

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ APRIL 8, 2007 - EASTER SUNDAY.

A very blessed Easter to each of you, dear faithful, friends, family and visitors. You are all remembered in a special way in our Masses today.

Let us remember with gratitude the many, many who have helped for an hour or a hundred hours, so that all of you may enjoy this rich Easter beauty which you see and hear in our Lord's House today.

God reward our sacristans, staff, singers, organist, servers, cooks, clear-up crews and everyone who helped.

I thank especially the devoted ladies who prepared meals for our seminarians during Holy Week, the Holy Saturday Reception for Rev. Mr. Ramolla and the splendid Easter Dinner.

Vespers and Benediction are at 4:00 PM this afternoon. There is no 5:45 PM Mass the evening.

May Our Lord indeed bless you all with His Easter victory!

—BISHOP DOLAN,
FR. CEKADA, FR. SAAVEDRA

¶ THE EASTER OCTAVE

All our efforts and prayers do not come to a crashing close on Easter Morn. We are meant to give God thanks for the Resurrection of His Son, and taste the sweet fruits of victory throughout this glorious octave.

In particular, Monday and Tuesday of Easter Week should be solemnized as they are Feasts of Devotion. Mass times are Monday at 11:30 AM and Tuesday at 5:00 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** follows all Masses.

Set your missal: **April 15th. Low Sunday, Vidi Aquam** sung instead of Asperges.
PREF: Easter.

¶ THANK YOU TO...

For those who provided the delicious spaghetti dinner Passion Sunday, those who served it, and all who participated. Our mini-fundraiser realized \$385.00.

¶ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Due to Fr. Saavedra's travel plans, the Knights of the Sacred Heart and St. Angela Merici Girls' Group will *not* meet

for the following Monday afternoons:
April 9 and 16th. See you on the 23rd!

¶ CONGRATULATIONS...



Our prayers and best wishes to Amy Richie who was baptized, confirmed and received her First Holy Communion on Holy Saturday at our beautiful Easter Vigil service.



AN EASTER PRAYER

To thee also I turn, O holy Virgin, Mother of our Saviour, on this joyous feast; deign to make me a partaker of that divine joy which thou didst feel on the blessed day of His resurrection. Dry my tears and free my heart from all oppressive sadness. Let Thy risen Son enter into my heart, as He entered through the closed doors into the upper chamber. Let Him say to me, as He said to the apostles, "Peace be to thee"; let Him show to me, as He showed to Thomas, His sacred wounds; let Him abide with me continually, and never more depart from me. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, our Resurrection, have mercy on us.

I pray thee, O most Holy Virgin Mary, by thy great joy on seeing thy risen and glorified Son, to obtain for us the grace to rise also after our death to the eternal glory of paradise. Amen.

Masses

SUNDAY - APRIL 15, 2007

7:30 AM J. Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus, John Wiersman, Kent Maki
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann,
11:30 AM R. Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, John French
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

APRIL 9, - APRIL 15, 2007

•TUE 04/10 5:45 PM HIGH: T. Simpson, M. Briggs, T. Simpson, G. Wnek, G. Keaveney, J. Bayer
•WED 04/11 6:30 AM HIGH: C. & T. Simpson
•FRI 04/13 5:45 PM HIGH: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze
•SAT 04/14 7:30 AM HIGH: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM LOW: Keaveney, Briggs
•SUN 04/15 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson; AC: B. Lotatski, T. Simpson; TH: S. Cozzens; TORCHES: Wnek, Richesson, T. Kunkel, F. Puglielli
11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, A. French
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007 \$ 5700.52
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION \$ 1118.00
FRIDAY NIGHT IN LENT \$ 136.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

WHO IS LIKE TO GOD?

SR. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

Who, then, is like to God? ...
That truth we shall discern
If we but – there to stay –
swift to the Cross will go.

For He whom it supports
will teach us, and we'll learn
The rights His love has won –
what love to Him we owe.

Who, then, is like to God? ...
To see the Master here
Annihilate His self
before His Father thus,
Means now that, in our turn,
we want to disappear...
So we'll resemble Him,
abasement, too, from us!

Who, then, is like to God? ...
To be empow'rd to give
Our homage to His Power
as to His Majesty,
We ought, for witness true
each moment that we live,
To prize the lovely thing
that is Humility...

Down that *two-fold abyss*
ourselves now let us throw –
Immensity of God,
the nothingness of us! –
Our worship of Him then
can rise up higher, so
We'll praise our mighty Lord
(His Name be glorious).

He likes to find a soul
with such an attitude,
A self-negated soul,
one with humility:
He rushes to her then
in all His plentitude –
Into His inmost heart
admits her rapidly.



✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	04/09/07	EASTER MONDAY 10:00 AM Private Masses 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Novena II</i>
TUES	04/10/07	EASTER TUESDAY 5:45 PM High Mass <i>Novena III</i>
WED	04/11/07	EASTER WEDNESDAY - St Leo I, PCD 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention - BL (M/M Kolenich)</i> 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Novena IV</i>
THUR	04/12/07	EASTER THURSDAY 5:00 PM High Mass <i>Novena V</i>
FRI	04/13/07	EASTER FRIDAY - St Hermenegild, M 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM High Mass, Novena & Benediction, Confessions <i>Novena VI</i>
SAT	04/14/07	EASTER SATURDAY - St Justin, M - Ss Tiburtius & Comp 7:30 AM High Mass <i>†Guy Macchia - 29th Anniversary - from 4/13 (Tom & Stella Simpson)</i> 9:00 AM Low Mass <i>Special Intention (M/M Joseph Prell & Family)</i>
SUN	04/15/07	LOW SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Cheryl Maki - from 4/13 (Kent Maki)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>†John J. Kolb - from 4/8 (Susan Ackley)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Ellen Amyx - 2nd Anniversary - from 4/12 (Gary Amyx)</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



A very blessed Easter to you all! In addition to my good wishes to you all, I must thank very sincerely all of you who made our Lent, Holy Week and Easter at Saint Gertrude the Great so very memorable indeed. Your many efforts, perseverance, and long hours are known to Our Lord and you will be rewarded surely by His bountiful Heart.

It was a pleasure to welcome our seminarians and Bishop Sanborn to St. Gertrude again this year for Holy Week. Their presence was edifying and encouraging to us all, and we really do appreciate all of their help. We congratulate our new subdeacon, Reverend Mister Markus Ramolla, ordained during yesterday's vigil ceremonies.

Palm Sunday provided a wonderful opening to the Church's "Great Week," with its beautiful palm-festooned church, the music, the Procession and the Masses. The rain went away to make for a beautiful Spring day, and we are grateful. Although the rest of the week was cold indeed, it was warm within our own hearts with the fire of God's Love.

Try to make some of the Easter Octave Masses, so as to sanctify these "down days" of rest after the exertions of Holy Week. Today and tomorrow are feasts of devotion, for the Church celebrates this Feast of Feasts intensely for three days, even as she mourned her crucified Savior for three days.

Come, rejoice with us! As you leave church today, take home some of the holiness and peace of God's House and enshrine it in your own, and hurry back! Our Risen, Glorious Lord awaits your return.

With every Easter blessing,

Bishop Dolan



EASTER APPEARANCE

Christ came forth from the tomb without opening it, just as He was born of the Virgin without harm to her virginity. Standing upon the sepulcher, Christ showed His glorious body with its wounds and scourgings to all the holy patriarchs, who adored him on bended knee and said: "Glory to You, Lord, risen from the dead, and to the Father and the Holy Spirit."... The blessed resurrection of Jesus Christ was manifested graciously and in a special manner to the Virgin Mary. It is the conclusion of numerous theologians that Christ in His resurrection appeared first to the Virgin Mary, His Mother. Saint Ambrose says this expressly in his book *On Virgins*: "Mary saw the resurrection of Christ and was the first to see it." The evangelists, however, make no effort here to present indisputable witnesses, because the testimony of a mother on behalf of her Son might not be given credence. But we are compelled to believe that He appeared first to Mary for three reasons.

First, on account of a divine command. Because in the Passion of her Son Mary was to suffer distress more than all others, Christ promised His mother as a special privilege that she would give birth without pain and in a manner contrary to the general course of nature. Likewise He promised that in her death she would not experience the suffering which exceeds all the other sufferings of life. As Bishop Albert says, "Death is the culmination of all things terrible, for all at once the soul is completely uprooted, like a tree." But all the sufferings of childbirth and death came upon her at the Passion of her Son. Since Scripture said *honor your father and do not disregard your mother's groans* and since Christ observed perfectly the law about honoring one's parents, it follows that He appeared first to His mother who suffered distress more than all others.

Second, on account of her meritorious faith. It is held as certain and demonstrated clearly enough in the text that at the time of Christ's Passion all the apostles and disciples completely lost the Christian faith. Some doubted whether He was the true God and Messiah, although all considered Him to be a very holy prophet. Only the Virgin Mary believed without wavering on that Holy Saturday, and so it was granted that an office in her honor should be celebrated on Saturdays in the Church of God. Since Scripture says *the Lord appears to those who have faith in Him*, it seems that the reward for her faith was that He should appear to her first.

Third, on account of her great love. It is certain that never has a mother so loved her son as the Virgin Mary loved Christ. What Christ Himself has said shall take place: Whoever love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.

—SAINT VINCENT FERRER, O.P.