

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

☿ FEBRUARY 11, 2007 - SEXAGESIMA - OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The **Blessing of the Sick** follows all Masses today, with the **Blessing of Religious Articles** afterwards. **Vespers** are at 4:45 PM with **Benediction** at approximately 5:25 PM.

Every Catholic boy should learn how to serve God at the altar. It is both a privilege and a duty. **Sunday Serving Classes** begin today at 10:40 AM.



Bake Sale Please patronize our St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale which is being held today in Helfta Hall.

☿ PALMS NEEDED! Please bring your old palms to church during this week (not next Sunday). There will be a box in the vestibule in which to deposit them. They are needed in order to prepare ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.



☿ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA Our Sorrowful Mother Novena, with the Blessing of the Sick continues this Friday evening after the 5:45 PM Mass. Call or write in to the office the *first names* of those for whom you would like us to pray, as well as the names of your sick.



NITE OF RECOLLECTION Gentlemen, join us this **Friday, February 16th**, for an *Evening of Recollection* with 5:45 PM Mass, **Benediction**, and a *Spiritual Talk* at 7:00 PM with opportunity for questions and discussion. Confessions will be heard before the talk.

☿ LENTEN PLANNING Ash Wednesday Masses are at 6:30 and 11:30 AM and 5:45 PM.

Ashes will be given out after all Masses and at 3:30 (following Children's Stations) and 7:30 PM.

Each Friday we offer our traditional "evening of recollection" with 5:45 PM Mass, the Parish Potluck Plus Supper, a short Stations service, short Sermon, Benediction and a brief Sorrowful Mother Novena service, with Blessing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

At 3:00 PM on all the Wednesdays in Lent, the traditional Children's Stations round out our offerings.

☿ LENTEN POTLUCK PLUS SUPPER

Each year on the Friday nights in Lent we offer a Parish Potluck Plus Supper following the Mass and before the Stations of the Cross. The unique item that makes up the Plus this year is that each Friday night will have a specific theme:

- Feb. 23rd is: *Mexican Night.*
- March 2nd: *Baked Potato Night*
- March 9th: *Pasta Night*
- March 16th: *Soup & Breads Night*
- March 23rd: *Pizza Night*
- March 30th: *Fish Night*

Each week two volunteer families are asked to make and/or coordinate a themed meal. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Helfta Hall. Please let us know which Friday night you would like to sponsor. The church will cover the expense of the ingredients. This way we know for sure there will be a substantial main item to feed those who are fasting and coming to church from a day's work. We will also supply beverages, plates, utensils, etc. If you plan to eat with us we ask that you bring a suitable dish to share that will coordinate with the theme, such as vegetables, salad, pasta, etc. *Please, since it is Lent, no desserts.* Bon appetit!

☿ CALLING ALL WRITERS

If you enjoy writing, or think you might, come to the first meeting of our Traditional Catholic Writer's group. We will meet on February 18th, between the 9 and 11:30 AM Masses, in Helfta Hall, (approx.) 10:30 AM. For more information call Donna Patton, 937-393-9741.

Hshers FEBRUARY 18, 2007
 7:30 AM John Wiesman, Kent Maki, Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus
 9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Dale Wilker, Bernie Brueggemann
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, Tim Carney
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Srvers FEBRUARY 12, - FEBRUARY 18, 2007
 •TUE 02/13 5:45 PM LOW: J. Bayer
 •WED 02/14 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
 •FRI 02/16 5:45 PM LOW: Briggs, Bayer, Ritze
 •SAT 02/17 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
 9:00 AM HIGH: Briggs & Bayer
 •SUN 02/18 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandyRyt & A. Lotarski;
 TH: D. Poepelman; AC: R. Hill, L. Schappacher; TORCH: G. Wnek,
 A. Richesson, F. & N. Puglielli
 11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, I. French
 4:45 PM BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007 \$ 5110.00
 SECOND COLLECTION \$ 1487.00

Thank you for your generosity!
 Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE LARGER HOPE

O, yet we trust that somehow good
 Will be the final goal of ill,
 To pangs of nature, sins of will,
 Defects of doubt and taints of blood;
 That nothing walks with aimless feet;
 That not one life shall be destroyed,
 Or cast as rubbish to the void
 When God hath made the pile complete;
 That not a worm is cloven in vain;
 That not a moth with vain desire
 Is shriveled in a fruitless fire,
 Or but subserves another's gain.
 Behold, we know not anything;
 I can but trust that good shall fall
 At last—far off—at last, to all,
 And every winter change to spring.
 So runs my dream; but what am I?
 An infant crying in the night;
 An infant crying in the light,
 And with no language but a cry.
 I falter where I firmly trod,
 And falling with my weight of cares
 Upon the great world's altar-stairs
 That slope through darkness up to God.
 I stretch lame hands of faith and grope,
 And gather dust and chaff, and call
 To what I feel is Lord of all,
 And faintly trust the larger hope.

—Alfred Tennyson



FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

He called her Mary, who rode on my back,
 She called him Joseph, who walked by
 my side;
 His hand was easy and his voice was soft
 And he walked with patience, love, and
 pride.
 I was their beast, yet I sensed their plight,
 I heard them talk and plan and pray,
 I knew the dream the angel brought,
 And I shared their faith along the way.
 But the load I carried, a Mother and Child,
 Rode as light as the touch that guided me;
 And my master, Joseph, who walked by
 my side
 Was as kind and gentle as a man could be.

—JOHNIELU BARBER BRADFORD

The feast of the Flight into Egypt is February 17th.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

§INFANT OF PRAGUE

Our novena in honor of the Divine Infant, Day VIII, continues this Friday at **5:35 PM**. Come with confidence to honor our loving little King.



§ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT LITERARY WINE TASTING

It's *not* too late, but you **MUST** make your reservation by **5:00 PM Monday!**

Saturday, February 17th, at 5:30 PM we are offering a Literary Wine Tasting and appetizer buffet. The wine selections will be similar to those mentioned in classical literary pieces such as:

Hamlet, The Three Musketeers, The Canterbury Tales, The Cask of Amontillado, The Great Gatsby and Beowulf.

A classical literature presentation by Margaret Kinnett will accompany each selection.

The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please contact the church office at 645-4214 for reservations.

§NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **Holy Face Sunday** and the beginning of our annual **Triduum in Honor of the Holy Face**. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows all Masses. **Vespers** are at **4:45 PM** with **Benediction** at approximately **5:25 PM**.

Set your missal: February 18th. **Quinquagesima** with the commemorations of St Simeon, BpM and Our Lady and all the Saints. **PREF:** Trinity.

§UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday - February 28th: Childrens' Lenten Day of Recollection

§MASSES OFFERED IN THE MISSIONS:

Intentions of Sr. Margaret Mary, (*B. & R. Brueggemann*); (4) Poor Souls (*MAW*)

§Holy Helper Volunteers

Saturday, February 17th: Katie Bischak, Regina Gilliam and Beth Brueggemann. Thank you to all those who came last Saturday to help with taking down the Christmas decorations.

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Indulgence: 300 days, each time—Leo XIII

Our Lady of LOURDES



Let your thoughts and your conversation ever tend toward heaven, in imitation of Our Lady of Lourdes, whose cincture of azure reminds us that her aspirations always soared aloft to heavenly things. To please our Virgin Mother cultivate purity of heart. Ask her to obtain for you the grace of a holy life and a happy death. In temptation, and in adversity cry to her with confidence; frequently invoke the name of Mary.

Try to make someone happy today.

Mary! Ind: 25 days, ea. time—Clement XIII

O Mary, who didst enter the world free from stain, do thou obtain for me from God, that I may pass out of it free from sin.

Indulgence: 100 days, one a day.—Pius IX



§THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

First Testing & First Confessions: Saturday, April 21st. (Baptismal Certificate must be presented before testing, and form filled out.)

• **Obligatory Day of Recollection for all First Communion Children: Thursday, May 24th.**

• **Confirmation: Saturday, May 26th.**

• **First Holy Communion: Sunday, June 10th.**

Parents, please remember to submit to the Office *by March 25th*, the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great. If your child is not enrolled in the school or Sunday School, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested in April. Unless we have the Baptismal certificate, we will be unable to do the necessary testing. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if a child is ready for the Sacraments. Please consult the priest. The Church earnestly desires all children to receive Our Lord as soon as possible.

WE KNOW THAT IN EVERYTHING GOD WORKS FOR GOOD WITH THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

In everything? Does this really mean that in everything God works for our good? Yes! But we have to trust – to have faith. That is our part. We have to persuade ourselves that He is never far away: that He is as near to us as our life itself. As St. Paul says: "In Him, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28

This is the time when our faith has to be childlike. Jesus warned His disciples that they – and we – have to become like little children, or we shall never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This is not a frightening command. If you become as a little child, totally trusting in Him, totally embracing His Heart of love with the simple trust of a little child, then it is God Himself whom you will find to be your loving Father.

Situations that are beyond human capability happen to everyone. Problems, tragedies and "bad times" arise and we honestly don't know what to do. No matter how strong or resourceful we may be, we find ourselves at a loss to cope with these problems. From all outward appearances, they are tragic and evil.

These are exactly the times when God's strength can be made perfect in our weakness. It has been said that sometimes God has to put us flat on our backs (either literally as in sickness or figuratively as in a seemingly hopeless situation) in order to help us turn our attention toward Him.

At such times, if we place our trust in Him and give Him our love, God can and will do what no human can: Bring good out of evil and sadness. If we place our trust and love in Him, then we can proclaim in the words of the hymn by D. S. Whittle:

"Moment by moment, I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment, I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine."



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	02/12/07	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS, CC 11:30 AM High †Charles & Elinor Richardson (M/M Mark Lotarski)
TUES	02/13/07	FERIAL DAY - COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION 11:30 AM High Mass †Amy Baggott (H.O. & Becky Hinton) 5:45 PM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory - Special Intention (MAW)
WED	02/14/07	ST VALENTINE, PRM 6:30 AM Low Mass The Poor Souls Suffering in Purgatory (Paul & Lisa McConnell) 11:30 AM High Mass †Dale Downing - 4th Anniversary (Shirle A. Downing) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
THUR	02/15/07	Ss FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM 11:30 AM High Mass For Kathy Atilon - Her Intentions (Kathy Cozzens) 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	02/16/07	FERIAL DAY 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena VIII 5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Holy Name Special Intention R.V. (Scott Richesson) 6:30 PM (Approx.) Sorrowful Mother Novena II & Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Confessions 7:00 PM Men's Evening of Recollection
SAT	02/17/07	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Floyd Bischel (Michael, Monica, Martin Dimino) 8:45 AM Confessions 9:00 AM High Mass Special Intention (Dan Beaven) 4:30 PM Confessions
SUN	02/18/07	QUINQUAGESIMA - ST SIMEON, BPM ST BERNADETTE, V - HOLY FACE SUNDAY OPENING OF THE HOLY FACE TRIDUUM 7:30 AM Low Mass †Dolores Maki (Kent Maki) 9:00 AM High Mass Fran Amico's Intentions (B. & R. Brueggemann) 10:40 AM Servers' Class 11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (Mary Rose Uhlenbrock) 4:45 PM Vespers 5:25 PM Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Thank you for your prayers for my Mexican trip. Today we continue the winter sacramental theme of a blessing for good health. Today's blessing honors Our Lady of Lourdes, and anyone who is ill is most welcome to receive it.



During Christmas I spoke with one of our many young looking but wise grandmothers. She mentioned that some of her grown children had occasion recently to complain about the bad behavior of certain little nieces and nephews in church. She reminded them that they were not always so well behaved themselves when tiny tots. The reason? For awhile she left them at home. Some Sundays when she did bring them, they didn't have the irreplaceable, week-after-week training which lets a little one make it through Sunday Masses and they crawled and squalled and screamed away.

Little children love regularity and thrive on a schedule of being trained in a stable fashion. It's the changes, the instability which confuse them and tempt them to throw little temper tantrums on a pretty regular schedule. The same is so true of children and church attendance.

Week after week they learn how to sit quietly, how to visit with Jesus and Mary, how to grow up to be little Christians. When they misbehave, they are taken out and punished. They soon learn to control themselves, and feel ever so much better for it, and so do we.

It is a help to talk to children about our Lord, Our Lady, and the Angels and Saints all week long to show them the holy pictures and statues at home and at church (take the time often before or after Mass) and especially to apply "church rules" to the daily family Rosary.

Finally, talk up church with your little one. Remember that just before they turn two, they notice everything and will show a great interest in church and Holy Mass. Seat them up front, if they are well behaved, and let them watch the priest. You'll be surprised what they remember!

Young parents, remember the wisdom of a grandmother: regular, weekly training is the key!

I wish all of God's blessings today upon our dear little ones, their "support staff" (parents and family) and especially for all of our sick. I prayed for you all at the shrine of little Dr. Jesus last week.

May Our Lady of Lourdes be our love, and her Immaculate Heart our refuge.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ THOUGHTS ON THE HEART OF JESUS

The desire of friendship is natural to all mankind. Yet, how often our hopes are met with bitter disappointment! Whither, then, shall we turn? To the loving friendship of Jesus. His is a Heart, human like our own, yet a Heart that can understand what our lips cannot express, a Heart that can appreciate our sorrows since It has experienced all that we are asked to bear. What a heartening, strengthening thought! For there are times, even in this teeming world of ours, when we find ourselves very much alone. Times there are when no one seems to understand, when no one seems to care; times when the world seems weary of us and we are quite disgusted with ourselves; dark hours, indeed, and dangerous, too, for weaklings like ourselves to be without a friend. But it need not be so. For, ever by our side stands a Friend, human and divine, eager to befriend us in our hour of need. Then, let the world turn away and forget and despise, what matters it now, for I have a Friend Who will never fail. Heart of Jesus, our Friend, have mercy on us.

✠ KNOW THE REASONS WHY... UNDERSTANDING YOUR FAITH



THE QUESTION OF THE POPE: "JUST AN OPINION?"

By Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn

(This is a series in which Bishop Sanborn examines opinionism, and to render judgement whether it is a legitimate position to take. Can the identity of the Roman Pontiff be a matter of opinion?)

Five Errors of Opinionism (Cont'd.)

ERROR 3: Opinionism confuses a theological conclusion and a theological opinion.

A theological **conclusion** is, once again, absolutely certain, and at times is even connected to truths of the Faith in such a way that, if denied, you would have to deny the Faith as well.

A theological **opinion**, however, is a position which has faulty and insufficient evidence in its favor, so that you would not be surprised to find out that the opposite is true.

As I said above, the arguments for or against the papacy of Ratzinger rest on **certitudes**. Neither side denies the facts which it proposes in favor of its conclusion.

Hence each side must produce, logically, not an "opinion," but a **certain theological conclusion**. This is true because the conclusion will be as strong as its principles. If there is no doubt in the principles, there is no doubt in the conclusions, provided, of course, that the logical process is without fault.

So if it is merely sufficient for a man to be a true pope that he be duly elected, that he accept, and that he act as pope, and that he be universally accepted as pope by those who are commonly called Catholics in the world, then it is *certain* that Ratzinger is the true Roman Pontiff. For all of these things are true and verified.

On the other hand, if it is sufficient for a man to be a false pope that he have the intention of promulgating false doctrines and evil disciplines, despite

whatever other appearances or material elements of papacy he may have, then it is *certain* that Ratzinger is a false pope, since his intention of promulgating and adhering to Modernism is blatant.

(To be continued.)



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Mgr. Knox on the Ecumenical
Movement: "A Blasphemy"

We ought to sink our differences as far as possible (it is argued) and remake the Church out of its fragments once more. To us Catholics such language is meaningless; we have not so learned Christ. For us, the Church is nothing less than His Temple, His Bride, His own Body; and the idea that it could, by any conceivable historical circumstances, be split into fragments, is a blasphemy. The reunion of the Churches is to us not merely impossible, it is unthinkable. You cannot reunite what has never been divided. For the Catholic Church to take part in reunion of the Churches would be a paradox, a contradiction in terms.



SACRAMENTS: NEW

Question: What year did the new Church change the sacraments?

Answer: Baptism (children): 15 May 1969. *Form:* same, but the exorcisms were abolished - valid

Baptism (adult): 6 Jan 1972. *Form:* same, but the exorcisms were abolished - valid.

Confirmation: 22 August 1971. *Form:*

new - doubtful validity. *Matter:* may be changed as well.

Mass: 3 April 1971. *Form:* changed. *Matter:* changed in many churches - doubtful validity.

Penance: 2 Dec 1973. *Form:* additions made.

Extreme Unction/Anointing of Sick: 7 Dec 1972. *Form:* new - doubtful validity.

Holy Orders: 18 June 1968. *Form: Episcopacy:* new. Archbishop Lefebvre said it was almost certainly invalid. An invalid "bishop" cannot ordain priests or confirm. His "priests" cannot absolve, say Mass, anoint, etc. **Priesthood:** changed - doubtful validity. **Diaconate:** same.

Matrimony: 19 Mar 1969. *Form:* same - valid.

The outward sign of each sacrament comprises two parts: 1) *Matter*, things used or done e.g., water, and the pouring of it in Baptism. 2) *Form*, the essential words recited e.g., the Absolution in Confession.



CHRIST WHOLE AND UNDIVIDED

By REV. ALBERT F. KAISER, CPP.S.
Taken from January, 1954, Issue of *The Priest*

The Church is a living spiritual organism that needs to grow and develop in divine grace, in union with Christ its Head, and in union with His members. As the human body requires a variety of food, so the soul requires the whole Christ as He comes to us in His earthly, priestly, redeeming life, emblazoned on the pages of the New Testament; as He was foreshadowed and symbolized in the Old Testament. In the Old, He is symbolized by the Patriarchs, Prophets, and especially the Priesthood of Melchisedech. In the New, He comes forth as God's authorized teacher, healer, redeemer, food and medicine of the soul. And since Christ's redeeming work is for all, therefore all may participate in its fruits, blessings and graces, through the channel of the Church and the ordained priesthood. In His Mystical Body, the Church, He shares His grace with us. Christ's sacramental presence and sacramental operations center in the Eucharistic sacrifice and Sacrament.