it comes to Scripture; it places before us just the right passages at the right times. It is for us to develop a taste for this food, and to come to the feasts with a spiritual appetite!

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 Catholics are obliged to attend Mass once on each of the following solemnities during the Christmas Season: Christmas, the Sunday after Christmas (this year, also the feast of the Holy Family), the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not technically obligatory this year, since it’s on a Saturday), the Second Sunday after Christmas, and Epiphany (this year, merged with the Second Sunday after Christmas). There are plenty of smaller Christmas liturgical feasts on the weekdays of the Christmas season too, such as St. Stephen (December 26), St. John the Evangelist (December 27), and Holy Innocents (December 28).



Monday, December 20	Tuesday, December 21	Wednesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 24	Saturday, December 25	Sunday, December 26
SportsLeader 6:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parent/Child CGS Sacramental Formation 6:30 p.m. Atrium II	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. PC Music Room	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
Seasons of Hope 7:00 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	KofC Rosary Social 7:00 p.m. Church	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church		Parish Office Closed		
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church						
Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria						
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby						
KofC Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall						

7 Secrets of Confession

Advent is a great time to get to confession, but not many people actually look forward to receiving this sacrament. Vinny Flynn's *7 Secrets of Confession* will change that.

Listen now on FORMED.org to discover the "hidden" truths of confession.

Don't have a FORMED account? Sign up for free at stgertrude.org/formed.



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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for December 5

Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Collection	\$ 59,206
Weekly Surplus	\$ 23,912

2nd Collection: \$ 8,607 – Religious Retirement

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 847,056
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 842,404
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$ 4,652)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN 1/2/22	MATERIALS DUE 12/21/21
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