

When the poor man died,  
he was carried away

*by angels*

to the bosom of Abraham.

Luke 16:22



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

September 25, 2022

# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, September 26, Weekday

- 7 a.m. Loretta & Michael Ohmer by Denise & Steve Kazec
- 8 a.m. † Mary Jilek by Richard & Kathy Jilek
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul (M)

- 7 a.m. † Deacon David Wallace by Jo Anne Nordloh
- 8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity by Ladies of Charity
- 11:30 a.m. † Barbara Dugan by The Cordier Family

## Wednesday, September 28, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Frank Tartaron by The Tartaron Family
- 8 a.m. † William Stuebbe by Kathy & David Vessey
- 11:30 a.m. † James S. Barnes by Tricia Speicher

## Thursday, September 29, SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)

- 7 a.m. † John Kinsella by Randy & Cathy Hensel
- 8 a.m. † Betty Schommer by The Woodward Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Clyde Dorn by Courtney Roberts

## Friday, September 30, St. Jerome (M)

- 7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz
- 8 a.m. Dave & Cathy Prugh by Rita Johantges
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Kay Feighery by John Feighery

## Saturday, October 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (M)

- 8 a.m. Sister Anne Therese Wilder, O.P., by SGS Class of 2028
- 11:30 a.m. † Timothy Petric by Mary Petric
- 4:30 p.m. † Anne Siebert by Kevin & Susan Kane & Family

## Sunday, October 2, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Deceased Members of Kehoe Family by The Family
- 12 p.m. † Frances J. Shelley by Joseph P. Shelley
- 6 p.m. † Stephen Palun by The Palun Family

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.-3:30 p.m.

### Church Hours

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

**ALL YOU  
CAN EAT!**

**Pancakes,  
eggs, sausage**

Gluten-free / dairy-free  
menu available

**NEXT  
WEEKEND!**

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

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 2, 2022  
Serving 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Gertrude Gym

**COST\*:** \$9/adult \$5/children grades K-8  
\$30/family Children 5 and under free

*\*Credit cards accepted*

**All proceeds will go toward funding Elder Council's  
Coats for Kids program**



Archbishop Elder Council #1195

## COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Ensuring that children of low-income  
families in the Cincinnati area will  
have a winter coat this year.



## OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 | Columbus, OH

**Join us at the state capital as we protest the  
continued legalization of abortion in Ohio.**

### Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. Depart for Columbus (via bus)
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rally and March  
*Please bring your own lunch*
- 4:30 p.m. Arrive back in Cincinnati

### Cost

\$30 cash or check (Bring on day of event)



**Only 50 spots available! Registration required. Sign up  
today at [bit.ly/OHmarchforlife2022](http://bit.ly/OHmarchforlife2022).**



For a long time now, our parish has kept the beautiful custom of praying the St. Michael prayer at the conclusion of our Masses, invoking the protection of the “prince of the heavenly host” upon all of us. What many people don’t know is that the prayer we pray today is a much shortened, edited version of the original prayer. In honor of the feast of the Holy Archangels, which we will celebrate this

coming Thursday, I want to share with everyone the original form of this prayer. May St. Michael and the armies of heavenly angels lead, guide, and protect us always.

*Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.*

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

**Prayer to St. Michael,  
composed by Pope Leo XIII in 1888.**

O glorious Archangel St. Michael, Prince of the heavenly host, be our defense in the terrible warfare which we carry on against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, spirits of evil. Come to the aid of man, whom God created immortal, made in his own image and likeness, and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil.

Fight this day the battle of the Lord, together with the holy angels, as already thou hast fought the leader of the proud angels, Lucifer, and his apostate host, who were powerless to resist thee, nor was there place for them any longer in heaven. That cruel, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan, who seduces the whole world, was cast into the abyss with his angels. Behold, this primeval enemy and slayer of men has taken courage. Transformed into an angel of light, he wanders about with all the multitude of wicked spirits, invading the earth in order to blot out the name of God and of his Christ, to seize upon, slay and cast into eternal perdition souls destined for the crown of eternal glory. This wicked dragon pours out, as a most impure flood, the venom of his malice on men of depraved mind and corrupt heart, the spirit of lying, of impiety, of blasphemy, and the pestilent breath of impurity, and of every vice and iniquity.

These most crafty enemies have filled and inebriated with gall and bitterness the Church, the spouse of the immaculate Lamb, and have laid impious hands on her most sacred possessions.

In the Holy Place itself, where has been set up the See of the most holy Peter and the Chair of Truth for the light of the world, they have raised the throne of their abominable impiety, with the iniquitous design that when the Pastor has been struck, the sheep may be scattered.

Arise then, O invincible Prince, bring help against the attacks of the lost spirits to the people of God, and give them the victory. They venerate thee as their protector and patron; in thee holy Church glories as her defense against the malicious power of hell; to thee has God entrusted the souls of men to be established in heavenly beatitude. Oh, pray to the God of peace that he may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold men in captivity and harm the Church. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that they may quickly conciliate the mercies of the Lord; and beating down the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, do thou again make him captive in the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen.

- V/. Behold the Cross of the LORD; be scattered ye hostile powers.
- R/. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered, the root of David.
- V/. Let thy mercies be upon us, O LORD.
- R/. As we have hoped in thee.
- V/. O LORD, hear my prayer.
- R/. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon thy holy name, and as suppliants we implore thy clemency, that by the intercession of Mary, ever Virgin immaculate and our Mother, and of the glorious Archangel St. Michael, thou wouldst deign to help us against Satan and all other unclean spirits, who wander about the world for the injury of the human race and the ruin of souls. Amen.

**THE POWER OF THE ROSARY**



*“Through the rosary we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, the model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ. Day after day she helps us to assimilate the Gospel, so that it gives a form to our life as a whole.”*

– Pope Benedict XVI

**COVER IMAGE:** *Parable of Lazarus*, Bronnikov (1886)

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Wednesday, September 28, 2022:**  
6th Grade Retreat
- **Friday, September 30, 2022:**  
Walkathon; First Trimester Mid-Term
- **Monday, October 3, 2022:**  
Winter Uniform Begins
- **Thursday, October 6, 2022:**  
Rosary Procession
- **Friday, October 7, 2022:**  
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary;  
Faith Rally

## JOIN US FOR ADORATION DURING OUR FAITH RALLY

All St. Gertrude School parents are invited to join us for Eucharistic adoration on Friday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, during our Faith Rally. Adoration will be in the school chapel from 9 to 11 a.m. and in the gym from 12 to 1 p.m.

## SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for SGS spirit wear? Check out [spirit2share.com/?s=st+gertrude!](https://spirit2share.com/?s=st+gertrude) If there's an item (e.g. bags, tumblers, etc.) that you don't see under SGS that you'd like to order with the bulldog, SGS sport shield (volleyball and basketball), and/or the school shield/logo, feel free to reach out to Taunja Kruckeberg at [taunja@spirit2share.com](mailto:taunja@spirit2share.com).

## OPEN POSITIONS

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022–2023 school year:

- Grades K-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-4 (part-time)

Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](https://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the job descriptions and to apply.

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of September 26, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on Friday.

## WALKATHON WEEK 1 & 2 RESULTS ARE IN!

We are off to a great start after collecting \$15,676 in pledges after the first two weeks of kicking off our 2022 Walkathon. This is already over 75 percent of our overall goal of \$20,000! The following homerooms have at least 60 percent participation so far and are well on their way to winning a class party for 100 percent participation: Mrs. Cordier, Mrs. Joncas, Ms. Rivard, Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. Ethier, Mrs. Voet, Mrs. Cregan, and Mr. McKenna. Keep collecting pledges, Bulldogs, and get excited for this year's Walkathon on Friday, September 30!

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CELEBRATION

All St. Gertrude Parish families are invited to a very special Marian celebration on Thursday, October 6, the day before the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This is a powerful opportunity to gather together as a school community and bring all our needs to Jesus through Mary.

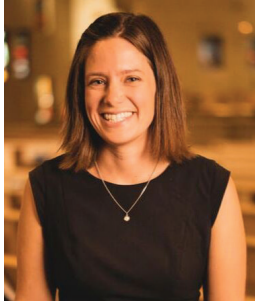
please join us for  
ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL'S  
ROSARY PROCESSION  
AND  
CONSECRATION  
TO THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

5:30 PM OCTOBER 6, 2022 6:30 PM

DINNER PROVIDED PROCESSION FROM THE SCHOOL TO THE CHURCH CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION ROSARY PROCESSION

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

RSVP FOR DINNER BY SEPT. 30  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QP092D](https://bit.ly/3QP092D)



**(TRYING TO)  
LIVE THE MISSION:  
THE BRIDEGROOM**

BY MARY BETH DICKERT,  
COORDINATOR OF CATECHESIS OF  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*One Sunday of each month, St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life.*

*“Thus says the LORD: I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart. She shall respond there as in the days of her youth, when she came up from the land of Egypt. I will espouse you to me forever: I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.” (Hosea 2:14, 15b, 19-20)*

This beautiful reading from the prophet Hosea first captured my attention when I was in college. Now I consider these verses to be like a melody that keeps returning to echo in my heart again and again throughout the seasons of my life. When I first read and considered these words, I was prayerfully discerning a vocation to religious life. I saw the loving hand of God at work in my life and felt that he was indeed leading me like he said through the prophet Hosea: “I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart.” I relished moments in the adoration chapel, spending time meditating on God’s unfathomable, unconditional, and intimate love for me. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist each day at Mass, I knew my soul was being nourished like the Israelites partaking of the manna each day in the desert when they “came up from the land of Egypt.” I recognized the gentle way God was pursuing me and placing the desire in my own heart to respond completely.

In studying sacred Scripture in various courses, I became aware of the idea that there is “nuptial orientation” in God’s relationship with his people. He forms covenants with his chosen ones, extending himself in fidelity and in mercy. He shows his people the path to life, calling them away from sin and idolatry. He is like a jealous lover who will stop at nothing in order to protect his beloved, even to the extent of making the ultimate sacrifice: “he gave his only Son.” Jesus Christ is the bridegroom of the Church. He weds himself to humanity through the sacrifice of the Cross.

I was deeply attracted to this imagery of Christ the bridegroom and the Church as his bride. While on Earth, we all can prepare for and await the day when we will see him “face to face . . . as he is.” However, the profession of religious vows makes this spousal relationship a lived experience here on Earth. I desired this and felt called to give my “yes” to the Lord. Many of you know that I did enter religious life and offer the gift of myself back to God. “I will espouse you to me” took on a very real and concrete meaning as I lived those days, months, and years in the convent. I did not plan or expect this to be temporary, but before my profession of final vows, it was evident that God was doing something new—he was again “leading me into the desert” and would “speak to my heart.”

During that time, my trust was weak, and it was tempting to doubt. However, he is always faithful, merciful, and good. Little did I realize,

he indeed had a new and beautiful path planned for me—one that surpassed all I could ask for or imagine! My heart still had a great desire for holiness, to live with faith, to love and be loved, to be known . . . and the Lord knew I needed someone to be the mirror of his love, fidelity, and mercy for me.

God brought Rob Thiemann into my life at just the right moment. As we got to know one another and began our courtship, I came to appreciate and experience in a real way how fitting it is that nuptial imagery is used in Scripture. Just as Rob gently pursued me, the Lord seeks us and understands us. Rob and I know we are not perfect, and we see each other’s mistakes . . . so, too, God knows our weaknesses, but does not humiliate us. Just as Rob and I are honest and vulnerable with one another, God desires our complete trust and surrender. When I am anxious or afraid, Rob encourages me . . . just as God raises us up and strengthens us in our trials. As I look at the beautiful ring he placed on my hand when he proposed, I remember that Rob sees the *good* and finds joy in me, which is a reminder that “the Lord takes delight in us!”

In Christian marriage, spouses *become Christ* for one another. “I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the Lord.” This is what Rob and I anticipate with joy!

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Rob and Mary Beth will be married at St. Gertrude Church next weekend, October 1! Please keep the soon-to-be Mr. and Mrs. Thiemann in your prayers as they approach their special day.



**SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Did you know that those who are homebound or laid up, even temporarily, can arrange to have the Eucharist brought to them? If you know someone who is—or if you are—a sick or homebound parishioner, we invite you to connect with the Communion to the Sick ministry by contacting Judy Hartmann at (513) 984-8003. (Opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation can also be arranged.) Please help us ensure that those who are unable to make it to church due to infirmity or age are able to receive the sacraments. Unfortunately, it can be easy to lose touch with the parish in these situations, and we are not always made aware of the need.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

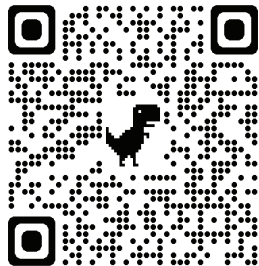
All boys in grades five and up who want to become altar servers—or who are currently altar servers and want a refresher—are invited to a two-hour altar server training this Friday, September 30, 2022, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Hoffmann at pxaw@hotmail.com.

**SCHOLA CANTORUM**

It's not too late for your child to join our Schola Cantorum, a new mixed-voice ensemble that consists of children ages 8-13, professional singers from the Cincinnati area, and our high school Choral Scholars. Please visit [stgertrude.org/schola](http://stgertrude.org/schola) to learn more and sign up for an audition.

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT**

Join men of all ages for the annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, "How to Live Honestly in a Time of Lies." The retreat, sponsored by St. Gertrude Church's Catholic Men's Fellowship group and led by Father Henry Stephan, O.P., will begin Friday evening, December 2, and conclude Saturday afternoon, December 3, at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Come and discover how to live with peace of heart in a world that's gone off-kilter. Registration is open now through November 28—or until tickets sell out. Space is limited, so register today at [buytickets.at/stgertrude](http://buytickets.at/stgertrude) or by scanning the QR code.



**LOST & FOUND**

The parish office has a collection of items that were left behind after the parish picnic. Please stop by the office if you think you lost something at this event.

**2022-2023 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Is your child interested in playing a sport this winter? Sign him or her up for basketball! St. Gertrude Parish's boys and girls basketball teams are open to all boys and girls of the parish who will be in grades 3-8 for the 2022-2023 school year. Girls will start practices in mid-October, and the season will finish in mid-January 2023; boys will start practices in November and finish the season in mid-February 2023. Early bird registration (save \$25) is open now through September 30. Final registration ends October 16. For more information, detailed timelines, and to register, please visit [sgsbulldogs.org/registration](http://sgsbulldogs.org/registration).

**FREE EXPLORING POVERTY WORKSHOP**

Deepen your sense of solidarity with those you serve by attending the free Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Exploring Poverty Workshop on Saturday, October 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. We'll explore the perspectives of our neighbors in poverty and the differences between socioeconomic classes. RSVP at [bit.ly/poverty-workshop](http://bit.ly/poverty-workshop) or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions, call (513) 561-5949, ext. 2112.



**LET US PRAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

**THE SICK:**

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Bob Perazzo, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Joseph Silvers, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, and Brigitte Vielhauer

**THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole Foster, Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, Kelly Leugers, Dominic Lloyd, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Margaret Frank and All Our Beloved Dead

**HEALING SERVICE**

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, September 28, 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.

**Annual Cincinnati Rosary Crusade**



**Saturday, October 1, 2022**  
**12–1:30 p.m.**  
**Gate of Heaven Cemetery**

For more information, please contact  
 Patrick and Mary Ashcraft at (513) 793-5872 or  
[patashcraft@earthlink.net](mailto:patashcraft@earthlink.net)

[AmericanTFP.org](http://AmericanTFP.org)



**MOTHER OF CHRIST  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

The Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking lot before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) next weekend, October 1-2, collecting items for Mother of Christ Food Pantry, a food pantry that 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 has special needs for toilet paper, paper towels, cleansers like Pine-Sol, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Cash and check donations are also welcome. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085. Thank you for your help!



**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**



*Working in Witness for Christ*

**Young Catholic Professionals  
Greater Cincinnati Chapter Launch Event  
Saturday, October 8th**

**Bishop Howard Hall  
1101 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011**

- 4:30 PM | Mass (optional) Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
- 6:00 PM | Food, drinks, networking
- 7:00 PM | Welcome from Chapter President and remarks by YCP executive member
- 7:30 PM | Additional networking time
- 9:00 PM | Closing prayer, afterparty at Braxton (optional)

**TO  
RSVP**



ycpcincinnati@gmail.com      youngcatholicprofessionals.org

**HOPE FOR WOMEN HEALING FROM BETRAYAL TRAUMA**

Are you or someone you know suffering from the trauma of betrayal? Join us for Hope Blooms, a powerful virtual retreat for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, which includes discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. This powerful virtual retreat is October 7-8 and includes talks, meditations, small group healing prayer, a Q&A panel, and adoration. To view the full schedule, learn about the retreat leaders, and register, visit [hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-healing-retreats](http://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-healing-retreats).

**COMBONI MISSIONARIES  
TASTE OF MISSION**

The 13th annual Comboni Missionaries Taste of Mission is Saturday, October 8, from 3 to 7 p.m. Join us for this one-day festival, which includes international food booths, beer and wine tastings from Country Fresh Farm Market, a children's area, Mission Museum Tours, live entertainment, and more! You can also meet some of our local missionaries. This event is at the Cincinnati Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45255. For more information, visit [ComboniMissionaries.org/TOM](http://ComboniMissionaries.org/TOM) or call (513) 474-4997.

**ADDITIONAL PREPLANNING SEMINAR DATE & TIME**

Due to the number of requests, Gate of Heaven Cemetery has added another preplanning seminar on October 18, 2022, at three convenient times: 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. The seminar is no more than 90 minutes and can be helpful in communicating your wishes to loved ones, reducing stress for your family and friends, saving money, and more. Please RSVP to [community@gateofheaven.org](mailto:community@gateofheaven.org) or (513) 489-0300, and let us know how many family and friends will be coming with you, what parish you are from, and which seminar time you plan to attend.

The seminar will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in the Administration Building Chapel (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249).



### **ASK A PRIEST - CHOIRS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION (PART 1)** FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** Last week, you discussed the new Schola Cantorum and the importance of teaching the next generation to participate in Catholic life and worship through singing. Considering our parish choirs, would you explain the part they play in helping everyone engage at Mass?

**A:** I think we'll need two weeks to do justice to this question! Returning to the documents of Vatican II and some of the instructions issued by the Church in the years following the Council, we can appreciate the part that singing and choirs have to play in helping people enter into the heart of Catholic worship. Different types of participation all point the way to fuller and more fulfilling worship: "When the Church prays or sings or acts, the faith of those taking part is nourished, and their minds are raised to God so that they may offer him their spiritual homage and receive his grace more abundantly."<sup>1</sup> This week, I wish to explore the significance of "active participation," since this appears to be the immediate goal of the Church's prayers and singing during Mass. Next week, I'll address the question about how our choirs and singing can help us engage in the Mass in the way the Church intends, all for the worship of God and our spiritual benefit.

It's worth repeating that the Second Vatican Council considered "the full and active participation by all the people" in the sacred liturgy to be the principle aim of its envisioned liturgical reforms. The official prayers of the Church, especially at Mass, are the birthright of every baptized man and woman; liturgy cannot become solely the preoccupation of the clergy or background ambiance to peoples' private devotional lives. This is because the Catholic liturgy is "the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit."<sup>2</sup>

Pope St. John Paul II interpreted this "full, active, and conscious participation" called for by the Council with wise nuance when speaking to a group of American bishops many years later. Allow me the freedom to paraphrase:

**Full.** Everyone has a part to play, although the parts of priest, accompanying ministers, and the congregation of the baptized are different. "The liturgy, like the Church, is intended to be hierarchical and polyphonic, respecting the different roles assigned by Christ and allowing all the different voices to blend in one great hymn of praise."

**Active.** Everyone in the congregation takes part in Christ's sacrifice offered to the Father for the sanctification of his people through "gesture, word, song, and service." However, "active participation does not preclude the active passivity of silence, stillness and listening: indeed, it demands it." At Mass, any activity is for the sake of God's worship and our holiness, and not for its own sake.

**Conscious.** Christians must receive instruction and formation so that their participation in liturgy doesn't deteriorate into empty ritualism. Nor should our worship be hyper-rationalized so as to exclude whatever can't be packed into a tidy formula. The pope advocates a balance inspired by the belief, preaching, and pastoral sense of the Church Fathers: "the Roman Rite is again distinctive in the balance it strikes between a spareness and a richness of emotion: it feeds the heart and the mind, the body and the soul."<sup>3</sup>

Next week, we'll discuss how our choirs and the sung parts done by all are meant to help us worship at Mass through full, active, and conscious participation.

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

<sup>1</sup> Vatican II, *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (December 4, 1963), para 33.

<sup>2</sup> Vatican II, *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, para 14.

<sup>3</sup> Pope John Paul II, "Active Participation in the Liturgy," para 3 (October 8, 1998).





Monday, September 26	Tuesday, September 27	Wednesday, September 28	Thursday, September 29	Friday, September 30	Saturday, October 1	Sunday, October 2
Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	Cana Family – Year 1 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level I 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	Walking With Purpose Bible Study 8 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Las Guadalupanas 9 a.m. St. Joseph Room	KofC Pancake Breakfast Serving 8:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Gym
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Altar Server Training 3 p.m. Church	Regina Veritatis First Saturday Meeting 10:50 a.m. St. Joseph Room	LOC Mother of Christ Food Pantry Collection After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Sharing Van
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	L'alto: Confirmation Core Team 6:30 p.m. OE Conference Room		Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		First Saturday Prayer Service 12 p.m. Church	Rosary Sales After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
Seasons of Hope 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria				LOC Mother of Christ Food Pantry Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	CGS Level I & II 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Atrium I & II
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Collection for September 18

Collection	\$	32,826
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(3,674)
2nd Collection – Dominican Missions: \$5,457		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	390,532
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	438,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(47,468)

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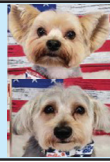
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