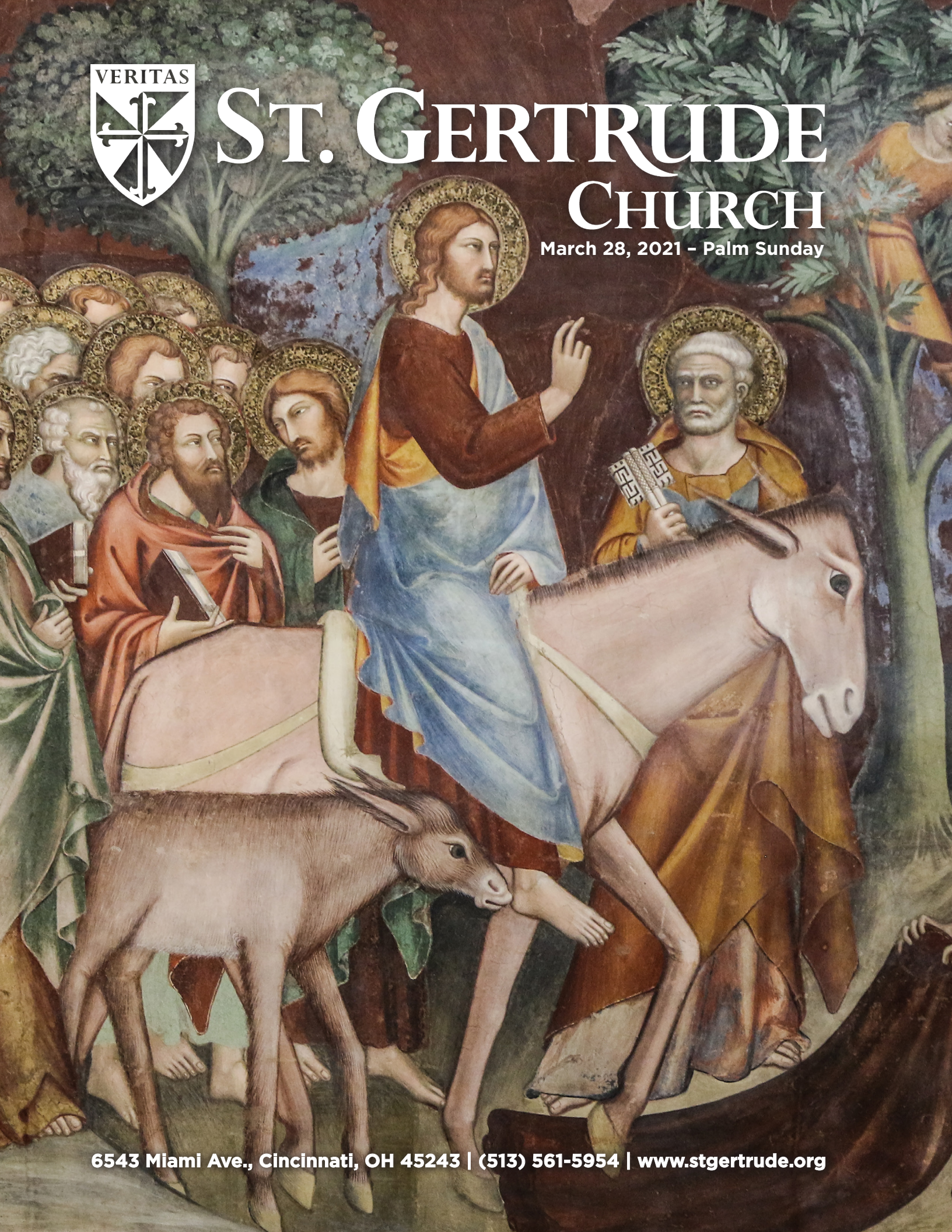




ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday



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MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

Monday, March 29, Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. †Marlene Tisher/Martha Coors
8:00 a.m. †Jeff Vollmer/Pat & Nealy Mechley
11:30 a.m. †Stephen & Joyce Weber/
Gerald & Margaret Solitario

Tuesday, March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. †William Koch/Bill & Tish Shefcik
8:00 a.m. †LaVern Graham/Craig & Teresa Babcock
11:30 a.m. †Barbara Dugan/
True Devotion to Mary – Erie, PA

Wednesday, March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. †Jack Toomb/The Hughes Family
8:00 a.m. †Carol Coors/Melanie & John Sheridan
11:30 a.m. †Ryan Pike/Jeanne Johantges

Thursday, April 1, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

No morning Masses are permitted
No scheduled Confessions

- 5:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Livestreamed)
Incense, Procession, Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

No Masses are permitted
No scheduled Confessions

- 12:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Sung
(Livestreamed)
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Outside

Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday

No Masses are permitted until Easter Vigil
No scheduled Confessions

- 9:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** (Livestreamed)
For the newly received baptized from the
RCIA program

Sunday, April 4,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (S)

- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Livestreamed), 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
Intention of the Celebrant
Easter Novena

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. There will be no Confession times offered Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday (April 1-4). Regular schedule resumes on Monday, April 5th.

Parish Office Info

Parish Office Hours

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

School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Church Hours

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

COVER IMAGE: "Hosanna Filio David!" Photograph by Very Rev. Lawrence Lew, O.P. This fresco is from the collegiate church of San Gimignano in Tuscany.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER RESERVATIONS

The Parish Staff and volunteers wish to thank everyone for their patience as we navigate the reservation process for Holy Week and Easter. Everyone who has secured seats will receive an email confirmation by the end of the business day on March 30. This email will contain important details along with seating assignments.

Please communicate any cancellations to your reservations. If you already reserved seats and your plans have changed, and you will not be attending the liturgy with the amount of tickets that are registered or if you have received a confirmation for having seats at two liturgies on the same day, please let us know by emailing reservations@stgertrude.org. By communicating

cancellations in advance, we can do our best to fill the spots with people on the waitlist. If you are on a waitlist, you will be notified via email if a spot opens up for your family.

Please note that we will be extending our live stream experience for Holy Week and Easter and will stream the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m., the Easter Vigil at 9:00 p.m., and Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. We will also have outside stations on Good Friday at 7:30pm (which do not require a reservation).



LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER TOGETHER:

A LETTER FROM FR. GEORGE TO ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

As we begin the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, I want to take a moment to communicate some thoughts with you. We all have been through a tumultuous time over the last year because of the Coronavirus pandemic, and we continue to live with this reality. Everyone has been affected by the virus and the measures taken to limit its spread. Parish Masses, sacramental celebrations, and gatherings have been modified or curtailed in difficult ways. Last year, there were no public celebrations for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Such suspensions of public worship were a hardship for everyone.

Thanks be to God, we are able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter together this year while following the protocols given by Archbishop Schnurr. He issued a letter on March 15th, inviting Catholics to return to the in-person celebration of the Mass. He writes:

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). At Mass our souls are nourished by both God's Word and the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We recall Christ's own words as he foretold the salvific gift of the Holy Eucharist: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:54-56). This unmediated connection with Our Lord is only possible in person. Moreover, the Mass is where we come together in communion as God's holy people. Christ brought us together as Church because we need each other. We cannot return to the God who created us out of love without the help and support of other Catholics. This is why God gives us the Church, and this is what we share in most completely at Mass.

Returning to Mass and receiving the Eucharist reinvigorates our lives. The Sacrament we receive is the source of charity (love) that we owe to one another. Particularly, love is patient. Life is not yet "normal," and patience acknowledges that everyone is doing the best he can with the circumstances. More of our brothers and sisters are returning to Mass and we ought to welcome them lovingly. This includes our cooperation with the safety measures currently in place. As St. Paul says, "Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up" (Rom 15:2).

Here at St. Gertrude, we have increased the venues and times for people to participate in the Sacred Liturgy and receive the sacraments. With the Archbishop's permission, there is an additional liturgy on Holy Thursday and Good Friday; and we continue with the additional Sunday Masses in the gym. The reservation system for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter aims to accommodate as many people as possible in an objective and equitable manner. Unfortunately, not everyone receives his preference. Here, patience is needed; and perhaps sacrifice to accept what is available or what is not.

The Archbishop reminds us that ***the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place at least for now*** to not unduly burden the consciences of those who have serious health concerns, either for themselves or for someone in their immediate care. Likewise, please maintain vigilance when it comes to wearing masks, social distancing and using hand sanitizer in church. The health and safety of our communities continues to be of paramount importance.

As pastor of the parish and spiritual father for each member, my vocation is to lead everyone into an ever-deeper relationship with Jesus throughout his pilgrimage toward heaven. The days of Holy Week and Easter remind us that Christ loves the will of the Father. Therefore, He was obedient unto death, even death on a Cross for us and for our salvation. As disciples of Jesus, we receive all the graces we need to be conformed to Him and thereby empowered to love God and be obedient to Him. In His will is our freedom, our joy, and our peace.

Each of us is baptized into Christ, who has made us children of God and members of His Body, the Church. The Eucharist that we celebrate and receive fills the soul with grace and unites us in the peace of Christ. Through faith and with the help of God's grace, we are called to be united with one another, respectful of one another, and charitable toward one another in every facet of life.

Now is the occasion to establish a new "normal" in our parish where charity radiates from one to another and to all. Let us welcome those who are now making a return to Mass. Let us pray for those who are not yet ready or able to be physically present. Let us walk the path of charity together so that the new life we have in Christ will radiate brightly for all to see.

May this Holy Week and Easter season bring an abundance of grace, joy, and love into your life and into our parish celebrations.

Fr. George, O.P.



PASSION PLAY

The annual St. Gertrude School Passion Play was presented by the seventh grade class to their parents. The event was livestreamed for friends and family, providing a Lenten opportunity for many.



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(TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: IT'S NOT OKAY

BY BRAD BURSA

Up until a few years ago, it was quite common to hear this dialogue in our house: Parent: "You need to apologize to your sister."

Guilty kid: "Sorrrrr-rrrrrryy" (while contorting face and looking away for the chance to run as soon as possible)

Injured party: (head raises slightly from teary heap and in a nearly inaudible voice) "It's...okay..." (before dropping back into mopey heap or slinking away while considering avenues for revenge)

The bottom line: It's actually not "okay." It's not "okay" that someone thrice your size colored on your forehead with a Sharpie. It's not "okay" that someone pulled out your hair because you would not immediately heed that person's request to read the book you were reading. It's not "okay" that your toy car was smashed to smithereens for no apparent reason. Injustice is not an "okay," just-sweep-it-under-the-rug kind of thing. Most of us have tried that and it does not work. Real problems need to really be dealt with, or else they fester and rot.



As a boy, I remember learning quite viscerally about the problem of rotting things. A muskrat carcass floated downstream in the backyard creek of my childhood home. It got caught on some rocks. My buddies and I would check it out every day, because that's what boys do. Usually there was some sort of dare to touch it or something. One of us eventually did stab its bloated, dead flesh, unleashing the foulest odor that has ever meandered into my nostrils. Naturally, we pulverized it with as many big rocks as we could – burying the stench under the water and not returning to the spot for several weeks. Rot that remains locked up eventually comes out, and when it does, it ain't pretty.

Needless to say, apologies and acts of forgiveness were not working in our house.

Around this time, I came across some training materials from NET Ministries. NET trains and sends missionaries, usually between the ages of 18-25, all around the country to evangelize youth through dynamic retreat ministry. Because these young people are traveling around the country in close quarters, healthy team life is a must if ministry is going to be effective at all. One of their key training sessions has to do with admitting fault and granting forgiveness.

Let me first illustrate a NET reconciliation dialogue, then I'll explain the parts as I understand them (certainly, a NET official can correct me if I'm wrong!):

Guilty Party: "I slapped you with a piece of lunch meat, and it was wrong. Will you forgive me?"

Injured Party: "I forgive you."

Let's take it from the guilty party first. Notice the admission of fault renames the offense – it puts flesh back on the sin. The person has to state, clearly, what he or she did. And, not only that, the person must admit that it was wrong. I think this is the key. It's not just saying "sorry" as in "excuse me." This formula requires a clear statement of the offense *and* an admission that it was morally wrong. Then, and only then, does one ask for forgiveness.

Now, let's wrap this up by talking about forgiveness. Forgiveness is basically my free decision to see the other person as a person again (note the "I" and the "you" in response to the request for forgiveness). Instead of seeing the other as a non-person, the cause of my hurt, the sum of their faults, etc., I see the other first and foremost as another human person.

Forgiving the other does not mean excusing or implicitly condoning the wrongful action as "okay." Forgiving the other does not mean that the pain caused by the offense vanishes, nor does it mean one should stuff away feelings or repress memories. Forgiveness justly acknowledges the truth by acknowledging the wrong as wrong. But, it does not stop there. Forgiveness is an act of mercy springing from the depths of one's heart, the depths that have first been touched by God's merciful initiative. Forgiveness means going before the other who wronged me, and completely giving the other his or her personhood again, so to speak. In other words, forgiveness restores a relationship where the relationship had been damaged or destroyed, and invites a path for ongoing healing, rebuilding trust, and so forth.

The "Our Father" prayer reminds us of the importance of forgiving one another, lest our ability to receive God's forgiveness be hampered. Jesus raises a high bar, telling us that we must "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk. 6:36) and that we must forgive from the depths of our hearts in limitless fashion (cf. Mt. 18:23-35). The Christian family, home life, communal life, is the fundamental place where one learns how to ask for forgiveness and how to grant it. As the *Catechism* reminds us, "The home is the first school of the Christian life and 'a school for human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness" (1657). We introduced the reconciliation process from NET a few years ago. My wife and I practice it in our marriage and model it for our children. Most of the time, with regard to the kids, we still have to help them get started. It is neat, however, when we overhear them reconciling on their own. It's a sign that while sin still abounds in our home, God's grace operative in forgiveness abounds still more.

The 4th Sunday of each month, we'll feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in ordinariness of life.

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES

A beautiful spiritual remembrance for your family, friends and loved ones at Easter is to enroll them in the Easter Novena of Masses to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. This Novena of nine Masses begins Easter Sunday through Monday, April 12. Novena Cards are available at the entrances of the Church and also at the parish office in the school.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY **APRIL 11TH**

Join us in the Church, Confessions from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. followed by renewal of Consecration to Divine Mercy.



BEACONS OF LIGHT PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

To learn more about the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's pastoral planning process, please visit catholicaoc.org/beacons.

3RD-8TH GRADE (GIRLS) VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- Please visit the SGS Boosters website for more information and to register: sgsbulldogs.org/registration.
- Practices will tentatively start in August and season runs through mid-October.
- Registration will remain open until May 16.
- If you have any questions, or are interested in coaching (must be a parishioner 21 years or older) please contact the girls' coordinator Shannon Schuler at shannon_schuler@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE OF JUNE 12TH FOR A VISIT FROM OUR LADY OF FATIMA NATIONAL STATUE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Bicentennial Marian Pilgrimage is one of the premier events and will be the longest Marian Pilgrimage in the United States. It will be 33 days long, over 300 miles, hitting 36 parishes in every deanery in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Pilgrimage begins May 16, 2021 at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Russells Point. From there pilgrims will process with The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to a new host parish every day.

St Gertrude will host the Statue on June 12th, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We need Parishioners who can help feed the 10 Guardian Pilgrims a dinner or breakfast, or put them up for the night. We also will be looking for volunteers to venerate the statue throughout the night in groups or families. We will be reaching out to various ministries for additional help. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.



LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK:

Michael Bell, Bettie Caudill, Larry Collins, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Jean Ellert, Kathy Elsbernd, Lisa Ely, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Loretta Holden, Hummel Family, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Janice Koncius, Nancy Lucas, Sandra Munyon, Gerry Patterson, Michelle (Lydon) Ruscher, Jane Sansalone, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Saul, Mary Valke and Bill Van Hise

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Mary Ellen Martin – mother of Kim Falck



Got your fill of Winter yet?



It's time to plan for a HOT Summer!

The Bulldog Football program is gearing up for the 2021 season. Be a proud part of the Dog Pack and join our long-standing tradition of player safety, character formation and competitive excellence.

Registration opens **March 1st** and will close on March 31st.

To find contacts and information, and to register, visit the St. Gertrude Booster's site at www.sgsbulldogs.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CENTER FOR THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION

The Archdiocese is recruiting Men and Women to be “Guardian Pilgrims” for this Pilgrimage. Each day,

Guardian Pilgrims will carry a statue of Our Lady of Fatima between 6-15 miles as they process from one parish to the next. Guardian Pilgrims will commit to specific legs of the journey which last from 3-6 days. We will stop at approximately 36 parishes and other institutions along the way. Statue Guardians must be at least 18 years old and outside of high school, physically capable of walking up to 15 miles in a single day while helping to carry the statue on a platform, and must commit to at least three consecutive days of the route. Those details are also on the website. You can find out more and register as Statue Guardian at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/bicentennial-marian-pilgrimage> and click on “Join In.”

APRIL SHARING VAN

The Ladies of Charity will be collecting at the white van in the parking lot the weekend of April 10-11 before and after all Masses, except 6:00 p.m. The collection benefits HOPE EMERGENCY CENTER, an agency in Lynchburg, Ohio that aids the poor in Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland and surrounding counties. The Center serves about 250 families that are struggling to make ends meet. Everyone that comes for food and clothing receives it. Their greatest needs this month are for food, diapers, formula, and baby food. Additionally, items needed on a regular basis include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, and practical household items. Donations by cash or check are also appreciated. Please call Jean Wilkinson at 513-498-5085 with any questions. Your donations are so very much appreciated!

YOUNG ADULT IGNATIUS RETREAT

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, this retreat, for men and women in their 20s and 30s, offers an exploration of the life, ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ. The retreat invites you to seek the connection between Christ’s life and your own, revealing how His ministry, suffering, and death bring new life and meaning in your faith and your daily life.

When: April 23-25, 2021

Where: Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Cost: \$275.00 includes private room and meals

Registration: jesuitspiritualcenter.com/youngadults

Call: Mary Ellen at 513-248-3500, ext. 10

PRO-LIFE MASS (APRIL 10)

Please plan to join the Knights of Columbus for a Pro-Life Mass celebrated by our Pastor **Fr. George Schommer** – followed by a Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood – on **Saturday, April 10**. The Mass takes place beginning at **8:00 a.m. at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue** followed by Eucharistic Adoration. The congregation then processes the couple blocks to Planned Parenthood, praying the Rosary peacefully, before processing back to Holy Name for Benediction.

These Masses are organized by a dedicated group of pro-life individuals and take place every Saturday morning at Holy Name Church with Mass celebrated by a visiting priest. It is a prayerful opportunity to give witness to the sin of abortion and pray for the innocent children, the parents, and those working in the abortion industry.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Again this year, the Knights of Columbus is organizing a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center at Old St. Mary’s Catholic Church located in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati. Over the last 9 years, the generous parishioners of St. Gertrude have donated over **\$62,000** to help Old St. Mary’s provide education and care for women during and after pregnancy. **Teri Huwel** – the Director of the center – shares how these funds are used to support their mission:

“Our mission at Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center is to save the lives of unborn children and help their moms with material supplies. Also, our counseling and daily Bible Study (well attended) helps with Evangelization.

Some of the items we provide: Diapers, Pull-ups, baby wipes, baby lotion, baby oil, baby wash, baby shampoo, Vaseline, Q-tips, bottles, training cups, umbrella strollers, car seats, pack n plays, baby carriers, clothing (size newborn to size 6T).

We also have a Newborn Baby Packet Program, where moms receive a large bag of much needed items, after attending a class. The money we receive is a Godsend, as we are trusting in God completely, and will enable us to buy the most needed items.”

Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center Fundraiser Details –

The Knights will be handing out Baby Bottles after all Masses on **April 10/11**. Please fill the bottles with change, currency, or checks; then bring them back when you attend Mass on one of the following 2 weekends: **April 17/18 or April 24/25**. Or you can return filled bottles to the parish office. The Knights will distribute 100% of funds raised to Old St. Mary’s Pregnancy Center on behalf of St. Gertrude parish. We thank you in advance for your generous support of life!



ASK A PRIEST— COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE?

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

Q: *Why don't Roman Catholics typically receive Communion from the chalice? Doesn't the Church teach that it is better to receive*

both the Body and the Blood of Christ?

A: This important question hits on two points: one theological and one practical. Let me quote for everyone the paragraph in the *Catechism* to which you are referring:

"Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread makes it possible to receive all the fruits of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But 'the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.'" (CCC 1390)

Here's the theological point that every Catholic must understand: the tiniest fragment of the consecrated Host or smallest drop of the consecrated wine contains *the whole Christ*. The appearances of bread and wine remain with their natural sizes, dimensions, tastes, etc. But the substance or "what" of the matter has changed. It is Jesus Christ, once crucified and buried, now risen. Body, blood, soul, and divinity; nothing of Him is missing except His own natural appearances! At the Mass (and by extension, during Adoration), we have direct access to this divinely commanded suspension of nature, this "mystery of faith." When Jesus is received sacramentally under the appearance of the smallest Eucharistic particle, He wants to and can bring the fullness of grace to the recipient.

Of course, the Lord instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist by separately consecrating bread and wine. So, the practical aspect to your question deserves an answer. As the *Catechism* admits, "the sign of Communion is more complete when given under both kinds." So what are the practical concerns and how do they justify Communion under just one kind? Is this the only way Roman Catholics can receive Communion?

First, history (and very recent history...e.g. the Coronavirus pandemic) has shown that Communion under both kinds is practically challenging (fear of germs, danger of spillage, large numbers of the faithful) and not necessarily desired by all the faithful. The accepted practice among the faithful in the Roman

Catholic Church for the better part of 1,000 years has been to receive the Host alone, with the priest partaking of both Host and chalice. This approach was standardized by the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century and became the only way lay Roman Catholics received Holy Communion for the next four hundred years. (Contrast this to the common practice in the Eastern Catholic Churches, where, to this day, both consecrated bread and wine are mixed together in a chalice and distributed to the faithful via a special metal spoon.)

Second, following the Second Vatican Council, the possibility of receiving Communion under both kinds was re-extended to the laity in the Roman Rite. Liturgical law today allows Holy Communion under both kinds to those serving at the altar as well as to the faithful in various special circumstances (for example, newlyweds at their Nuptial Mass). Further permissions can be issued through the local bishop. In these situations, various reverent "methods" are proposed such as intinction (dipping the Host into the consecrated wine), metal spoons such as are used in the Eastern Churches, and special straws that can be used to syphon the precious Blood. It can be beneficial to partake of the Eucharist in this way, even if only on special occasions, so that "the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly."

St. Thomas Aquinas emphasized that although various reasons like those stated above may make Holy Communion under both kinds impractical, the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is completed at Mass with the consecration of the bread and the wine. The faithful may receive under just one kind, but the priest must offer and consume the Eucharist under both kinds at every Mass he celebrates. This assures that the sacrament is offered and received as instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, even if various options remain available for the Christian faithful at large, under the guidance of their pastors.

"Ask a priest" will be a regular format for our Holy Teaching section in the coming months. Submit your own question to bulletin@stgertrude.org for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!



Monday, March 29	Tuesday, March 30	Wednesday, March 31	Thursday, April 1	Friday, April 2	Saturday, April 3	Sunday, April 4
Religious Education 3:30 p.m. School Atrium	True Devotion 12:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	Parish Office & School Closed	Parish Office & School Closed	Office of Readings, Morning Prayers 8:00 a.m. Church	
Core Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Children's Choir 3:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby	LFL Book Club 7:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.		Office of Readings, Morning Prayers 8:00 a.m. Church		
Healing Rosary 7:00 p.m. Church	Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church		Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. Outside		
RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby						

Please note the upcoming **Good Friday Collection** for the Holy Land Shrine. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit:
stgertrude.org/covid-19-guidelines/.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

Collection for March 21

Weekly Budget	\$	38,235
Collection	\$	25,693
Weekly Deficit	(\$	12,542)

Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2021)

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,492,941
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,461,065
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	31,876)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN
4/11/21

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3/31/21

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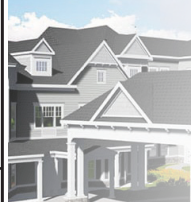
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