



✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS


✠ APRIL 15, 2007 - LOW SUNDAY.


 Today is Quasimodo Sunday, also known as Low Sunday and Sunday in Albis (White). The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses.

✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

 **First Holy Communion testing**, with a spiritual talk and examination of conscience, and First Confessions are scheduled for this **Saturday, April 21st**, beginning at 10:00 AM. *All children who wish to participate must be registered in advance with the office, and must already have submitted a copy of their Baptismal certificate. Those getting ready for First Confession need to KNOW all the questions in the First Communion Catechism, ESPECIALLY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.* Testing will be based on the New St. Joseph Catechism.

• **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, you must submit to the Office 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.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

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

Set your missal: April 22nd. Easter II, with the commemorations of Ss. Soter and Caius, PpMm. *Vidi Aquam* sung instead of Asperges. **PREF:** Easter.

✠ 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 on Monday the 16th. See you on the 23rd!



✠ CONGRATULATIONS...

Our prayers and best wishes to Paul & Lisa McConnell on the baptism of their daughter, Clare Elizabeth, April 7th, at the Easter Vigil service.

✠ PRAYERS PLEASE...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sue Mincey, the aunt of Patricia Patton, buried from church this past Friday. Remember, too, the repose of the soul of Martha Brueggemann who formerly attended our church and is a dear relative to many of our faithful.

✠ OUR FIRST ANNUAL JOG-A-THON

Saturday, April 21st, the Beckett Ridge Krogers is allowing us to again set up tables to solicit sponsors. We need parental supervision to supervise these tables. We need parents to participate with the children and take an hour or two to help out.

Two more weeks! Saturday, April 28th, 9:00 AM our **FIRST ANNUAL JOG-A-THON** at Lakota's Freshman Track. This can be a *really great fund raiser* if *everyone* takes part, and a wonderful source of *outside* revenue. Need more flyers? You'll find them in the Book Store.

✠ Ashers

SUNDAY - APRIL 22, 2007

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

✠ Servers

APRIL 16, - APRIL 22, 2007

•TUE 04/17 5:45 PM LOW: Gerry Keaveney
•WED 04/18 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
•FRI 04/20 5:45 PM LOW: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Soli
•SAT 04/21 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
9:00 AM HIGH: Keaveney, Briggs
•SUN 04/22 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Lotarski, (& if Bp: A. Lotarski); AC: Cozzens Bros; TH: D. Poeppelman; TORCHES: A. Richesson, G. Wnek, T. Kunkel, B. Lotarski
11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, F. Puglielli
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ Collection Report

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007 \$7088.90
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2007 \$ 808.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

EASTER

C. A. C.

GEMS OF CATHOLIC THOUGHT

Tears of dew from olive-branches
Gently falling o'er the tomb
Break the silence of the garden
Where white lilies lean in gloom

See! Two women 'mid the shadows!
Bringing spices sweet are they:
Talking in heart-broken accents,
"Who shall role the stone away?"

Dawn is creeping up the valley,
As the first dim rays of gold
Show the sepulchre deserted,
And the great stone backward rolled.

Magdalen and Mary clinging
Close together, gaze in fear,
"He is risen!" calls an angel
Joyfully "He is not here."

"He is risen?" ring the heavens,
Vibrant with the angel's song
Easter lilies breathing perfume
Wave, the tomb's white wall along.

And the glory of that message
First announced to Magdalen
And to Mary, through all ages
Brings the same deep peace to men.

Hither come then, to the garden
Hoping, wondering, with them,
In the Easter dawning's vigil
May we touch His garment's hem.



EASTER MORN

Oh! Glorious Easter Morn,
We hail thee once again;
The morn of Jesus' triumph
O'er death, hell and pain.

The morn of our redemption,
That broke the bonds of sin,
The finish of that battle
Which only Christ could win.

Well then may we hail thee,
Oh! happy Easter Morn,
And bring the choicest flowers
God's altar to adorn.

As nothing is too bright,
And nothing is too gay,
To Welcome Easter Morn,
And Christ's great love repay.

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



- MON 04/16/07 FERIAI DAY - St Benedict Joseph Labre**
11:30 AM High Mass Novena IX
- TUES 04/17/07 ST ANICETUS, PM**
11:30 AM High Mass In Gratitude to Ss Christopher & Thomas Aquinas (Becky Hinton)
5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (Paul Scheeler)
- WED 04/18/07 FERIAI DAY**
6:30 AM Low Mass Mary Ann Wozny - Special Intention (C.K. Wozny)
11:30 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
- THUR 04/19/07 FERIAI DAY**
11:30 AM High Mass †Virgil McCormick - Birthday Remembrance (Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett)
- FRI 04/20/07 FERIAI DAY**
11:00 AM Confessions
11:30 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Cross Vivian Bloemker - Birthday (Kathy Schweitzer)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena & Benediction, Confessions †Elizabeth Richter (M/M Kolenich)
7:00 PM Ladies Evening of Recollection
- SAT 04/21/07 ST ANSELM, BPCD - The Holy Sepulchre**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Dominic & Daniel (B. Simpson)
8:45 AM Confessions
9:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls (B. & R. Brueggemann)
10:00 AM First Communion Testing - Spiritual Talk & First Confessions
- SUN 04/22/07 EASTER II - Ss Soter & Caius, PpMm**
7:30 AM Low Mass Conversion of Family Members (Scott Papiot)
9:00 AM High Mass For the Special Intentions of Mr. William Harris (Wilker Family)
11:30 AM Low Mass For the Living and Deceased of the Weigand Family (Joan Weigand)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great

I thank God again today for all the Easter graces, seen and unseen, bestowed upon us the last two weeks, as the solemn sadness of Our Saviour's Death gave way to the great gladness of His Resurrection, assisted and attended by so many faithful from near and far (Minnesota, Illinois, West Virginia...) to be near Our Lord in His suffering and His glory.

Everything (and there is always so much!) seems to have come off very well, the services, (both their timing and attendance) the splendid singing, the serving, the many meals, and all of the sacristy and set-up work for the many successive scenes, each one so beautiful and moving. Who knows how many souls were reconciled to God in the confessional, or edified and instructed by the sermons broadcast through the internet? We can only sing with the Church: "Deo Gratias, Alleluia, Alleluia."

The weather alone has been standoffish and uncooperative, these days. (Although the cold weather will keep the lilies a long time.) Last Thursday's dark chill inspired this little poem:

Like Life, (O Wonder!) with Death duelling*
 Which we for Easter this week sing
 Winter wrestles still with Spring
 Not yet bested, only rested
 Back again for one more fling.

*cf: *The Easter Sequence*

Many of our faithful mourned the loss of a dear family member last week, Martha Brueggemann, but all would be edified at her well-prepared death, the fruit of much prayer during her life. She left a beautiful letter (written on Holy Thursday, two years before her death on Holy Thursday) urging her children to love their faith, save their souls, and to love each other. The day she died she was distributing a beautiful prayer to the Infant of Prague for Peace in the Families, which she had received one Christmas at St. Gertrude, and always loved. May she rest in peace, and be blessed by God for her prayerfulness.

Today I am visiting St. Hugh's Church in Milwaukee, which recently has had a happy influx in members drawn from "The Indult." Pray for similar conversions here. This evening Fr. Saavedra returns from Mexico. Life this week returns to normal / busy, our usual pace at St. Gertrude the Great. Please note our upcoming events, and plan to be with us.

"Low Sunday" we call the octave of Easter, but only in distinction to the highest of feasts one week ago, for our spirits are still high in this great season of spiritual joy.

With an Easter blessing,

Bishop Dolan

NITE OF RECOLLECTION Ladies, join us this **Friday, April 20th**, 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. Refreshments conclude the evening.

NITE OF RECOLLECTION Gentlemen, join us **Friday evening, April 27th**, 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. Refreshments conclude the evening.



✂ Clip and save.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia. For He, Whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia. Hath risen, as He said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia. *V.* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia. *R.* For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia. *Let us pray.* O God, who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world: grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The faithful who at dawn, at noon and at eventide, or as soon thereafter as may be, devoutly recite the *Angelus*, or at Eastertide the *Regina caeli*, with the appropriate versicles and prayers, or who merely say the Hail Mary five times, may gain: An indulgence of 10 years each time; A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions if they persevere in this devout practice for a month (S.P. Ap., Feb. 20, 1933).)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 25th:** Solemnity of St. Joseph - 11:30 AM High Mass
Greater Litanies: 6:30 PM Greater Litanies Procession; 7:00 PM Greater Litanies Mass.
- **May 4th & 5th:** 2nd Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Consolation, along with All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **May 19th:** Italian Spring Wine Tasting



TO THE SACRED HEART

BY ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Seeking her Jesus, to the Sepulchre,
 Weighed down and crying, Mary Magdalene
 Came, and the angels wished to comfort her,
 But nothing could assuage her sorrow then.
 Archangels in your splendour! it was not
 You who could satisfy her soul that day.
 To cradle there the Angels' Lord – that's what
 She'd come to do: to take Him far away. ...

She came before the day had broken... (who
 Had been the last to leave the tomb? This one):
 Though hidden still His light, her God *came too* –
 By Mary's love He would not be outdone!
 Disclosing first His Blessed Face, one word
 He spoke – His heart a torrent in release.
 For Jesus murmured 'Mary', and she heard
 What gave her back her happiness and peace.

Once, Madeleine's was also *my* desire:
 To see You and approach You, God, I'd fling
 My heart-gaze into endless air, aspire
 To seeking there its Master and its King,
 Seeing the flowers and birds, the starry blue,
 The lucid waters, brilliant though they be,
 I'd cry: 'If I don't see my God, then you,
 Nature, are just a mighty tomb for me!

My need: a heart that burns with tenderness,
 Where – ever a support – my head can lay;
 That, loving me – my frailty no less,
 The whole of me! – won't leave me, night or day.
 But no created being could I find
 Who here on earth would love me deathlessly.
 I must have *God* to put on humankind –
 Become my Brother, suffering for me.

You heard me, Spouse I love! You wished to be
 My heart's delight, and came... to *die*: Your will
 The shedding of Your Blood – what mystery!...
 You're living for me, on the altar still.
 I cannot see the glory of Your Face,
 Or hear Your voice's tones – how gentle, those:

AVOIDING THE DOUBT OF THOMAS

Let us not measure God by our own limitations, imagining Him to be what in reality He is not. Because in such fashion we do Him a great wrong and injury, but at our own expense, reducing the bounds of His mercy as though He were a wretched man like ourselves. And therefore we do not dare to go and seek His forgiveness when we fail in our good proposals and return to our former sins, having such concept of His Divine Majesty as if He were of our condition and would grow weary of so much instability, weaknesses, and forgetfulness, and therefore would revenge Himself upon our sins by taking away His helps, and beliefs. God has infused it in them. They also are willing to be instructed. No, the faith of the people is not to be despised. They may not be able to express the reason for their faith, nor can they always defend it, but these reasons which they possess are deeply felt in their hearts, as though they had studied much. The reason for this faith is the heart's highest good; the heart is judge of what is for its benefit, not the intellect. Everyone has a heart, the learned and the ignorant.

How many uneducated souls with pure hearts have raised themselves to God in blessed contemplation. Thus, even the mysteries that are beyond science and the mind were not superior to the vastness of their hearts. No, the mind does not comprehend the mysteries of faith, but, because they are mysteries of love, the heart of one who has the gift of faith feels, rather than understands them. Yes, the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Eucharist are mysteries of a God who makes Himself for us father, brother, victim, and food. They are proof of an infinite love; the heart perceives the truth because it needs to be infinitely loved. Oh, faith, oh, holy religion, how much you have benefited humanity! Appearing in the night of ignorance, you have crushed error and have assured reason and truth positions they will never lose. You will live for ever no matter how embattled, and error will never be a part of you. When error assails us, we will turn to you and find truth under your beautiful mantle.

—SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

I can, O God, live wholly by Your grace.
 Upon Your Sacred Heart is my repose!

Dear Heart of Jesus! tender Treasure, You
 In whom, alone, my joy and hopes reside:
 You charmed me in my youth that's tender too –
 Stay! up to my last evening by my side.
 O Heart of Jesus, giv'n to You alone,
 My life belongs to Goodness Infinite...
 You know – all my desires to You are known –
 I want my being to be lost in It!

I know, in all our acts of justice, we
 Have nothing that's of value to You: so
 My sacrifices ... all! as in a sea –
 To give them worth – into Your Heart I throw.
 You found the Angels flawed when they were tried:
 In light'ning Your Commandments were conveyed.
 O Jesus, in Your Sacred Heart I hide:
 My virtue ... it is You. I'm not afraid.

I know one must – to have the power to see
 Your Glory – first a path of fire have trod:
 My Purgatory I would like to be
 Your burning Flame of Love, O Heart of God!
 My exile over, I would like to make
 An act of love – pure love – as I depart;
 And, flying to my Homeland then, to take
 A place – directly – in Your Sacred Heart.

Notes: 21 June or October 1895

Céline relates how Thérèse spoke to her about a kaleidoscope they had played with when young: '...pretty patterns of different colours; if one turns the instrument it produces infinite variations.' Thérèse takes the kaleidoscope to pieces and discovers only 'some little bits of paper and cloth thrown here and there', and three mirrors. For her this was 'the image of a great mystery. So long as our actions, no matter how small, remain within the focus of love, the Blessed Trinity...gives them an admirable reflection and beauty...' (*Conseils et Souvenirs*).

Do good works 'continually, but do them because we love God, not because we think they have an intrinsic value': John Beevers, interpreting St. Thérèse.

This poem was written for Sr. Marie of the Sacred Heart.

St. 3, l. 3 'endless air': lit., 'immense plain' (*l'immense plaine*). I have taken this to refer to the skies, (*la plaine ezurée*).

St. 4, l. 8 Thérèse wrote of God being *able* to suffer, having taken human nature at the Incarnation.