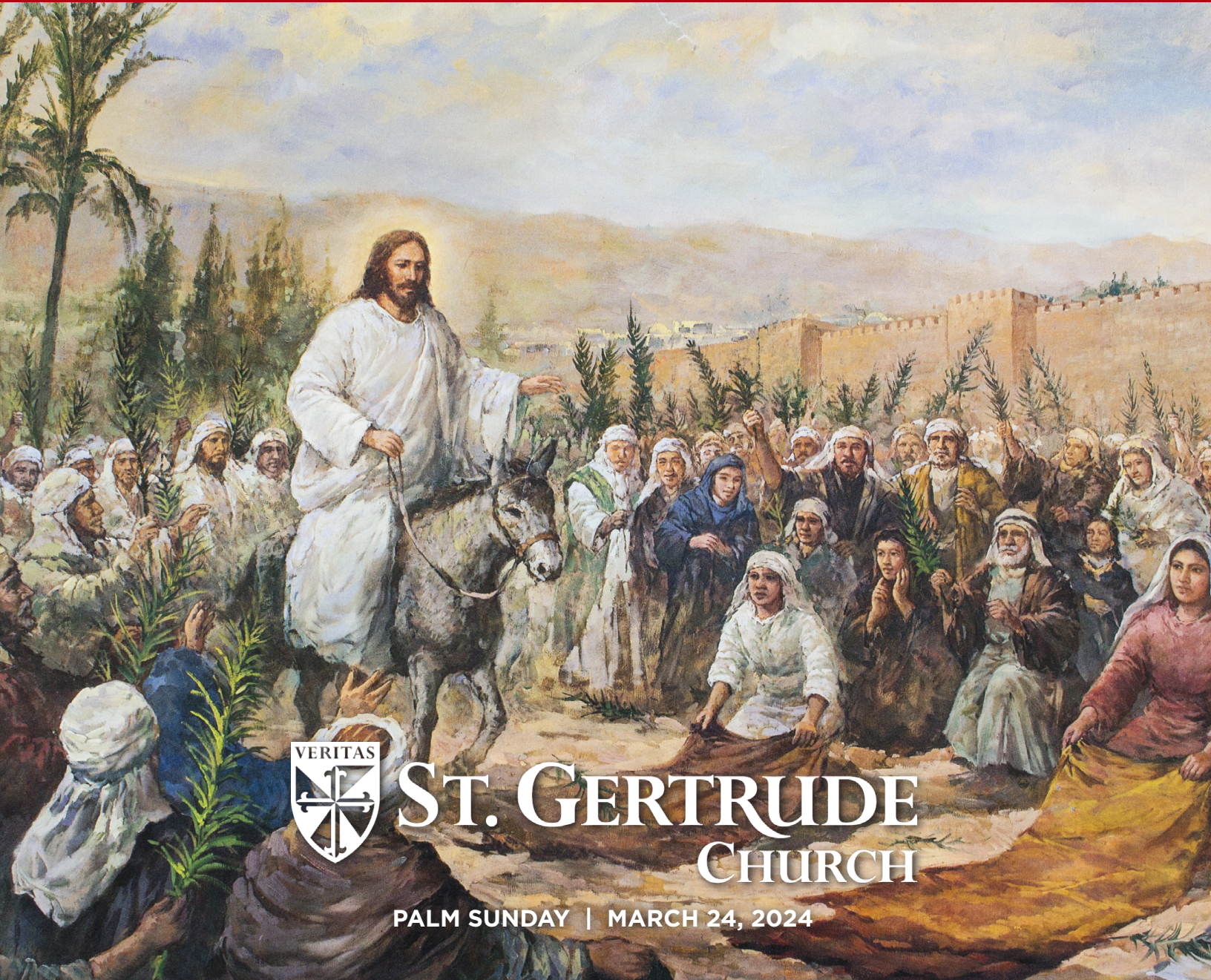


PALM SUNDAY

of the passion of the Lord



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24, 2024

MASSES AND CONFESSION

Monday, March 25, Monday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. † Agnes Caluwaert by Mary Beutler
- 8 a.m. † Marianne Klekamp by Donald Klekamp
- 11:30 a.m. † Geraldine Wahl by Shari Siebert

Tuesday, March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. † Don Beimesche by Frank & Debbie Merle
- 8 a.m. Catherine Boone by Scott & Tracy Boone
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary M. McGuire by Julie Murdock

Wednesday, March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7 a.m. Andrew Goad by Nancy DeBrunner
- 8 a.m. † Brad Hauck by Michael & Jana Widmeyer
- 11:30 a.m. † Mary Bartel by Pete & Donna Marcello

Thursday, March 28, Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

No morning Masses are permitted. No scheduled Confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Incense, Procession, Adoration until 10 p.m.
- 9:45 p.m. Night Prayer

Friday, March 29, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

No Masses are permitted. No scheduled Confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion
- 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with the Entombment of Christ

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

No Masses are permitted until the Easter Vigil.

No scheduled Confessions

- 8 a.m. Morning Prayer with the Friars
- 8:45 a.m. Blessings of Easter Baskets
- 9 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Incense)
For the Catechumens and Candidates

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (S)

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude
- 10 a.m. Easter Novena (Incense)
- 12 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant (Incense)
- 6 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Tuesday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. Confessions will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Parish Information

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parishoffice@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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Confessions

Monday-Wednesday at 4 p.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Confessions will resume on
Tuesday, April 2

March 25 | Monday of Holy Week

7 p.m. St. Gertrude School Passion Play

March 27 | Wednesday of Holy Week

8 p.m. Choral Tenebrae
(No Eucharistic Exposition)

March 28 | Holy Thursday

8 a.m. Morning Prayer with
Friars & Novices
7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29 | Good Friday (No Mass)

8 a.m. Morning Prayer with
Friars & Novices
3 p.m. Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross and
Entombment of Christ*

*Held outdoors, weather permitting

March 30 | Easter Vigil

8 a.m. Morning Prayer with
Friars & Novices
8:45 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets
9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

March 31 | Easter Sunday

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. Mass

SWING INTO SPRING

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THE SILENCE OF HOLY WEEK

With today's celebration of Palm (or Passion) Sunday, we begin the holiest week of the entire year. We enter into that week where we recall those mysteries that lie at the very foundation of our holy Catholic faith: the entry of the true King of kings and Lord of lords into Jerusalem, the holy city,

on Palm Sunday. That intimate gathering of Jesus with His apostles in the upper room on Holy Thursday, where He instituted the great gift of His Most Holy Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and the gift of the sacramental priesthood in the Church by which that gift of the Eucharist might forever endure. His arrest later that night in the garden, and then the horrific tortures of His Passion, leading up to the moment of His death on the Cross for our sake.

And then, after His death on the Cross and His burial in the tomb... the silence. One of the earliest writings related to Easter is found in the Office of Readings from the Liturgy of the Hours. It is an ancient homily on Holy Saturday, penned by an unknown author. In it, the author (likely an early bishop) speaks of that first Holy Saturday:

"Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still, because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parents, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of Him, Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: 'My Lord be with you all.' Christ answered him: 'And with your spirit.' He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying, 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead...'"

I pray that during the week ahead, but most especially during Good Friday and Holy Saturday, you find some time to just sit in the silence. Maybe even spend some time in the church (which we will keep open both days). If you do, it will feel "strange" to you as well. No candles, no ornamentation. Most of all, no Jesus... from the end of the period of Holy Thursday adoration until the Easter Vigil, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the tabernacle. These are the only two days of the year you will walk into a Catholic Church and the Eucharistic presence of Jesus will be gone. If it feels strange, it should. If you walk into the church on Good Friday or Holy Saturday and it feels like "something is wrong"—good. It should feel that way. Because something **is** wrong.

The King is asleep. And all the world is silent.
With you at the foot of the Cross,

Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

Father John Paul Walker, O.P.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Holy Saturday
8:45 a.m.

Bring a basket of food you will serve at your Easter meal to be blessed by a priest! (Eggs, bread, butter, sausage, ham, pasta, fruit, etc.)

Blessings will take place in the church after Morning Prayer.



FROM THE DIARY OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



During Mass, my soul was steeped in the bitterness and suffering of Jesus. Jesus gave me to understand how much He had suffered in that triumphal procession. "Hosanna" was reverberating in Jesus' heart as an echo of "Crucify." Jesus allowed me to feel this in a special way. (*Diary, #1028*)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR!

We sold over \$4,300 in quality Catholic books, which means we earned \$860 in “Ave Dollars” for the purchase of Ignatius Press books for our St. Gertrude School Library!

SUPPORT OUR 2024 ANNUAL FUND!

This year, our parish school is raising funds to support growth of our Outdoor Curriculum, launch an alumni relations initiative, and add safety upgrades and enhancements for our playground. Please consider giving to help provide our students with the best in teaching and learning! Scan the QR code to give now.



We Are HIRING!

Are you passionate about educating children and forming them in the Catholic faith? Do you have experience teaching primary grades or junior high math? Would you like to be part of a dynamic and faith-filled team?

APPLY FOR OUR OPEN POSITIONS!

Visit stgertrudesch.org/employment to view our job postings and apply.

ST. GERTRUDE SCHOOL

Holy Week Events

PASSION PLAY

Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

St. Gertrude School seventh graders will re-enact the Lord's Passion. All are welcome to join us.

PRESENTATION ON THE PSALMS

Wednesday, March 27, 12:30 p.m.
St. Gertrude Church

Sixth grade students will recite psalms from memory and present in a manner that attempts to capture the emotion and meaning of their selected psalm. All are welcome to join us.

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SCAN TO
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You can help a student attend St. Gertrude School without costing you any money. Ohio taxpayers who donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) are able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 for joint filers).

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is a certified SGO, and St. Gertrude School is a participating school. That means that if you pay Ohio income tax, you can choose whether you pay taxes to the State of Ohio or donate to our parish school.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners who have claimed the tax credit. You have until April 15, 2024, to make your donation for the 2023 tax year. Your gift will go directly to tuition assistance for St. Gertrude School students.

*In Holy Week, beginning this Palm Sunday, we enter a time that leaves “an indelible and permanent mark” (Pope Francis, March 16, 2024 address to the Confraternities of Merida. *) through the liturgies here at church and the traditions people carry on at home and in their communities. This year, we’ve asked a few parishioners to share their memories and favorite traditions from Holy Week; we hope this inspires and enlivens your journey with Christ to the Cross, in view of the Resurrection, as it has ours.*

— Walter Plummer & Tyler Castrucci

*Source: vaticannews.va



“My fondest memory of Holy Week is attending Good Friday services at St. Gertrude with my grade school children, three friends, and their children. For years we met, sat very near the front of church so our

kids would pay attention, and prayed together as friends. It was a wonderful way to conclude our Lent and open our hearts to the celebration of the Resurrection.”

— Pat Baute

“The most impactful Holy Week tradition I have is praying with the phrases Jesus spoke from the cross, commonly known as The Seven Last Words. Each year, these final teachings remind me of the great love that brought Jesus to the cross. They challenge me to return that love to God, if even but a fraction, to grow in deeper relation with Him in the following Easter season and beyond.”

— Kayla Lennartz



“One of our favorite family traditions during Holy Week is praying on the steps of Mount Adams leading into Holy Cross Immaculata Church on Good Friday. We are not Cincinnati natives, so this is a tradition that developed as adults, but we are passing it on to our children. Each step is an opportunity to reflect and pray; there are close to 100 steps. The steps were built on Cincinnati’s highest hill, Mt. Adams. I encourage

everyone to try the steps this Good Friday if you have ever thought of doing so.”

— Caroline Isaacs

“Going to church on Easter Sunday was always special. We would get a little more dressed up for Easter. Everything was fresh; we felt more loved; we could feel the strength of our faith renewed; it was spring. It was joyous; it is still joyous. My first Child was born on Easter Sunday. I love Easter!”

— Randy York



“I first heard, ‘Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?’ on Good Friday while reverencing the large wooden Cross at St. Gertrude years ago. That beautiful hymn resonated throughout the Church as each worshiper approached the Cross in single file. My encounter caused me to ‘tremble, tremble, tremble’

at the time and it often stirs in my soul when I receive Holy Communion now.”

— Kevin Lynch



“Every year on Good Friday, thousands of pilgrims come to my neighborhood to pray the rosary on the steps of the Holy Cross Immaculata Church. Every year since I can remember, my family has joined the pilgrims in praying the rosary, and it has become our Good Friday tradition. The beauty of this humble act of faith thousands of people perform never ceases to amaze me.”

— Mary Brecount

EASTER NOVENA

We will be celebrating an Easter novena of Masses starting on Easter, March 31. If you would like to enroll your loved ones, please fill out a novena card and return it, along with the remittance envelope, before Easter. Novena cards are available at the entrances of the church. Proceeds go to support the St. Gertrude Priory.

CLOSURES DURING HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM

The parish office will be closed Friday, March 29, through Monday, April 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m.

The Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel will be closed Thursday, March 28, through Easter Sunday, March 31, and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 1.

BAPTISM

Sunday, March 10, 2024



Younger child: Mariella Michelle Agnello

Older child: Emilia Celeste Agnello

Parents: Michael & Tia Agnello



Child: Logan James Hackett

Parents: Chad & Kara Hackett

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, March 29, we will have the annual Pontifical Good Friday collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans, and 16 schools for over 10,000 students, helping to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. The funds collected also serve to protect and preserve 74 Christian sites and support over 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers. This year, as war continues in the many countries that make up the Holy Land, please consider how you can support our brothers and sisters in Christ with your contribution.

DATE WITH FATHER NATE: A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

You and your spouse are invited to join us and other couples on Saturday, April 27, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the St. Gertrude Parish Center for an evening to relax and focus on your marriage. Using humor and inspiration, Father Nathan Cromly helps to make sense of the ordinary struggles couples face and gives you tools to renew and re-energize your marriage. This Date with Father Nate is a celebration of marriage and allows couples to take time out of their busy lives to reflect on what is truly important. The event is presented by the Saint John Leadership Network and includes live music by Easter Rising Band! Tickets are \$95/couple and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks throughout the evening. Young parents needing support to offset the costs of a babysitter can receive a \$20-off discount on their couple's ticket. Please email Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohninstitute.org to obtain the discount code.

LET US PRAY

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

THE SICK:

Linda Burke, Vicki Calonge, Carol Conners, Dan DeBow, Triset Defonseka, Beth Egbers, Lisa Ely, Octavio Flores-Resendiz, Ron Freudenberg, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Goad Family, Elsa Hall, Mark Holland, Hummel Family, Andrea Kattel, Aiko Kimura, Diane Kosobud, Robert Lantz, Ed and Karen Larkin, Ted Leugers, Mimi Leverone, Kevin Lewis, Gertrude Maxwell, Kim McClung, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Gert Patterson, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Judy Sullivan, Jim Tappel, Brigitte Vielhauer, Kerry Walden, and Viktor & Mary Wilhelmy

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:

† Kay Woeckenberg

† Dave Spaeth, husband of Anne

TENEBRAE AT MARIA STEIN SHRINE

The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to meditate deeply on the Passion story. Christ’s betrayal, abandonment, and agony are felt deeply in this prayer. However, we are left remembering that the story is not over, and that Christ will fulfill His mission in three days.

Fr. John Tonkin will lead the service with scripture readings and hymns sung by members of the St. Augustine Church Choir of Minster. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25th in the Adoration Chapel of the Maria Stein Shrine.

HEALING SERVICE

Come to Jesus for Healing. Attend a healing service at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood) on Wednesday, March 27. The evening will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the rosary, followed by Mass at 7:15 p.m. and then the healing service. For more information, please call (513) 351-9800.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older). This group’s focus is primarily for support, prayer and socializing. This invitation is extended to neighboring parishes who would like to join us on the following Saturdays in 2024:

March 30 from 1 to 3 p.m., at All Saints Parish Center, 8939 Montgomery Road and June 1st for the year-end picnic. At our March 30th gathering we will focus on “Holy Week.”

We come together in prayer, do some craft-making and enjoy refreshments. New members are always welcome but must RSVP first prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at 513-793-3546.

PREGNANCY CENTER WEST – WE’RE HIRING!

Do you have a heart for saving the innocent unborn and are a licensed (RDMS) sonographer? PCW seeks a part-time Ultrasound Tech to staff a mobile unit with other personnel. For details and to apply, please visit: <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/5042162969>.

Those interested may also contact Linda Trenn, PCW Executive Director, at 513-244-5700.

CONNECTED THROUGH CHRIST

Connected Through Christ is a group for parents of children who suffer from gender dysphoria. Parents meet to share and discuss experiences regarding their children who identify as transgender. The group is intended for parents to support each other through challenging times, and to pray together.

The core values of *Connected Through Christ* are based on a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are held twice a month at a Cincinnati east side parish. Please email cincyctc@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group.

4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC BEARCAT BANQUET

Catholic Bearcat, the Newman Center for University of Cincinnati, invites you to its 4th Annual Banquet on May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Graduate Hotel. This wonderful evening benefiting campus ministry includes dinner, fellowship, and keynote speaker Dr. John Bergsma (vice president for Biblical Theology and Mission Effectiveness at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville). You will also hear mission milestones and ministry updates from Catholic Bearcat’s new chaplain, Father Jeff Stephens; meet our new pastor, Father David Doseck; and hear a Catholic Bearcat student testimony. There will also be a silent auction of donated gift items and experiences. Reserve your table or individual seats at catholicbearcat.com/banquet or scan the QR code.



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WHAT

Split the Pot challenge!!

WHEN

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WHY

To honor the Blessed Mother during the Month of May!

Each participant must **WALK, RUN, CYCLE, SWIM, dog walk, elliptical ONE MILE** Every single day in May (totaling 31 miles). Everyone who successfully completes this challenge will be entered in the **SPLIT THE POT** to be completed on **JUNE 10th**. We encourage honoring Mary during our Miles for Mary challenge by reciting a decade of the Rosary, the entire Rosary, or any other Marian devotional. The **SPLIT THE POT** proceeds go toward the needs of PC West’s operational needs. For further questions email: jame@pc-west.org or call 513-244-5700.

IF YOU’RE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO RUN, WALK, OR EXERCISE WE STILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE, SAYING THE ROSARY DAILY

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE: HAGAR

FR. J. ALOBAIDI O.P.

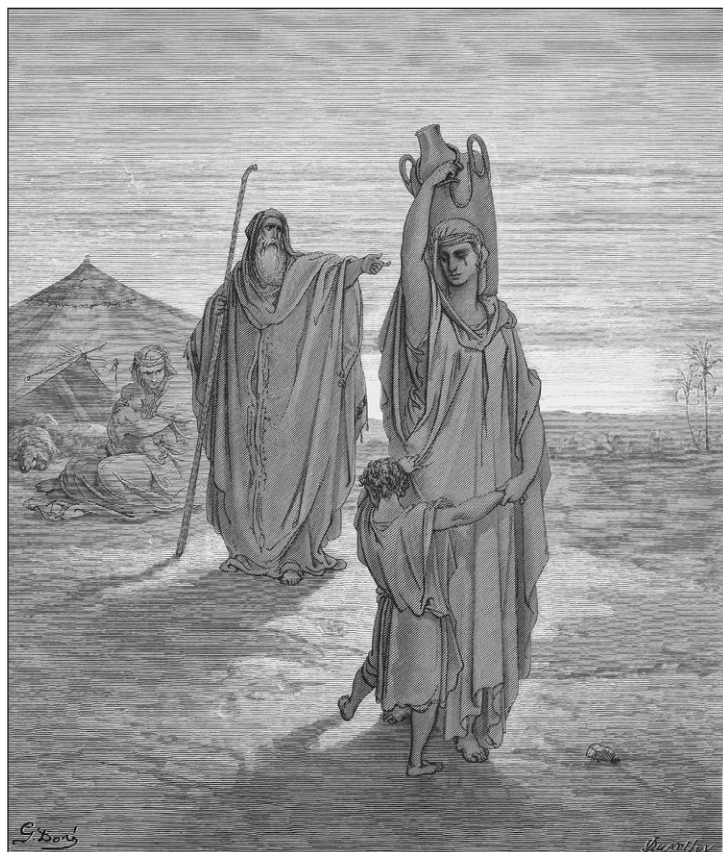
Writing about Hagar, Sarah's maidservant, should start by a notice about the formation of the Bible Books. Contrary to the modern idea of **one author** writing **his** or **her** book, each Bible book usually has **many authors**. This rule has rare exceptions: *The Song of Songs* and the individual *Psalms* are amongst them. Otherwise, most of the Bible books are made of many units or narratives (exegetes—those who study Sacred Scripture—call them *traditions*) written by different authors and often in different times and places. Another individual than the authors, (exegetes call him *editor*), is responsible for putting together narratives with the same themes to form the Bible books we know. However, the final decision for a book to be part of the Bible belongs to the people of God. The books they used in their liturgy and their personal devotion integrate together into the Bible. *The authors, the editor, and the people of God*, guided by the Holy Spirit, are responsible for the Holy Bible we know. All this is to say that the story concerning Hagar in the Book of Genesis reached us in two traditions, written in two different times, in two different places. The editor who believed in the truthfulness of the two traditions (despite few chronological inconsistencies) did not favor a particular one. This explains the presence of two narratives concerning Hagar.

Let us start by asking: Who is Hagar and what is her origin? The obvious biblical answer is that she was an Egyptian woman. A Jewish post-biblical tradition made of her Pharaoh's daughter. Discovering that Sarah, whom he attempted to marry, was Abraham's wife, Pharaoh, out of fear of being punished for his mistake, lavished all kinds of gifts on the Patriarch. One of these gifts was no other than his own daughter, given to be Sarah's servant. It is an old story that has no biblical foundation. Italians have an adequate saying about such fictive explanations: *se non è vero è ben trovato*, "if it is not true, at least it is beautiful."

As written above, Hagar's story reached us in two traditions. **The first tradition** is narrated in Gen 16:1-16 where Sarah, fearing the disappearing of Abraham lineage, offered him the possibility of having a son by her servant Hagar. The passage ends by the expulsion of Hagar, pregnant, by her mistress (Gen 16:6). A cruel story that the tradition received with embarrassment. However, a few points need to be clarified. First, it is not unusual amongst the rich old families to see a barren wife "offering" her servant to the husband in order to have a child. The child will be considered the legitimate wife's child, allowing the family to have descendants. We will encounter such customs in Gen 30:3 when Rachel, infertile until then, offered her servant, Bilhah, to Jacob which will allow him to have descendants through her servant. The difficulty is that being mother of the heir

does not change the status of the maidservant: She should continue to be the wife's servant, while her son is free. Furthermore, the Jewish exegetical tradition came to the rescue of Sarah by adding another explanation: Hagar was gossiping against Sarah by stating that her mistress refuses to bear a child to avoid the pregnancy consequences on her body. Another story that has no biblical foundation. The first story ends by the expulsion of Hagar who was left to die in the desert. However, the angel of the Lord who promised a great future to Hagar's son, convinced her to return to her mistress.

The second tradition concerning Hagar can be found in Gen 21: 8-21. Like the first tradition, this passage too is rich in all kinds of meanings. Let us concentrate on one verse 21:9. Here it is: *Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, who had borne to Abraham, playing*. The last word of the verse, *playing*, has three meanings. First, its obvious meaning: **playing**, including sport plays. This is the preferred translation of the Christian tradition. The second meaning is **mocking**, which is the preferred translation of the Jewish tradition. The third meaning, especially if read with reference to 2 Samuel 2:14, is **to murder**. It seems that Sarah, seeing Ishmael playing, had the vision that he may become a possible murderer of her son Isaac. There is also a legal argument that, if it does not justify the harsh treatment of Hagar, makes her expulsion a necessity. Indeed, the promise made to Abraham wouldn't be possible through Isaac if the first born and natural heir, Ishmael, is still in his father's house. He and not Isaac would oversee realizing God's promise to Abraham.



WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 25	Tuesday, March 26	Wednesday, March 27	Thursday, March 28	Friday, March 29	Saturday, March 30	Sunday, March 31
Walking With Purpose Bible Study 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	Cana Family – Year 2 9 a.m. St. Dominic Lobby	SGS Sixth Grade Presentation on the Psalms 12:30 p.m. Church	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed	Adoration Chapel Closed
CGS Level 1 & 2 3:30 p.m. Atrium I & II	True Devotion to Mary 12:30 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1, 2 & 3 3:45 p.m. Atrium I & II, School Music Room	St. Gertrude School No School	St. Gertrude School No School	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Easter Sunday Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. Church
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. St. Dominic Lobby	CGS Level 1 & 2 6 p.m. Atrium I & II	Choral Tenebrae 8 p.m. Church	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Parish Office Closed	Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:45 a.m. Church	
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. St. Joseph Room			Mass of Our Lord's Supper 7 p.m. Church	Morning Prayers with the Friars & Novices 8 a.m. Church	Easter Vigil 9 p.m. Church	
SGS Passion Play 7 p.m. Church				Celebration of Our Lord's Passion & Communion Service 3 p.m. Church		
				Stations of the Cross & Entombment of Christ w/the Novices 7 p.m. Outdoor/Church		

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Contact Tyler Castrucci at tcastrucci@stgertrude.org or Father Luke VanBerkum at frluke@stgertrude.org to learn more about our Become Catholic (RCIA) program and get your questions answered.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
3/27/24

BULLETIN
4/7/24

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to bulletin@stgertrude.org.

OFFERING

St. Gertrude Parish Weekly Collection and Budget Report Collection for March 17

Collection	\$	28,084
Weekly Budget	\$	37,000
Weekly Deficit	\$	(8,916)

St. Gertrude School: \$2,800

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

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,579,450
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,419,000
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	160,450

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. GERTRUDE PARISH?

We would love to welcome you into our parish family! Visit stgertrude.org/register to fill out a new parishioner registration form. You can also find paper copies of the registration form in the church and the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

STAY INFORMED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

Want to get more involved in pro-life ministry or simply want to be more *in the know*? Email stgertrudeprolife@gmail.com to be added to the St. Gertrude Respect Life Ministry email list.



SUPPORT FOR MISCARRIAGE

Have you experienced a miscarriage? You are not alone. Heaven's Gain Ministries is here to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families experiencing pregnancy loss. Call Heaven's Gain at (513) 607-6083 for support, or visit HeavensGain.org for more information.

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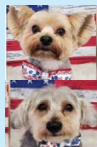
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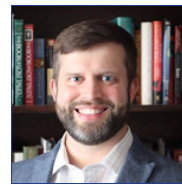


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