

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 18, 2007 - QUINQUAGESIMA - HOLY FACE SUNDAY - ST BERNADETTE, V
Today is Quinquagesima Sunday (which means fifty—the approximate number of days until Easter.) Our annual **Triduum in Honor of the Holy Face** begins today and will conclude on Tuesday, the Feast 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.

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

✠ CALLING ALL WRITERS

If you enjoy writing, or think you might, come to the first meeting of our Traditional Catholic Writer's group this morning between the 9 and 11:30 AM Masses, in Helfta Hall, (approx.) 10:30 AM.

✠ ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin your Lent well by receiving Ashes at one of the many services we will offer on that day. **Ash Wednesday Masses** are at 6:30 and 11:30 AM and 5:45 PM. Ashes will be given out *before and after* the morning Masses, *after* the 5:45 PM Mass and *after* the 7:30 PM Penitential Service. Ashes will also be distributed *after* the 3:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

✠ INFANT OF PRAGUE

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



✠ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

We are now in the third week of our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick. This devotion takes place every Friday evening after the Sermon and Stations of the Cross. Call or mail in to the office the *first names* of those who are sick, and those for whom you would like us to pray.

✠ LENT

We place our Lent this year in the *Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

Each Friday we will offer our traditional "evening of recollection" including 5:45 PM

Mass, sermon and Sacred Heart novena, followed by the Parish Potluck *Plus* Supper, Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, closing Benediction and Holy Communion.

As we have been doing of late, these services will be short but beautiful – a short Stations service, a short Sermon, a brief Sorrowful Mother Novena service, with Blessing of the Sick, Benediction and Holy Communion.

At 3:00 PM on Wednesdays, the traditional Children's Stations of the Cross round out our offerings.

Begin your Lent well. If you don't plan on doing anything else this Lent, at least start it with your blessed ashes. You'll be surprised at what will follow!

'Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return!'

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the month - **Confession Sunday**. Confessions will be heard before and during all Masses. Early Lenten **Vespers** and **Benediction** are at 1:15 PM.

Set your missal: February 25th. **Lent I** with the commemorations of Our Lady and All the Saints and for the Living and the Dead. **PREF:** Lent.

✠ Ashes

FEBRUARY 21, 2007

6:30 AM John Wiesman, Joe Andreotta
11:30 AM Richard Smith, Jim Gebel, Bernie Brueggemann, John Seyfried
5:45 PM Dale Wilker, John French, Dennis Hille, Tim Carney

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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, John French
5:45 PM Volunteer

✠ Servers

FEBRUARY 19, - FEBRUARY 25, 2007

•WED 02/21 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
11:30 AM HIGH: School Servers & R. VanyRyt
5:45 PM LOW: Keaveney & J. Bayer
•FRI 02/23 5:45 PM LOW: Keaveney, Briggs, Bayer, Ritze
7:30 PM: STATIONS: Keaveney, Briggs, Bayer, Ritze
WE ARE LOOKING FOR SERVERS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT STATIONS
•SAT 02/24 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM HIGH: Briggs & Bayer
•SUN 02/25 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. & A. Lotarski; TH: D. Poepelman; AC: R. Hill, L. Schappacher; TORCH: B. Lotarski, G. Wnek, T. Simpson, A. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: G. Miller & F. Puglielli
1:15 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: C. Ritze
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THIS MASS OCCASIONALLY.

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

WHO TOUCHED MY GARMENTS?

Mark 5

Felled by a winter cold
I snivel about
clutched by chills and long underwear
depositing Vitamin C tablets
between my lips
like quarters in a meter.
Jesus has no office hours
I just hope to catch him
wandering near my morning prayers.
If I can haul my miserable self
through distractions
rising like bad vapors,
maybe I can touch
just the fringe of his tunic
waving in my mind
like healing herbs.

—SR. PAT SCHNAPP, RSM
ADRIAN, MICH.



ASH WEDNESDAY

The moment is tremendous yet is veiled
In a thin Round of bread.
We must use our imaginations which have failed
So often to help us towards the truth. Instead
We have let them lean toward violence
Where not one thing is safe.
Nature may move in her ancient, timeless dance
But we have let go and we swing off
Hither and thither, untrusting, loveless, caught
In a murderous mood we invade.
Let me on this Ash Wednesday create a thought
That is open and innocent, something which
I have made

But more a way of being that I have been given,
A chance to make a choice,
After six weeks of Lent may I be shriven
And echo from my distance Christ's dying voice.

—ELIZABETH JENNINGS

✠ LUMEN CHRISTI

For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for:

FOR THE CONVERSION
OF FAMILY MEMBERS

JOE PRASCHAK & SHEILA HAGERTY

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

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!

 The Rosary Confraternity will meet at 11:00 AM in front of the Auburn Avenue Abortion Clinic to pray the rosary on Saturday, February 24th. A light breakfast will follow the 9:00 AM Mass before proceeding to the abortion clinic.

CHILDRENS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

This year our Childrens' Day of Recollection will take place on **Wednesday, February 28th** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for both Grade School and High School Students. Separate spiritual talks will be given for both groups. Please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day. *Please call the school (513-645-4216) by Monday, February 26th* to let us know if you plan to have your children attend. A lunch will be provided. No charge!

- 9:00 AM: Opening of the Day of Recollection
- 11:30 AM: High Mass
- 2:50 PM: Closing Stations & Benediction

Holy Helper Volunteers

Saturday, February 24th: Katie Bischak, Briggs Family.



*"By offering My Face to My Eternal Father,
nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many
sinners will be obtained."*

*"O Divine Jesus, through Thy Face and Name, save us!
Our hope is in the virtue of Thy Holy Name!"*

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	02/19/07	FERIAL DAY - PRESIDENTS' DAY
	11:30 AM	High Mass <i>For Those Who Have Prayed for Me (Eileen Bartels)</i>
	4:15-6:00 PM	Triduum in Honor of the Holy Face II Knights of the Sacred Heart (St. Gertrude the Great) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (St. Gertrude the Great)
TUES	02/20/07	FERIAL DAY - THE HOLY FACE
	11:30 AM	High Mass <i>In Honor of the Holy Face of Our Lord (MAW)</i>
		Closing of Triduum in Honor of the Holy Face
WED	02/21/07	ASH WEDNESDAY - FAST & ABSTINENCE
	6:15 AM	Blessing of Ashes & Distribution
	6:30 AM	Low Mass, Distribution of Ashes <i>For Marge Kitchen's Intentions (Bishop Dolan)</i>
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:30 AM	Blessing of Ashes & Distribution, High Mass, Distribution of Ashes <i>The Poor Souls (Bernie B.)</i>
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross & Benediction, Distribution of Ashes
	5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
	5:20 PM	Penitential Litany
	5:45 PM	Low Mass, Distribution of Ashes <i>Holy Souls In Purgatory (Linda Cardamone)</i>
	7:15 PM	Confessions
	7:30 PM	Penitential Litany, Distribution of Ashes
THUR	02/22/07	ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH - FAST
	11:30 AM	High Mass <i>In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, for the Poor Souls (MAW)</i>
	7:00 PM	Compline
FRI	02/23/07	ST PETER DAMIAN, BPCD - VIGIL OF ST MATTHIAS, AP
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:30 AM	High Mass <i>Bp. Dolan: For Prayers & Instructions, Through the Poor Souls (MAW)</i>
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena Conclusion
	5:45 PM	Low Mass & Sacred Heart Novena <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (Linda Cardamone)</i>
	6:45 PM	Parish Potluck Plus Supper
	7:15 PM	Confessions
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena III & Blessing of the Sick, Benediction, Holy Communion, Confessions
SAT	02/24/07	ST MATTHIAS, AP
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass <i>Special Intention (H.O. & Becky Hinton)</i>
	8:45 AM	Confessions
	9:00 AM	High Mass <i>Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)</i>
	10:00 AM	Rosary at Abortion Clinic N.B. NO Saturday Afternoon Confessions
SUN	02/25/07	LENT I - ST WALBURGA, V - ST SEBASTIAN, C
		CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE & DURING ALL MASSES
	7:30 AM	Low Mass <i>The Poor Souls Suffering in Purgatory (Paul & Lisa McConnell)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass <i>†Ciro Amico - Anniversary (Fran Amico)</i>
	10:40 AM	Servers' Class
	11:30 AM	Low Mass <i>Most Rev. Bishop Dolan (Mrs. Hille's Sunday Catechism Class)</i>
	1:15 PM	Early Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i>

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

This has been a different week, and a difficult one for many. I was praying for those without power, or otherwise suffering the inconvenience of the weather. How curious that the magnificent crystal landscapes, gleaming in the winter sun, should come at so cruel a cost. But such is the price of winter, I suppose, of living in a four season state. We are certainly getting our money's worth this year!

I have been sick all week, a lingering sinus infection which loves me too much to leave me! Fr. Saavedra has kindly been doing solitary duty out at church. (I was holed up in my old house in Sharonville). Perhaps for many like me the weather has made it easier to take a few needed quiet days at home. Many, however, I realize have to go out and function regardless of how they feel, and they too are supported by our prayers.

This Holy Face Sunday, last before Lent, is also the opening of the traditional Mardi Gras Season. I really do recommend it to you – a little light-hearted rejoicing, a dinner out perhaps, special treats for the children, all of this before we start our serious penance on Wednesday is quite liturgical and very much in the spirit of the church. It is the Novus Ordo which makes everything bland, vanilla and quite the same, with the only holidays in life being secular ones, and no real rejoicing because no real penance.

Plan now to afflict yourself, to stretch your soul until it hurts – this will let it grow, and grow strong in Our Lord's Sacred Heart, to whom we dedicate our Lent this year. Fast if you should, give up goodies and drink in any case, leave the TV on "off", get a good book and read it, go back to the Family Rosary, go to extra or daily Masses even, attend the Friday night recollection, make the Stations. Get up early to pray for 15 minutes. Stretch till it hurts. Widen your hearts and not your phylacteries, as Our Lord would say.

Pay attention to your spouse, to your children. Listen. Ask questions. Have a real conversation for a change. Edify each other. Apologize. Reconcile with an old foe, or a fresh one. Give money to the poor. Have Masses read for the poor souls, or special intentions.

Please (and not just for Lent!) watch your children when they come to church. Do not let them roam freely, bang on pews, or make mischief in the vestibule. (Believe it or not, some little monster actually pulled the nails out of Our Lord's feet, and another junior terrorist knocked over the easel with the Gift Shop announcements.) At social events in Helfta Hall the children at a certain point grow tired and then spontaneously form themselves into packs and run around terrorizing God fearing Christian folk. None of this should be.

Parents, please just take children out of Church to quiet them, then by all means return to Mass. Keep an eye on the little ones at all times. This is how children are trained. When you need to walk them or deal with an extended fit of infantile pique, please don't take the long cloister hallway parallel to the church, or even camp out in the vestibule, as these are veritable echo chambers. Walk down the school hall, and even rest your weary bones a bit in the last class room at your right, where a little corner is set up for the convenience of nursing mothers.

I want to thank the fine group of young men who turned out for Serving Class, as well as the older servers who have undertaken to train them. Almost all of the boys I named and summoned showed up, (some were excused) with the exception of a very few, who probably didn't come because they didn't want to. God forbid.

Thank you for your patience with me as I issue these time to time reminders. May we all refresh our patience with the penances and prayers of Lent. But first, some merriment. Happy Mardi Gras!

With a blessing,



✠ THE CORNER

THOUGHTS ON THE HEART OF JESUS

Generosity is a virtue that by its very nature wins the love and admiration of all. It bespeaks an unselfish nature – a noble giving of self for the good of others. The Heart of Jesus is an abyss of generosity. His devotion to the interests of others knows no limit. What was His coming to earth but a marvelous act of Divine generosity? From the crib to the cross He spent Himself unsparingly for others. To give and not to count the cost, to give until it hurt, to give even when the giving brought in return insult and injury, scourging and crowning with thorns, yes, even the ignominious death of the cross, such is the generosity of the dear Heart of our Savior. And what of myself? How shamefully unlike my Divine Model! How ungenerous with God – begrudging Him the petty sacrifices His service demands! How ungenerous with my fellow men – always thinking of self and doing so little for others! Can I not be a little more generous? I can and I shall for love of the dear, generous Heart of my Savior. Heart of Jesus, Model of generosity, have mercy on us.

REV. J. E. MOFFATT, S.J.



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.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ 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 4: Someone may be free to hold that Ratzinger is or is not the pope for the sole reason that the Church has said nothing about it.

The causes for Ratzinger's papacy or non-papacy are primarily theological, and not merely legal. In other words, if Ratzinger is not the pope, it is not *because* the Church has declared him to be non-pope.

Rather the opposite is true: the Church would declare him to be non-pope **because** he is **really and truly** not the pope. The declaration of the Church, in this case, would only give a *legal* certitude of an existing fact. But the Church could never declare something as *legally* certain, unless it were *really* and *truly* certain.

The Church, for example, declares a marriage to be null. It is not the declaration that causes the nullity; it is the nullity that causes the declaration.

The declaration merely makes a legal fact out of the really existing fact of nullity. The nullity cannot have *legal* effect until it is declared, but the nullity already exists before the declaration. Long before the declaration of nullity, the man and woman are *not* husband and wife. They would be bound to the *moral* effects of their non-marriage as soon as they are aware of the nullity; the legal declaration could come years later.

So we are bound to the certain theological conclusion of the non-papacy of Ratzinger based on the certain existing evidence, and this long before some future declaration of his non-papacy. A couple, certain of the invalidity of their marriage, could not act as husband and wife with the excuse, "Oh, well, there is no declaration

of nullity, so we can do whatever we want!" So we, who are acting upon the premise that Vatican II and its reforms are contrary to faith and morals cannot recognize the papacy of Ratzinger with the excuse, "Oh well, there is no declaration, so we can think whatever we want!"

Furthermore, I would add that those who argue that he is the pope cannot rightly maintain that the Church has not made a declaration about it, or that it is a matter of theological opinion, as if there were some doubt.

If the motives for recognizing him as pope are the ones which I gave above, i.e., his election and the general acceptance of the people, then how could there be any doubt?

On the other hand, how could you have that it is legitimate to say that he is not the pope, as opinionists say, unless you give credence to the principles of sedevacantism? But the principles of sedevacantism argue with certitude that he is not the pope, and not merely with probability. In other words, either you have to deny the principles of sedevacantism, or you have to say that its conclusions are true.

(To be continued.)



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THE WISDOM OF ARCHBISHOP LEFEBVRE

"I have summed it up to Cardinal Ratzinger in a certain words, of course, because it is difficult to sum up this whole situation;

but I said to him: 'Eminence, see, even if you grant us a bishop, even if you grant us a certain self-government in relation to the bishops, even if you grant us all the liturgy of 1962, if you grant us to continue the seminaries and Society, as we do it now, we cannot collaborate; it is impossible, impossible, because we work in two diametrically opposed directions: you, you work for the de-Christianization of society, of the human person, and of the Church, and we, we work for its Christianization. They cannot be in agreement.' Rome has lost the Faith, my dear friends. Rome is in apostasy. One cannot have confidence any more in this world. It has left the Church, they have left the Church, they are leaving the Church. It is sure, sure, sure."

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WAS LEFEBVRE A SEDEVACANTIST?

"We are suspended *a divinis* by the Conciliar Church and for the Conciliar Church, to which we have no wish to belong. That Conciliar Church is a schismatic Church, because it breaks with the Catholic Church that has always been. It has its new dogmas, its new priesthood, its new institutions, its new worship, all already condemned by the Church in many a document, official and definitive..."

"The Church that affirms such errors is at once schismatic and heretical. This Conciliar Church is, therefore, not Catholic. To whatever extent Pope, Bishops, priests, or faithful adhere to this new Church, they separate themselves from the Catholic Church."

(Reflections on Suspension "a divinis" by Msgr. Marcel Lefebvre)

"The See of Peter and the posts of authority in Rome being occupied by anti-Christ, the destruction of the Kingdom of Our Lord is being rapidly carried out even within His Mystical Body here below, especially through the corruption of the Holy Mass which is both the splendid expression of the triumph of Our Lord on the Cross — Regnavit a Ligno Deus — and the source of the extension of His kingdom over souls and over societies."

[Letter to the Future Bishops (Aug. 29, 1987)]

Comment: In essence, the SSPX is a foundation divided against itself. For those adherents who do not reconcile with the Church, the logical outcome is sedevacantism. Nevertheless, a house built partially on rock and partially on sand is worse than a house built entirely on sand. For the former can be built bigger and takes a lot longer to fall over, by which time you are less likely to recognize the problem.