

IF ANYONE WISHES
TO BE FIRST,
HE SHALL BE THE
LAST OF ALL AND THE

servant of all.

MARK 9:35



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

September 19, 2021

MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, September 20, SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions (M)

- 7:00 a.m. †Nancy Hooley/Art & Joan de St. Aubin
- 8:00 a.m. Amy Combs/Rick Sammons
- 11:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

Tuesday, September 21, St. Matthew (F)

- 7:00 a.m. Cardinal Raymond Burke/Sheila Saalfeld
- 8:00 a.m. †Raymond Ringenbach/Laura Ringenbach
- 11:30 a.m. †Eugene Blanchard/The Runk Family

Wednesday, September 22, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. †Jane Thole/Lou Thole
- 8:00 a.m. †Chip Werner/The Stegman Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Bonnie McGonigle/Kevin & Anne Lynch

Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)

- 7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Josh Moore/Ed & Mary Ann de St. Aubin
- 8:00 a.m. †Robert Volz, Sr./The Butschie Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/The Stines Family

Friday, September 24, Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Walter Eugene Cameron/Jeanne Johantges
- 8:00 a.m. †William & Julie Murphy/Lisa Kuhr
- 11:30 a.m. †Francis & Patricia Cruise/Diane & Michael Kennedy

Saturday, September 25, Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. The Mulvaney Family/The Vonderhaar Family
- 11:30 a.m. †Rosemarie O'Sullivan/Elaine & Jeff Parker

September 25-26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. †Jack Schuler/John & Joy Belperio

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10:00 a.m. †Ginny Thielking/Dee Cianciolo
- 12:00 p.m. †Anne Scheidler McGraw/John & Jan Cremons
- 6:00 p.m. †Veronica Chenier/The Family

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Parish Office Info

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

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

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

Church Hours

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



Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

INVITE THEM TO BECOME CATHOLIC.

Formerly known as RCIA, Become Catholic is a program for men and women who would like to join the Catholic Church for the first time or become fully initiated members of the Church. For most people, all it takes is a little encouragement from family and friends. Be that encouragement.

WHEN: Every Monday,
beginning
September 20

TIME: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parish Center
Lobby

For more information, visit
stgertrude.org/become-catholic.



Win \$10,000 for St. Gertrude School!

How does it work?

1. Subscribe to EDIFY, a new comprehensive digital learning platform from CatholicVote, at edify.us.
2. When you subscribe, nominate St. Gertrude School for CatholicVote's \$10,000 grant.
3. The Catholic organization with the highest number of new EDIFY subscribers wins!

For more information, visit
stgertrude.org/news/win10k or edify.us.
Contest runs September 1-30, 2021.





Below is a letter from Archbishop Schnurr to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati regarding Beacons of Light. The letter emphasizes the October 1-20 public comment period on the draft Families of Parishes and the need for prayer as we together discern the future of our archdiocese. I encourage you to read it and participate in one of the comment sessions here at St. Gertrude. (See page 5 of the bulletin for more information on the comment sessions.)

Fr. George, O.P.

September 17, 2021

Memorial of Saint Robert Bellarmine, patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

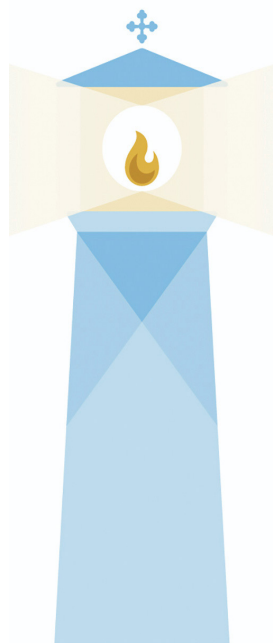
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The mission of the Catholic Church, *our mission*, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt. 28:19-20). In short, to radiate Christ.

We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. It is therefore appropriate to ask, are all our resources – human, physical and financial – properly ordered to missionary discipleship? Are they working in concert to continuously draw parishioners and attract new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus? Or are they consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and spread too thin to be truly effective?

These are the concerns that **Beacons of Light**, the multi-year process of comprehensive pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been addressing. After months of study and analysis, we cannot escape the conclusion that in many cases our church buildings are grossly underutilized, our priests and parish staff members are stretched to the limit, and our parishes are simply not the vibrant, evangelizing communities Catholics want and need them to be.

To help remedy this situation and be better stewards of the resources God has made available to us, parishes in the archdiocese will be grouped into “Families of Parishes” under the leadership of one pastor. After that, each Family will collaborate internally to determine the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist.



Your thoughtful feedback at this stage of the planning process would be most valuable. **A draft of the Families of Parishes will be shared for public comment October 1-20** at www.BeaconsAOC.org, the website of the *Beacons of Light* initiative. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the information on the website, then prayerfully provide your input on this important step which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

As we continue this challenging but necessary endeavor, it is critically important that we earnestly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we might together discern the best path forward with humility and courage. Please join me in asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to whose care we have entrusted our archdiocese, that God continue to bless us with His presence and His love, as we pray:

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son. Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy. May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts. Teach us to be God’s joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all we do, so that all people might know, love and follow your Son through this life and into the next. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dennis M. Schnurr

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

FROM THE DIARY OF
ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Incomprehensible is the greatness of Your mercy for creatures, and especially for poor sinners. You have made known the abyss of Your mercy, incomprehensible and unfathomable as it is to any mind, whether of man or angel. Our nothingness and our misery are drowned in Your greatness. O infinite goodness, who can ever praise You sufficiently? Can there be found a soul that understands You in Your love? O Jesus, there are such souls, but they are few. (*Diary, #361*)

COVER IMAGE: *Christ Washing the Peter's Feet*, Tintoretto (1548-1549)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Used Uniform Sale** – Sunday, September 26, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Find gently used pants, skirts, jumpers, and sweatshirts, and new ties.
- **Winter Uniform** – Students will start wearing the winter school uniform on October 1.
- **Our Lady of the Rosary Celebration** – Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. See the ad below for more information.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wednesday, October 13, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 14, from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Like last year, parents will receive a link to sign up.
- **Monthly Meeting with Sister Maria Christi** – Parents of junior high students are invited to meet with Sister Maria Christi on Tuesday, October 26, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office hours for the week of September 20 are 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Junior High Social Studies Teacher – St. Gertrude School is looking for a full-time, professional junior high (6th, 7th, and 8th grade)

social studies teacher. Candidate will be required to obtain a valid Ohio License, fingerprints, a background check, and SafeParish current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Sister Maria Christi Greve, O.P., principal, at smchristi@stgertrudesch.org. Catholic Candidate: Required

After School Care Program Assistant – St. Gertrude School is seeking joyful Catholics who feel called to assist with our After School Care program for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants should be practicing Catholics, at least 18 years old, and willing to be trained in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's child protection training program via SafeParish. This is a paid, part-time position from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, with the flexibility to commit to just one day per week, five days per week, or anything in between. The After School Care program assistants will help with homework and supervise indoor and outdoor play within a nurturing Catholic atmosphere based on the Dominican tradition of practicing virtue and loving each other in Christ. This is an excellent opportunity for parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and students who are interested in developing their resume through work experience. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, contact information for three references, and a resume (if available) to info@stgertrudesch.org.

OCTOBER 7, 2021

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

All St. Gertrude School families are invited to a very special Marian celebration on Thursday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

- 5:30 P.M. - Dinner (provided)
- 6:30 P.M.- Rosary procession with the Our Lady of Fatima statue, Benediction, and consecration of our school to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.





REALITY UNMASKED

BY BRAD BURSA

As I made my way down the sidewalk leading from his front porch, my friend, stationed in the doorway, yelled, “You know this is how all of life actually is, right? We just think we have control. But we don’t.”

I had just expressed that kind of anxious frustration a couple feels when awaiting the birth of a child. It’s kind of like the painstakingly slow and dragged out agitation children experience on Christmas Eve. That waiting, however, has a clearly defined end point: Christmas morning. When it comes to childbirth, most of the time parents have no idea when the *real* labor will begin, much less end. The last weeks of a pregnancy are a constant waiting game, and I just want to know when the baby is coming out. (I do realize my wife’s desire to know the answer to this question is far stronger than my own.)

As the words came out of his mouth, I knew my friend was right. His terse observation helped me to see that this profound experience of uncertain waiting was actually unmasking reality as it is, namely, uncontrollable.

In most situations and circumstances in my life, I think I have control, and I seem to be able to have a decent handle on things. I like the idea that I’m in charge of *my* time, *my* possessions, *my* family, *my* eating habits, *my* health, *my* plans, and so forth. Quite frankly, I prefer thinking I’m in control because it helps me to idealistically tame the wild unknown of life and to attain some semblance of safety.

All of this reminds me of a passage from Joseph Ratzinger’s *Introduction to Christianity*, where he describes idolatry—because that’s basically what this is. He says idolatry is “the attempt to keep one’s own possessions safe . . . the fear that tries to tame the mysterious by worshipping it.” Idolatry tries to grasp “the divine in one’s hands.” Idolatry tries to control life by worshipping some part of it.

Confronting reality, it seems, causes one’s idols to come crashing down. Reality is outside of my control. My schedule, my plans, my possessions, and so forth, quickly become idolatrous attempts at keeping myself safe from the terrible unknown. The problem, however, lies in the fact that I can’t actually control the unknown, and the more I try, the more fearful I become of losing whatever control I seem to have. So I try to control all the more, and on, and on. In the end, idolatry proves to be a vain human device. Controlling reality is illusory.

As I was driving away from my friend’s house, I was surprisingly peaceful, given that my whole false understanding of reality had just been unmasked and my corresponding *modus operandi* upended.

I drove. And, as I drove, I prayed in silence. Only praying seemed fitting at the time.

In prayer, the Lord seemed to be reminding me that I am not

alone before the blind forces of nature or the seemingly impenetrable mystery of the unknown (particularly the future). Instead, in faith, I have come to know there is meaning and a plan behind all of reality, and that this meaning and plan is not simply some cosmic abstraction or set of deterministic gears. Instead, the meaning behind it all comes to me as someone, as a “you” who upholds me and fulfills me and knows me and loves me. Because the meaning of it all comes to me in a person, in Jesus Christ who makes God known and knowable, I can entrust myself to it like the child who knows that everything he may be wondering about is safe in the “you” of his mother.

In the end, one can either cover over the mystery of life that ultimately lies outside of one’s control with various illusions, or one can acknowledge his or her place as a creature amid creation and before his or her Creator and surrender to the Mystery. This is not to say human beings stand powerless before reality. God is clear in his call for men and women to exercise a certain dominion within creation (cf. Gen 1:26-28; 2:15). However, this dominion does not come at the expense of a genuine humility (i.e., an acknowledgement that one is close to the ground, to the earth—*humus* in Latin—as is clearly illustrated in Gen 2:7), which is the basis for adoration, the “first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator” (CCC 2628).

ILLUMINATE
*Helping Parents Raise Children
 in a "Pornified" Culture*

**Join us for our 3-part
 Fall 2021 Series**

**WHEN: 8:30-9:30 a.m. on September 30,
 October 7, October 14**

WHERE: St. Gertrude Parish Center Lobby

COST: \$10/person

REGISTER: stgertrude.org/illuminate

*All session will be taught by Brad Bursa, PhD, director of
 adult formation at St. Gertrude.*

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SAVE THE DATE

Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including St. Gertrude. The plan will result in all parishes being grouped into “Families” under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.BeaconsAOC.org. You’re invited to offer your thoughts at one of the comment sessions at St. Gertrude:

- Monday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input for this important initiative which will shape the future of our parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

2ND COLLECTION FOR DOMINICAN MISSION IN EAST AFRICA

At our Masses this weekend, Father David Adiletta, O.P., director of the Dominican mission office in New York City, is making an appeal to benefit the Dominican mission in East Africa, where he served for nine years. Father David invites all parishioners to become spiritual partners with the friars who are in the mission, engaged in the work of evangelization and faith development in poor and underserved areas of Kenya. We will have a second collection at all Masses to assist the friars in their work. The St. Gertrude family has always responded generously on behalf of the missions, and the friars depend on our support. Thank you!

SCAM ALERT

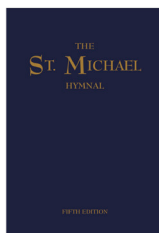
In light of a recent scam, this is a reminder that our pastor and parish employees will never ask anyone for money or gift cards via email or text.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A ALTAR SERVER?

Any boy in fifth grade or higher can become an altar boy. Please plan to attend an information and training session on Saturday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Please contact Father Jordan with any questions at frjordan@stgertrude.org, or call the parish office.

A NEW HYMNAL FOR OUR PARISH

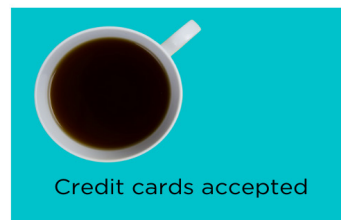
The First Sunday of Advent will not only welcome the beginning of a new liturgical year but also bring the arrival of the St. Michael Hymnal, Fifth Edition, to our parish. Edited by Linda Schaffer and Father Michael O’Connor, O.P., the St. Michael Hymnal provides the highest quality of liturgical choices for a parish like St. Gertrude.



ENJOY BREAKFAST AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH!

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021
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



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Clyde Dorn, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Peter Fox, Dick Gelhaus, Matt Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Megan Johnson, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Mike Kennedy, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp. Janice Koncius, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O’Connell, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED

James Frank – husband of Zola
Jane Sansalone

17TH ANNUAL BLUE MASS CELEBRATION

All active and retired police, fire, and emergency responders in Greater Cincinnati are invited to attend the 17th Annual Blue Mass Celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Police chaplain, Father Steve Angi, will be the celebrant. Police, fire, and emergency responders are encouraged to appear in uniform and will receive a special blessing before Mass at 10:45 a.m. This celebration is a wonderful community opportunity to prayerfully honor those who assist in making our neighborhoods safe and who have given the ultimate sacrifice to save others. For more information, please visit stgertrude.com/news/bluemass2021.

MOTHER OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Before and after all Masses (except 6:00 p.m.) on October 2 and 3, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot collecting donations for the Mother of Christ Food Pantry. The Mother of Christ Food Pantry provides food and personal care items to needy families in the St. Bernard Parish area who are struggling to make ends meet. In addition to nonperishable food items, the pantry is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers like Pine-Sol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash or check donations are also welcome. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your help!

PARISHIONER AWARDED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Little Sisters of the Poor recently awarded its Volunteer of the Year award to St. Gertrude parishioner Katy Riehle and her sister Nancy Bolander for their more than 15 years of service to the residents of St. Paul's Home for the Aged in Clifton. Congratulations, Katy, and thank you for serving the people in our community.

Photo (left to right): Nancy Bolander, Katy Riehle, Mother Superior Marie Edward, lsp, Sister. Georgia, lsp



48TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR LIFE

Northern Kentucky Right to Life's 48th Annual Celebration for Life will be held on Sunday, September 26, at Receptions (1379 Donaldson Hwy., Erlanger, KY 41018). Doors open at 12:45 p.m. At 1:00 p.m., attendees will be able to view a pro-life film, browse exhibits, and enjoy refreshments. Austin Ruse, president of the Center for Family and Human Rights, will be the guest speaker at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00/each and can be purchased at the door or by calling Stan Barczak at (859) 431-6380. Free childcare will be available.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Fall is a beautiful season, full of color and crisp fresh air. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family—and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 15-17, 2021, at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, and November 5-7, 2021, at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. To register, visit <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, or visit esharing.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2022

CYSC is a premier adventure camp for middle school and high school students that nurtures lifelong memories, faith, and friendships through activities such as high ropes, paintball, blobbing, archery tag, dual zip lines, a 5-story climbing wall, and more! **Registration for CYSC 2022 opens soon, and St. Gertrude will have a limited number of spots!** Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

HEALING SERVICE

September 22, 2021

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center
Holy Rosary Chapel
5440 Moeller Ave.,
Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 351-9800

6:45 p.m. - Rosary
7:15 p.m. Mass
Healing Service after Mass

Healing Services will be on every fourth Wednesday of the month. Visit olhsc.org for more information



THE LITURGY: PRAYING, BELIEVING, LIVING

BY FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

Part three in an 8-part series.

Sign, Symbol, and Ritual: What's the difference?

As we progress in considering the liturgy, I hope you are learning that the liturgy is an encounter with the Godhead that is filled with many signs and symbols that are expressed through the holy sacrifice of the Mass, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sacraments we receive throughout life. What do these facts mean for us in living our Catholic faith?

Some Basic Definitions

We need to learn the terms we are using. A *sign* is something that has a single and particular meaning. You see a red octagon and, even without words, you know it is a stop sign. Similarly, a yellow triangle is a yield sign. It would be very difficult, if not impossible, to give these signs meanings other than the ones we have learned since birth. On the other hand, a *symbol* is polyvalent and can refer to many different realities. Consider a gold ring. Worn on the hand of a young man in a tuxedo or a woman in a wedding gown, a gold ring is a wedding ring and symbolizes a loving commitment until death. The same ring worn by a man or woman in a Roman collar or religious habit symbolizes a commitment that is very different from married life. Finally, *ritual* is the patterning of symbols to express a common meaning. We look

at a picture of a stalk of wheat and think about Thanksgiving. We see the same stalk of wheat with a gold leaf etched into the base of a wooden or marble altar and instantly know *this* stalk of wheat refers to the most Blessed Sacrament, which we experience as the Eucharist, holy Communion. It is the context, the ritual moment, in which we experience this same symbol that tells us what the symbol means.

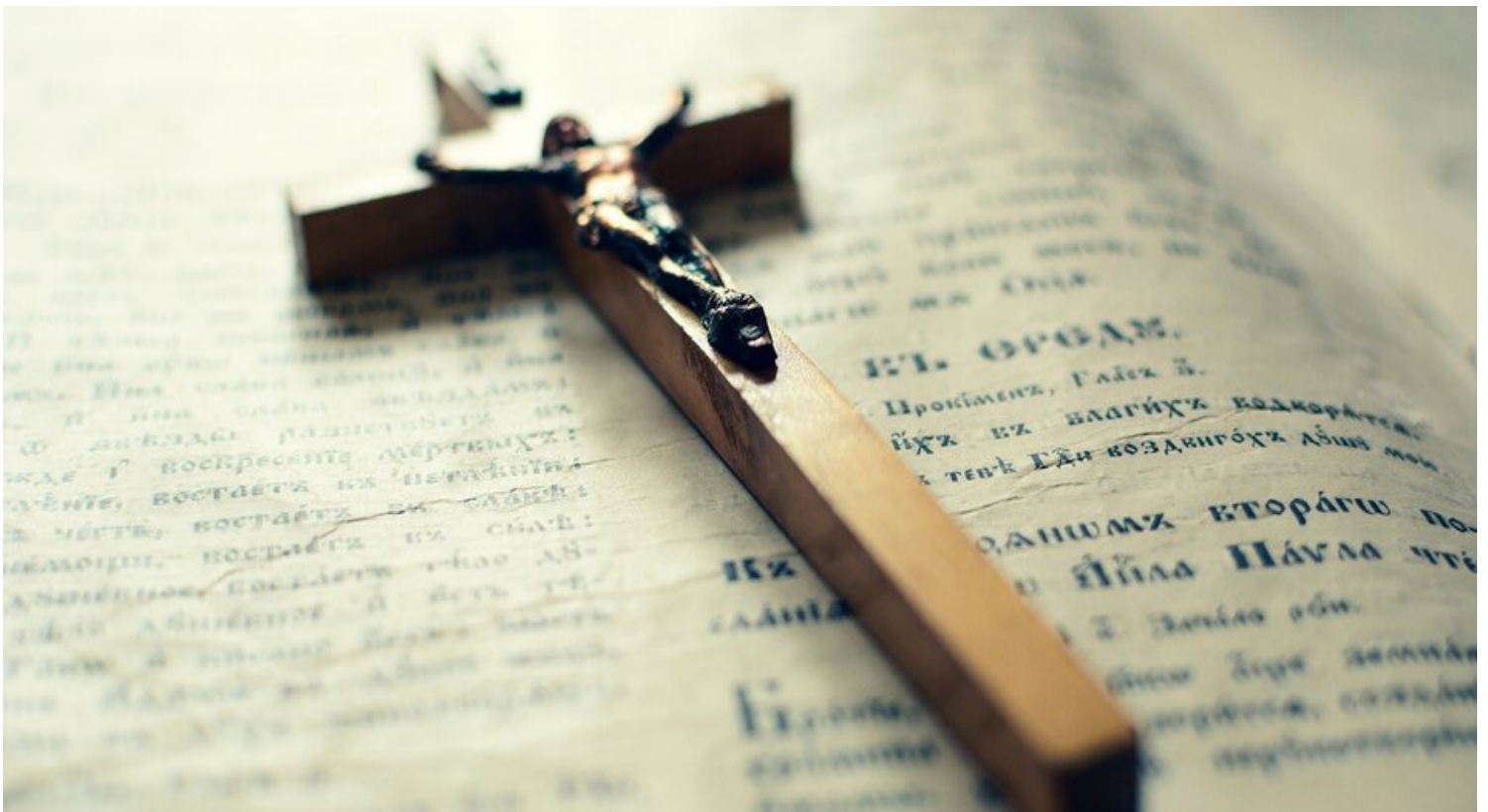
Liturgy and Living

Recognizing the presence of signs, symbols, and rituals throughout each day is how we begin to live the liturgy. St. Augustine teaches about the equality of two tables: the altar and our dining room tables. Have you ever thought that what we celebrate in church at the altar continues in our dining rooms? In caring for our souls, the Third Commandment and the third precept of the Church (to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days), shape our human need for families to be together at the table. At both we are united. At both we are fed—naturally and supernaturally. And at both we find forgiveness.

Can you find other symbols and rituals that lead you to live the liturgy?

Do you have questions about the liturgy? Submit your question to parishoffice@stgertrude.org, and I will answer them in this column.

The Liturgy: Praying, Believing, Living is an 8-part series by Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., that will be featured in our bulletin over the next few months. The series strives to deepen our understanding of the liturgy and strengthen our unity as a community that worships God in Spirit and in Truth.



Monday, September 20	Tuesday, September 21	Wednesday, September 22	Thursday, September 23	Friday, September 24	Saturday, September 25	Sunday, September 26
Charism Lunch 'n Learn 12:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Merciful Love 9:45 a.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby		Into the Breach 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Mass Gathering Space
SportsLeader 6:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:30 p.m. School Atrium I	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 11:15 a.m. School Atrium I			SGS Used Uniform Sale 8:30 a.m.-Noon Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 5:00 p.m. School Atrium II	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church	Cana Family Year 1 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			Little Flower Library Open 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria					Family Faith 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Rosary Garden (weather permitting)						Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. School Atrium I & II
L'alto: Confirmation Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria						Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
						Benedictine Oblates 2:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.
<p>For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit stgertrude.org/covid19.</p>						L'alto: High School 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish

Weekly Collection and Budget Report
Collection for September 5

Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Collection	\$	42,333
Weekly Surplus	\$	7,039

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	388,234
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	371,204
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(17,030)

2nd Collection: \$2,342 Catholic Education

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
10/3/21

MATERIALS DUE
9/22/21

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org
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Fr. John Mark Solitario, O.P., parochial vicar
Fr. Jordan Kelly, O.P., parochial vicar

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Fr. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P.
Fr. John Corbett, O.P.
Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P.
Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P., novice master

St. Gertrude School - (513) 561-8020

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