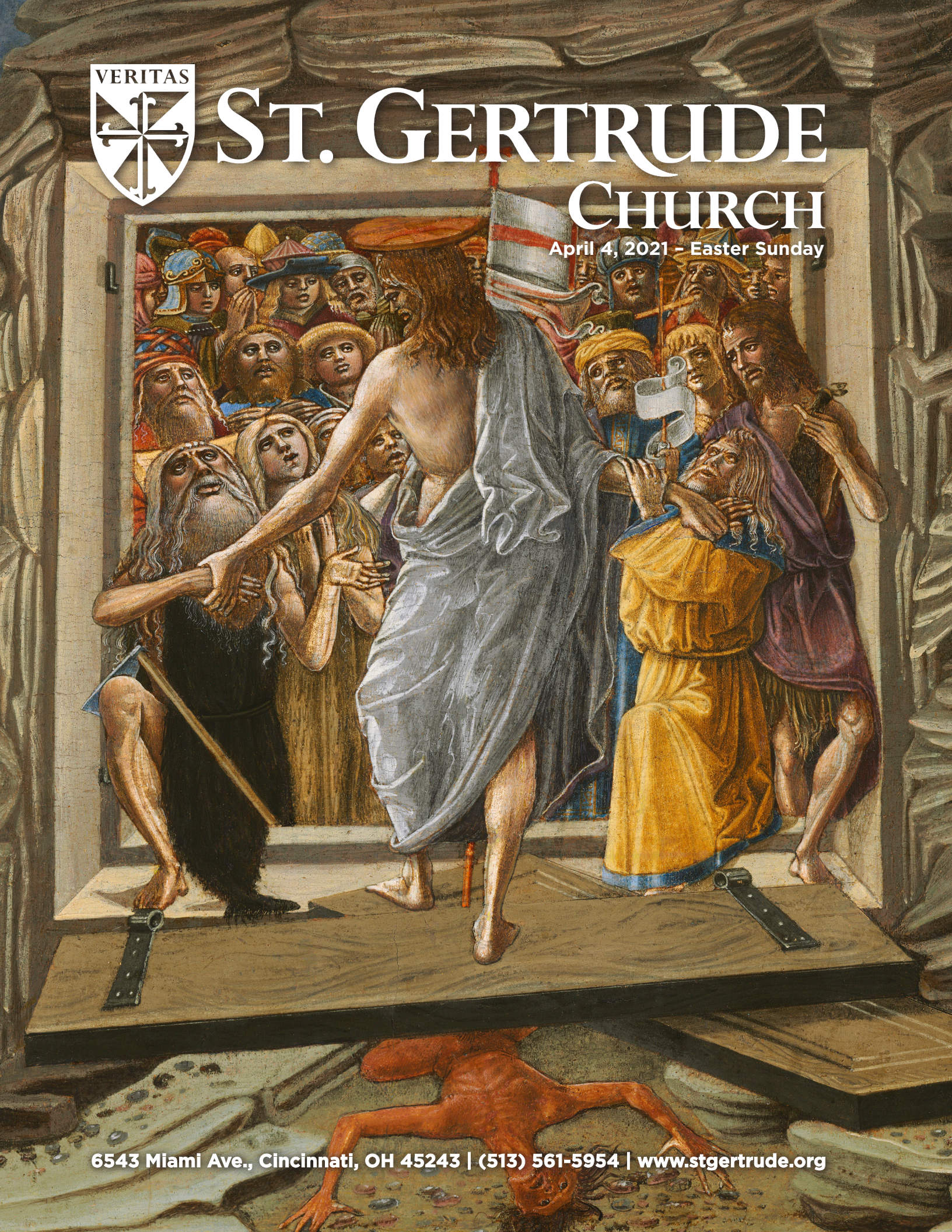




# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday



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## MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

### Monday, April 5, Monday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. Easter Novena
- 8:00 a.m. †Jack Crowley/Mike & Elaine O'Connell
- 11:30 a.m. †Robert J. McCarthy/Chris McCarthy

### Tuesday, April 6, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. †Bill Harrison/The Laing & Harrison Family
- 8:00 a.m. Easter Novena
- 11:30 a.m. †Tony Tran/Thien Cao

### Wednesday, April 7, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. Monica & Brian Hurley/Paul & Eileen Ramstetter
- 8:00 a.m. †Mary Ann Stevenson/Al Stevenson
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Novena

### Thursday, April 8, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. Easter Novena
- 8:00 a.m. †Ann Reilly/The Knights of Columbus
- 11:30 a.m. †Lilly Alexander/Benny Alexander

### Friday, April 9, Friday within the Octave of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. †Joseph Vernon Turner/Courtney Roberts
- 8:00 a.m. Easter Novena
- 11:30 a.m. †John Fasola/The Stines Family

### Saturday, April 10, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. †Paul Johantges/Jeanne Johantges
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Novena

### April 10-11, Sunday of Divine Mercy

- Saturday †Alfred Ernst/The Wahl Family
- Sunday †Ed & Janet Tappel/AnnaMaria & Jim Spurgin
- †Joy & Ken Ives/The Hemak Family
- †Tim Hickey/Ron & Pegge Schuermann
- †Jane Thole/Kevin & Anne Lynch
- Easter Novena

## 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.

## PUBLIC WORSHIP AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

*Updated April 1, 2021*

"The Coronavirus pandemic, despite positive trends and widespread vaccination, is not yet over. For that reason, **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."

— Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese,  
March 15, 2021

### HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Keep a prudent distance inside the church. Ushers will help ensure safe seating on Sundays.
- We ask that the faithful wear cloth masks for the sake of the common good. People with breathing difficulties and young children should not wear masks.
- Only friars, sisters, novices, lay ministers and a limited number of staff members will be in the sanctuary and sacristy.

### HOLY COMMUNION

- You are not obliged to receive Holy Communion at every Mass you attend. Consider making a spiritual communion, or receiving at a weekday Mass.
- The faithful who choose to receive Holy Communion will come up to the altar rail, where one or two priests will distribute the sacred host. Keep space in line, and only remove your mask at the rail.
- You may receive in the hand or on the tongue, kneeling or standing. Note: the rail is a high-contact surface.

### Mass & Confession Schedule

#### SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Mass

#### WEEKDAYS

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer in Church
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
- 7:30 p.m. Confessions in Church  
(Wednesdays Only)

#### SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Conventual Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
- 4:30 p.m. Mass (Sunday Anticipated)



## WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! On this Easter day the entire Church rejoices in the victory of Christ over sin and death; we rejoice that He has reconciled us to His Father who is also our Father. The future for us is hopeful; the future for us promises new life in the grace of the Holy Spirit; the future for us is the gift of eternal life in communion with God. All sadness associated with human life and sin is overcome with the power of the Lord's Resurrection. As St. Paul says in a powerful and important way: "Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). Examine your thoughts; examine your manner of living. Ask God to help you live in the grace of the Resurrection.



Please join me in welcoming the newly-initiated Catholics of our parish. Those baptized and fully initiated are: Nathaniel Scott **John Bosco** Owens; Patrick David **Augustine** Miller; and Sophia Victoria **Rose** Henderson. Those who are entering into full communion with the Catholic Church and receiving Confirmation and Holy Communion are: Christine Carol **Therese** Bascom and Joshua Leland **Jerome** Moore. (Confirmation names are in bold.) They now participate in the life and sacraments of the Church, continuing their formation and growth as disciples of Jesus. The community of believers is a necessary support for these new members. The Church calls them "neophytes," meaning that they are young in the faith. They need prayer, fellowship, and encouragement to remain committed to the new life God has bestowed upon them. Why? Because they are beginning this new life amid a culture that is barely supportive of them.

A Gallup poll released last week "found that in 2020, 47% of U.S. adults belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, falling below 50% for the first time in the 80 years Gallup has measured the topic... Gallup found that the decline in membership is primarily driven by an increasing number of Americans who express no religious personal preference. Over the past 20 years, the percentage of Americans who do not identify with any religion has grown from 8% in 2000 to 21% over the past three years" (US News and World Report).

"Among religious groups, the decline in membership is steeper among Catholics (down 18 points, from 76% to 58%) than Protestants (down nine points, from 73% to 64%). This mirrors the historical changes in church attendance Gallup has documented among Catholics, with sharp declines among Catholics but not among Protestants" (Gallup.com). These results confirm what we already know experientially. We all know family members, parish members, friends, and neighbors – particularly in the younger age groups – who have stopped living Catholic faith and practices.

As believers and disciples, we cannot lose hope. During the Easter season, the Church reflects upon the Acts of the Apostles. In these daily readings, we see the holy zeal of the apostles and disciples to share the Good News of Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. They used every opportunity to invite people to faith in Jesus and supported the early Church in their gatherings to hear the word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. We who have received the same Holy Spirit as did the apostles are equipped to live in the same way. Through our prayer, words, and actions, we show that God exists and wants a personal relationship with every person through Jesus. The Holy Spirit guides us in the welcome and hospitality we extend to all who come to our parish. God desires all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (cf. 1 Tim 2:3-4). Our desires can be no less. May the grace and joy of the Resurrection make us effective witnesses within our parish. Invite people to encounter Jesus here.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

## FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



Today, during the Mass of the Resurrection, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of a great light. He approached me and said, **Peace be to you, My children**, and He lifted up His hand and gave His blessing. The wounds in His hands, feet and side were indelible and shining. When He looked at me with such kindness and love, my whole soul drowned itself in Him. And he said to me, **You have taken a great part in My Passion; therefore I now give you a great share in My joy and glory...** A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season. The kindness of Jesus is so great that I cannot express it. (*Diary, #205*)

**COVER IMAGE:** "Christ in Limbo," by Benvenuto di Giovanni, 1491. National Gallery of Art.



**St Gertrude Players**  
presents  
**Disney**  
**The Jungle Book KIDS**

April 16, 7:30 & April 18, 4:30  
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6543 Miami Ave  
Show Streamed April 24@ 7:30 & April 25@ 4:30  
For more information go to:  
[StGertrudePlayers.wixsite.com/home](http://StGertrudePlayers.wixsite.com/home)

Music & Lyrics by  
Richard M Sherman, Robert B. Sherman  
& Terry Gilkyson  
Book Adapted & Additional Lyrics by  
Marcy Heisler  
Music Adapted & Arranged by  
Bryan Louiselle  
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## INTRODUCING OUR ADULT NEW CATHOLICS

This month, we are very happy to introduce to you those adult catechumens who will be Baptized, Confirmed, and who will receive their First Communion at the Easter Vigil, and those candidates who will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday at the 12:00 p.m. Mass.



### **JOSHUA MOORE**

I was raised in Seneca, South Carolina. I moved to Cincinnati about three years ago. I was raised Pentecostal and as a teenager, I was constantly looking for spiritual answers, and just all around felt as if I was “missing” something.

I feel that I have found what I have been searching for in the Catholic Church. I started my journey to the church a little over a year ago, I attended my first Mass ever on February 18th of last year. While there were obstacles during that time, God provided me with openness to learning and eventually the understanding of what the church was actually teaching. I’m very grateful I attended *Become Catholic* at St. Gertrude’s, and I am looking forward to actively participating as a parishioner here. Of all the aspects of living the Catholic life, I am most looking forward to receiving the Eucharist.



### **NATE OWENS**

My name is Nate Owens and I was born and raised on the east side of Cincinnati. I graduated from Northern Kentucky university with a Bachelor’s degree in English and Theatre in 2016. I am also a graduate from the University of Cincinnati, earning a teaching certificate in Special Education in 2019. I currently work as an intervention

specialist at Ayer Elementary in Forest Hills. I also work as an actor, mainly on the commercial side of the industry. I recently became a father to a beautiful baby boy named Ashton Scott Owens. I started my journey into the Catholic faith at the beginning of August, with the guidance of my girlfriend Carmen and her family. We are working to bring our family situation more in-line with what the Church teaches and appreciate your prayers! I’m looking forward to the continued lessons I can learn through Jesus and the lessons that I can pass onto my son. I am excited to continue this journey and continue to grow my faith in the Lord.



### **PATRICK MILLER**

Growing up, God was around my life, but not at the center of it. My mother was non-denominational and my dad wasn’t very religious. After my parents’ divorce, my stepmother introduced me to Catholicism. She attended St. Vincent Ferrer in Kenwood and we

went to Mass every Sunday, but I was too young to understand what was going on and why we went. My grandparents were also Catholic, but I never learned about the faith from them. My only education on Jesus and Christianity came from YoungLife, a national youth program for high school students. It was based in Presbyterianism. For years, I was non-denominational without looking deeper into the faith or questioning why we Protestants thought Catholicism was “bad.” I went to megachurches like Crossroads, but just didn’t feel a sense of community or a real sense of reverence for the faith. Over time, I became more perceptive of the cultural attack on Christianity, so I decided to dive deeper into Christianity. Ultimately, I wanted to find the church that was the “truest form” or closest to what Jesus taught. Therefore, I wanted the church that went the furthest back, had the most tradition, and gave me more of a connection to my own culture. That is when I found the Catholic Church and St. Gertrude’s, a place that I had always known existed, having spent most of my life in Madeira, but had never visited. I am so glad that I did because this is the church where I finally feel at home.



### **TINA BASCOM**

Hello friends, my name is Tina Bascom. I am married to Dan, and we have three grown sons. We’ve lived in Madeira for 30 years. I am so thankful to be entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. My biggest motivator behind becoming Catholic is my desire to experience Jesus’ Real

Presence in the Eucharist. Also, I appreciate the beauty of the Catholic Mass, the liturgical seasons, and the reverence shown to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in and through each aspect of the Liturgy. I look forward to coming to weekly Mass and participating in other offerings for deepening my spiritual life in this parish. Many thanks to Fr. John Mark, Brad Bursa, and Mary Frances Melink, my sponsor.



**Save-The-Date (4yo-8th grade)**  
for  
**Camp 3:16**

**Week 1**  
June 14-18  
**Week 2**  
June 21-25

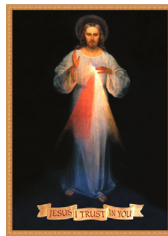
Camp 3:16 is a summer camp offered to all youth in the parish ages 4 thru 8th grade with an opportunity for high schoolers to volunteer.\*

Two separate weeks will be offered in order to allow as many youth to participate as possible. Campers will be split into age-appropriate groups. Registration opens Monday, April 19th @ 6:00pm via our website. Details to follow.

\*Camp 3:16 will be replacing VBS and Camp Lumen this summer.

## **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.



## **THE RETURN OF DONUT SUNDAYS**

We are happy to announce the return of Donut Sundays on April 11 (weather permitting). In light of COVID-world, we will be making some adjustments in terms of location and distribution. Coffee and donuts will be available in the “gathering area” located between the church and parish center after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on April 11.

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

- Please visit the SGS Boosters website for more information and to register: [sgsbulldogs.org/registration](https://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](mailto:shannon_schuler@hotmail.com).



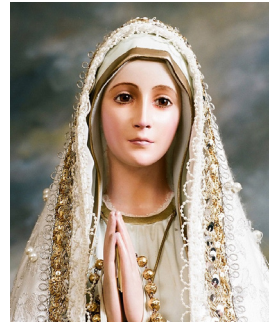
## **BEACONS OF LIGHT** **PASTORAL PLANNING** **PROCESS**

To learn more about the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's pastoral planning process, please visit [catholicaoc.org/beacons](https://catholicaoc.org/beacons).

## **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, Marguerite Crema, Kylee Dawson, Triset Defonseka, Ed Doll, 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

### **THE RECENTLY DECEASED**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CENTER FOR THE NEW  
EVANGELIZATION

The Archdiocese is recruiting Men and Women to be “Guardian Pilgrims” for the Our Lady of Fatima National

Statue 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 a 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!

## THANK YOU!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks St. Gertrude parishioners for their generous donations to the food barrel. Through our abundance, we have helped Resurrection of our Lord Parish in Price Hill establish a food pantry for their neighbors in need. We plan to provide ongoing assistance. Know that your donations are not only helping neighbors

in the Madeira area but also one of the neediest parts of Cincinnati. Keep filling the barrel!

## 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 – WHY UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR THE EUCHARIST?

BY FR. JOHN MARK SOLITARIO, O.P.

**Q:** *Why is the bread presented for consecration at Mass unleavened?*

**A:** I remember practicing for my first holy Communion with the wafers used for Mass, in their pre-consecrated state. They were disappointingly tasteless. I should have predicted this, but their resemblance to *Necco* wafers and other similar candies probably had given the eight-year-old me false expectations. Yet in reflecting upon this in hindsight, it seems totally appropriate for the Host at Mass to taste plain and unimpressive and (no offense to lovers of pita bread) unleavened. Why do I say this?

From His birth to His training as the son of a carpenter to His preaching among country folk to His silent death on the Cross, Jesus did not try to impress in the worldly sense. “Like a lamb led to the slaughter...he did not open his mouth” (Isaiah 53:7). It was not Jesus’ mission to “make a splash” in the common political sense, but to win sons and daughters for His Father’s eternal kingdom. As we know well from experience, what is sparkly and loud and stimulating can also be fake, a mere “front,” a sort of mirage that catches the attention of the senses but lacks deeper substance. From the time of its use for the Jewish Passover as well as the offerings made by the Levitical priests before the Holy of Holies, the bread of God would offer an alternative diet to the foodstuff of society-at-large. Its being *unleavened* signified that it was different and exceptional and for-something-else.

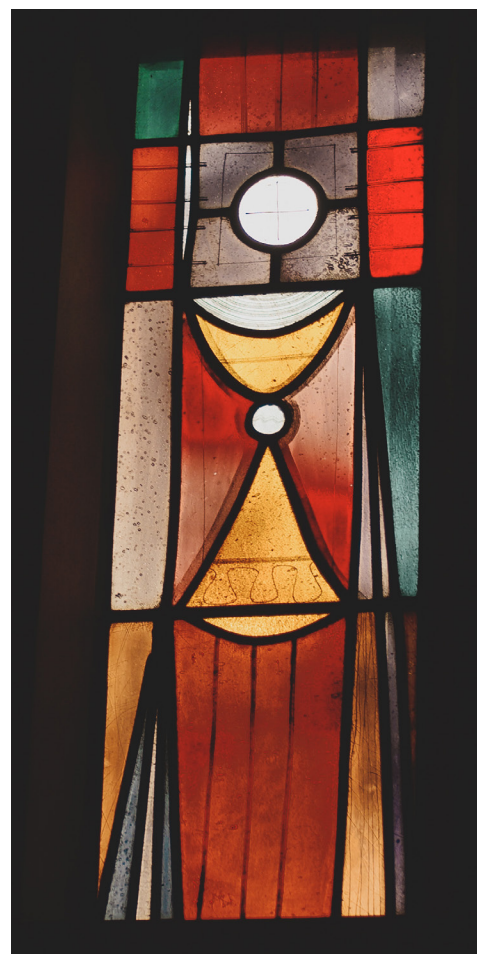
On Easter Sunday, we hear the following excerpt from St. Paul’s *First Letter to the Corinthians*. It reflects the tradition of the Passover as well as the Eucharist, Jesus’ “innovation” on the solemn Jewish observance:

*Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor 5:7-8)*

The “matzah” bread spoken of here had spiritual significance: Those who would celebrate the Christian Passover and approach Christ’s banquet table must be free of all pretense and duplicity, a “fresh batch of dough.” Even scant traces of pride and other worldly vices could change the entire batch and “puff us up”

with malice and wickedness. These attitudes are opposed to the humble recognition of sin needed to receive God’s mercy and true spiritual nourishment. Jesus, who emptied Himself even of legitimate claims to honor and glory and became “servant” to all, models the humility required of all who would be “fed” by God. The offering of unleavened bread in the Mass can symbolize this necessary Christian virtue.

Admittedly, the use of unleavened bread for the Eucharist is an ancient but not universally practiced tradition. Fr. Giles Dimock explains that the essential elements for the confection of the Eucharist throughout the Church are wheaten bread and natural grape wine. These remind us of the dietary staples at the time and place in which Jesus instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Jesus chose to use them and the Church dares not alter the recipe! Both elements also possess



deep symbolic value, along similar lines to what we have already said. The use of unleavened bread in the Western Church “like Jesus used [at the Last Supper]” and the use of leavened bread in the Eastern Churches “to symbolize the risen Lord” both lead to valid Eucharistic celebrations. May we approach the Eucharist this Easter with thanksgiving and humble openness to the ways in which God would like to make us more like His beloved Son Jesus.

*“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](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*



Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6	Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8	Friday, April 9	Saturday, April 10	Sunday, April 11
<b>Religious Education</b> 3:30 p.m. School Atrium		<b>Cana Family Training</b> 6:30 p.m. Parish Center St. Joseph Mtg. Rm.			<b>Catholic Men's Fellowship</b> 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> <i>After Morning Masses</i> Sharing Van
<b>RCIA</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center St. Dominic Lobby.		<b>Peer Ministry Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria			<b>LOC Hope Emergency</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i> Sharing Van	<b>KofC Baby Bottle Handout</b> <i>After All Masses</i>
<b>Healing Rosary</b> 7:00 p.m. Church		<b>Benediction</b> 8:50 p.m. Church			<b>KofC Baby Bottle Handout</b> <i>After 4:30 p.m. Mass</i>	<b>Religious Education</b> 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. School Cafeteria, Atrium
					<b>Boosters' Coaches Appreciation Dinner</b> 5:30 p.m. School Cafeteria	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions</b> 2:00 p.m. Church
						<b>HSYM Discipleship Training Cells</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

For guidelines about meetings on campus and scheduling information, please visit:  
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## OFFERING

### St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report

#### Collection for March 28

Weekly Budget	\$	38,235
Collection	\$	20,496
Weekly Deficit	(\$	17,739)

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

Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,531,176
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,481,561
Fiscal YTD Deficit	(\$	49,615)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN  
4/18/21

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4/7/21

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 Rev. Clement Dickie, O.P., parochial vicar  
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