

**Whoever
wishes
to come
after me
must deny
himself,
take up
his cross,
and
follow me.**

Matthew 16:24



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, September 4, Labor Day

8 a.m. For All Who Labor

Tuesday, September 5, Weekday

7 a.m. † Theresa Matlaga by Greg & Connie Witte

8 a.m. † Regina Kosmalski by Pete & Donna Marcello

11:30 a.m. Benefactors and Familiars of the
Order of Friars Preachers

Wednesday, September 6, Weekday

7 a.m. † Gary Babcock by Tom & Christin Spurr

8 a.m. † Irma Rusche by Mike & Beth Stoll

11:30 a.m. † Jon Sieve by Bill & Penny Cunningham

Thursday, September 7, Weekday

7 a.m. † Joshua George Egan by N. David Noe

8 a.m. † Christopher Flanagan by Dr. & Mrs. David Zipfel

11:30 a.m. Cecilia Wislocki by Mary Jo Shoemaker

Friday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

7 a.m. Octavio Flores Resendiz by Maria Resendiz

8 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Ray & Marylyn Clark

11:30 a.m. † Patricia Donohue by Catherine Fishlock

Saturday, September 9, St. Peter Claver (M)

8 a.m. † Ann Carroll by Mary & Terry Smithers

11:30 a.m. † A. Nancy Giambarberee by Pat & Don Schoo

4:30 p.m. † Marilyn Magly by Michael & Jana Widmeyer

Sunday, September 10, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. † Paul Arling by The Arling Family

10 a.m. People of St. Gertrude

12 p.m. † Bob Perazzo by Knights of Columbus

6 p.m. † Robert Schaengold by Charlotte Schaengold

There will be no Confessions on Monday, September 4. Confessions will be heard in the church Tuesday-Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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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.

Spiritual Renewal for Pregnant Moms & Family Blessing

All pregnant women are invited to a special morning of renewal, which will include prayer, a meditation on the Annunciation, silence, and Mass—during which you, your unborn child, and your whole family will receive a blessing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Prayer & Meditation

St. Gertrude School Chapel

11:30 a.m.

Mass & Family Blessing

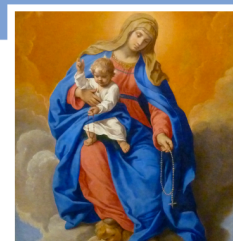
St. Gertrude Church

Husbands and children are invited to Mass to take part in the four-part blessing—first over the baby, second over mom, third over dad, and fourth over the whole family.



The Rosary A Series of Musical Meditations

St. Gertrude Church presents three musical meditations, each focused on a different set of mysteries of the rosary and featuring a variety of internationally renowned musicians. The series is free; an offering will be taken to support sacred music at St. Gertrude Church.



September 10 | 3 p.m.

Part I: The Joyful Mysteries

Featuring soprano and organ duo Cynthia and Christopher Holman and including the world premiere of a new setting of the Canticum of Simeon.



Holman Duo

September 17 | 3 p.m.

Part II: The Luminous Mysteries

Sung by the Capella, St. Gertrude Church's outstanding choir of professional singers.

September 24 | 3 p.m.

Part III: The Sorrowful Mysteries

Featuring the eminent oboist John Dee, the Bill A. Nugent Professor of Oboe at the University of Illinois, along with organist Christopher Holman.



John Dee



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AN UPDATE ON THE PANIVNYK FAMILY FROM UKRAINE

Last fall, our parish was blessed to welcome Roman and Olya Panivnyk and their three children, who had recently arrived in the United States after fleeing for their lives from their homeland of Ukraine. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and local businesses, we were able to put together a large care package for the family, including food, clothing, and a number of other

items. I recently received a message from Olya with a family update, as they have now been settled in their (new) home in the USA for one year. Since so many in our parish got to know them through their visit here, I thought it would be nice to share the update with all of you. God bless,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Our journey took a new route on August 28, 2022, when Roman assumed his role as an electrical engineer at Tecnocap, nestled in the hills of Wheeling, WV. So, a year has passed since our family found our home here. The Tecnocap company has been a pillar of unwavering support, helping financially and facilitating our integration in many other ways.



As a testament to Roman's commitment to growth, he devotes five hours weekly to learning English. His resolute dedication is nothing short of inspiring, with not even his five-day vacation interrupting his learning. Roman continues to be heavily involved as a program director for the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine, while integrating into the Knights community in West Virginia.

I (Olya) have established my presence in West Virginia by registering my sole proprietorship, named Be Change. I engage with U.S. and European clients as a consultant in human capital: people strategy [HR], culture transformation, change management, executive/leadership coaching, and more. My spirit is also kindled as I contribute to local community organizations and the church and continue my volunteer work with the Trauma Resource Institute, the International Coaching Federation, and the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, I enrolled in a Christian life coaching program, guided by divine calling.

The kids are thriving in school! Danylo, our spirited 15-year-old, embarks on his sophomore year. His summer was spent gaining practical experience working at the huge Wheeling Park, just across from our home. Notably, he has also ventured into the Explorer Program with the Wheeling Police Department, nurturing a newfound passion for law enforcement.

Mariia (12 years old), will enter 7th grade. Her zest for sports continues, with last year's passion for archery and volleyball continuing as she seeks to add new activities. Her talents for languages and arts and crafts continue to blossom.

Our youngest, five-year-old Kate, is a social butterfly and radiates joy as she encounters new playmates. She radiates a warm smile along with the heartfelt question as she asks them, "Would you like to be my best friend?" A new chapter

awaits her as she gears up for kindergarten.

Guided by faith, our membership at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help provides a foundation for our life. There is only one Ukrainian Catholic Church in all of West Virginia. It happens to be just a few miles from where we live!

Requests for Your Prayers: For Roman's job stability as his company adjusts and limits working hours due to global economic challenges. For Kate, as she grapples with increasing recurring nightmares and panic attacks triggered by fireworks and other reminders from the images of war. For me (Olya), as I navigate health challenges and seek answers through consultations with doctors. For God's quick intervention: The children's passports were required by the IRS while we were applying for ITINs. The passports are missing and are needed immediately! For clarity and guidance amidst the uncertainty of Temporary Protective Status for Ukrainians who found shelter in the United States after full invasion by Russia in Ukraine, set to expire in October 2023.

The tapestry of your unwavering support remains intertwined with our lives, a testament to the abundance the Lord has bestowed upon us. You are in our prayers, always.

With faith and gratitude,

Roman, Olya, Danylo, Mariia, and Kate Panivnyk



CENTENNIAL GALA

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Like what you see? Join Father Henry Stephan at the Gala to bid on—and win!—these items.

- Bottle of Grand Marnier Quintessence Grand Curvee Limited Addition (Cognac)
- Exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and private beer tasting for 10 people at Rhinegeist (1.5-2 hours)
- Tickets to *Peter Pan* at the Aronoff
- First pew at Christmas Eve Mass (3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.)
- Lake Norris vacation stay
- Weekend in Gatlinberg (December 8-12, 2023)
- First Pew at 10 a.m. Easter Mass
- Vespers and dinner for 10 with Dominicans

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
6:30-10:30 P.M.
MANOR HOUSE MASON**

Fundraiser benefiting
St. Gertrude Church and School

Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/100anniversarygala
to get your tickets or
become a sponsor!
Must be 21 to attend.



The Centennial Gala
is presented by
PRECISION
THE DEVELOPMENTAL



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW FACULTY & STAFF!**

St. Gertrude School has eight new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year! To help you get to know them better, we'll be introducing them in the bulletin over the next couple of weeks.



Mrs. Andrea Strope: Librarian

Mrs. Strope is originally from El Salvador and was raised in Kansas City, Missouri. She moved to Cincinnati in 2022 with her husband, Matt. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas State University, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the

University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to moving to Cincinnati, she taught for five years at the Blue Valley School District and at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School. She began her career as a children's librarian in the Chicago Public Libraries and has served as LRC director of a K-2nd grade library in Glenview, Illinois, as well as children's librarian at the Cincinnati Public Libraries. She notes, "It is a total dream come true to be able to work at St. Gertrude, and I'm excited to create a specialized children's Catholic library! I'm also so happy I get to have you as a partner in this mission!"



Mrs. Andrea Werbrich will be returning as our school nurse.



**EGGS FROM
THE CHICKEN COOP**

On Wednesday, the second graders placed 21 eggs from the chicken coop into the incubator. They weighed each egg before putting it into the incubator, and the students predicted whether the eggs will increase, decrease, or stay the same in weight. They will weigh the eggs periodically throughout the time of incubation to see if their hypotheses are correct. The classroom should be full of peeping chicks in 21 days!

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Gertrude School is looking for supervisors for its After Care Program. The supervisors assist the coordinator during the regular hours of After Care, which runs on school days from 3 to 6 p.m. Candidate must have a valid Ohio License or Pupil Activity Permit. Other requirements include the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment process prior to starting the position. This is an hourly position.

Please visit stgertrudesch.org/employment to apply!



**Discover the
Dominican
Tradition**

St. Gertrude School is a K-8 Catholic school that fosters excellence in each student through exceptional Catholic academic development and faith formation. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for over 85 years, our school is a place where learning and communion flourish and children build a lasting relationship with God, form treasured friendships with each other, and graduate ready to meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

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a tour!**



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GATHER IN FAITH



GUIDE IN TRUTH



**GROW IN
EXCELLENCE**



**MAKING DISCIPLES
ONE PERSON
AT A TIME**

TYLER CASTRUCCI,
COORDINATOR OF ADULT
EVANGELIZATION

“Christians are made, not born.” These words, written by Tertullian around the turn of the 3rd century A.D., hone in

on the nature of Christian discipleship. This early Church Father’s words echo the very words of Jesus himself, who ordered his disciples to “Go, therefore, and *make* (emphasis added) 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. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). Being *made* into a disciple of Jesus is typically a slow, gradual process of conversion with many twists and turns along the way. It doesn’t happen in a vacuum. It requires the intentional and loving guidance, friendship, prayer, and apprenticeship of a mature disciple of the Lord within the context of a community of believers. That’s you! You are called to be that mature disciple who courageously shares his or her faith with others. To truly be a disciple of the Lord is to follow his commands, including this call to evangelize. Making disciples, therefore, isn’t simply one of many other things we do as a parish, rather, it is *the thing* that we are called to do, collectively and individually. As Pope St. Paul VI put it, the Church “exists to evangelize” (*Evangelii nuntiandi*, 17).

Our Become Catholic program is the primary way that we, as a parish, *make* disciples. It’s a lengthy process of accompanying seekers as they discern whether or not to enter the Church. *Every single parishioner is called to be a part of this process.* You might not be at our weekly Monday night meetings or at all of the various liturgical rites, but you are nevertheless vital to the success of our efforts to *make* disciples. One of the greatest joys in my time in ministry has been to witness how lives are transformed throughout the process of becoming Catholic. While every pathway to discipleship looks different for each individual, almost invariably every single case begins at the same place: *a personal invitation.* No elaborate advertising campaign can ever compete with the power of a personal invitation extended within the context of a real relationship between two people. This is where you, as a parishioner, can have a profound impact on the Become Catholic program. Imagine if every single person in our parish personally invited someone to consider becoming

Catholic. Even if only a small fraction of the people responded positively to that invitation, I believe we would see tremendous fruit from it.

While the formal Become Catholic program with its weekly meetings begins this month, this effort to *make* disciples is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (366 in a leap year) endeavor. There is no bad time to invite someone to consider becoming Catholic! As St. Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians, “Behold, *now* (emphasis added) is a very acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). *Now* is the time! Not tomorrow, not in a couple of weeks, but *right now* at this very moment is the time to proclaim the Good News of salvation. I invite you to intentionally pray for the Lord to provide you an opportunity to make this invitation. Pray for him to arrange that “divine appointment” where you encounter someone, whether it’s a friend or a stranger, and extend that invitation. Perhaps you already have someone in mind whom you would like to invite—begin by praying for that person by name. Pray that you will have the courage to make the invitation and that the Holy Spirit will provide you with the right words to say at the right time, and also pray that that person might respond positively to that invitation. This is how we *make* disciples in our parish. One person at a time.



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

INVITE THEM TO COME & SEE.

To kick off our 2023-2024 Become Catholic program, we are hosting a Come & See event—a relaxed evening of food, drink, and fellowship for adults who are interested in Catholicism. Help us spread the word by inviting someone who is considering becoming Catholic. Oftentimes all people need is an invitation from a friend.

COME & SEE

**September 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**St. Gertrude Church
Parish Center**

6543 Miami Ave., Madeira, 45243



stgertrude.org/become-catholic

CAMPUS CLOSURES FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Our Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed through Monday, September 4. The chapel will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5. The school and church offices will be closed on Monday and will reopen on Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. respectively.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR DISCUSSION

Are you listening to Father Mike Schmitz' *Catechism in a Year* podcast? Join other St. Gertrude Church parishioners and our friars for discussions on the content on Friday, September 8 and 22, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the music room (in the lower level of the Parish Center).

JOIN OUR PARISH CHOIR!

St. Gertrude Church's Parish Choir is seeking new members to join us in singing at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Some ability to read music is helpful, but not required. If you're on the fence, please come to our first Thursday rehearsal on September 7 in the Parish Center and see how it goes! Please email our director of music, Christopher Holman, at cholman@stgertrude.org for more information.

JOIN THE ROSARY MAKERS MINISTRY

The St. Gertrude Parish Rosary Making ministry is looking for people to make knotted-type rosaries, as well as to dye cord for these types of rosaries. If you are interested, please contact Mary or Larry Ball at (513) 831-8572. Learn more about this ministry at stgertrude.org/rosarymakers.

SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS

St. Gertrude parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, September 24, and Sunday, October 22. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati. Sign up outside (or in the Parish Center lobby if it's raining) before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Masses on Sunday, September 10. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org.


WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Anthony & Julie Anzer | Brett & Brittany Liming |
| Anthony & Rachel Chamblin | Timothy & Madeline McCauley |
| Arthur & Kathleen DeLorenzo | Casey & Gaby McCracken |
| Daniel & Carolyn Goodman | Daniel & Theresa Moeggenberg |
| James & Mary Kate Hackett | Callie Sammeroff |
| Thomas & Brooke Howard | Matthew & Andrea Strobe |
| Andrew Johnson | Courtney Thompson |

LEARN THE STORY
OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS IN

Acts

A BIBLE STUDY



Beginning Saturday, September 9, join us for the second half of *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*, a 20-part Bible study that will help you see yourself as a disciple of Christ and discover how the joys and struggles of the early Christians apply to today. *You do not need to have participated in the previous study to join this study.*


WHO: Adults 18+

WHEN: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month

WHERE: St. Gertrude School Cafeteria

COST: Free, (plus cost of the workbook if you need it)

For more information and to register, visit stgertrude.org/biblestudy



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Simon Berry, Vicki Calonge, Maureen S. Currens, Triset Defonseka, Pamela K. Dwyer, Lisa Ely, Lynn Fedele, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Baby Leo Henry Grolmes, Elsa Hall, Jane Hazelton, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Ed and Karen Larkin, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Michael Stoll, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Debbie Van Hise, Brigitte Vielhauer and Kerry Walden

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, Seth McGann, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, Ian Tester, and Gus Voto

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

† All Our Beloved Dead

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Please join us for a memorial prayer service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati) at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. The prayer, which will take place in the Baby Garden in section 28, is to honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion and to ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten. As we hold this solemn prayer service at Gate of Heaven, thousands of prayer services will be held simultaneously at other gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, pastor of The Community of the Good Shepherd, will lead the service. Key speaker will be announced. Please bring a folding chair or blanket and an umbrella for your comfort. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Thesing at kthesing@gateofheaven.org. For more information on this national event, visit nationaldayofremembrance.org.

BETHANY HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend, September 9 and 10, the Ladies of Charity will be at the white van in the parking before and after all Masses (except 6 p.m.) collecting items for Bethany House, an agency which empowers homeless and at-risk families with solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. Their immediate needs include household items to fill the “Exit Basket” provided to each family as they start a new life in more stable housing. Kitchen needs include pots/pans, dishes, glassware, silverware, cooking utensils, baking pans, garbage bags and cans. Bathroom needs include shower curtains/liners, towels/wash cloths, toilet brush/plunger. Bed linens for twin- or full-size beds, blankets, comforters, and pillows are requested. Household goods, such as brooms/dustpans, mops/buckets, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, and laundry detergent are also needed to help previously homeless families set up new households. Thank you for your generous support. If you have any questions, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.



LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING

There will be a Ladies of Charity organizational meeting next Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room. There is much to discuss as we plan the end of 2023 and our 2024 activities. Any woman who is 18 years or older and is a practicing Catholic is welcome to join the Ladies of Charity or just come to the meeting to find out the many ways we provide much-needed love, support, and financial assistance to families. If you need more information, please contact Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498-5085.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Discover how Christendom College helps students learn the Truth, live the faith, and thrive as Catholics. This is an ideal event for those with high school-aged children and/or those interested in learning more about Christendom. Join us at from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, at Geoff and Colleen Pearson’s house (6373 Ludlum Rd., Morrow, OH 45152) to hear more about the college that led Pope St. John Paul II to say: “Christendom College is doing a great work for the Church.” Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Geoff.Pearson@outlook.com or (513) 604-2308.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Fall is right around the corner. It’s a beautiful season full of color and crisp, fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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. It’s a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy time away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences are September 29–October 1 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati and November 3-5 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling again. Apply today at esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. If you have any questions or need more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at (859) 653-8464, application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

Calling all lawyers!



The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild of Greater Cincinnati hereby invites you and your families to attend:

The 25th Annual Red Mass

Thursday, September 21, 2023

at 5:00 PM at the

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, KY

Visit CincinnatiRedMass.org for more and information on other events of interest to the legal community.

CAREGIVER MASS

This year’s Caregiver Mass is scheduled for November 19, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr will preside at the Mass. Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver—from nurses and physicians, to dietary staff and lab workers, from those who care for a sick or elderly friend or relative, to those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities or parishes. These Masses aren’t just for Catholics. People from all faiths are welcome. You can nominate an individual for this year’s Mass and reception at forms.office.com/r/J5Vt18tc2z. All nominations are due by September 22, 2023.



ASK A PRIEST — DOS AND DON'TS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

FATHER JOHN PAUL WALKER, O.P.

Q: As a priest, you give out Communion to hundreds of people every week. Could you share some “dos” and “don’ts” with us about how to receive the Eucharist?

A: Receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord in the Eucharist is one of the greatest gifts we possess as Catholics. Here are tips for receiving in such a way that helps our priests and extraordinary ministers to distribute the Eucharist in as reverent a manner as possible.

For those receiving on the tongue, the first request I would have is to **remain still**. It is much easier to hit a stationary target than a moving one! Do not “lunge” toward the host as the priest is moving it toward your mouth. Keep your head still. Your mouth should be open, and your tongue slightly extended. If your tongue isn’t extended at all, then the priest is forced to put his fingers *inside* your mouth in order to get the host on your tongue—and that is not pleasant. At the same time, there is no need to extend your tongue as far as you possibly can. Slightly extended is more than adequate. Once the host is placed on your tongue, please resist the urge to immediately and forcefully snap your mouth shut like a snapping turtle; I need at least a half-second to withdraw my fingers. (During my first months here, I remember one day when a woman, wearing some very red lipstick, snapped her mouth shut so quickly that she clamped down on my thumb and finger, leaving large lipstick marks on both of them. Don’t be like her!) Your mouth does need to be open some, but there is no need to open it like you’re at the dentist getting a molar drilled. I’m putting the host on your tongue, after all, not on your tonsils. **To summarize:** mouth slightly open, tongue slightly extended, remain stationary and, once the host is on your tongue, make sure fingers are out of the way before closing mouth. Simple.

For those receiving in the hand, my first request is the same as before: **remain still**. It is amazing to me how people will come forward in the Communion line and their hands *never stop moving*. Again, it is far easier to hit a stationary target than a moving one. When you extend your hands, it should be completely obvious which hand you wish the priest/minister to place the host on. If you put out both hands, side by side, looking exactly the same, *we don’t know where to put the host*. This is frustrating and confusing. So please do not put out both hands side by side. I’ve seen some people put out



both hands, but instead of both being flat, they are angled towards each other like a “V.” This is even worse. As now we still don’t know where to place the host, and we are worried about it sliding down between both hands and potentially sliding right onto the floor if there is any gap at all between the two hands. Along the same lines, sometimes those receiving in the hand while at the altar rail rest their arms on the rail in such a way that their hands are angled backward toward them (occasionally at a shockingly large angle). If the hand receiving the host is not flat, there is a good chance the host is going to slide off and onto the floor. Instead, the hand you wish the host to be placed on should be as close to perfectly horizontal as you can get it, *slightly cupped* (which also helps guard against the host sliding, in the event your hand is not perfectly horizontal), and your other hand—usually your dominant one—should be placed **underneath** the first hand. This makes it crystal clear to the priest/minister where to put the host and then easy for the communicant to take the underneath hand, use it to pick up the host, and reverently place it in his or her mouth. *Under no circumstances* should someone use their thumb and fingers to attempt to “snatch” the host from the priest in mid-air; behind closed doors, us priests refer to such people as “Body snatchers” and it is *very* annoying. Finally, and this is critical, when receiving on the hand, please **consume the host before you begin walking away**. It is imperative that the priest/minister sees you place the host in your mouth. Under no circumstances should someone be walking away with the host still in his or her hands. This is to safeguard the Blessed Sacrament against anyone attempting to steal it.

On a final note, while these are guidelines I ask everyone to follow, I understand there are certain medical conditions that make some of these guidelines difficult or impossible. Please know we understand that you are doing your best, and do not worry.

Have a question about faith, life, theology, the Church, or something else? Submit your question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican friars, brothers, or sisters; experts; or theologians to answer in an upcoming bulletin.

PRAYER FROM ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT



Prayer on Labor Day

O heart of Jesus, heart most sweet, I offer to you all my labors and my toils; I dedicate to you all my labors and my toils, my anguish and my misery; to you I commend my life, and the end of my life. Amen.

COVER IMAGE: *Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross in church St. Matthew by Philipp Schumacher (1907-1915).*

Monday, September 4	Tuesday, September 5	Wednesday, September 6	Thursday, September 7	Friday, September 8	Saturday, September 9	Sunday, September 10
Adoration Chapel Closed	Moms & Littles Holy Hour 9:30 a.m. Church	Schola Cantorum 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	CGS Level 1 11 a.m. Atrium I & II	Walking with Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Masses Gym
Parish Office Closed	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	CGS Level 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II	K of C Business Meeting 7 p.m. K of C Hall	Catechism in a Year Discussion Group 9 a.m. PC Choir Room	Parish Choir Retreat 9 a.m. PC Choir Room	Soup Kitchen Signups After 8, 10 & 12 Masses St. Dominic Lobby
St. Gertrude School No School		Cub Scouts – Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	Parish Choir 7 p.m. PC Choir Room		St. Anne & Child Mary Guild 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	L of C Bethany House Collection After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Sharing Van
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden		Holy Hour with Confessions 7:30 p.m. Church			Acts of the Apostles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Little Flower Library Open 8:45-11:15 a.m.
					Ladies of Charity Planning Meeting 10 a.m. St. Joseph Room	CGS Parent Orientation 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Atrium I & II
					Spiritual Renewal for Pregnant Moms 10:30 a.m. St. Gertrude School Chapel	Confirmation Candidate Session 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. School Cafeteria
					Pregnant Moms & Family Blessing 11:30 a.m. Mass Church	Baptisms 1:15 p.m. Church
					L of C Bethany House Collection After 4:30 p.m. Mass Sharing Van	The Rosary: Musical Meditations: 3 p.m. Church
						L'alto Kickoff & Parent Session 7 p.m. Parish Center

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St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for August 27

Collection	\$	24,930
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	(\$	12,070)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2024)

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	300,072
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	333,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	32,928)

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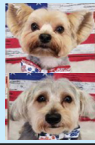
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