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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECMEBER 4, 2022

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, December 5, Advent Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Michelle Halpin by Lynn Murray
- 8 a.m. † Adele Tkacz by Tom & Christin Spurr
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, December 6, St. Nicholas (M)

- 7 a.m. † Tony Bang Tran by Thien Cao
- 8 a.m. † Byron Bressler by Doug & Maria Sunnenberg
- 11:30 a.m. † Anita Rand by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Wednesday, December 7, St. Ambrose (M)

- 7 a.m. † Frank Schirmer by Anne Schirmer
- 8 a.m. Jack Boone by Tracy & Scott Boone
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne
- 7 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
by Ladies of Charity

Thursday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. † Mary Grace Schlie by Nancy DeBrunner
- 11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric
- 7 p.m. John Spilker by Lisa & Jamie Bertke

Friday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (M)

- 7 a.m. Robert Bartel by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 8 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 11:30 a.m. † Rosemarie Fernandopulle by Dennis & Cecilia Ramenaden

Saturday, December 10, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Miles Rodgers & Laura Sanchez
by The Henderson Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Torchy & Sue Zoeller
- 4:30 p.m. † Anne Siebert by Katie Stoiber

Sunday, December 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8 a.m. Steve Bay by Nancy Lucas
- 10 a.m. † Jane Sansalone by Tony & Keke Sansalone
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Mary Jean Lenmark by Mike & Diane Kennedy

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. There will be no Holy Hour or confessions at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday due to the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

Parish Information

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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.

ADVENT CAROLS SERVICE

December 11, 2022
3:30 p.m. | Church

Spend the third Sunday of Advent listening to and singing beloved Advent hymns with our parish choir and Schola cantorum.

Based around the traditional format of seven lessons and seven carols that trace salvation history, this Advent choral prayer service includes carols ranging from the Middle Ages to present day.

This is a beautiful way to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

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A DESPERATELY NEEDED BALM FOR OUR MODERN CULTURE

Earlier this month when we celebrated our solemn Mass for the feast day of St. Gertrude the Great, I concluded my homily by reflecting upon part of a prayer St. Gertrude had written to Jesus. Among the invocations she used in that prayer was

one that began, “O Gentle Jesus.” I reflected in my homily upon the importance of gentleness in our world today. That line seemed to resonate with many, as I had multiple comments after the Mass about how what I said about gentleness was the part they most remembered. At first, I was a bit caught off-guard by that, as it was (in the big picture) just one minor point in a rather lengthy homily. But the more I have thought about it since then, the more it makes sense to me.

Anyone who has followed the news of late is aware of some of the tragic stories of recent weeks. Just in the month of November, there were three significant mass shootings in our country: six killed in a Walmart in Virginia, five killed in a nightclub in Colorado, and three University of Virginia football players killed by a former teammate. And the horror of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, last May, with the shooter intentionally targeting even the smallest children, is almost too vicious to imagine or comprehend. These attacks were but the latest events reinforcing something that has been growing on my heart for quite some time: *the world we live in is a very harsh place.*

At one level, that seems like an obvious conclusion. Mass shootings, a war of aggression in Ukraine, terrorist attacks, gang wars in our cities, and other similar realities are a constant reminder of the violence that exists all around us. But when I say we live in a “harsh” world, I am thinking about far more than the examples of extreme violence. I am thinking about the incredibly aggressive rhetoric used by politicians, civil officials, and social activists who seem nowadays to be entirely unable to argue any issue without verbally demonizing their opposition. I am thinking of countless TV shows, Netflix series, and popular songs which are laced with vulgarity and glorify violent crime, sexual licentiousness, and drug use. I am thinking of a corporate culture in much of the business world that presumes being a hard worker means ignoring one’s family and teaches that the only way to climb the ladder is to step on the people below you. I am thinking of things like the recent story about a group of high school students who so mercilessly teased, insulted, and shamed a fellow student that they drove that student to suicide.

And . . . I am thinking of myself. And the temptation always before me to—at least in my own mind—be judgmental of others, to presume ill intentions of someone before knowing all the facts, get angry at any little thing that I perceive as a slight against me, or any number of a million other things that, I suspect, all of us are susceptible to. While not nearly so dramatic as the examples I listed in previous paragraphs,

nonetheless, they are still fruits that fall from the same tree.

What is the solution? What is the Lord asking of us? I think a big part of it is that the Lord is inviting all of us to relearn the importance of the virtue of **gentleness**. In a world filled with anger, judgment, violence, and aggression, gentleness has the power to be a balm that heals our human relations with each other, beginning with those closest to us. I invite all of you to take some quiet prayer time and meditate for five or ten minutes on two figures: the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Consider the goodness of Our Lady—her meekness, the gentleness with which she cradled the Christ child to her chest, the incredible sweetness of her maternal love. Consider, too, her blessed spouse St. Joseph. Joseph the just man, Joseph the humble man. Joseph who was both incredibly strong and yet so tender and gentle at the same time. How different would our family life be, how different would our extended family relations be, how different would our workplaces and schools be if, no matter what the circumstance, or how frustrating a situation we found ourselves in, we could respond with the goodness and sweetness of Our Lady or with the firm but gentle strength of St. Joseph?

As we begin to settle into our journey through Advent to Christmas, perhaps we can all take the next few weeks to seriously meditate on these two beautiful saints . . . and make a very intentional effort to imitate their meekness, tenderness, and gentleness in our own lives. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Mt 5:5)

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Meditation on the Immaculate Conception

O most compassionate Jesus, I laud you with the same tuneful praise your sweetest Heart gives forth: for the innocence of that most spotless virginity whereby your peerless and ever-blessed Mother was a Virgin in her conception of you, a Virgin when she brought you forth, and ever remained a Virgin after your sacred birth; thus imitating your own innocence. O Mother of all blessedness, peerless sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, I praise and greet you through the sweetest Heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and your most loving Son; beseeching you to aid us in all our needs and distresses, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thursday, December 15:** Christmas Pageant
- **Friday, December 16:** Early dismissal; Christmas Pageant

GIVE THANKS. GIVE BACK.

Our student council sponsored a Thanksgiving Drive to benefit the elderly poor at the Little Sister of the Poor home in Cincinnati, collecting hundreds of canned goods and personal care products.



When the student council delivered the items to the Little Sisters of the Poor, they had the opportunity to go on a brief tour of the home to better understand the Sisters' mission.

ROSARY ESSAY CONTEST



In October, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, the fourth graders were invited to participate in a rosary essay contest. Each student selected a mystery of the rosary to reflect upon in a 500-word essay. On Tuesday, November 22, Mr. Patrick McCracken came to speak to the students and distribute awards. Runners up were Sophia Henderson and Sebastian Chmiel. Second place went to Damian Toft (not pictured), and first place to Bram Gruber. Congratulations!

SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for SGS spirit wear? Check out spirit2share.com/?s=st+gertrude! If there's an item (e.g. bags, tumblers, etc.) that you don't see under SGS that you'd like to order with the bulldog, SGS sport shield (volleyball and basketball), and/or the school shield/logo, feel free to reach out to Taunja Kruckeberg at taunja@spirit2share.com.

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is seeking a strong Catholic teacher to join our faculty as a long-term substitute teacher for third grade for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. This position includes teaching religion, math, writing, phonics, spelling, literature, and history. The long-term substitute teacher will be responsible for following and executing the teacher's curriculum plans, including creating weekly lesson plans and managing all classroom duties and responsibilities. For more information and to apply, please visit stgertrude.org/employment.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of December 5, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Support the St. Gertrude School Annual Fund

For over 85 years, St. Gertrude School has been making a difference in the lives of our students—inspiring spiritual growth, intellectual challenge, and compassion for others. We invite you to support our mission and work by participating in the St. Gertrude School 2022-2023 Annual Fund.

Whether you offer a gift of prayer, finance, or involvement, your contribution makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Student Services

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MEET THE TEAM: LAURA POTTER

Every so often, the St. Gertrude Bulletin features an interview with a member of St. Gertrude Church's staff. This month, we're highlighting our newest team member, Laura Potter, coordinator of high school ministry.

St. Gertrude Bulletin: Tell us about yourself.

Laura Potter: St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." That truth has guided my life since I was a teenager. Growing up in Logan (Hocking Hills), Ohio, I loved being outdoors riding my bike, playing sports, and singing. I had a powerful encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist when I was 15 years old and realized he was the One who would always be able to give me the full and abundant life I truly desired. This led me to serve as a NET (National Evangelization Teams) Missionary for two years; study Catechetics, Theology, and Sacred Music at Franciscan University; and discover my gifts and passion for youth ministry. After seven years as a youth minister in Denver, I moved to Cincinnati to serve as the associate director – VIA Missionaries, training youth ministry missionaries. I love bright colors and patterns, so during the archdiocese Marian Pilgrimage last



year, I decided to let my hair go gray and use a conditioner to make it blue in honor of Mary, my consecration to her, and my love for the color blue. Being a professional musician and songwriter, I also love expressing myself through creative and beautiful means. You can find me rocking it out for Jesus on Monday nights where I lead worship for the Encounter School of Ministry.

SGB: You mentioned your love for music. How will you continue to use this passion—

this gift—with teens in your role as coordinator of high school ministry?

Laura: What's been great about the transition to this position is that I was already volunteering on the high school ministry core team since this past August. I've been able to help lead the teens through song during our weekly night prayer. One month, we prayed the Ignatian Examine and incorporated songs on voice and guitar that helped express the different parts of the prayer (thank you, I'm sorry, help me tomorrow). This past month, we have been chanting compline (Liturgy of the Hours) Dominican-style. We have many gifted

musicians in youth ministry here, and I hope to find ways to help them share their gifts with our community, as well.

SGB: What are you most excited about in taking over our high school ministry?

Laura: I love the mission and vision for L'alto: High School Youth Ministry. *Verso l'alto*, which means "to the heights," was Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's motto. I have already seen the 15 core team members and 80 teenagers striving for the heights of holiness here at St. Gertrude. They are truly pursuing the heart of God and discovering who he has created them to be. I am humbled and honored to be stepping into a full-time role to continue to lead and guide them and grow together through shared life, prayer, formation, and mission.



SGB: Why do you think high school ministry is important for teens, especially in today's culture?

Laura: We all need community; we all need friends who are on the same path and journey to heaven. The Christian faith is not only difficult to live, it is actually impossible. We need the grace and friendship and power of the Holy Spirit, and we need each other—the Body of Christ—in order to live the full abundant lives that God has created us to live. Today's secular culture is continually offering quick fixes to the deepest desires of our hearts—to be seen, known, and loved. Jesus told St. Teresa of Calcutta, "I love you just as you are. You do not need to change to believe in my love, but believing in my love will change you." I pray that the L'alto: High School Ministry can be a place where teens experience the concrete reality of being seen, known, and loved by *the One* who truly sees, knows, and loves them.

SGB: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Laura: I love spending time with friends eating, talking, praying, praising, laughing, and dancing, visiting my parents and siblings, and playing with my twin four-year-old nephews. When I need to be active, I love indoor rock climbing, flag football, rollerblading, soccer, and snowboarding. In the evenings, I especially enjoy watching my lionhead rabbit, Sister Theodore, as she free roams and does zoomies and binkies around the house because she finally got out of her cage for the day.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

On Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, our gym was full of the festive smell of fresh balsam as families gathered to make their Advent wreaths. There was holiday music, kids crafts, cookies, and hot chocolate, and our friars were present to bestow a special blessing on each wreath. This is a wonderful tradition to kick off the Advent season.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

On Thursday, December 8, we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a holy day of obligation. Please join us for Mass at 7 p.m. (vigil), 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 7 p.m.

GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Giving Tuesday campaign on November 29. We had over 230 people donate more than \$80,000, which is a significant amount of gifts to our parish on one single day. We didn't reach our goal of \$125,000; however, we received some last-minute donations and checks that still need to be counted. Check next week's bulletin for our final Giving Tuesday numbers. Again, we are very grateful for your support and still plan to use these funds to overhaul our AV system!

St. Anne's Guild

A Spiritual Group for Girls in Grades 5-8

All girls in grades 5-8 are invited to the next St. Anne's Guild meeting. We'll enjoy breakfast and social time, care for the church, hear a short talk, and do a fun activity or craft.



**Saturday, December 10
9-11:15 a.m.
Parish Center**

For more information, please visit stgertrude.org/stanneguild or contact Ann McCormick at ann.mccormick@gmail.com.

BAPTISM

Sunday, November 20, 2022



Child: Josephine Anne Hileman
Parents: Jeffrey & Jessica Hileman

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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 Krumb, John Krumb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Billie Pierre, mother of Father Darren Pierre, O.P.

NEXT EVENT FOR CATHOLIC SINGLES

Are you single and looking for opportunities to hang out with other Catholic singles? Join the Catholic Alumni Club of Cincinnati, a social organization that provides a friendly setting for single Catholics of similar educational background to meet and develop friendships with people who share their faith. The next event is a Christmas dinner next Sunday, December 11, at 5 p.m. at Montgomery Inn (9440 Montgomery Road). Call Larry at (513) 520-1323 or Don at (513) 574-8573 to RSVP.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

During this busy season, take time for yourself to slow down, pray, and listen to God's Word at an Advent morning of reflection on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford (Loyola Building). The morning will include *Lectio* and *Visio Divina* and help you find peace, community, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. To register, please call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or email reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com. There is no cost to attend, just a freewill offering.

PREPLANNING SEMINAR

Thinking of a wonderful Christmas gift for your loved ones? Peace of mind is priceless! Attend a Preplanning Seminar on Tuesday, December 13, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., or 6 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road). Please RSVP by December 12 to community@gateofheaven.org or (513) 489-0300.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or the marriage of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage, or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 7-9, 2023, call (513) 486-6222 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

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"I don't get anything out of Mass."

This is what many people say who have drifted away from the Church. But Jesus told us He came so that we might have "life to the fullest" ... and that life is found in communion with Him in the Mass.



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. Series available in English and Spanish.

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ASK A PRIEST— ADVENT PRAYER AMIDST BUSYNESS

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: My family and I get so busy in December, but I would like to have a prayerful Advent. Is it impossible to have both?

A: Advent is an understandable time for us to aspire to retreat from the world's noise.

The example of the Virgin Mother and St. Elizabeth teaches us to be recollected enough to recognize the Child whom Mary carries in her womb (see Luke 1:39-56). But Mary also had to see to all the practicalities associated with expecting a baby. On top of this, she went to spend three months helping her cousin Elizabeth, who would give birth to John the Baptist.

The Catechism teaches that all expressions of Christian prayer—vocal prayers, meditation, and silent contemplation—hold one important thing in common: recollection of the heart (CCC 2721). No matter the kind of prayer, we must strive to *remember God* who loves us and is always present to his people. This can be done in

the more formal times of prayer (e.g. Sunday Mass or family rosary) as well as during very ordinary activities like grocery shopping. Jesus said, “pray always,” didn’t he?!

If we have faith, it is always possible to pray. This activity is vital for every child of God—Jesus is our model. Yes, there are certain times of formal and private prayer that ordinarily are or should be beyond compromise for a Catholic. However, at other times (even during Advent), the best we can do is to trustingly turn in our heart to God’s never-failing presence. There is nothing wrong with this; it is the trusting prayer of a child of God. Here is one Advent prayer many Catholics, myself included, like to say in such a moment:

“Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.”

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, December 5	Tuesday, December 6	Wednesday, December 7	Thursday, December 8	Friday, December 9	Saturday, December 10	Sunday, December 11
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir 6 p.m. PC Choir Room	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men’s Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level I & II 6 p.m. Atrium I & II			NFP Instructor Meeting 10 a.m. PC Choir Room	St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses Gym
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room					Advent Carols Service 3:30 p.m. Church
						L’alto: Confirmation Night 7 p.m. Parish Center
						L’alto: High School Core Team Meeting 7 p.m. School Cafeteria

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 November 27

Collection	\$ 33,659
Weekly Budget	\$ 36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$ (2,841)
Second Collection – St. Gertrude School: \$3,189	
Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)	
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 757,759
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 803,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$ (45,241)

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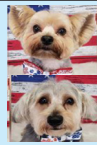
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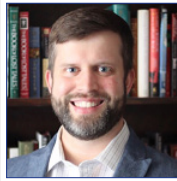
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