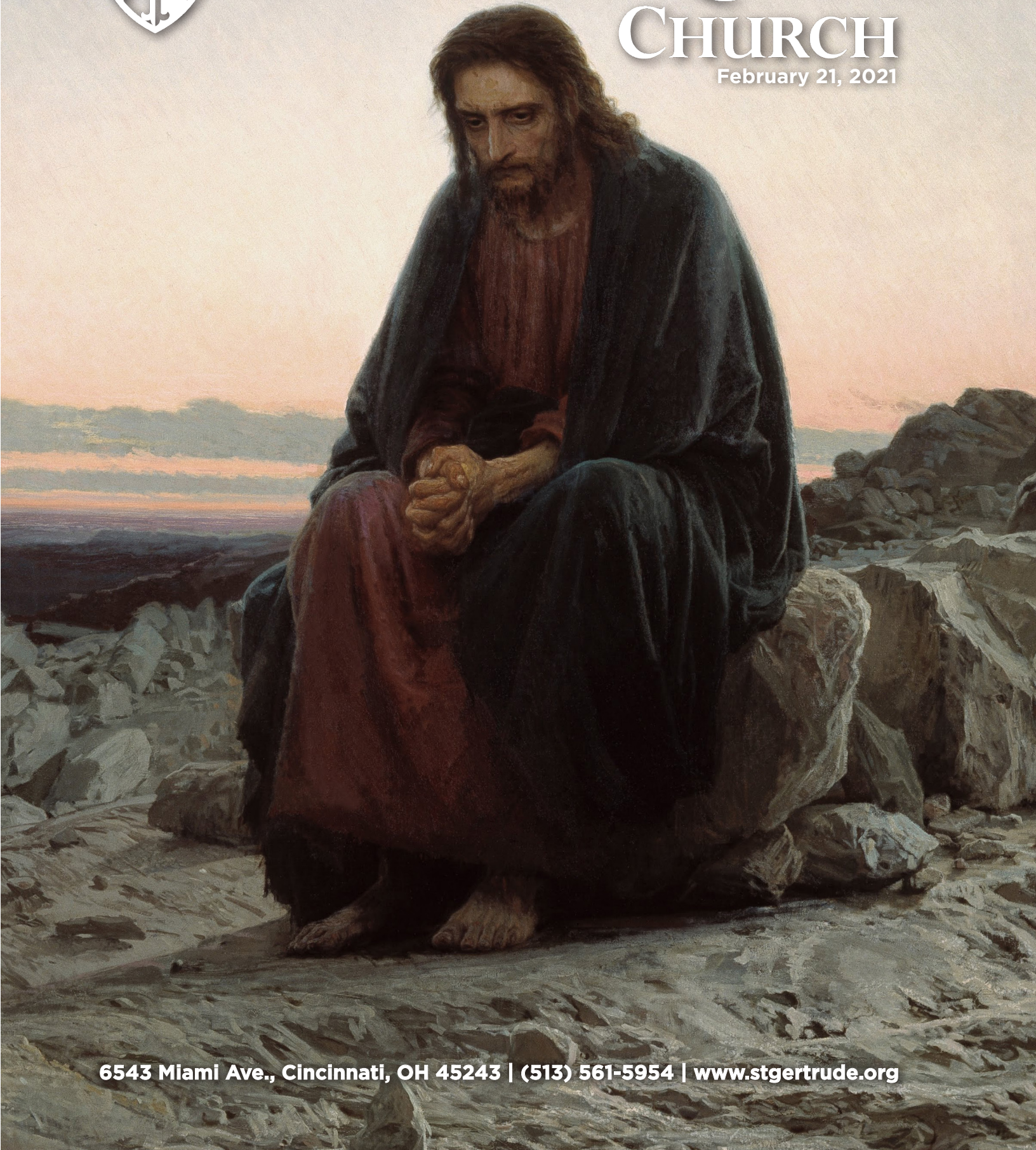




# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

February 21, 2021



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## MASSES AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Jane Castrucci/Jim & AnnaMaria Spurgin & Family  
8:00 a.m. †Oliver James Woodward/The Robbins Family  
11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Donald Trump/Steve Leverone  
8:00 a.m. †Tim Petric/Tom & Kim Hahn  
11:30 a.m. †Nancy Santen/Richard Bethel & Gail Bechtold

### Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Jr. & Kathleen Garrison/Jim Garrison  
8:00 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/Beth Pavloff  
11:30 a.m. †John & Wilma Bartel/Sal & Teri Forlini

### Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Paula Rooks  
8:00 a.m. †Betty Schirmer Miller/Mary Lou Schirmer  
11:30 a.m. †Angela Gellenbeck/Dennis Schone

### Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Norm Balbaugh/Mark Kuhlman  
8:00 a.m. †Jeffrey S. Vollmer/Molly & Bruce Vollmer  
11:30 a.m. †Larry Neiheisel/Bill & Gindy Schneller

### Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. †Margaret McCafferty/The Hughes Family  
11:30 a.m. †Jane Thole/John & Mary Jo Eimermacher

### February 27-28, 2nd Sunday of Lent

- Saturday †Clara Yannetti/John & Joy Belperio  
Sunday People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased  
†Ron Nieto/The Nieto Family  
†Miguel Carrillo/Elvira Carrillo  
†James Herlihy/The Wahl Family  
†Ray Meyer/Judy Bayer & Family

## Parish Office Info

### Parish Office Hours

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

### School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Church Hours

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

## NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. GERTRUDE

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the Pastoral Council of St. Gertrude. The council represents the people of the parish and serves as a consultative body to the pastor. Council members are selected from among registered adults (age 21 or over) who have been parishioners for at least one year. The Council meets the fourth Monday of the month during the school year. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you feel may be called to this important ministry. Please do not nominate someone without first speaking with them.

### Nominations will be accepted up to March 8th, 2021.

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop in the collection basket or bring/send to the parish office.  
6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243

I would like to nominate the following parishioner for consideration for St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This person is being nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_



**NOMINATIONS NEEDED!**

In the bulletin today and for the next few weeks, you will find a nomination form for membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. I humbly ask all members of the parish community to prayerfully nominate persons who could

be considered for membership on the Council. The Guide for Parish Pastoral Councils from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati provides the following summary:



*The mission of a Catholic parish is to be a community of persons united in the Lord to be God's people ministering to one another, as well as to those around them. The task of serving the parish community is the work of the entire parish under the leadership of the pastor. Together with his parish staff and the members of the parish's councils, commissions and committees, the pastor works in a spirit of unity with these groups to provide the ministries and programs that serve both the mission of the parish and the missions of the archdiocesan church and the universal church.*

*All the faithful of the parish are called to share in the mission which God has entrusted to them. Yet among the parish faithful is a group which assists the pastor in the overall planning and his decision-making for the parish. It is the Parish Pastoral Council. Representing the wider parish community, it has the task of advising the pastor on important matters of pastoral activity.*

*How does the Parish Pastoral Council carry out its purpose? These are the principal ways:*

- ✦ *By forming an effective group of persons who work in a spirit of prayer and discernment as a sign and witness to the parish community.*
- ✦ *By making recommendations about the pastoral priorities and goals for the parish through pastoral planning.*

✦ *By serving as a vehicle of dialogue and communication among the pastor, the parish staff, the various commissions and organizations and the parish membership.*

✦ *By working with the commissions of the parish in a spirit of mutual cooperation for the good of the whole parish community.*

*In its most effective form, the Parish Pastoral Council is the vehicle by which the pastor and his pastoral staff consider and test their own ideas and proposals with a group that represents the entire parish community. It is the official listening post for the local parish community - the pastor listening to his people and the people listening to their pastor.*

Council members are selected from among registered adult (age 21 or over) parishioners who meet the following requirements:

- ✦ Have been parishioners for at least one year.
- ✦ Demonstrate a commitment to the Church and its mission and to the needs of the parish.
- ✦ Demonstrate a willingness to serve in a consultative capacity.
- ✦ Demonstrate a willingness to contribute the time necessary for preparation and attendance.

Thank you for your participation in this process. Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

**COVER IMAGE:** "CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS," BY KRAMSKOY, 1872. PUBLIC DOMAIN.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



At the beginning of Lent, I asked my confessor for some mortification for this time of fast. I was told not to cut down on my food (due to illness) but, while eating, to meditate on how the Lord Jesus, on the Cross, accepted vinegar and gall. This would be my mortification. I did not know that this would be so beneficial to my soul. The benefit is that I am meditating constantly on His sorrowful Passion and so, while I am eating, I am not preoccupied with what I am eating, but am reflecting on my Lord's death. (*Diary, #618*)





**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE 5TH GRADE GIRLS  
“DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS!”**

This weekend, Coach Wordeman’s 5th grade girls won their 55th game in the last three years while winning the D1 city championship!

**POWER OF THE PEN**

St. Gertrude students once again participated in the Power of the Pen writing competition on January 23, 2021, this year with a virtual format. St. Gertrude School second place team, Coach Leah Naumann.

We are so proud of all of our team and our writers who placed as follows:

- Ava Holmes placed 5th and awarded best of round
- Alaina Reed placed 8th
- Mary Lu Lacey placed 9th and awarded best of round

In addition, these students qualified for the regional tournament: **7th Grade** – Liam Woodward, Aurora Wibowo, Caleb Naumann and Michael Park. **8th Grade** – Ava Holmes, Alaina Reed and Mary Lu Lacey



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# Catholic Youth Summer Camp St. Gertrude High School (8th-11th graders) 2021 Registration

Are you looking for an adventurous and high-energy catholic summer camp? Filled with activities, community, hilarious skits, and the opportunity for a deeper life of prayer.

## St. Gertrude's Week - Week 4 (June 27 - July 2)

- Currently there are over 40 St. Gertrude parish high schoolers attending
- All current 8th-11th graders are encouraged to attend the St. Gertrude High School Session
- Visit [cysc.com](http://cysc.com) to register and for more information

If you have not registered yet, contact Megan ([mdickert@stgertrude.org](mailto:mdickert@stgertrude.org)) for the St. Gertrude group registration code.



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## Spring Retreat:



# No More Excuses



- March 26-28, 2021
- Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center
- Freshmen - Seniors

- Registration opens on Monday February 22nd at 5pm at: <http://buytickets.at/stgertrude>
- Overnight Ticket - \$105
- Day Ticket \$55
- Note: Space is limited. Register early.

Contact Megan ([mdickert@stgertrude.org](mailto:mdickert@stgertrude.org)) with any question.



# Lenten Fish Fry Drive-Thru



### Fish Plate

2 Hand Dipped Fried Haddock Filets  
or  
Roasted Lemon Dill Salmon  
with french fries, garlic green beans & cole slaw

\$12

### Pizza

Large Italianette Cheese Pizza

\$12

Fridays

February 26 & March 12 & 26

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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## 2021 CMA+ CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

We thank everyone who has participated in the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese.

Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to the support of new evangelization initiatives here in our parish, so please be as generous as you can. For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org). Thank you!

### GIFT CARD SCAM

Please note that the Dominican Friars and Sisters, Parish and School Staff, and Parish Volunteers are prohibited from soliciting any type of gift card by email or text. Should you receive such a message, it is not authorized and should be discarded.

### LET US PRAY

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### THE SICK:

Anthony Alvarez, Lisa Bertke, Bettie Caudill, Larry & Pat Collins, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Michael John, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Ann Lukey, Frank Merle, Sandra Munyon, Leo Napuri, Tim Ney, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Alex Smithers, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney, Mary Saul, Mary Valker and Bill Van Hise

#### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

#### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Terry Scales – husband of Melissa  
Pat Monahan – husband of Julia



**MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY**

The Ladies of Charity will be collecting at the white van in the parking lot the weekend of March 6th & 7th. This collection benefits Mother of Christ Food Pantry which serves the poor and needy families in the St. Bernard-Winton Terrace area who are struggling to make ends meet by providing food and personal care items. Your donations are so very appreciated! In addition to all nonperishable food items, the pantry has special needs for toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers like Pine-Sol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Donations of cash or check are also welcome. Please call Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085 with any questions about Mother of Christ Food Pantry or Ladies of Charity. Thank you so much for your help!

**SISTERS OF THE POOR**

The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor are seeking an RN Care Manager, LPNs and Nursing Assistants to provide personalized care for a small group of sisters at St. Clare Convent, 60 Compton Road. For additional information, contact Christine at 513-761-9040, ext. 110 or hr@franciscansistersofthepoor.org.

**ST. GERTRUDE TRACK & FIELD**

Registration is NOW open for all children in Grades K-8. Practices begin the week of March 8th and the season runs through May.

To register your child and for more information, go to: [sgsbulldogs.org](http://sgsbulldogs.org). Click on "online registration" to the left of the home page and scroll down for Track. Registration ends on March 1st.

We are also in need of assistant coaches and parent helpers. If you would like to help out with our program, no Track experience needed, contact Cameron Simoneau at: [cameron@tristaterunning.com](mailto:cameron@tristaterunning.com). If you know high school age children who are looking to earn service hours, this is a fun way to get hours while helping out the Track program!



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open

our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please consider placing a cash donation in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes located at the church entrances or by placing nonperishable food items in the SVDP Food Barrel located just inside the door leading to the Sacristy.

**2.27.2021**

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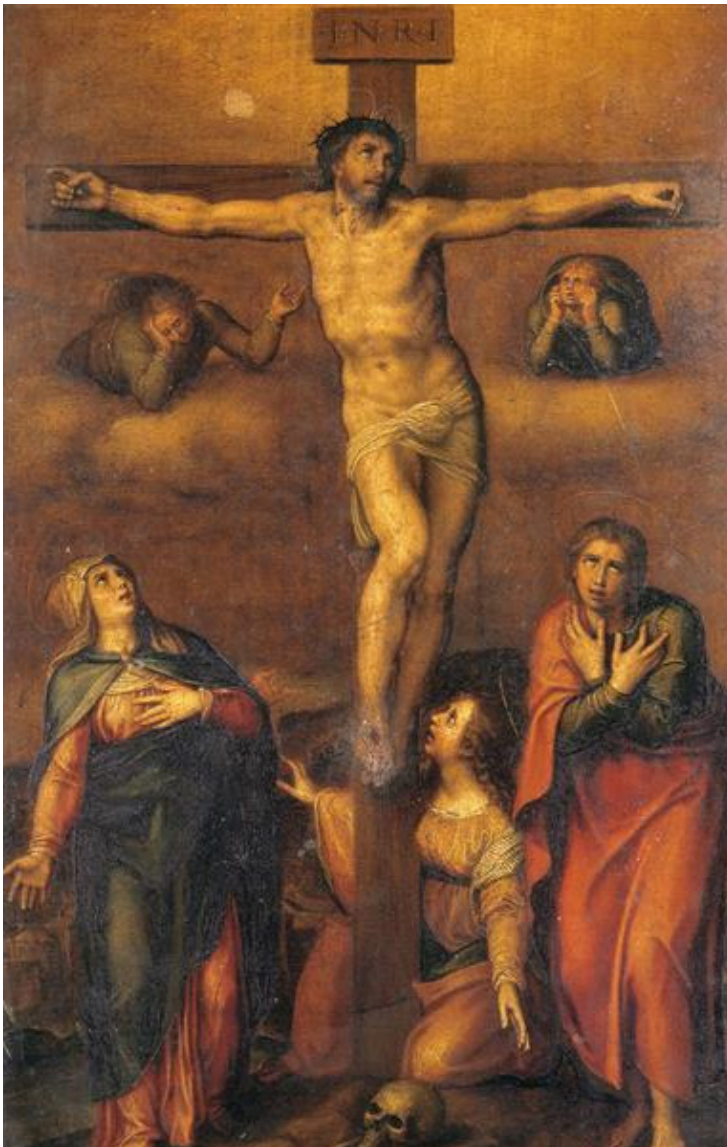


**ASK A PRIEST – READING  
THE PROPHECIES OF  
THE PASSION**

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** *Why did Jesus say, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” among His last words?*

**A:** If not understood together with the rest of what the Bible tells us about Jesus, these “last words” (see Mk 15:34) could be a stumbling-block for His followers. But we never read any passage of Sacred Scripture in isolation from the others; God’s Revelation must be taken as a whole. Of course, this requires us to spend time studying the Word of God, including the Old Testament, and to read it in fidelity to the Church’s heaven-guided faith and teaching.



Did you know that these famous words from His Cross are an instance of Jesus quoting the psalms? Just take a moment to flip towards the middle of your family Bible to Psalm 22, the passage immediately preceding the famous “The Lord is my shepherd” psalm.

Do you notice any familiar words? Right! Jesus is making an obvious allusion from this most famous collection of prayers. How does Psalm 22 continue? There is the mention of mockery and heartbreak and exhaustion and pierced hands and feet. “Oh,” you’re thinking, “this sounds like one of those prophecies about Christ that we read as Easter approaches, made hundreds of years before His birth.” Bingo! Much like the Suffering Servant passages of Isaiah, or Jeremiah’s laments, Psalm 22 is an inspired prophetic “picture” of Jesus Christ in His suffering and death. Amazing!

*Clearly, affliction and persecution will have its end. God’s Servant and those who “seek him” will be repaid and offered an eternal reward.*

What is even better about this prophecy quoted by Jesus from the Cross is that it speaks of more than just His suffering and death. Read Psalm 22, verse 22 and following. The “suffering servant” encourages his brethren and friends to continue to trust and praise God, despite the suffering he is currently experiencing. The author of the psalm remains steadfast in his trust: “The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!” (verse 26) Clearly, affliction and persecution will have its end. God’s Servant and those who “seek him” will be repaid and offered an eternal reward.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. When He quotes the psalmist, it is no accident. After all, who is the “Word of God” through whom all these writings were inspired in the first place? (See John 1.) The Church understands Jesus’ final words not to be a cry of despair, but a proclamation of God’s fidelity to His Beloved Son and all those “brethren” who would follow Him. May meditation on the saving Passion of Jesus bear fruit through faith in our minds and hearts this Lent.

*“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](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*



Monday, February 22	Tuesday, February 23	Wednesday, February 24	Thursday, February 25	Friday, February 26	Saturday, February 27	Sunday, February 28
<b>Religious Education</b> 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	<b>True Devotion</b> 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>First Communion Parent Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Consoling the Heart of Jesus</b> 9:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Amiguitas del Corazon de Jesus</b> 4:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Catholic Men's Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Religious Education</b> 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria & Atrium
<b>Core Team Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Children's Choir</b> 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Resurrection Choir Practice</b> 8:30 a.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		<b>Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry</b> 5:00-8:00 p.m. Church		<b>Confirmation Preparation</b> 9:00 a.m. School Cafeteria
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Church	<b>Religious Education</b> 4:30 p.m. School Atrium	<b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 7:00 p.m. Church		<b>HSYM Discipleship Cells</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
<b>RCIA</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>First Communion Parent Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria				
		<b>LFL Book Club</b> 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.				
		<b>Preached Holy Hour</b> 7:30 p.m. Church				
		<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church				

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit: [stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/](http://stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/).

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Collection and Budget Report

At the time of printing for the February 21, 2021 bulletin, the financial report from February 14 was not available.



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