



I CAME INTO THIS WORLD  
FOR JUDGMENT, SO THAT  
THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE

*might see*

AND THOSE  
WHO DO SEE  
MIGHT BECOME BLIND.

JOHN 9:39



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

March 27, 2022



# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Martha & Bill Murray by Pat & Bruce Buckley
- 8 a.m. †Sr. Carol Marie Diemunsch, SND by Tricia Speicher
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Virginia Dare Hodges by Patty Raymond
- 8 a.m. †Doris Maltarich by Mike & Beth Stoll
- 11:30 a.m. †Fr. Francis Ralph, OP by David D. Paul Family

## Wednesday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †John Murray by The Murray Family
- 8 a.m. †John & Rosemary Retzler by Jeff & Elaine Parker
- 11:30 a.m. †Clyde Dorn by Al Stevenson

## Thursday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Patricia Behne by Don & Nancy Beimeche
- 8 a.m. †Dottie Gillen by Joe & Catsy Bride
- 11:30 a.m. †Anna Maria Stasioli by The Smithers Family

## Friday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

- 7 a.m. †Fran Morris by Joan Ratajczak
- 8 a.m. †David DeMaris by The Catholic Girls' Club
- 11:30 a.m. †Pauline Elizabeth Eggers by Kevin & Susan Kane

## Saturday, April 2, Lenten Weekday

- 8 a.m. †Anne Siebert by The Cordier Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Shirley Carroll by Nancy DeBrunner
- 4:30 p.m. †Virginia Goedde by The Goedde Family

## Sunday, April 3, 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8 a.m. †Barry Auer by Peter Bertoli
- 10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 12 p.m. †Thomas Tepe by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel
- 6 p.m. Phil Palcic by Maria Palcic

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 | [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org)

### Parish Office Hours

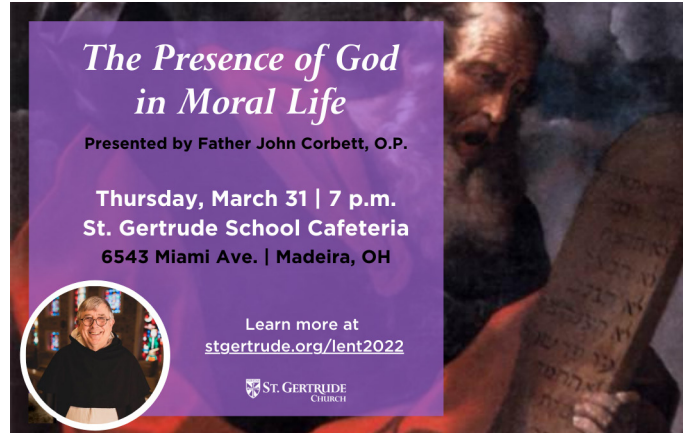
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### School Office Hours

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

### Church Hours

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



*The Presence of God  
in Moral Life*  
Presented by Father John Corbett, O.P.

Thursday, March 31 | 7 p.m.  
St. Gertrude School Cafeteria  
6543 Miami Ave. | Madeira, OH

Learn more at  
[stgertrude.org/lent2022](http://stgertrude.org/lent2022)

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



**Lenten Mission**  
*Living in the Presence of God*  
Presented by Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P.

April 4-6, 2022  
7 p.m. | Church

View the full schedule and learn more at [stgertrude.org/lent2022](http://stgertrude.org/lent2022)

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!**

**Date: Sunday, April 3, 2022**  
**Location: Gym**  
**Time: 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$8/person | \$28/family**  
**\$4/children grades K-8**  
**Children 5 & under - Free**

**PANCAKES**  
**EGGS**  
**SAUSAGE**

Gluten/dairy free menu available

Sponsored and prepared by Archbishop Elder Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Credit cards accepted



The following article, published on [thecatholictelegraph.com](http://thecatholictelegraph.com), is the second in a series of articles covering each of the six foundational principles of Beacons of Light, the pastoral planning process of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In his apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis proposes a vision of the local parish as a “center of constant

missionary outreach.” Sean Ater, director of the Center for the New Evangelization at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and a St. Gertrude Church parishioner, offers six goals for parishes to embrace in order to become vibrant centers for missionary outreach and true beacons of light. I encourage you to read the article and strive to achieve these goals together.

*Fr. George, O.P.*

**BEACONS OF LIGHT:**

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES - #2: EVANGELIZATION

“Let us be witnesses. Let us radiate Christ.” With these words, Archbishop Schnurr challenged the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s Catholic faithful to embrace the call to make Christ present in the world.

In his apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis proposes a vision of the local parish as a “center of constant missionary outreach.” The Beacons of Light pastoral planning process gives each parish an opportunity to embrace this vision.

What does it mean for a parish to be a center for missionary outreach? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “center” with multiple meanings. One is “a facility providing a place for a particular activity or service.” We might visualize a healthy parish this way, imagining a church campus bustling with activity every day of the week; a one-stop location for all spiritual and communal needs. However, an evangelizing parish is much more than that.

This alternative definition is a better consideration: “A source from which something originates.” Viewed through this lens, the Church, primarily in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, is the origin of missionary activity that radiates outward to all the world. Pope Benedict XVI uses nuclear fission to illustrate the connection between the Eucharist and mission, in that each time we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, He sets off a transformation in us that cannot be contained, but radiates outward. It transforms the world around us as we become more empowered to be witnesses for the Gospel and heroically love our neighbors.

To truly radiate Christ to the world, Families of Parishes must first have missionary initiative toward each person in their parish boundaries. In his *Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis expresses great hope in the parish institution because of its potential to be flexible, adaptive and creative with evangelizing efforts. It must choose “a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything,

so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation” (*Joy of the Gospel*, 27).

Beacons of Light affords precisely this opportunity for each Family of Parishes to “transform everything” by striving for these six goals:

1. **Missionary Discipleship:** The Family of Parishes will implement a simple and clear evangelization process that ultimately equips and commissions missionary disciples, in every stage of their lives, for personal apostolates and vocations.
2. **Grounded in Discernment:** The pastor, staff and lay leaders prioritize prayer, formation and discernment, both for themselves and the faithful, so that they allow the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide their evangelization efforts.
3. **Family Partnership:** Because the family is the primary place of evangelization for young people and parents are the primary educators of their children, families are well-supported by the parish.
4. **Prioritize Adult Formation:** Priority for forming the faithful in evangelization and catechesis is directed toward adults, who can share that knowledge with others and use it in forming their children’s faith at home.
5. **Effective Schools:** As an essential parish ministry, the parish school fulfills its purpose to be an “effective vehicle of total Christian formation” for young people and their parents.
6. **A Culture of Vocation:** Families of Parishes will prepare individuals to discern and embrace their vocations by helping them recognize and respond to God’s unique call for their lives.

By embracing these six goals, Families of Parishes will become vibrant centers for missionary outreach and true beacons of light.

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**THE POWER OF THE ROSARY**



“The history of the rosary shows how this prayer was used in particular by the Dominicans at a difficult time for the Church due to the spread of heresy. Today we are facing new challenges. Why should we not once more have recourse to the rosary, with the same faith as those who have gone before us?”

– Pope St. John Paul II

**COVER IMAGE:** ©shutterstock.com/RSedmakova | *The Miracle of Christ Healing the Blind*, Trevisan (1753)



### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

On Friday, March 18, we welcomed our students' grandparents and special guests for Grandparents' Day. Grandparents and special guests attended our school Mass and Primary Program (a program in which our students in kindergarten through third grade sing songs) and were given a tour of the school. After a great morning, the students were dismissed early so they could have lunch and spend quality time with their grandparents and guests.



### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is offering a limited number of Welcome Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year to preschool and kindergarten students who are the first in their immediate families to attend a Catholic school. For more information and to apply, please visit [catholicbestchoice.org](http://catholicbestchoice.org).

### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

For the week of March 28, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### **TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS**

The week of March 14, we began our first annual Tournament of Books—our version of March Madness. Our bracket consists of 16 of our students' most-loved picture books, resulting in eight matchups, each featuring two of the books. After reading the books, the students began voting on March 23 to decide which title in each pair would advance to the next round—Elite 8, Final 4, Top 2—until there is a winner. Students also had the opportunity to fill out a bracket to predict which book will win. Correct brackets will be entered to win a prize—a book of choice from our local indie bookstore, The Bookshelf.



Here are the 16 contenders:

*SPLAT*, Jon Burgerman

*Delightfully Different Dilly*, Elizabeth Dale

*The Day the Crayons Quit*, Drew Daywalt

*Dragons Dragons and Other Creatures That Never Were*, Eric Carle

*David Gets in Trouble*, David Shannon

*Saffy and Ollie*, Paola Opal

*The Barnabas Project*, The Fan Brothers

*We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, Ryan T. Higgins

*The Pigeon Has to Go to School*, Mo Willems

*Library Books Are Not for Eating*, Todd Tarpley

*Never Let a Unicorn Scribble*, Diane Alber

*If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*, Laura Numeroff

*Knuffle Bunny*, Mo Willems

*The Three Ninja Pigs*, Corey Rosen Schwartz

*Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates*, Kevin O'Malley

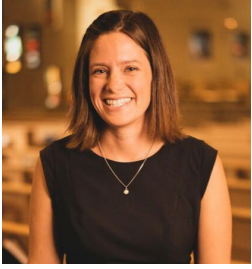
*See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog*, David LaRochelle



**APPLY TODAY for the 2022-2023 School Year**

[www.stgertrudesch.org/apply](http://www.stgertrudesch.org/apply)





## (TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION:

BY MARY BETH DICKERT

*“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”*

(Ps 34:9a).

God didn’t have to make food taste good, but he did! A friend of mine often rejoiced over this fact when we were in college. She loved distinguishing the particular herbs and spices in dishes, describing the textures and aromas on her plate, and creating colorful and nutritious meals for friends. There are extraordinary culinary possibilities for we human beings to enjoy!

The diet of animals—wild or domesticated—is a stark contrast by comparison. Our family dog eats the same bland food day after day with the addition of a couple raw carrots and a tiny scoop of peanut butter (to hide his medicine) in the evening. He will make sure you don’t forget that peanut butter! The birds outside are content with seeds and berries. The lucky squirrel that found an apple slice I placed outside may have just enjoyed the sweetest food he’ll have for months.

I wonder what it would have been like for the Israelites to finally eat “of the yield of the land of Canaan” after forty years of wandering in the desert, sustained by the manna, the mysterious (yet bland) “bread from heaven.” How delighted those men, women, and children must have been when they savored a variety of foods that had been previously unimaginable!

God’s people had *rejoiced* over his providential care when he at first gave them the gift of manna. As the years passed, however, they

grew exceedingly disgruntled by this “wretched food” (see Numbers 21:4-5). Can we see similarities in our own life of faith? At first we may be enamored by the goodness of the Lord and experience his presence in our life in tangible ways: powerful moments of prayer, inspirational retreats, joyful Christian friendships. Then? Years pass, life continues on, and . . . ? Have we become so accustomed to his grace that we have lost our spiritual “taste”? Have we forgotten his immense and unchanging love for us?

Or perhaps, like the younger son in today’s Gospel passage, we have hardened our hearts to the loving presence of our Father. He had had “enough.” He wanted to be on his own and seek fulfillment, but in ways that could never satisfy. What brought him back? His hunger: “here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father . . .” (Luke 15:17-18). He had reached a point of desperation.

Have we experienced a similar hunger? Have we reached the end of our own resources and capabilities and are looking for where to turn? Fasting during Lent allows us to experience a little hunger. This physical discipline ought to awaken our spiritual longing. We experience the reality of our limited human nature. It prompts us to recall what truly nourishes our soul. It reminds us, “man does not live on bread alone” (Mt 4:4).

Lent is an opportune time to return to the house of our Father. Let us turn back to him as we recognize our need. Let us go back to him, who alone can satisfy. He awaits us with a sacred feast.

*One Sunday each month, St. Gertrude Bulletin features stories and tips for trying to live the faith in ordinariness of life. This month’s article is from Mary Beth Dickert, our coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.*




## REVITALIZE

**Do you sense that God has something more planned for you, but you don’t know what it is—or how to find it?** Join us for Revitalize, an invigorating 7-week formation program that will **deepen your friendship with God, help you cultivate a more intentional prayer life, open your heart to the Holy Spirit,** and more.

The spring program begins Thursday, April 28, 2022. Visit [stgertrude.org/revitalize](http://stgertrude.org/revitalize) for details and to register. Space is limited.

**April 28–June 9  
7–9 p.m.  
Parish Center Lobby**

 ST. GERTRUDE  
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## LENTEN FASTING REMINDER

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholics are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. 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.



### **WE REACHED OUR CMA GOAL!**

Thank you to all who have responded generously to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have reached—and exceeded—our \$84,363 CMA goal! And, because of your support, the archdiocese recently surpassed \$4.75 million in pledges toward its \$5 million goal! If you haven't made a gift yet, you still can. Please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA) for more information. As a reminder, 50 percent of above-goal funds will be returned to our parish for us to use here at St. Gertrude. Thank you for your participation!

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PARISH LIBRARY**

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the Little Flower Library, which is open two Sunday mornings each month. During his or her shift (8-10 a.m. or 10 a.m.-12 p.m.), a library volunteer checks books out and in; shelves books; and identifies new books to purchase, catalog, and label. The library frequently receives book donations, and volunteers help identify the books we have already, what we want to keep, and what can go on the giveaway rack. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Susan Santos at (513) 504-0205.

### **EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES**

Remember your family, friends, and loved ones in a special way this Easter by enrolling them in our Easter novena of Masses, beginning Easter Sunday and ending Monday, April 25. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church and in the parish office.

### **ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, AND SACRISTANS**

If you want to sign up to participate in any liturgical ministry, change your preferences, update your profile, or remove your name from the scheduler program, please email [ministryscheduler@stgertrude.org](mailto:ministryscheduler@stgertrude.org). In addition, if you are having any issues with the program, please email the aforementioned address and someone will be in touch with you.

## BAPTISM



**March 13, 2022**

Child: Judah Ashton Price Brown  
Parents: Courtney & Kelley Brown

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has once again asked parishes around the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Funds collected in last year's Good Friday Collection provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Please plan now to make a donation on Good Friday. For more information about the collection, please visit [myfranciscan.org/good-friday](https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

### **WE'RE HIRING A COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION!**

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing and implementing faith formation content and programming for children in grades 4–8? Apply to be St. Gertrude Parish's coordinator of youth formation. Learn more at [stgertrude.org/employment](https://stgertrude.org/employment).

### **2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? Sign her up for volleyball! St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Practices will tentatively start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. Early bird registration (save \$25) is open now through April 24. Regular registration ends May 8. For more information and to register, please visit [sgsbulldogs.org/registration](https://sgsbulldogs.org/registration). If you are interested in coaching, please contact Shannon Schuler at [shannon\\_schuler@hotmail.com](mailto:shannon_schuler@hotmail.com). You do not need to have a daughter on the team to coach.

## LET US PRAY

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

#### THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, 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 Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

#### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, 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



## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE - SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND**



40 Days for Life is an international pro-life organization that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. From March 2–April 10, 2022, people all over the world will unite in a 40 Days for Life Campaign. St. Gertrude Church will participate in the campaign on Thursday, March 31, keeping vigil at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up after Mass this weekend, March 26-27. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252.

## **HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER COLLECTION**

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) next weekend, April 2-3, collecting items for Hope Emergency Center. The greatest needs this month are for mens' and boys' clothing and shoes, food, diapers, formula, baby food. Additionally, items needed on a regular basis include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash or check donations are also appreciated. Please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085 with any questions. Thank you!

## **ST. IGNATIUS LENTEN MISSION WITH FATHER RICHARD VERAS**

Join St. Ignatius Parish on March 28-31 at 7 p.m. for *The Word Made Flesh Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever* with Father Richard Veras. Adoration, confession, and music will be offered from 6 to 6:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Father Veras is a regular contributor to *Magnificat* magazine and the author of three books. Come for one or all four evenings. Learn more about Father Veras and the Lenten mission at <https://bit.ly/StILentMissionFrVeras2022>.

## **CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE - NEXT WEEKEND**

Save \$10 when you register for the Cincinnati Men's Conference using code CMC22 (code is case sensitive). Themed "Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing," the conference is intended to inspire all men, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey or which faith you identify with, to become the best versions of themselves as men of Jesus Christ. For more information and to get your tickets, visit [CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://CincinnatiMensConference.com).

## **BEHOLD - EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Join other young adults on April 1 at St. Monica-St. George Catholic Church for an evening of adoration, confession, praise and worship, and fellowship. The event is from 7 to 11 p.m., and there is no cost to attend. Learn more at [centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/behold](http://centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/behold).

## **THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LENT**

*The Catholic Telegraph's* 2022 Ultimate Guide to Lent is beautifully designed to help you experience a life-changing Lent. Equal parts practical and inspirational, the Guide is packed with recipes, ideas for prayer, saint stories, and other enjoyable content. It's totally free and sent right to your email inbox. Get yours today at [thecatholictelegraph.com/lent2022](http://thecatholictelegraph.com/lent2022).

## **ANNUAL CISE PARTY IN THE CITY**

You are invited to the 12th Annual Catholic Inner-City Education Fund (CISE) Party in the City on Saturday, April 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Backstage Event Center (625 Walnut Street, Cincinnati). Proceeds provide summer learning opportunities for students attending ten Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$85/person in advance or \$100/person at the door and include open bar, live music, dancing, fun, food, friends, raffles, and a silent auction. For more information or to purchase your tickets, contact Mikayla at the CISE office at (513) 263-3474 or [mbishop@cisekids.org](mailto:mbishop@cisekids.org). You can also purchase tickets at [secure.qgiv.com/event/cise](http://secure.qgiv.com/event/cise).



## **BANQUET FOR LIFE**

Join Pregnancy Center East at its Banquet for Life on Monday, April 11, at the Hyatt Regency as the center celebrates 40 years of serving families in Greater Cincinnati. Cocktails start at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and presentations from three keynote speakers (Anthony Muñoz, Bob Trumpy, Dave Lapman) and special guest Rocky Boiman. This lively, inspiring evening is PCE's biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the center to keep its doors open. Tickets are \$100 for individuals and \$1,000 for a table of 10. For more information, visit [SupportPCE.com](http://SupportPCE.com), or contact Karen at (513) 236-8006 or Anne at (513) 207-1631.

## **HOPE FOR WOMEN HEALING FROM BETRAYAL TRAUMA**

Hope Blooms is a powerful virtual retreat for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Gather with us April 22-23 (Divine Mercy weekend) as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and our betrayals at the Lord's feet and open our hands and our hearts to receive his merciful outpouring. Talks include "Uprooting Shame and Guilt," "Understanding Trauma and Its Impacts on Body, Mind, and Spirit," "Freedom Through Forgiveness," and more. There will also be time for small group healing prayer and adoration. To view the full schedule, learn about the retreat leaders, and register, visit [hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats](http://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats), or email De at [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).





## **ASK A PRIEST: THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN MORAL LIFE**

FATHER JOHN CORBETT, O.P.

*Today's Ask a Priest column is devoted to our parish Lenten Speaker Series. This 4-week series on the Presence of God has taken place on Thursday, March 10, 17, 24, and will continue*

*on March 31 at 7 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. We hope you can come with a friend or family member! Our fourth and last speaker in the series is Father John Corbett, O.P., who will be talking about the Presence of God in Moral Life. Here is a short preview of his presentation.*

**Q:** On Thursday, March 31, you will speak about the Presence of God in Moral Life. If I'm not especially "moral," how can God be in my life?

**A:** The question presupposes that God is "moral" by our standards. Actually, he isn't. When we say someone is moral, we usually mean one of two things. First, we mean that he or she keeps the rules or

commandments. Second, we mean that he or she has the kind of character that leads to true happiness. Neither of these fully apply to God. God is the author of the commandments, so he isn't measured by them. Neither is he acting in a way that leads him to happiness, since he is already fully and completely happy. What we can say and without reservation is that God is good. Infinitely good.

We can be good, too. Why? How? Because there is a family resemblance between ourselves and God. We are made in his image and likeness. God is infinite intelligence, and our own minds share in this. He loves himself and everything he made. He calls us to do the same. God set himself a vocation to bring the whole creation to reflect his glory. And as his images, we get to share in this work as well. He does this through Christ—his only true image. Notwithstanding our moral challenges, God's promise stands, and we can share in his glory. If only we say "yes" to his offer.

*Ask a Priest is a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the bulletin. Submit your own question to [parishoffice@stgertrude.org](mailto:parishoffice@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*





Monday, March 28	Tuesday, March 29	Wednesday, March 30	Thursday, March 31	Friday, April 1	Saturday, April 2	Sunday, April 3
<b>Merciful Love Video Series</b> 12:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>True Devotion to Mary</b> 12 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Adult Choir</b> 7 p.m. Music Room	<b>Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series</b> 9:45 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> 5-7:30 p.m. Parish Center	<b>Genesis to Jesus</b> 9 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses Sharing Van
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Children's Choir</b> 3 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Peer Ministry Team Meeting</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	<b>L'Alto: Confirmation</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting</b> 10:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Rosary Sales</b> After 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses PC St. Dominic Lobby
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Church	<b>Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 3:30 p.m. Atrium I	<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church	<b>Regina Veritatis Team Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 7 p.m. Church	<b>First Saturday Prayer Service</b> 12 p.m. Church	<b>KofC Pancake Breakfast</b> 8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Gym
<b>L'Alto: High School Core Team Meeting</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 5 p.m. Atrium II		<b>Lenten Speaker Series</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria		<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	<b>Family Faith</b> 9 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
<b>Seasons of Hope</b> 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria					<b>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</b> 9 & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
						<b>Baptisms</b> 1:15 p.m. Church
						<b>L'Alto: High School</b> 7 p.m. Parish Center

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**Weekly Collection and Budget Report**  
**Collection for March 20**

Collection	\$	29,431
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Deficit	\$	(5,863)

2nd Collection: \$2,502 Catholic Education

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,428,704
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,386,172
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	42,532

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