



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

May 2, 2021

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MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, May 3, SS. Philip and James (F)

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Schuler/Jeanne Johantges
 8:00 a.m. †Donald Sammons, Sr./Rick Sammons
 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, May 4, Easter Weekday

- 7:00am †Dorothy Arozarena/Laura Ringenbach
 8:00am †Richard & Patricia Rauckhorst/
 The Juergens Family
 11:30am †Barbara Dugan/The Stines Family

Wednesday, May 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, OP (M)

- 7:00am †Terry Scales/Maureen Gallagher
 8:00am Micheline Finley/Paul & Eileen Ramstetter
 11:30am †James Bacho, Jr./Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Kenny

Thursday, May 6, Easter Weekday

- 7:00am †Tim Ney/Courtney Roberts
 8:00am †Shirley Runck/Mary Jo Morgan
 11:30am †Mary Lou Brockman/Jerry & Barb Beitman

Friday, May 7, Easter Weekday

- 7:00am †Tom Stevic/Ellie, Rita, Betsy & Kathy
 8:00am †Thomas Finch/Mary Schmidt
 11:30am †Elizabeth (Mitzi) Smith/
 Trish & Steve Krehbiel

Saturday, May 8, Easter Weekday

- 8:00am †Violet Hoffman/Dolores Brandstetter
 11:30am †Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity/
 The Ladies of Charity

May 8-9, 6th Sunday of Easter

- Saturday** – 4:30 p.m.
 †Regina Micca/The Isaacs Family
Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 People of St. Gertrude
 †Georgiana Buckley/The Woodward Family
 Mother's Day Novena
 †Barbara Carrillo/Elvira Carrillo
 †Maria Xuan Doan/Thien Cao

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.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Updated April 1, 2021

"The Coronavirus pandemic, despite positive trends and widespread vaccination, is not yet over. For that reason, **the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place at least for now** to not unduly burden the consciences of those who have serious health concerns, either for themselves or for someone in their immediate care. Likewise, please maintain vigilance when it comes to wearing masks, social distancing and using hand sanitizer in church. The health and safety of our communities continues to be of paramount importance."

– Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese, March 15, 2021

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Keep a prudent distance inside the church. Ushers will help ensure safe seating on Sundays.
- We ask that the faithful wear cloth masks for the sake of the common good. People with breathing difficulties and young children should not wear masks.
- Only friars, sisters, novices, lay ministers and a limited number of staff members will be in the sanctuary and sacristy.

HOLY COMMUNION

- You are not obliged to receive Holy Communion at every Mass you attend. Consider making a spiritual communion, or receiving at a weekday Mass.
- The faithful who choose to receive Holy Communion will come up to the altar rail, where one or two priests will distribute the sacred host. Keep space in line, and only remove your mask at the rail.
- You may receive in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing. Note: the rail is a high-contact surface.

Mass & Confession Schedule

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
 12:00 p.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. Mass

WEEKDAYS

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 11:30 a.m. Conventual Mass
 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in Church
 4:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
 7:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
 (Wednesdays Only)

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
 11:30 a.m. Mass
 3:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
 4:30 p.m. Mass (Sunday Anticipated)



CHURCH DECOR AND THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

You may have noticed a different style of seasonal decorations over the last few months, and the removal of some devotional art works that had been added over the last few years. I want to share with you the reflections that led to this change.

A couple of weeks ago, on April 16th, the parish observed the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the current church. The Masses that day had the rank of a Solemnity with the singing of the Gloria and the recitation of the Creed. An evening Mass in the Dominican Rite was also celebrated. The liturgical prayers highlighted the mystery of the Temple of God, which is the Church. In the Opening Collect, we asked God to “hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption.” That beautiful turn of phrase emphasizes that a church is to be a place of prayer and worship – a place of encounter with God who is ever close to His people. The Preface of the Mass affirms the creative work of God and summarizes the purpose of a church: “For in this visible house that you have let us build and where you never cease to show favor to the family on pilgrimage to you in this place, you wonderfully manifest and accomplish the mystery of your communion with us. Here you build up for yourself the temple that we are and cause your Church, spread throughout the world, to grow ever more and more as the Lord’s own Body, till she reaches her fullness in the vision of peace, the heavenly city Jerusalem.” Through liturgical celebrations, devotional expressions, and individual prayers, God acts in our lives to bring us into the fullness of life.

Our parish church is theologically rich in its design and symbols. The architect is Edward Schulte, whose work can be seen all around our city, including the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, St. Cecilia in Oakley, Christ the King in Mt. Lookout, and Holy Trinity in Norwood. In a personal memoir, Schulte wrote: “The architect privileged to design churches should shun artificialities, affectations, illusions, and dissimulations; a church should be designed to serve as an analogy of the sacred through its beauty” (from *The Lord Was My Client*, p. 124). About St. Gertrude Church, he wrote, “The church is contemporary in design but retaining all the elements that contribute to a composition recognizable as a church dedicated to Christian worship” (p. 125). There is an integrity to the design and appointments of our parish church that draw attention to the sanctuary with the “altar supporting a free-standing golden cross of majestic size, suggesting the tree of life with symbols of the Eucharist at its base, and an ivory corpus framed by twelve panels of

historic Eucharistic symbols” (p. 125). By design, our attention is drawn to focus on the Sacred Mysteries.

As a pastor, I believe that it is important to maintain and respect the architectural design of a church so that it retains its coherence. For guidance, I look to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and the chapter on “The Arrangement and Ornamentation of Churches.” In this chapter, the Church provides instruction on decorations and sacred images. One principle is: “Moderation should be observed in the decoration of the altar.... Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table.” Regarding sacred images, the Church instructs that sacred images “should be so arranged so as to lead the faithful toward the mysteries of faith celebrated there. Care should, therefore, be taken that their number not be increased indiscriminately, and moreover that they be arranged in proper order so as not to draw the attention of the faithful to themselves and away from the celebration itself. There should usually be only one image of any given Saint.” Lastly, the GIRM states, “Every effort should be made, even in minor matters, to observe appropriately the requirements of art and ensure that a noble simplicity is combined with elegance.”



Following these principles is the rationale for how our church is decorated with flowers, etc. in festive seasons and the recent removal of some of the sacred images. (They have been put in storage.)

Our attention is given to the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries on the altar in communion with the angels and saints, some of whose images surround us (including those saints in the stained-glass windows). We have a beautiful church made with solid materials in noble simplicity. With minds and hearts and voices, we are invited to worship the Triune God as we acclaim Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. He is the one who summons us to gather in communion with Him and with one another.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

COVER IMAGE: “Vine of the Cross,” photograph by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Detail from an embroidered chasuble in St Dominic’s Priory, Newcastle.

SCHOOL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIMARY STUDENTS, MR. GILLUM AND THE PRIMARY TEACHERS FOR AN ENTERTAINING AND INSPIRATIONAL PRIMARY PROGRAM, *FISH TALES* PERFORMED APRIL 19TH FOR PARENTS!



Saint Gertrude Players 2021



SGS PLAYERS PERFORMED *THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS* ON APRIL 16 AND 18. THE PERFORMANCE WAS STREAMED FOR ONLINE AUDIENCES ON APRIL 24 AND 25. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S THEATRE POSSIBLE DESPITE ALL OBSTACLES! THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS WAS ENJOYABLE AND LIVELY FROM BEGINNING TO END!



(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: GOD KEEPS MESSING UP MY PLANS

BY BRAD BURSA

The Resurrection accounts are basically stories wherein Jesus wrecks plans. He's a plan-wrecker.

Heading to the tomb to embalm His body? He's not there. Returning to an old way of life in Emmaus? He turns them right around. Staunch disbelief? He'll stick your hand in His side. Want to fish off the left side of the boat? "Toss it starboard," He says. Getting comfy hiding in the Upper Room? "Go to Galilee." Trying to eat a meal in hiding? He just walked through the wall and is looking at you. Pumped that He rose from the dead and is going to be with us forever? He ascends into heaven, remaining with us forever, but in a way we'd never expect.

Admittedly, I don't know much about the ways of the Lord. But this I know for certain: The Lord messes up plans and He consistently confronts mine and shatters them. What a blessing.

When I get "stuck," or "fixated" on a plan I have, however beautifully hand-crafted or cleverly contrived, I fool myself into thinking I'm the *author* of life, that I *make* things happen, that I can *tell* God what to do, that I can *fashion* God according to my image and likeness (instead of the other way around). In His mercy, severe as it seems from time-to-time, God trashes my imaginary plans and invites me into the real. Now, this does not seem to be the case every time, but it happens with sound frequency. He calls me to let go of control. He challenges me to relinquish the icy death-grip I use to find security in my own devices at home or away. He made my children out to be nocturnal creatures, and ones who constantly provoke me to return to questions about what life is all about and to leave illusion behind.

The Resurrection accounts are not mere interruptions of life. These are not chance encounters that simply disturb the flow of plans, which can then be resumed as soon as He can be passed off to bother someone else. No. The post-Resurrection encounters we read about during this Easter season describe radical, life-altering events. These are not pauses in plans that will eventually be resumed. Jesus encountering the disciples and their plans is like a wrecking ball meeting an old building. The plan is no more. Jesus has a new way and he's inviting us into it. This is no interruption such that one can then continue on his own way. This is conversion and entering into The Way.



"God doesn't meet expectations."

I once heard this line in a talk.

The speaker went on to conclude the thought: "He exceeds them."

In reality, my expectations are rather small. I don't know what I don't know. But, God knows all and He invites me to let go of, to surrender my constant demands and my tiny plans, that He might exceed them in unfathomable ways.

How can one do this? How can one open himself or herself up to God?

Well, I can think of two ways right off the bat.

The first involves actually exercising hope – that radical entrustment of the future (and all my plans for it) into the hands of God with no strings attached. It turns out that this radical surrender is horribly difficult and must, it seems to me, become a daily, hourly, even minute-ly exercise in hope, because we are darn good at handing something off and then grabbing it (or parts of it) back. We like the "undo" button.

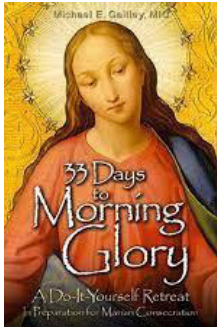
Second, I am reminded of Jean-Pierre de Caussade's spiritual classic *Abandonment to Divine Providence*. Here, de Caussade reminds his readers that precisely within the present moment, within your present circumstances in your state in life, amid the duties and cares and responsibilities of the day, that the Lord and His Will are to be discovered. Plans launch me far into the illusory and idealistic future, while God is always *really* now. The Resurrection accounts make this abundantly clear. And in each story, as He annihilates peoples' plans, Jesus invites His disciples to enter profoundly into the mystery of the Resurrection which is only possible by entering profoundly into His presence in the present moment.

God is a plan-wrecker and an inviter into something much bigger and better than I could conceive of on my own. He invites me to let go of my plans and to enter into the mystery of that wrecking

ball that is the Resurrected Jesus – the one who tears down walls, fishes like a genius, has a pierced heart that touches ours, sets hearts on fire, illuminates minds, gives peace that the ways of the world cannot – that He might lead me down new pathways. One such pathway might be getting some Cheerios

for my three-year-old who is identifying herself with her hunger, instead of trying to come up with some profound point by which to polish off this piece. Maybe that is profound enough.

MARIAN CONSECRATION - JUNE 12TH



On June 12, the Fatima statue will arrive at St. Gertrude, one of the stops during the Archdiocese's Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage. Part of our celebration will include a Marian concert at 7pm, followed by a Marian Consecration ceremony.

In order to prepare for the consecration, the Archdiocese has provided PLENTY of complimentary copies of the pamphlet

version of Fr. Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory*, which are available in the church. For those who wish to make the consecration on June 12, you will begin your 33 days of preparation on May 10.

The parish will be offering the video-based program for the book, as well. These talks will be shown in the Parish Center Lobby from 7:00-8:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- ❖ May 6th – Introduction and St. Louis de Montfort
- ❖ May 20th – St. Maximilian Kolbe and Blessed Mother Teresa
- ❖ June 3rd – St. Pope John Paul II and Conclusion

FLOWER SALE

The St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets and 4 1/2" individual potting plants at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 8 and 9. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati.

These baskets make a perfect gift for Mother's Day and for your own garden and can be purchased with cash or checks made out to Right to Life. Questions? Contact Jana Widmeyer at jmwidmeyer@gmail.com.



3RD-8TH GRADE (GIRLS) VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- ✦ Please visit the SGS Boosters website for more information and to register: sgsbulldogs.org/registration.
- ✦ Practices will tentatively start in August and season runs through mid-October.
- ✦ Registration will remain open until May 16.
- ✦ If you have any questions, or are interested in coaching (must be a parishioner 21 years or older) please contact the girls' coordinator Shannon Schuler at shannon_schuler@hotmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A beautiful spiritual remembrance for your Mother, Grandmother, Aunts or friends is to enroll them in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. This Novena of nine Masses begins on Mother's Day through May 17. Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church and also at the parish office in the school.



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Michael Bell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Ed Doll, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Nancy Lucas, Sandra Munyon, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valke 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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeanne Hannan – mother of Lauren & Hollie

BAPTISM



Child: Lucy Genevieve Smith
Parents: Mary Clare & Jacob Smith

CALLING ALL LADIES OF CHARITY

There will be an organizational meeting on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph's room in the Parish Center. We will make our plans for the upcoming Summer and Fall activities – Treasure Mart and Craft Fair.

Please plan to join us. Invite a friend. Come meet new friends and enjoy serving fellow members of our community. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join. Need more information? Please contact Jean Wilkinson at 498-5085.

LOC 2021 ANNUAL TREASURE MART

July 17th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: The excitement is building! Have you been saving your donations? It will be here before you know it! Donations can be dropped off at the parish gym beginning Tuesday, July 13th through Thursday, July 15th from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. On Friday, July 16th donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. PLEASE NOTE: We do NOT have storage to accept your donations sooner than the dates above. More details to follow. Thank you for your support. Questions? Please call Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085.

GENTLEMEN INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT PREGNANCY CENTER EAST?

Male mentors empower men to advocate for their unborn children. Training provided. Please contact Pregnancy Center East at 513-321-3100 or Kbonner@pregnancycentereast.com for more information.



EAGLE EYE MINISTRIES



SUPERCHARGE IN THE PARK

Eden Park | May 16th
8 AM - 6 PM
bit.ly/2021-Supercharge

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The City of Madeira and the Village of Indian Hill will once again join together on Thursday, May 6, 2021 in observance of the 70th Annual National Day of Prayer. The national theme is, “Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty” with 2 Corinthians 3:17 as the theme scripture. For more information about the national theme, go to www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

This year’s observance will be sponsored by the City of Madeira and will be held at McDonald Commons Park (7451 Dawson Road) at the Veterans Memorial starting at 7:30 a.m. Fr. George will be attending this event, and we hope many parishioners will be present as well.



LAY CATHOLIC STUDIES

Mount St. Mary’s School of Theology is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and offers lay men and women the opportunity to earn a Certificate or Graduate degree, take classes for personal enrichment, and grow in faith while preparing for new opportunities. Classes are offered weeknight evenings, Saturday morning, and throughout the day. Choose from courses in Doctrine, Liturgy, Philosophy, History, Scripture, Theology, and Pastoral Studies. Outstanding teachers, flexible components, and a supportive environment allow busy adults to learn while maintaining work and family commitments. Fall semester begins in mid-August. For information on courses and program options, see our website, www.athenaeum.edu or call 513-231-1200. For information on the Certificate or Master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry, call 513-233-6127.



THE GLORY OF MASCULINITY

MEN'S RETREAT

WITH MARK HOUCK

DATE: MAY 22, 2021 **TIME:** 9AM - 12:30PM
LOCATION: ALL SAINTS PARISH (ST. JOHN CAMPUS)
 25743 ST. ROUTE 1, GUILFORD, IN 47022
COST: FREE (FREEWILL OFFERING)
REGISTER: [HTTPS://ASP-HOUCK2021.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://asp-houck2021.eventbrite.com)






ASK A PRIEST - DEATH TO SIN, LIFE WITH GOD (CONTINUED)

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

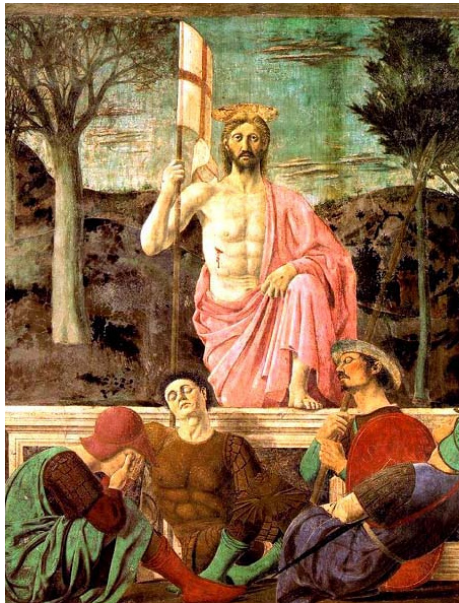
Q: What does it mean that Jesus conquered sin on the cross? What sin did He conquer? If we all still have original sin and we all still continue to sin, then what sin did He conquer?

Q: Since Jesus came to earth as a man to “reset” the human race, please explain why we would pay attention to modern theories of evolution?

A: Two weeks ago, we provided an answer to the first question above: the sin of Adam and Eve has had lasting consequences for the human race BUT those consequences cease to *fully* exert their force on baptized Christians thanks to Jesus’ Resurrection. Sin no longer can state the terms of our destiny. Jesus has paid our debt with “credit” left over! But now it’s time to tackle the second question, which inquires about the “newness” of redeemed humanity. It’s a cool topic, to say the least. First, it is important to distinguish the principles of our renewal in **grace** (i.e. friendship with God) from the principles at work within our **human nature** (i.e. the metaphysical “friendships” between body and soul, if you will).

Speaking of grace, it is wonderful that God has sent His Son who not only enabled the “reset” of our friendship with God but, through the gift of His Spirit, made us God’s adopted sons and daughters. God has begun a “new creation” in His Son Jesus who died and rose from the dead, something that touches us now and will be completed later.

Pay attention to the accounts of the Resurrection read at Mass between Easter and Pentecost: The risen Jesus has a real, physical, human body. And yet His body has strange and fascinating qualities such as to make Him unrecognizable to His friends at first glance, able to pass through locked doors, and still possessing the marks of His Passion (see John 20). St. Paul marvels over the mystery of Christ’s death and Resurrection and presents it as the “first fruits” of our own future glorious transformation: “Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For



the trumpet will sound, and the dead shall be raised unperishable, and we shall be changed...” (1 Cor 15:51-52). Yes, we will have human bodies at the future resurrection, but they will be “clothed in immortality” due to special gifts and powers granted by God through his Son Jesus.

This spiritual renewal that includes bodily promises is not meant to completely “outshine” the story of our physical and psychological progress as human beings in this life; grace does not make nature irrelevant. In the future Resurrection, when all things are made new, we will still have truly human souls and bodies, albeit ones that shine with the image of Jesus’ glory. Therefore, our having bodies and souls is indispensable if we are to imagine what the experience of bodily resurrection will be like.

I may not be a scientist searching for the cure to the most recent viral menace. But I must recognize that insofar as science gains insights into the human nature we all possess, and helps that nature to stay healthy and flourish, it can help all of us better appreciate and care for the “subject matter” God has created, redeemed, and wishes to lead to the indescribable joys of His kingdom.¹

So, in short, I would have to say that scientific theories such as evolution are worth our interest and study. Not every hypothesis in a culture such as our own is going to uphold all the tenants of the Catholic faith or share our hopes for the future. But this is not a reason to completely disengage such theories. To the contrary, love and interest for the humanity we hold in common can become the “springboard” for sharing the hope we hold in faith.

¹I should mention here projects like “Thomistic Evolution” that help students of science, philosophy, and theology to learn from one another about the wonders of what God has made. I also know of a Spanish Dominican of the last century, Fr. Juan Arintero, who used the phenomenon of development in the natural world to help people understand the growth God would accomplish in our spiritual lives.

“Ask a priest” will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



O Supreme Good, I want to love You as no one on earth has ever loved You before! I want to adore You with every moment of my life and unite my will closely to Your holy will. My life is not drab or monotonous, but it is varied like a garden of fragrant flowers, so that I don’t know which flower to pick first, the lily of suffering or the rose of love of neighbor or the violet of humility. I will not enumerate these treasures in which my every day abounds. It is a great thing to know how to make use of the present moment. (Diary, #296)

| Monday, May 3 | Tuesday, May 4 | Wednesday, May 5 | Thursday, May 6 | Friday, May 7 | Saturday, May 8 | Sunday, May 9 |
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| Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church | Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | Consoling the Heart of Jesus 9:00 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | HSYM End of Year Party 7:00 p.m. Parish Center | Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria | Mother's Day Flower Sale <i>After All Masses</i> |
| RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | Religious Education 4:30 p.m. School Atrium | Peer Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria | RE First Communion Practice 6:30 p.m. Church | | RE First Communion 2:00 p.m. Church | |
| | Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria | Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church | Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Music Room | | Mother's Day Flower Sale <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> | |
| | Real Friendship 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | | 33 Days to Morning Glory 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby | | | |

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

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for April 25

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| Weekly Budget | \$ | 38,235 |
| Collection | \$ | 25,608 |
| Weekly Deficit | (\$ | 12,627) |

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)

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| Fiscal YTD Budget | \$ | 1,685,882 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$ | 1,620,762 |
| Fiscal YTD Deficit | (\$ | 65,120) |

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
5/16/21

MATERIALS DUE
5/5/21

Please submit your Mass announcements & bulletin articles to: bulletin@stgertrude.org
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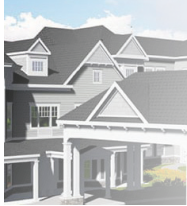
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