

I AM

THE LIVING
BREAD THAT
CAME DOWN
FROM
HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS
THIS BREAD
WILL LIVE
FOREVER.
JOHN 6:51



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

June 19, 2022 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, June 20, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Anne Siebert by The Stines Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga (M)

- 7 a.m. † Louis "Dean" Giacometti by St. Gertrude Parish
- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Melinda & Bob Reckers

Wednesday, June 22, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More (M)

- 7 a.m. † Joan Galbraith by Dominican Sisters
- 8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Maureen Dunne
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 23, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (S)

- 7 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 8 a.m. † Julie Nemzik by Bob & Jere Pulte
- 11:30 a.m. † William Holland by Knights of Columbus

Friday, June 24, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)

- 7 a.m. † James Schuster by Craig & Teresa Babcock
- 8 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 11:30 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

Saturday, June 25,

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. Lisa Pifher by The Pachuk Family
- 11:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- 4:30 p.m. † Marjorie A. McCarthy by Molly & Bruce Vollmer

Sunday, June 26, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. † Elizabeth Kossowan by Peter Bertoli
- 10 a.m. † Gregory Schlueter by David & Peggy Schlueter
- 12 p.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 6 p.m. Father's Day Novena

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

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; Friday: Closed

Church Hours

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

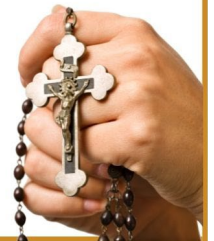


ROSARY SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council #1195 invite you to join them and their families on June 21 to pray the rosary and listen to a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. The presentation will feature images from the Shroud of Turin Research Project, a full-sized cloth replica of the Shroud, and more! Refreshments will be provided.

ROSARY
7 p.m. | Church
PRESENTATION
7:30 p.m. | Parish Center



DRINKING WITH DOMINICANS

Join us this July for an awe-inspiring 4-week speaker series on the Eucharist.

July 7, 14, 21, 28

7-8:30 p.m.

Oakley Kitchen

715 Madison Rd, Cincinnati

More details to come!

ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



THE TESTIMONY OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS ABOUT THE EUCHARIST

Instead of my usual letter and in honor of Corpus Christi, I want to share with all of you some of the most significant passages from the early centuries of the Church that demonstrate that our Catholic belief that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ is not some medieval

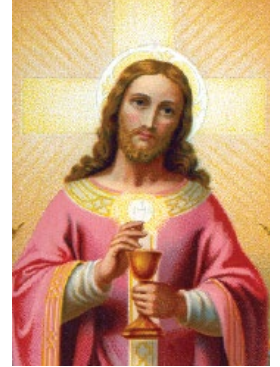
*fabrication, but **the authentic belief in the Church going back to the very beginning.** Notice the dates for the quotes found below. This is the faith of the Church, as it was, is, and forever will be.*

St. Ignatius of Antioch, A.D. 110 (*Letter to the Smyrnaeans, 6:2–7:1*)
“Take note of those who hold heterodox [false] opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, and see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God. . . . They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes . . .”

St. Justin Martyr, A.D. 151 (*First Apology, 66*)
“We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [i.e., has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, **is both the flesh and the blood** of that incarnated Jesus.”

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, A.D. 350 (*Catechetical Lectures, 19:7; 22:6,9*)
“The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, **the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ.**”
“Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master’s declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the body and blood of Christ. . . . [Since you are] fully convinced that the apparent bread is not bread, even though it is sensible to the taste, but the body of Christ, and that the apparent wine is not wine, even though the taste would have it so, partake of that bread as something spiritual, and put a cheerful face on your soul.”

Theodore of Mopsuestia, A.D. 405 (*Catechetical Homilies 5:1*)
“When [Christ] gave the bread he did not say, ‘This is the *symbol* of my body,’ but, ‘This is my body.’ In the same way, when he gave the cup of his blood he did not say, ‘This is the *symbol* of my blood,’ but, ‘This is my blood’; for he wanted us to look upon the [Eucharistic elements] after their reception of grace and the coming of the Holy Spirit not according to their nature, but **receive them as they are, the body and blood of our Lord.** We ought . . . not regard [the elements] merely as bread and cup, but as the body and blood of the Lord, into which they were transformed by the descent of the Holy Spirit.”



And so, my brothers and sisters, we stand in the midst of an unbroken tradition of 2,000+ years of belief that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, what is mere bread and wine before Mass begins is transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord during the consecration. On this Corpus Christi, let us thank the Lord Jesus, who loves us so much that he feeds us with his very flesh and blood in this most beautiful and sacred of all gifts, the Most Holy Eucharist.

God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“I find myself so weak that were it not for Holy Communion I would fall continually. One thing alone sustains me, and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw my strength; in it is all my comfort. I fear life on days when I do not receive Holy Communion. I fear my own self. Jesus concealed in the Host is everything to me.

From the tabernacle I draw strength, power, courage and light. Here, I seek consolation in time of anguish. I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart.” (*Diary, #1037*)

COVER IMAGE: *Christ the Saviour with the Eucharist, Juanes (1545-50)*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR - PART 3

We ended this school year with grateful hearts for all that God had accomplished and blessed us with at St. Gertrude School. Here is part three of our list of SGS accomplishments for the 2021-2022 school year:

Student Accomplishments

- Our 4th and 5th graders had a successful Cultural Fair, showcasing their projects to the parents and the school community.
- The 7th graders successfully completed their science research and writing projects, culminating in the annual SGS Science Fair.
- Our 8th graders did an outstanding job with their apologetics research projects, which included presentations and verbal defenses before the Dominican brothers.
- The student council planned and executed a successful all-school Veterans Day service in the gym, which included participation and celebration of some of our local and St. Gertrude community veterans.
- The student council worked with Magnified Giving to secure \$1,000 to invest in a local philanthropic organization.
- Two junior high students competed at the state Power of the Pen competition.
- Twenty-two academic scholarships were awarded to 8th graders by area Catholic and private high schools.
- The student council planned and executed a successful drive for Pregnancy Center East with 1,000-plus items donated.
- The student council planned and executed a coat drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society, collecting hundreds of coats.
- The student council planned and sponsored our “Giving Thanks, Giving Back” campaign for the Little Sisters of the Poor, collecting hundreds of donated items.
- During November, our student council planned and executed a “Thank You” letter collection for all the volunteers and support staff at Catholic Charities Southwest Ohio.
- During December, the student council planned and executed a “Welcome to Cincinnati” greeting card collection for immigrants in the Cincinnati area through Catholic Charities Southwest Ohio.

Events

- Our PTO supported and sponsored Movie Night, the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Trunk or Treat, Castle Skateland, and Mother/Son Bowling.
- We held a talent show and school-wide spelling bee competition.
- We hosted the School House Symphony and the Cincinnati Observatory.
- We held the third annual Bible Bowl competition on the Gospel of Luke.
- We produced and directed the 7th grade Passion Play.
- We provided 8th grade leadership building opportunities and formation during the Woodland Lakes Leadership retreat and Commissioning Mass.
- We organized special formation retreat days for 6th and 7th graders.
- We planned and choreographed the Primary Program.
- We welcomed many grandparents and guests to our school on Grandparents Day.
- We launched the inaugural Journeying to High School program for 8th grade students and their parents.

- With support from the PTO, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week.
- On many occasions, we celebrated and showed support and appreciation for St. Gertrude School’s teachers and staff.
- We hosted a concert for all students by world-class composer and pianist, Eric Genius.
- We conducted a well-run, fun, PTO-supported Walkathon fundraiser.
- SGS Players gave a wonderful performance of *Madagascar Jr.*
- We hosted a representative from Catholic Charities Southwest Ohio for an all-school information assembly on the corporal acts of mercy.
- Thirty-six families toured the school during our Open Houses.
- We celebrated the traditional May Candle Mass, passing on the mantle of responsibility from 8th graders to 7th graders.

2022 SGS SUMMER GATHERINGS

All St. Gertrude School families are invited to join us for our weekly summer gatherings! Below are the dates and locations for the remaining June events. Please visit the SGS Facebook page (@stgertrudeschool) for more information about each gathering, and be sure to check out the SGS Parent Communications Group page on the day of each event for weather updates. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Naumann at Leah_naumann@yahoo.com or (513) 260-5441. We look forward to staying connected as a school community through the summer months!

- **Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.** | Beech Acres Park
- **Tuesday, June 28, 12–2 p.m.** | Stephan Field

OPEN LATIN TEACHER POSITION

St. Gertrude School is looking for a full- or part-time professional Latin teacher for grades K-8. Candidates should have background and experience in teaching Latin, utilizing the grammar-translation method. We are seeking a candidate who will develop the program to its fullest potential, including integrating Latin throughout the grades, providing resources for teachers, and supporting the liturgical life of the students. Please visit stgertrude.org/employment to view the full job description and to apply.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of June 20, 2022, the school office will be open Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m to 12 p.m. and closed on Friday.

**NOW ENROLLING FOR THE
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Visit stgertrudesch.org/apply
to get started.





(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: THE FATHER'S LOVE

WALTER PLUMMER,
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

I'm a firm believer that God created us humans so that we might share in his own blessed life. (Check out the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph one for a bit more on that.) For men, fatherhood is an essential part of how we come to share in the divine life. Whether it's biological or spiritual, being a dad helps us to see as God sees, to think as God thinks, to choose as God chooses, to love as God loves. (Those are not my words but, like any good Catholic, I can't remember where that came from. I just know it came from church. Hooray for oral tradition!)

So how does God see? How does he think? How does he choose? How does he love? And how do fathers reflect this for us?

You and I both know that I can't fully answer those questions, but God does give us some glimpses—things we can hold on to. After all, the God who reveals his interior life to us in Divine Revelation has no desire to leave us totally in the dark. He wants to lead us into all truth (John 16:13). And he speaks to us through his people, his Church, including our fathers. So here's what I have learned about the Father's love from the fathers in my own life:

He Is Strong, but Not Harsh

My boys always want to wrestle. Like, always. It's the first thing they want to do in the morning and the last thing they want to do before sleep. They want to test their strength against Dad's strength, and they want to know that they are safe while doing it. They want to know what they can and can't do, how they can and can't play. They want to know who they are. And in a fundamental way, they only know that through the eyes of their father. "Who do you say that I am?" is the constant, inaudible question I hear from my children. And my strength—how I respond to them as they push and search for the right boundaries and answers—says volumes. They run at me, hit me, and tackle me, and my job is to help them and protect them, to teach them how they can and cannot treat others, to show them that their strength is good and should be used to protect and serve (never to steal or destroy), and to show them that they are still my sons even when they hurt me. In the desert, Jacob experiences something similar with the messenger of God, wrestling with him all night, unwilling to let go until he receives a blessing (see Genesis 32). And in the end, Jacob is renamed Israel, a name which means "he who wrestles with divine beings." God has given us great strength, and he often shows us his own—not using it against us but for us, for our protection, and to serve us. The God who walks on the water is the same God who says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). God does not want to harm us; he is for us. He is strong, and he is not harsh.

He Shows Up

My dad is a man of few words when it comes to life's big questions. He's a man of deep faith and wisdom, but he often prefers to act rather than to speak. Looking back, I don't think I have *ever* doubted that my father loved me. Part of that is because he was always there. He turned down job offers that would have taken him away from the family. He got up at 5 a.m. so he could be done with work in time to coach soccer. He drove my siblings and me all over the U.S. just so we could play sports and take advantage of academic opportunities. He ate dinner with us. He showed us how to set up a tent. He taught us how to drive a car. He was just there. And having him there—just his presence—gave me a firm foundation of trust and support. That's pretty exceptional from what I've heard in my adult life. And I think it's some small reflection of God the Father's love for us. He shows up. In the end, what is the message of the cross but, "Even at the lowest point of your sin, your alienation, at the furthest you can go, at the point of despair itself, I have not left you an orphan. You are mine. And I am yours." He leaves the 99 sheep for the lost one. He's there with you, even though many times we may feel that he's not. Have confidence today: he always shows up.

He Loves You for Who You Are, Not for What You've Done

I was asked to lead a high school retreat at my home parish when I was in college. I gave a talk, led some small groups, and participated in the prayer services and Mass over the weekend. After all the teens had gone to confession, I had a chance to go as well. I sat in front of my home pastor and revealed my brokenness. My lust, my pride, my hatred, and my shame. I expected this man who had known me since middle school to be shocked, ashamed, and alarmed that this kind of person was leading his teens on retreat. But he looked at me and said, "God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." I was shocked. This man, acting in the person of Christ who is the head of the Church and the image of the Father, had seen my ugliness and said I was still his and he was still mine. He actually said, "May God give you pardon and peace." He said I was still his, put a ring on my finger and a robe on my back, and ran out to meet me. I would have been happy with staying in the barn, but he brought me into his house and called me his son. He loved me for who he said I was, not for what I had done. And he does the same for you. What you have or have not done does not define you. You are the sum of the Father's love for you (see Pope St. John Paul II's address at the 17th World Youth Day). And his love for you is as immense as he himself is. (That's pretty big, just to clarify.)

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SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

In 2023, St. Gertrude Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary! As part of the centennial celebration, we will be publishing a commemorative coffee table book entitled *St. Gertrude Parish: The First 100 Years*, which will be available in September 2023. We need your help tracking down historical photos, particularly from 1923–1975. Of special interest are photos of our founding families, the establishment of our school, and the Caroline Williams print of our mission church titled “A Spot Near Cincinnati” dated 1948–09–26. We would also like to include photos from St. Gertrude School graduations, first Communion classes, the tornado of 1969, early parish festivals, the school Christmas pageant, and other events. If you are willing to share your photos for publication in this commemorative book, please send—or drop off—your photos (clearly identified with the event and description) to the parish office. Be sure to include your contact information so we can return your photos to you. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Holland at (513) 478-2291.

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Are you a college student who is home for the summer? Are you missing the fellowship with other like-minded college students that is readily available on campus during the academic year? We would love to provide you and all college students of St. Gertrude Parish the opportunity to gather on a regular basis during the summer months. Exactly what those gatherings will look like will depend on the interests and desires of those who attend, but could potentially involve a weekly Bible study, pick-up sporting events, pilgrimages to different shrines or churches, and hikes in local state parks. **An initial meeting for all interested students will take place this Thursday, June 23, at 7 p.m.** in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Center. If you are interested in learning more but cannot attend the initial meeting, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561–5954.

BAPTISM



June 5, 2022

Child: Mary Juliana Bernardo

Parents: Jennifer & Christopher Bernardo

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 25-26, our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection. This annual collection allows the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

BULLDOGS WRESTLING CAMP

All young males* entering grades K-8 for the 2022-2023 year are invited to St. Gertrude Parish's summer wrestling camp Tuesday–Thursday, July 5–7, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. Camp is open to athletes of all experience levels and will focus on wrestling fundamentals of takedowns, feature a Daily SportsLeaders virtue development talk, and end with a takedown event, games, and a pizza party! Parents are welcome anytime and highly encouraged to stay on Friday for the takedown event and party. The camp will be in the Parish Center and the cost is \$30/athlete, which includes all training, Bulldogs Wrestling branded bag, and pizza party. If you have any questions, please contact our program coordinators, Jonathan Fritinger and Alex Linz, at bulldogwrestling413@gmail.com. Register today at assn.la/Reg/?r=1:317312.



*Must be a St. Gertrude, St. Andrew, or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner and student, or an active parishioner at another Archdiocese of Cincinnati parish and either attend a school in the archdiocese or be homeschooled.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, 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

Ellen Schaengold, sister of Charlotte
Charles Dollenmayer, husband of Mary Lou

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIA STEIN SHRINE OF THE HOLY RELICS

Did you know that Maria Stein Shrine of Holy Relics in Maria Stein, OH, is home to one of the largest collections of relics in the United States? See relics of the saints and the true cross on a prayerful pilgrimage to the Maria Stein Shrine on Friday, August 12, sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army – Cincinnati Chapter. The cost is \$40 and includes round-trip bus transportation, a self-directed tour of the shrine, dinner, and an outdoor Mass and rosary procession.

Spots are limited and will be given to the first 52 pilgrims who contact John McCabe, trip co-coordinator, at (513) 543-1170, providing their contact information and trip payment. For more information about the pilgrimage, please contact John. For more information about the shrine, please visit mariasteinshrine.org.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT

Our Lady of Light Ministries invites you to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Light, who appeared in the tristate area from 1992-1999. This celebration, entitled “Days of Prayer and Mercy,” will take place at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center on August 31-September 1, 2022, and feature all-day adoration, daily Mass, opportunities to pray the rosary and go to confession, two presentations from guest speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza, and more!

This two-day event will sell out, and there is limited seating available. For more information and to purchase your tickets, please visit ourladyoflight.org/events/days-of-prayer-and-mercy-aug-31st-2. If you have any questions, please call (513) 531-6279.

Knights of Columbus SILVER ROSE

Each year, Knights of Columbus councils steward Silver Roses along routes from Canada to Mexico, providing opportunities to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of the three nations on the routes, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council will be hosting a Silver Rose this year!

Please join them at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27, at St. Gertrude Church for a rosary and prayer service.

For more information, please contact Rick Sammons at rightpathcfo@gmail.com or (513) 675-1122.



HEALING SERVICE

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue Norwood) on Wednesday, June 22, to pray the rosary, celebrate Mass, and participate in a healing service. The rosary begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

Have you started your spring cleaning yet? Wondering what to do with all those gently used “treasures”? Donate them!

- Drop off your gently used donations at the gym door July 12,13, or 14 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. or Friday, July 15, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.
- All proceeds go directly to programs that help the poor. Items that aren't purchased will be donated to Hope Emergency or St. Vincent DePaul.

A lot of volunteers are needed to help with setup, moving large items, and cleanup! Thank you for your help and support!

Items We Cannot Accept

- BBQ grills/ propane tanks
- Computers/computer equipment
- Combustibles/tires/paint
- Blinds/draperies
- Tvs/stereos
- Cribs/playpens/car seats
- Mattresses
- Encyclopedias
- China hutches/desks



TREASURE MART

**Saturday, July 16
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Gertrude Gym
6543 Miami Ave., Madeira**

**CONTACTS
Furniture**

Nancy Lucas: (513) 940-2643

General

Jean Wilkinson: (513) 498- 5085



**ASK A PRIEST—
PROVINCIAL CHAPTER**

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: Father John Mark, I heard that you're at the Provincial Chapter this month. Would you explain what this entails?

A: To the surprise of some, the founder of the Dominican Order did not leave the Church with a library of theological or pastoral writings. Instead, St. Dominic left a way of life enshrined in the *Book of Constitutions and Ordinations of the Brothers of the Order of Preachers*. That which is contained in this particular law is further specified by local provinces of the Order in *Provincial Statutes and Acts of the Provincial Chapter*. I daresay, most Dominicans don't enjoy administration! However, we do recognize the fundamental and even inspirational importance of law to provide for a communal life of prayer and preaching for the salvation of souls. It's really a sacred duty to participate in reviewing and revising the legislation of our Order, such as happens every four years at the Provincial Chapter. Hence my absence from St. Gertrude Church for an entire month!

So what goes into this process? During our first week together, it was important to catch up with friars sent to the Chapter from around our Province (the Province of St. Joseph covers much of the East Coast): priors of our communities; professors and administrators from the House of Studies, as well as Providence College; pastors, chaplains, and vicars from our parishes and campus ministries; members of our mission in Eastern Africa; and friars assigned to special apostolates like the Knights of Columbus and Magnificat. There were reports to hear from leaders in these ministries and not a few questions to ask about the successes and difficulties of the friars engaged in such diverse apostolates. Perhaps most importantly, after special consideration, discussions, and intense prayer, we elected Father Darren Pierre, O.P., as our new prior provincial, along with a body of close councilors and collaborators called the *Diffinitorium*.

Sounds like mission accomplished, right? Well, getting up to speed with the state of the Province of St. Joseph and electing a new prior provincial was just the beginning! With this initial business taken care of, our second and third weeks will include the actual legislative task of the Provincial Chapter. Various committees are

tasked to review our laws pertaining to Consecrated Life, Sacred Liturgy, and Prayer; Study; Ministry of the Word; Vocations and Formation; Government; Economic Administration; the Vicariate of Eastern Africa; and Providence College. New legislation will be proposed and old legislation confirmed or discarded as the *capitulars* (i.e., the friars required to participate in the Chapter) indicate priorities for at least the next four years of our life and ministry as Dominicans in the Eastern U.S. and Africa. At the end of those two weeks, it will be up to the prior provincial and his diffinitorium to revise and/or finalize amendments to the Provincial Statutes and Acta.

What's the takeaway? For a relatively young Dominican priest like myself, I get to experience and partake in the governance of our Order. This isn't just a cool privilege but a sacred task meant to assist Dominican friars in the day-to-day living of their vocation in service to God and the Church. It's been great to catch up with so many friars throughout the Province of St. Joseph—many known well to St. Gertrude Church (Father Vincent Wiseman, Father Ken Letoile, Father Walter Wagner, Father Darren Pierre to name some old names). Most of all, it has been inspiring to see the commitment of the friars to faithfully answer the call to be consecrated religious men and preachers of Jesus' saving Gospel after the pattern of St. Dominic. I hope our work this month in Providence will eventually bear fruit in your lives as we continue our Dominican life and mission at St. Gertrude Church and Priory.

Ask a Priest is a regular feature for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



Monday, June 20	Tuesday, June 21	Wednesday, June 22	Thursday, June 23	Friday, June 24	Saturday, June 25	Sunday, June 26
Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall	Knights of Columbus Rosary Social 7 p.m. Church	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	College Student Group Information Meeting 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room		Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Revitalize Team Meeting 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room				
		Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				

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Collection for June 12

Collection	\$ 44,965
Weekly Budget	\$ 35,294
Weekly Surplus	\$ 9,671

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$ 1,885,149
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 1,804,406
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$ 80,743

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He is Easy to Please and Hard to Satisfy

I had a coach in high school, Mr. Lane, who is still one of my spiritual mentors. He was a semi-pro, former collegiate athlete, and deeply devout Christian. He was also a great coach. High school soccer teams have lots of different skill levels, and he had a knack for challenging those who had experience or some natural gifts and encouraging those who were new to the game. A good choice or new attempt always got a word of praise and then a question about what we'd do next. I have found a lot of truth in that approach over the years because it reveals that, in this life, we never fully arrive. And that's okay. God is always happy with a good first step, whether it's cleaning your room, blocking that site you spend too much time on, or putting your phone

down long enough to be present with people. But he never wants us to just stop there, because there's always more to discover, more to grow into, and a new depth to explore. He's a good father who loves to see his children grow. He's easy to please, but hard to satisfy. (Again, not my words. See C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* for more.)

Okay, I'll stop there. And instead of giving you more of *my* list, would you start one of your own? Who are the father-figures in your life? How have they shown you the Father's love? That can be a loaded question, because not all fathers have a healthy relationship with their children, and vice versa. But for all the messiness, I think it's still an important question. We all need spiritual fathers, whether they happen to be biological, adopted, or providential. We know God in some fundamental way through these men because he has given a share of his Fatherhood to them. Who does he reveal himself to be through them? And who does he say that you are through them? On this Father's Day, may our earthly dads be a sign of the perfect Father, from whom all good things come. Happy Father's Day, y'all.

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