

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Jan. 6

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. For the people of St. Gerard Parish

Sunday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m. - Richard, Rosemary, Frances & David Gerdeman +

11:00 a.m. - Norval & Cecelia Wannamacher +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT

WEEK:

Due to our priests being gone next week (Jan. 13th-17th) to their chapter meetings, all 8:30 a.m. Masses, Monday through Friday have been cancelled.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Jan. 5

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

No PSR Classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, Jan. 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30

Thursday, Jan. 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan. 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes

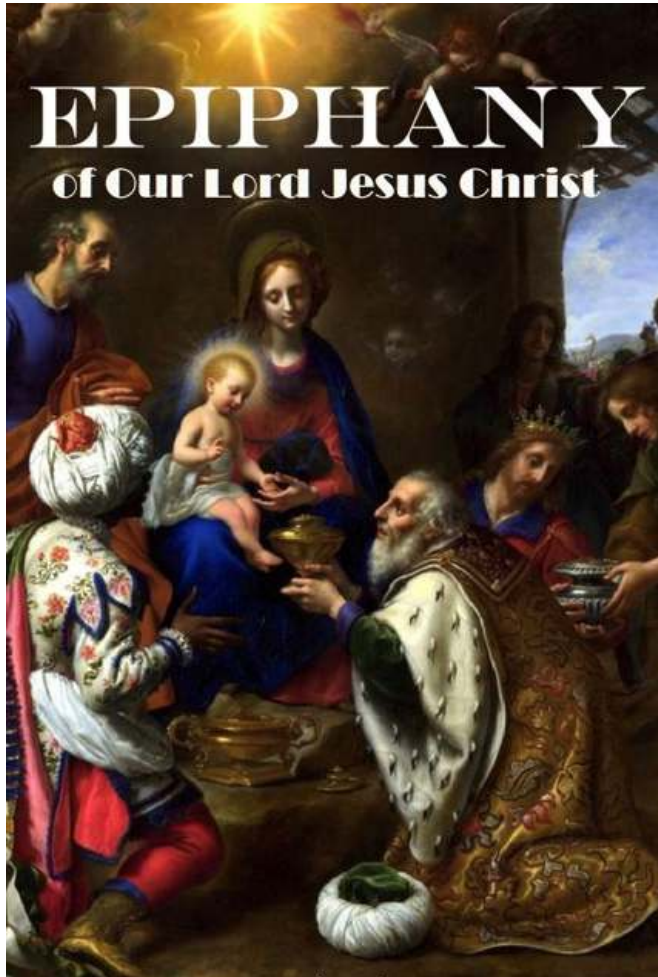
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
December, 3rd week On-line: \$1,261.00	\$ 11,363.08	\$ 11,763.33
# of Envelopes	282	263
YTD Totals:	\$ 274,935.48	\$ 266,816.83

ON-LINE GIVING:

If you would like to give on-line, visit us at www.stgerardchurch.org and click the "On-line Giving" tab. It's easy and convenient to do.



NEED PRAYER?

There are different means of receiving prayers in time of need. Prayer intention books are by the Blessed Mother chapel and the Redemptorists chapel. These requests are prayed for at Mass during the prayer of the faithful.



The Prayer Chain - requests for prayer may be emailed to Stgprayerchain@gmail.com or called into the parish office at 419-224-3080. A team of prayer warriors will pray daily for all requests for 30 days. Requests are confidential and last name need not be given.

Mass Intentions - for a small stipend, a Mass will be said for deceased family or friends you request. Stop by the parish office to set up dates.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



**Have you been waiting?
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is back for the New Year!!
12-5 p.m. Thursdays.**

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them".

-St. Francis de Sales



On Wednesdays, we will have Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena after the 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses, as well as our 1:00 p.m. Novena. Please join us for this meaningful devotion!

A MESSAGE FROM FR. SERGI:

Just a note to thank all of you for remembering us this most holy season of Christmas with all of your prayers, cards, goodies and gifts.

We also want to thank all of you who helped make the Christmas liturgies so beautiful.

From the planning, to the music, to acting out the gospel, to our beautifully decorated church ~ everything was just perfect. And the

Children's Mass was so well attended and we had some awesome angels and shepherds. Thanks to all those attending the liturgies and we hope all of you will return to Mass and celebrate with us each week. We truly are a blessed parish with so many gifted and dedicated parishioners who always step-up to make our liturgies very meaningful.

Christmas blessing to all and may 2020 be a great year for everyone.

Fr. Mike Sergi



HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AT

ST. RITA'S:

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Matt Etkorn, Spiritual Care Director at 419-226-9531. Thank you.

NIGHT OF HEALING:

**Night of Healing, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020
from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Worship ~ Word ~ Healing ~ Adoration ~
Witness ~ Reconciliation

St. Jerome Church, 300 Warner St.
Walbridge OH 43465

Fr. Anthony Coci & Fr. Tom Oedy
Group healing and personal prayer teams.
For more information, visit the website:
www.mccrholyspirit.org

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please update your records! St. Gerard Parish has a new mailing address. It is:

1307 N. Main St., Lima, OH 45801

This was necessary due to the parish office moving to our new location.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RESULTS:

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms:

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DeLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

Thanks to everyone who supported the annual Rosary/Altar Society Bake Sale and Raffle, as well as the Craft Sale and Holy Name Breakfast. It was a great success. The lucky winners of the raffle were:

\$100.00 - Lynda Makley

\$50.00 - Sandy Brostrom

\$25.00 - Kevin Meyer

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$961,015.26

Amount Paid: \$800,501.77

Outstanding Balance:
\$160,513.49

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$38,984.74 to go before we reach our goal!

KEWPÉE DRIVE:

St. Gerard students will kick off the annual Kewpee Drive on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020. Kewpee coupons are in books of 5 coupons for \$5.00. Books will be available at the school and parish offices.

WEBCASTING

DONATIONS:

It's time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard Church. The cost for a year is over \$1,200.00. That does not include the upgrading of software and equipment used to stream our live video. If you are one of the many parishioners who benefit from this and would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. Just put "webcasting" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 1/11 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 1/12 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/12 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/12 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	B. Flynn Marilyn Hinegardner M. Hinegardner S. Parker W. Peebles J. Wolff D. Santini S. Urban D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth	S. Ellinger M. Hickey G. Merkel B. Pinney C. Wright M. Stemen V. Nguyen T. Sroufe J. Sroufe L. Hahn	V. Carter F. Gallegos R. Karbowskiak J. Landwehr C. Coleman S. Morrissey D. Vondrell G. Vondrell J. Neville T. Meyer	
LECTOR:	T. Huffman	A. Mefferd	Children's Mass	
ALTAR SERVERS:				
USHERS:	R. Bigelow B. Langhals S. Custer	S. Martin S. Doepker J. Hartley	D. Ladden R. Blevins T. Brostrom	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (JANUARY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, P. Iven, L. Taylor			

TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, February 9th, 2020. St. Anthony's Church, Columbus Grove, will be hosting the celebration. The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a dinner and dance to follow, at 4:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the live band "Dueces Wild", of Delphos. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life.



LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC ACT PREP COURSE:

LCC will be offering its 12th ACT Prep Class beginning Jan. 4, 2020 for the April 4, 2020 ACT test. For more specific information, please go to the LCC website at www.lcchs.edu or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Preregistration is required and forms are due January 2, 2020. The class is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

ALPHA:

St. Charles Church, Lima is offering Alpha, starting Thursday, Jan. 16th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Sessions will be held each Thursday in the St. Charles Lower Level. All faiths are welcome to come explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Dinner and child care provided. For more information and to make a reservation, please call St. Charles Parish Office at 419-228-7635.

JOIN BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS IN

SPAIN & ITALY!

October 11-23, 2020. Seats still available! Join Bishop Thomas on a pilgrimage to our sister city of Toledo, Spain! We will tour Toledo, Avila, Madrid and Segovia, before departing for Rome, Italy! Spend 2 nights in Assisi and 5 nights in Rome. LAND ONLY price starting \$3999, roundtrip airfare from Detroit will be added once available. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know our Bishop and to increase solidarity with our Sister Diocese of Toledo, Spain! Visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

RETROUVAILLE:

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is Jan. 24-26, 2020. for more information, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-481-1116 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com.

BIG BREAKFAST:

St. John's Church, Lima, will be hosting their Big Breakfast TODAY, January 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice will be served. Adults \$4 and children \$2. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.

