



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

October 23, 2022

For everyone who  
exalts himself  
*will be  
humbled,*

and the one who  
humbles himself  
*will be exalted.*

Luke 18:14



## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, October 24, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph Sallese by Dominican Sisters
- 8 a.m. † Mary Teller by Allie & George Maggini
- 11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

### Tuesday, October 25, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Carol & Bob Dressman by Pat & Al Riesenberg
- 8 a.m. † Tony Medina by Matt & Cristina Genung
- 11:30 a.m. † Russell & Kathryn Bravard by Janice & Bill Kelly

### Wednesday, October 26, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Maria Eugenia & Manuel Garrido  
by The Henderson Family
- 8 a.m. † Gary Tartaron by The Tartaron Family
- 11:30 a.m. † Grace Heising by The Effler & Wenzel Families

### Thursday, October 27, Weekday

- 7 a.m. † August Hoffman by Jennifer & Gary Black
- 8 a.m. † Noreen Marie Henkel by Katie Stoiber
- 11:30 a.m. † K & C Kasselmann by Nancy DeBrunner

### Friday, October 28, Sts. Simon & Jude (F)

- 7 a.m. † Ron Ball by Sal & Teri Forlini
- 8 a.m. Fr. George Schommer, O.P. by Mike & Jeta Geraci
- 11:30 a.m. † Ron Bosken by Joan Kunkel

### Saturday, October 29, Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

- 8 a.m. † Norma Yancey by Joan Kunkel
- 11:30 a.m. † Bill Stuebbe by David & Ann Stein
- 4:30 p.m. † Emily & Jerry Davis by The Carrington Family

### Sunday, October 30, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. † Megan Johnson by Nancy Bonn
- 12 p.m. † Margaret Noble by Gwen & PJ Arling
- 6 p.m. Anne & Dave Spaeth by Kim & Chuck Long

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 | [stgertrude.org](http://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.

## CENTENNIAL KICKOFF MASS



Sunday, October 30 | 10 a.m.

Please join us and Most Reverend Christopher Cardone, O.P., for Mass to officially begin our centennial preparation year. A reception with the archbishop will follow.



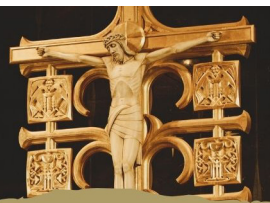
## ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Wednesday, November 2 | 7 p.m. | Church

In remembrance of all the faithful departed, the souls in purgatory, and particularly those from our parish who have passed away this year.



## 100th Anniversary Kickoff Events: Truth. Goodness. Beauty.



**Witness to the Truth: Vigil of the Saints**  
Monday, October 31, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. | Church



**The Power of Goodness: A Refugee Family from Ukraine Tells Their Story**  
Saturday, November 5, 2022 | 7 p.m. | Gym



**A Night of Beauty: Visions of Eternity**  
Friday, November 11, 2022 | 7 p.m. | Church

Visit [stgertrude.org/centennial](http://stgertrude.org/centennial) for all the details.



## CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT ST. LUKE

Earlier this week, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Luke, who authored one of the four Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. This morning, it struck me—a Catholic Christian—powerfully that Catholicism would be radically different had St. Luke never wrote what he did. Consider this:

Without St. Luke, we would not have the Acts of the Apostles. Which would mean . . .

We would not have any significant details of the Ascension of Christ. Would not know how it came about that Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as the twelfth Apostle. We would not have the account of the martyrdom of St. Stephen the *protomartyr* (the first martyr). We would not have the full details of St. Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. We would know virtually nothing about St. Paul's missionary journeys, other than the tiny tidbits/references in some of his own letters. And most of all, we would not have the account of Pentecost. Imagine Christianity without a written account of Pentecost!

Regarding Luke's Gospel, one might think, "Come on, if we had Matthew, Mark, and John, that would be enough." Well, consider this . . .

Luke is the only Gospel that recounts some of the most beloved parables of Jesus, including the prodigal son and the good samaritan. It is also the only Gospel that records several very important events, including the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the raising of the widow's son, the cleansing of the 10 lepers, the incident with Martha and Mary, the story of Zacchaeus, the promise Jesus made to the "good thief" at the Crucifixion, and Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In addition, Luke is the only Gospel that records the Annunciation. Without his Gospel, we would never know it was the archangel Gabriel that appeared to Mary (or that any angel did at all!), nor would we have some of our most beloved Catholic prayers—without Luke's account of the Annunciation, we would not have the Angelus or the Hail Mary. (Try to wrap your mind around Catholicism without the Hail Mary!) And that means we would not have the rosary.

Similarly, Luke is the only Gospel that records Mary and Joseph having to travel to Bethlehem for the census while Mary was pregnant. The only one that gives the details of "no room at the inn," the birth in the manger, the shepherds in the field seeing the vision of angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest." Liturgically, the *Gloria* ("Glory to God in the highest") that we say or sing at every Sunday and feast day Mass would be unknown.

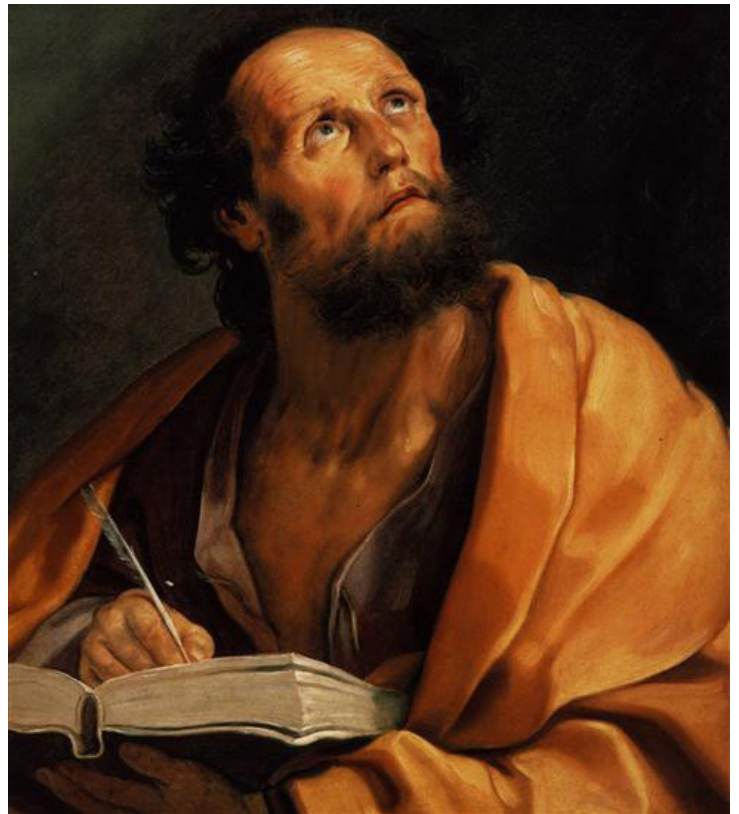
When it comes to Christmas, there would be no nativity scenes,

no creches, no Christmas hymns like "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"—none of them. In short, Christmas (at least as we know it and celebrate it today) essentially *would not exist*.

If you enjoy any of these things or, more importantly, if your faith has been fed by any of these things, then before you go to bed tonight, say a brief prayer of thanksgiving for St. Luke and that the Holy Spirit inspired him to put his Gospel down on paper. And then strive every day to come to better know Christ our Lord and his Blessed Mother, both of whom St. Luke witnessed to so beautifully in his sacred writings.

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

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.



## PRO-LIFE QUOTE



"Our commitment to life from conception to natural death extends from our conviction in honoring the dignity of all persons, born and unborn . . ."

— Archbishop Joseph Kurtz

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Pharisee and the Publican*, Doré (1870)



### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday, October 28, 2022:** Trunk or Treat
- **Sunday, October 30, 2022:** All Saints Celebration
- **Tuesday, November 1, 2022:** Gallery of Saints

### MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROJECT

At the start of each school year, our first graders spend several weeks learning about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and observe soon-to-be butterflies go from eggs, to caterpillars, to chrysalises, to adult butterflies. The first graders love watching the caterpillars as they eat, and they use rulers and magnifying glasses to keep track of the caterpillars' growth. When the butterflies hatch, the first graders are able to hold them before they are released—a memorable experience for all. Here are a few pictures from this year's butterfly release. (This project meets our science curriculum standards and helps the plight of the monarch butterfly, as it has become a less populated species of butterfly in North America.)



### 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(s)
- Substitute teachers for grades K-8
- Latin teacher for grades 3-5 (part-time)

### ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER BOOK

As our parish prepares to celebrate our 100th anniversary, the school will be assembling a prayer book for the parish community as a gift. Anyone interested in participating in this project should contact Beth Clifford at [elizabeth.a.clifford@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.a.clifford@gmail.com) or (513) 368-1760. We will meet a few times to plan the layout and content.

### 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).

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of October 24, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



## DISCOVER THE DOMINICAN TRADITION

Gather in Faith. Guide in Truth. Grow in Excellence.

**Please join us for our Open Houses!**

**November 9, 2022**

11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
7-8 p.m.

**January 29, 2023**

1-3 p.m.

Visit [stgertrudesch.org/open-house-rsvp](https://stgertrudesch.org/open-house-rsvp)  
to schedule your personal tour.



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The following article has been adapted from the September 2020 issue of The Catholic Telegraph Magazine.

## **IVOTECATHOLIC: FORMING FAITHFUL CITIZENS**

BY MICHELLE DUSHENSKY,  
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

It's that time of year again: Election season. As citizens of this country, we are called to participate. As Catholics, our faith calls us to not just participate by casting a vote, but to do so in a manner that is consistent with the mission of Jesus. The problem is, many Catholics don't actually know what the Church teaches about the dignity of every human person, the dignity of life, caring for the poor and the earth, the importance of family and community, the value of work and the rights of workers.

Regardless of where we stand—or lean—we're all faced with the same timeless question as the 2022 elections quickly approach: Who do I vote for?

It's not a question that your husband or wife, parent, pastor or anyone else can answer for you. As stated in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, a document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "The responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience."

So how does one properly form his or her conscience and vote with confidence? By reading the papal, conciliar and episcopal documents on the Church's social teaching. While these are deep and rich, many of us do not have the time to dive into *Gaudium et Spes*, "Statement on Capital Punishment," "Called to Compassion and Responsibility," or any of the other 50-plus foundational documents—and thanks to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's initiative, iVoteCatholic, you don't have to.

The goal of iVoteCatholic, which was launched ahead of the 2020 presidential election, is to equip archdiocesan pastors, parish leaders, and educators with the resources they need to help their parishioners and students get a fuller picture of Catholic social teaching and form good consciences, not only for the November election but also for life. The hope is that with a better understanding of what the Church teaches and why, people will apply these teachings to their lives, thoughtfully evaluate candidates during elections and vote with their faith in mind.

"Instead of people voting Republican or Democrat, we want people to vote Catholic," said Andrew Musgrave, director for Catholic Social Action and point-person for the initiative, "And that doesn't mean voting for Catholics. That doesn't mean only voting for people who line up with one particular

issue in the Catholic Church. You're never going to find someone who lives by the Catechism and always abides by every teaching of the Church, but who do you find best embodies, best lives out, best leads from the fullness of the Catholic position? It's a discernment process."

### **SEVEN THEMES**

To assist in that discernment process, Musgrave and the iVoteCatholic initiative team, examined the seven themes of Catholic social teaching and paired them with the seven weeks preceding this year's election:

- Week 1: Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Week 2: Rights & Responsibilities
- Week 3: Family, Community, and Participation
- Week 4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Week 5: Solidarity
- Week 6: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Week 7: Care for God's Creation

They then compiled and created dozens of digital resources for each of those weeks, housing them on [iVoteCatholic.org](https://iVoteCatholic.org). Materials include explanations of each theme, prayers, videos, homily helps, social media posts, bulletin articles, discussion guides for small groups, musical suggestions, activities for kids, lesson plans, papal statements and more.

Jeremy Helmes, director for Divine Worship and Sacraments at the archdiocese, said that because the Church does not align herself with political parties, some pastoral leaders tend to shy away from social and political issues. He hopes this initiative will open up those conversations and inspire parishes and schools to help their communities grapple with urgent political issues and understand more about what the Church actually teaches. Because, in the long run, iVoteCatholic isn't about a specific election.

"It's really about Catholic social teaching," said Helmes. "It's evergreen content. We're hoping that this [website] will continue to be a resource."

The times are calling us to be more engaged in our political lives. We're not all going to vote the same way, but Musgrave said that by making a concerted effort to learn more about the fullness of our faith and what it means to vote Catholic, we can step forward with peace of mind.

For more details, visit [iVoteCatholic.org](https://iVoteCatholic.org).

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# iVoteCatholic

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is an international pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year's 40 Days for Life is October 28–November 6, 2022. St. Gertrude Church will participate on Wednesday, October 26, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati). If you would like to join us, please sign up after Mass this weekend, October 22 and 23. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Graham at (513) 984-4766 or (513) 703-5252. If you would like to get involved in the pro-life movement beyond St. Gertrude Church, please contact Mary Clark at (513) 791-4039, (513) 365-2606, or [cincy40days@fuse.net](mailto:cincy40days@fuse.net).



### GIFT OF LIFE COLLECTION

As is a long-standing tradition, a Pack 'N Play has been placed outside the Holy Family Chapel in the church to collect donated new baby items throughout the month. Requested items include diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, onesies, sleepers, blankets, bottles, formula, etc. The items will be delivered to Old St. Mary's pregnancy center in Over-the-Rhine, which provides counseling, catechesis, and critically-needed baby items to urban, underserved mothers.

### PRO-LIFE PANEL

Please join the St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the gym for a free pro-life panel. In the wake of the *Roe v. Wade* reversal, Ohio's upcoming elections are critical in ensuring protections for unborn babies in our state. Three expert panelists will explain the legality of abortion in Ohio, why the upcoming elections are so important, and what *you* can do to make a difference. There will be an opportunity for Q&A, and light refreshments will be provided.

### ALTAR SERVER BOOT CAMP

All boys in grades 4-12 who are interested in being altar servers are invited to our altar server boot camp next weekend, October 28 and 29. Boot camp will consist of training and a pizza party on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and training on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Please contact Ben Hoffman at [pxaw@hotmail.com](mailto:pxaw@hotmail.com) by Thursday, October 27, to sign up.

### GALLERY OF SAINTS

Our St. Gertrude School second grade students have been learning about the lives of the saints. Next Sunday, October 30, after the 10 a.m. Mass, the students will be dressing up as saints and gathering outside in the breezeway to present their annual Gallery of Saints. Walk through the gallery as you leave Mass and get to know some of the Church's most beloved saints.

### CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

St. Gertrude Church Boy Scout Troop 555 is selling Christmas wreaths, sprays, and other decorations from Mickman Brothers. If you do not know a scout or have not been contacted by one, you can place your order after any Mass this weekend, October 22 and 23. The wreaths are set to be delivered the weekend of November 19, just in time for those who like to start decorating right after Thanksgiving! Payment (cash or check) is due when you place your order. If you have any questions, please contact a Troop 555 scout or Mary Jo Schuette at (513) 207-1836 or [Mjschuette2@gmail.com](mailto:Mjschuette2@gmail.com).



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Archbishop Elder Council is holding a membership drive at St. Gertrude Church this weekend, October 22 and 23. Council members will be outside after all Masses to answer questions and share more about what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. To become an Elder Council #1195 member, apply online at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus). Enter the code BlessedMcGivney and enjoy 12 free months of membership. (Membership is open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older.)



### LET US PRAY

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

#### THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Maureen S. Currans, 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, 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, Shari Siebert, 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, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED

All Our Beloved Dead



## CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW THANK-YOU

The Ladies of Charity wish to express their sincere gratitude to St. Gertrude Parish for supporting this year's Annual Craft and Gift Show. We extend a special thanks to all those parishioners who were able to help with the baked goods. We had some wonderful treats to sell to our shoppers. The show was a great success, and all proceeds will go to benefit charities in our surrounding community.

## GENERATIONAL HEALING SERVICE

Come to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, October 26, 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.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



### walking with purpose

Do you have a restless heart and feel so busy with everyone and everything that it's impossible to find time in the day for a relationship with God? Join the Walking with Purpose Women's Bible study for strong coffee and great conversation on Friday, October 28, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the St. Dominic Lobby (Parish Center) as we watch the Opening Your Heart video, "God – First Place in All Things." Come as you are, and discover the key to a peaceful and centered heart, no matter how crazy and messy your life is! If you have any questions, please contact [wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com](mailto:wwp.st.gertrude@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MINI-RETREAT

All Catholic physicians and medical workers—as well as spouses and non-medical folks—are invited to attend a morning of spiritual refreshment and guidance, at the CMA Mini-Retreat on Saturday, October 29, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. Gertrude Church Parish Center. Father Thomas Blau, O.P., a Eucharistic Revival preacher, will lead the retreat, which will include 8 a.m. Mass, a light breakfast, fellowship, and an opportunity for confession. Join us at Oakley Kitchen (3715 Madison Road) for lunch after the retreat. The cost is \$10; medical students are free. Register at [cmacincy.org/event/cma-mini-retreat](http://cmacincy.org/event/cma-mini-retreat) by October 27.

## PCW OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

Pregnancy Center West will host a free open house and tour of their new building (2859 Boudinot Avenue, Cincinnati) on Sunday, October 30, from 1 to 5 p.m. No RSVP needed—come and go as you please. Food and beverages will be provided.



## SEVEN SAINTS RELICS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTERS

On Friday, November 4, from 2 to 8 p.m., St. Margaret of York (9499 Columbia Road, Loveland, OH 45140) will be hosting Seven Saints Relics, loaned to the parish by Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Come venerate the relics of some of the Church's favorite and much beloved saints (St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Mary Magdalene), as well as the relics of a few new saint friends (St. Dymphna, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and The Seven Martyrs of Thailand). For more information, please visit [smoy.org/seven-saints](http://smoy.org/seven-saints).



## PASSING ON THE FAITH - WOMEN'S RETREAT

Take a break from the world and spend the day focused on God. Father Nathan Cromley will lead us in prayer, talks, adoration and Mass. Confession times will be available.

All women are invited to take a break from the world and spend a day focused on God at the Passing on the Faith women's retreat on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (Loyola Hall). Led by Father Nathan Cromley, the retreat will include prayer, talks, adoration, Mass, and an opportunity to go to confession, as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$60. Register at [bit.ly/FrNathanWomensRetreat2022](http://bit.ly/FrNathanWomensRetreat2022). If you have any questions, please email [frcwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:frcwomensretreat@gmail.com) or call (513) 205-9436.

## PROJECT RACHEL

The Project Rachel Ministry has helped women and men who have lost a child through abortion receive healing and forgiveness. Through this ministry, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for Respect Life Ministries offers weekend retreats and support groups for mothers and a Day of Reflection for anyone affected by abortion. For more information, please visit [projectrachelohio.org](http://projectrachelohio.org), email [hopeandhealing@gmail.com](mailto:hopeandhealing@gmail.com), or call the Project Rachel confidential helpline at (513) 784-0531.

## GOD'S MERCY

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God, which allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

When you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes (located at the church entrances) or your nonperishable items in the food barrel (just inside the side sacristy door), please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.





### ASK A PRIEST— VARIOUS “ACTS OF CONTRITION”

FATHER JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** What are the different options the Church gives for the faithful to make an Act of Contrition? It seems different people have different versions of the prayer that they’ll use in the confessional.

**A:** As a priest who frequently has the privilege to hear confessions, I can testify

to the variety of Acts of Contrition used by the Catholic faithful! The traditional formularies are beautiful and, more importantly, help Catholics to express true sorrow for their sins and a resolution not to sin again. A good Act of Contrition is meant to help us be sorry for having sinned for fear of eternal punishment, *and most of all*, for having offended God’s love. That is, it cultivates what the Catechism calls “imperfect contrition” and moves us toward the “perfect contrition.” Wonderfully, this is also the work of the sacrament itself. Some newer versions are drawn from Scripture. All Catholics should commit to memory and use some form of the Act of Contrition, even daily. Here are a few possibilities:

1. My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.
2. O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; but most of all, because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.
3. Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: “I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your son.” Christ Jesus, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: “Lord, remember me in your kingdom.” Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: “Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light.”
4. Lord Jesus, you chose to be called the friend of sinners. By your saving death and resurrection free me from my sins. May your peace take root in my heart and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth.
5. Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Can you imagine the transformation such a prayer can lead to in your life? An Act of Contrition can be offered daily following a brief examination of conscience. This is a great way to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation (a.k.a., confession or penance), and you’ll be less likely to go blank when it’s time to recite it in the presence of the priest! Thankfully, contrition is first of all the work of God who calls us to turn from sin to believe in the Gospel. These formularies and others do their part to help us answer the call.

*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!*





Monday, October 24	Tuesday, October 25	Wednesday, October 26	Thursday, October 27	Friday, October 28	Saturday, October 29	Sunday, October 30
<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Cana Family – Year 1</b> 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Resurrection Choir Practice</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>CGS Level I</b> 11:15 a.m. Atrium I	<b>Walking with Purpose Bible Study</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Catholic Medical Association</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Centennial Year Kickoff Reception</b> After 10 a.m. Mass Gym
<b>Become Catholic (RCIA)</b> 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>True Devotion to Mary</b> 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	<b>Schola Cantorum</b> 3:30 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>Hospitality Team Meeting</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Altar Server Training</b> 3 p.m. Church	<b>Altar Server Training</b> 9 a.m. Church	<b>St. Gertrude School Gallery of Saints</b> After 10 a.m. Mass Breezeway
<b>Seasons of Hope</b> 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room	<b>L'alto: Confirmation Core Team</b> 6:30 p.m. OE Conference Room	<b>Cub Scouts</b> 6:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Parish Choir</b> 7 p.m. PC Choir Room	<b>TEXT SCAM ALERT</b> In light of a recent text scam, we want to remind you that our pastor and parish staff will never ask anyone for money or gift cards via email or text. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at parishoffice@stgertrude.org or (513) 561-5954.		
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Holy Hour with Confessions</b> 7:30 p.m. Church				
<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 7 p.m. K of C Hall	<b>Cana Family – Year 1</b> 7 p.m. Holy Family Conference Room			<b>REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT</b> 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 <a href="http://buytickets.at/stgertrude">buytickets.at/stgertrude</a> or by scanning this QR code.		
	<b>Pro-Life Panel Event</b> 7 p.m. Gym					



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### St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for October 16

Collection	\$	34,212
Weekly Budget	\$	36,500
Weekly Deficit	\$	(2,288)
2nd Collection – St. Gertrude School (Catholic Education): \$2,638		
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2023)</b>		
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	527,425
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	584,000
Fiscal YTD Deficit	\$	(56,575)

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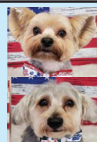
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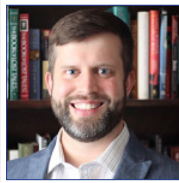
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