

THE LORD,
YOUR

God

SHALL YOU WORSHIP
AND HIM ALONE
SHALL YOU SERVE.

MATTHEW 4:10



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 26, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. Emily Pachuk by John & Michelle Pachuk
- 8 a.m. † Evonne Stechschulte by The Widmeyer Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Mary Gemma Knause by Jim & Diane Tomaszewski
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Will Pappalardo
- 11:30 a.m. † Sister Rita by Cindy Hertzelt

Wednesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Earl Leonhardt by Judy Bayer & Family
- 8 a.m. † Raymond Renner by Christopher & Cynthia Holman
- 11:30 a.m. † Megan Clark Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark

Thursday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Bob Perazzo by Doug & Robin Postler
- 8 a.m. † Kyle Swanson by The Stines Family
- 11:30 a.m. Father George Schommer, O.P., by Rita Johantges

Friday, March 3, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family
- 8 a.m. Chris Stoll by Beth & Mike Stoll
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Petric Family by Mary Petric

Saturday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. † Juan Carlos Perez-Espinoza by Dina Henderson
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Torchy & Sue Zoeller
- 4:30 p.m. † Gregory Diehl by The Pavloff Family

Sunday, March 5, 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. † Marian Scherpenberg by Pete & Donna Marcello
- 10 a.m. † The Kohus & Bough Families by John & Hilda Bough
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. † Karen Hassman by Joe & Elaine Stegman

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Information

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

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.



Spent an hour
with Jesus every
week this Lent.

**WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR +
"EUCHARISTIC HOLINESS" SERIES**
7:30-8:30 p.m. | St. Gertrude Church

Listen to a short reflection and spend time in Eucharistic
adoration. Priests will be available for confessions.

March 1	Father John Paul Walker, O.P.	<i>The Eucharist and Charity</i>
March 15	Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.	<i>The Eucharist and Thanksgiving</i>
March 22	Father Joachim Kenney, O.P.	<i>The Eucharist and the Saints</i>
March 29	Father John Langlois, O.P.	<i>The Eucharist and Spiritual Hunger</i>
April 5	Father Michael Dosch, O.P.	<i>The Eucharist and Mercy</i>



ST. GERTRUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH &
THE ANGELICO PROJECT PRESENT:

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LENT 2023

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2023 // 7:30 PM

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6543 MIAMI AVENUE
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**AVOIDING CONFESSION
THIS LENT**

For anyone who has been Catholic for any length of time, or even for non-Catholics who have some sense of what Catholicism is all about, it is commonly known that of all the liturgical seasons of the year, the season of Lent is the one we most associate with going of confession. While we have just begun the celebration of Lent this year, already many in the parish have availed themselves to this beautiful sacrament. And yet . . . I suspect there are many others who are wrestling with the idea. And so for the benefit of those who are uncertain, who are divided, who haven't yet decided whether or not to go to confession this Lent, I would like to address a few of the reasons that sometimes cause people to stay away from the sacrament.

I know I'm going to commit these same sins again, so am I not just being a hypocrite by going to confession?

No, please never think that way! It is true that, for most of us, there are habitual sins that we fall victim to time and time again. And so, even as we are confessing them, we have a sense that the odds are pretty good we are going to fall into them again. But as long as we have the desire to try to eliminate those sins from our lives, we can fruitfully receive the sacrament of penance. In fact, the grace we receive from God through that sacrament is perhaps the most powerful aid available to us in our battle to avoid those sins in the future. Now, if I am in a pattern of sin that I have absolutely *no desire* to leave behind and *no desire* to even attempt to change . . . then yes, in that circumstance, to confess that sin would be hypocritical. But when I am truly sorry about the patterns of sin that have a grip on me, and I wish to be free of them (even though I recognize I am very weak) . . . bringing those sins to confession can both ease our conscience of our past failures and strengthen us in our fight against those sins in the future.

I've done something terrible. I'm so ashamed of it, I can't imagine being able to say it out loud to anyone, not even a priest.

The first thing I would say to this (though it might sound a bit shocking) is that it is *good* that you feel ashamed! In the face of a serious sin, we *ought* to feel guilty and ashamed. This is a wonderful thing because it tells us our moral compass is functioning as it ought. And while it is absolutely true that having to "say it out loud" can be a difficult thing, I promise you, it will be an incredibly

freeing thing as well. When we have to speak it out loud, we bring it out of the darkness inside ourselves and out into the light, where Christ our Light dwells. By bringing it to the Light, we allow his light and his love to dissolve away the darkness of that sin. So while, at a human level, I understand the difficulty, I encourage you to just "let go" and give it over to God. You'll feel 1,000 percent better. (And on a side note, my personal advice is that when you go to confession, if you have one or two sins that are the really "big ones" you are most ashamed of . . . *name those first*. Begin with them. Right off the bat. You'll feel a weight lifted off your shoulders that will make the rest of the experience of that confession so much easier.)

What is the priest going to think of me if I tell him my sins?!? He's going to think I'm some terrible, horrible person! He'll never look at me the same way again!

Okay, so first of all, all the confessionals at our parish are currently set up so the penitent goes to confession "behind the screen," so that the priest will not see who you are. And believe it or not, screens really muffle people's voices. But no matter what, I promise you, priests *do not care* about the sins you confess. Sin is boring. Other people's sins are especially boring. Even if we somehow do recognize your voice (which is extraordinarily rare), I can assure you, what we hear in confession does not remain in our memory. Next time we see you we aren't going to recoil in horror at your presence like some swamp creature has just walked into the room. My attitude (and some of you who have had your confession heard by me have heard me say these exact words to you) is this: "Okay, so you're a sinner? Perfect. You'll fit right in with the rest of us here. Welcome to the club." Because that's the reality. We're all sinners, and we all have particular sins we are more susceptible to. There is nothing you are going to confess that will shock or scandalize any of the priests. That said, if you are truly so self-conscious about confessing to a priest you know that it might keep you away from the sacrament, then research when confessions at another parish (or shrine or wherever) are offered and go there. The important thing is that you *go* and receive the beautiful grace of this sacrament.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

NOMINATIONS FOR ST. GERTRUDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It is time once again to seek nominations for open positions on the St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council. 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 think may be called to this important ministry. Please do not nominate someone without first speaking with him or her.

Nominations will be accepted until March 5, 2023.

Submit nominations using the form below. Drop the form in the collection basket, bring/send it to the parish office (6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243), or email your nomination to the pastoral council chair, Ryan Schilling, at rryanschilling@gmail.com.

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

This person is being nominated by: _____

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 4:** Power of the Pen Regional Tournament
- **March 6-10:** Cognitive Ability Tests (Grades 2, 3, 5, 7)
- **March 7:** Second Trimester Report Cards Published

LENT

Lent is the special time of the year when we give attention to our spiritual well-being. As a school, we are planning to focus our attention in a special way on Jesus in the Eucharist. We will have Stations of the Cross each Friday (except Grandparents Day). The times for Stations vary since we will take class time each week. On March 3, the students will have Stations, followed by adoration and benediction. Our seventh grade students will prepare and lead us in a reflection on the Passion at our annual Passion Play, April 3. We are also looking forward to the special Holy Hours, which the parish is hosting on Wednesday evenings.

As a family, your Lenten journey is a special time of grace for the whole family. Here is a compendium of Lenten resources with suggestions for what you can do for Lent at home: catholic-link.org/lent-2023-a-resource-guide-for-catholics/.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Last weekend, February 18-19, the St. Gertrude Players performed the beloved Wizard of Oz on stage at Madeira High School. Our pastor (Father John Paul Walker), the novices, and Dominican sisters came to show their support and enjoy the production. The cast and crew did an amazing job bringing the story to life. Bravo, Players!



POWER OF THE PEN

The SGS Power of the Pen team competed and placed third and fourth out of 16 schools (130 writers) at the Little Miami District Tournament. The team also celebrated three individual awards in the top 12. Congratulations to this talented team and the writers who qualified for the Cincinnati Country Day Regional Tournament on March 4. May God bless our Bulldogs!

Team Awards

- 7th Grade: 3rd Place
- 8th Grade: 4th Place

Individual Awards

- Lara Licu: 2nd out of 65
- Therese Bursa: 5th out of 65
- Anna Carpenter: 9th out of 65

Regional Qualifiers

- Lara Licu
- Anna Carpenter
- Maggie McCormick
- Laura Clanton
- Elena Escamilla
- Therese Bursa
- Alexander Podsiadly
- Adelynn Woodward
- Ava Lai

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of February 27, 2023, the school office will be open Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



Apply at stgertrudesch.org/apply

Congratulations and Welcome to Our New Catechists



Pictured: Level 1 Catechists

In January and February, we welcomed nearly 50 men and women (from six different states!) for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 and Level 2 catechist training. Parishioner Dan Teller served as the formation leader for both courses, and everyone benefited from his wisdom and years of experience as a Montessori educator and CGS catechist. Congratulations and welcome to the newly certified catechists who will be serving here at St. Gertrude Church:

LEVEL 1

Jen Creedon
Elizabeth deNoma
Mary Dickert
Melissa Dowling
Anita Grolmes

Patty Hook
Clare Rayburn
Christina Schubert
Mary Clare Smith

LEVEL 2

Holly Hemak
Emily Hess
Theresa Heyob
Josie Holtmeier

A new Level 1 course is being planned at St. Gertrude Church to begin with Part 1 from June 5-10, 2023, and Part 2 in the summer of 2024. A new Level 2 course will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori from July 30-August 4. Registrations will open soon; please contact Mary Beth Thiemann at mbthiemann@stgertrude.org if you are interested or have any questions.

"I didn't think I would be able to do Level 2 training, as there were several obstacles (lengthy time commitment, child care coverage) that seemed insurmountable, but thankfully the Holy Spirit removed them! If you are on the fence about attending a training session, pray and know that the Lord will make a way!"

-Holly Hemak, Catechist

"The CGS training has truly changed my life. This method of education has not only helped me to understand my children more, but also strengthened and deepened my own understanding of the faith. I discovered that CGS is a true experience of understanding and falling in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who calls me by name."

-Emily Hess, Catechist

"I have grown so much in my own spiritual life throughout this course as I experienced the beautiful presentations and went through the sacramental preparation process. This experience has encouraged me to push for the best possible education for the next generation, especially in the process of sacramental preparation."

- Cecilia Davis, Catechist



**SURVEY CLOSES ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

The Disciple Maker Index Survey closes on Monday, February 27. If you haven't completed the survey yet, visit portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ytdbp3 to fill out the survey online. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (513) 561-5954 or parishoffice@stgertrude.org. Thank you!



Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 28 | 7 p.m.

St. Gertrude Church's Special Needs Moms Support Group is hosting a special prayer service on Rare Disease Day, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited to come, support, and pray for those who struggle with health issues. Enjoy refreshments in the Parish Center after the service.

stgertrude.org/momsofspecialneeds

**St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years
FUNDRAISING PRESALE PACKAGE**

St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years captures the legacy of our parish and presents a lavish look at its fascinating history. Full of 200 pages of stories and pictures, this timeless hardcover book is for all who call St. Gertrude home. And with your support, we can make it affordable for every family in our parish.

Preorder your copy of *St. Gertrude Church: The First 100 Years* for \$100 at tiny.cc/LimitedEdition, and receive . . .



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a limited edition print of the book cover photo

\$40 off a custom frame from Fabulous Frames & Art*

*Bring your limited edition print to Fabulous Frames & Art in Kenwood (8002 Hosbrook Road). Prints are in the parish office. Please contact Mark Holland at mholland3353@gmail.com with questions. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING FUND THE PRINTING OF OUR CENTENNIAL BOOK!**

BAPTISM

Sunday, February 12, 2023



Child: Lilah Perry Baumann
Parents: Max & Chelsea Baumann

**LENTEN
FISH FRY**

**Friday | March 3, 17, 31
5-7:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Gym**

Dine-in and carryout available. View the menu, place your carryout order, or sign up to volunteer at stgertrude.org/fishfry.



**BULLDOGS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION
OPENS MARCH 1!**

All active parishioners and religious education, home, and parish school students of St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Gertrude, and St. Louis parishes in grades K-8 are invited to join the 2023 Bulldogs football program. Registration opens March 1, and practices begin the third week in July. There is a \$190 registration fee and \$75/player nonrefundable deposit. Final payment is due May 31. All our coaches are USA Football certified. Register today at sgsbulldogs.org/registration.

If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please contact Mark Lemmel at lems51@msn.com or (513) 703-9336, Tony Shirmann at tshirm4@gmail.com or (513) 760-4165, or Chris Lohr at Chris.Lohr@hotmail.com or (513) 646-6343.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Richard Mahler, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Judy Sullivan, and Brigitte Vielhauer

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Audrey Ruthman



MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) the weekend of March 4 and 5 collecting items for Mother of Christ Food Pantry, which serves the poor and needy families in the St. Bernard Parish area who are struggling to make ends meet. 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. Cash and check donations are welcome, too. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you very much for your help!

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023?

Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources. Anniversary certificates will be mailed once a month through March 2023. For requests from March 1, 2023 through June 15, 2023, anniversary certificates will be mailed to your parish in late June 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

LENTEN LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Join Dr. Ceil Dorger for the Lenten Lunch with the Lord series at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains (325 W 8th St., Cincinnati) on March 15, 22, and 29. The series will be a meditation on the art that illustrates the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. As Mary said “yes” to being the Mother of God, so also did she accept the sufferings that went with the role. Come for the three Wednesdays in Lent as you and others discover the depth of Mary’s love manifested in her own suffering. Bring a friend and a brown bag lunch if you wish. The event is free and begins right after 11:30 a.m. Mass downstairs in Synod Hall.

I AM WITH YOU

PARISH MISSION 2023

Wednesday, March 8
He is in Our Midst
7PM | Chris Stefanick Presentation
Meet & Greet Book Signing

Thursday, March 9
Worthiness & Forgiveness
6PM | Dinner (RSVP)
7PM | Fr. Ryan Ruiz, S.L.D. & NET Ministries
Exposition & Confessions available

Friday, March 10
Divine Mercy & Personal Relationship
6PM | Pizza & Ponderings for Grades 6-12
7PM | Stations of the Cross
8PM | Holy Mass with Pastor Jim Riehle

TO REGISTER, VISIT: WWW.SAINT-MAX.ORG/PARISHMISSION

CARE FOR CREATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 4 | 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Curran Place, University of Dayton

Connect with others from across the archdiocese to pray, grow in fellowship, learn about the Laudato Si’ Action Platform, and act together to care for God’s creation. Everyone (all ages) who has a passion for caring for God’s creation and who wants to be part of something big, bold, and vital is invited. Register at tinyurl.com/careforcreation2023 by Saturday, February 25, to attend this free conference (lunch included). Additional information is available on the website or by contacting Andrew Musgrave at (513) 263-6691 or amusgrave@catholicaoc.org.

NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

**FEATURING:
Jonathan Roumie**

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Where: Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH

When: Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Cost: \$30 – \$60 per ticket | Discount Codes Available

Theme: Your Role as the Body of Christ

To Purchase Tickets Please Visit:
NationalMensConference.com
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100% of proceeds will go toward covering the costs and labor for the event. Any excess proceeds will be applied toward funding Christian speakers.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio serves vulnerable populations in 11 counties. We have many volunteer needs—from food pantries in rural counties to English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) instructors to mentors for refugee youth—and many more. If you are looking for ways to give your time and talents, visit our website, www.ccswoh.org, and click on the Get Involved tab.



ASK A PRIEST—SPECIAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: What are the opportunities to go deeper into prayer and the spiritual life this Lent at St. Gertrude Church?

A: The opening prayer for Ash Wednesday refers to Lent as “a campaign of Christian service.” Here, I think the word “service” is being used in a very broad sense: every thought and action whereby we seek to imitate Christ and, by his grace, love God and neighbor. Lent is a sacred season where graces abound; like Advent, it has a special resonance with *life as we know it*. Life often feels like a struggle or “battle,” and we sense the need to call out the people and equipment that will help us reach victory!

This Lent at St. Gertrude, many people will be strategic about their daily and weekly routines: planned out time (even just 10 minutes first thing in the morning!) for quiet prayer, attendance at one or more daily Masses in addition to Sunday, participation in one of our many prayer groups or parish activities whereby we have increased exposure to God and people who want to make God a priority. Just look at our Lenten handout or the special Lent page on the website (stgertrude.org/lent2023).

There are two specific Lenten devotions happening in the church this year that I wish to highlight: the Wednesday Holy Hour + “Eucharistic Holiness” Series (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and Friday Stations of the Cross (7-7:30 p.m). First, the Wednesday Holy Hour is an “hour of power” in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Come on your own or with a friend to hear a special short homily (aka,



“fervorino”) by one of the Dominican friars. Then take time to bask in the illuminating and healing presence of Jesus Christ who told his disciples, referring the Blessed Sacrament, “this is my Body given up for you.” There will also be several priests available for confession. Wednesday, March 8, will be a unique Holy Hour presented by the Vigil Project (see page 1 in the bulletin).

Second, Friday Stations of the Cross are a shorter, meditative walk through the saving passion and death of Jesus. Bring your family to hear short scriptural meditations and songs as the priest and servers walk to each of the 14 stations along the Church walls. You’ll come away with a greater sense of appreciation for what Jesus did for our sake, as well as the invitation to imitate his charity.

The other priests and I look forward to growing with you in love of God and neighbor this Lent! Let’s make Wednesday and Friday nights especially sacred times to pray together as a parish family, outside of Sunday which (of course) remains the holiest day of Christian service.

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!

LENTEN REMINDERS - FASTING & ABSTINENCE

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



A Prayer during Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, I give you thanks for your fast of forty days and forty nights, in which you were so afflicted and exhausted in the wilderness, and that you refused to be assailed by the devil’s foul temptations.

Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *The Temptation of Christ by the Devil* by Félix Joseph Barrias, 1860. Philbrook Museum of Art, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Monday, February 27	Tuesday, February 28	Wednesday, March 1	Thursday, March 2	Friday, March 3	Saturday, March 4	Sunday, March 5
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	Cana Family – Year 2 9:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Special Lenten Holy Hour with Reflection & Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 p.m. Parish Center Gym	K of C – 4th Degree Program 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level I & II 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Gym		K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Church	Choral Scholar Lessons 11:00 a.m. St. Joseph Room	Family Faith – Parent & Child Session 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Cana Family – Year 1 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		First Saturday Anointing of the Sick After 11:30 a.m. Mass Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
	Prayer Service & Social for Rare Disease Day 7 p.m. Church & St. Dominic Lobby					L'alto: High School Night 7 p.m. School Cafeteria
	SGS First Communion Parent 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 February 19**

Collection	\$	41,289
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Surplus	\$	4,789
2nd Collection - St. Gertrude School: \$3,099		

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,304,384
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,254,500
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	49,884

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
3/12/23

MATERIALS DUE
3/1/23

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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 Father John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar
 Father Joachim Kenney, O.P., parochial vicar

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Father John Langlois, O.P., prior
 Father Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
 Father John Corbett, O.P.
 Father Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master
 Father Darren Pierre, O.P.

St. Gertrude School - (513) 561-8020

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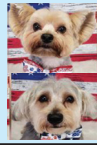
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