

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **MARCH 7, 2010 • LENT III•** Today is the First Sunday of the month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** takes place after all Masses. Our **special second collection** is for our seminary. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers will be recited during a Holy Hour before the **Blessed Sacrament Exposed** at 4:45 PM with Benediction.

✠ THIS WEEK:

Please note the early morning **Monday Mass** at 6:30 AM. Otherwise, we have our daily **School Mass** at 11:20 AM. Our **8 AM Mass** is scheduled **Tuesday** through **Friday**. Those looking for an afternoon service have **Stations** on **Wednesday**, as well as **Friday Mass** at 5:45 PM and **Stations** at 7:30 PM. Daily Mass attendance has been very low this Lent, why not raise the numbers, and your spirits, at an extra Mass?



✠ LENTEN FRIDAYS

Each Friday in Lent the Church provides the main dish for a supper after the 5:45 P.M. Mass. You are invited! If you can, please do come, and perhaps bring a dish with you to share, or share a ride with someone who needs it. That way, many will be able to make the Lenten Evening of Recollection.

✠ OUR SICK AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our shut-in and all of our sick. Our Fr. Roger in France is recovering from surgery, and the superior of the sisters in Donzy, France; Mother Maria of the Holy Spirit, had a bad fall and is doing poorly. Please pray for Rita Prell, Joe's mother, who is quite sick, as well as for the repose of the soul of José Abella, the grandfather of Charles Simpson.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY: LAETARE SUNDAY

Remember to **"Spring Forward"** with your clocks for **Daylight Savings Time**. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. Lenten Vespers are at 4:45 PM with Benediction.

Set your Missal: Laetare Sunday, with the collects of Our Lady and the Saints, and for the Living and the Dead, Lenten Preface.

✠ RIDE NEEDED

Joan Landry (895-0314) is looking for a kind soul to take her to the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays.

March	
Name	Date of Death
Meyer, Lucy G.	3-03-1988
Bischak, Catherine J.	3-05-2005
Charles, Claude E.	3-10-1990
Kolb, John J.	3-10-2004
Sandmayr, Margaret	3-17-2006
Spicer, Dorothy B.	3-18-1986
Ryan, Marilyn L.	3-21-1997
Elmlinger, Howard	3-22-1990
Smith, William J.	3-25-2003
Grimes, Jack	3-27-1993

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.

(2 Mach. XIII.)

✠ Servers MARCH 12, 13 AND 14, 2010

• **FRI 3/12** 5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons
7:30 PM STATIONS AND BENEDICTION:
Simpsons and A.D. Kinnett

• **SAT 3/13** 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM LOW: Mike Briggs

• **SUN 3/14** 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Hill, R. VandeRyt
TH: F. Puglielli AC'S: N. McClorey, N. Puglielli
TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Wanke, S. Arlinghaus, A. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, A. Richesson
4:45 PM VESPERS: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beavers

✠ Ushers

MARCH 14, 2010

7:30 AM Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

✠ POETRY CORNER

And as that bird of Heaven drew more near,

my eyes could not endure the glorious sight,

so bright and dazzling did he now appear,

So down I cast them; and he neared the shore

upon a skiff so swift and sleek and light

it drew no water as it skimmed the sea.

The heavenly pilot stood upon the bow;
beatitude seemed written on his face.

More than a hundred souls sat toward the prow:

"When from the land of Egypt Israel came,"

they sang together in a single voice,
with all the verses written in that psalm.

He blessed them with the signal of the Cross,

and they all cast themselves upon the beach;

and then he turned as swiftly as he'd come.

*Dante's Purgatorio
Translated by Anthony Esolen*

Note: The same view of Purgatory as that taken by St. Catherine is very briefly but touchingly embodied by Dante in that beautiful scene where he and Virgil are wandering on the outskirts of Purgatory. The poet is dazzled all at once by the bright light of an Angel coming across the sea, and impelling a bark filled with new souls for Purgatory; and he describes the boat as driving towards the shore so lightly, that it drew no wake upon the water, while the souls that had left life, and earth, and judgement but a few minutes since, pensively yet cheerily sang, "In exitu Israel de Egypto." Surely it was a beautiful thought of his; and as he was a theologian as well as a poet, it seems to deserve mention here, as a proof of the view of Purgatory which recommended itself to intellectual men in Dante's day.

✠ Collection Report

Sunday February 28th\$3,801.00

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

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	3/8/10	ST JOHN OF GOD, C 6:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls - Safe Trip (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass My children and godchildren (<i>Mary Lacy</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers
TUE	3/9/10	ST FRANCES OF ROME, W ST DOMINIC SAVIO, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Intentions of the Norman West Family (<i>Mario Derksen</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass The Holy Souls - Those most abandoned (<i>Gloria Zbilicki</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers
WED	3/10/10	FORTY HOLY MARTYRS 8:00 AM Low Mass Alfonso Capetillo Happy Birthday (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †John Kolb (<i>Susan Ackley</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 2:50 PM Children's Stations
THUR	3/11/10	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady for petition granted (<i>John & Rhonda Lynch</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson (<i>M/M Mark Lotarski & Family</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers
FRI	3/12/10	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD THE FIVE HOLY WOUNDS 8:00 AM Low Mass The Poor Souls (<i>Mary Flowers</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Low Mass For all of our priests at St. Gertrude (<i>The Lacy Family</i>) 12:20 PM Vespers 5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls - Most Forgotten (<i>JES</i>) 6:45 PM Parish Lenten Supper 7:30 PM Stations, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena VII Blessing of the Sick and Benediction with Sacred Heart Novena, Holy Communion, Confessions
SAT	3/13/10	FERIAL DAY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls of Relatives (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 8:00 AM Sermon, Low Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory In thanksgiving to H.O. & Becky Hinton (<i>Mike Briggs Family</i>)
SUN	3/14/10	LENT IV LAETARE SUNDAY 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Warren Pevnick</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †John Kolb - 6th Anniversary (<i>Patricia Kolb</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Patrick Lotarski Happy Birthday (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) 4:45 PM Lenten Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

I write this on a sunny, early (**very early**) Spring day, hoping the fullness of this season of rebirth will soon be ours: sun in the soul as well as the sky; rebirth for our spiritual, family and church life. Meanwhile Caravaggio and Puccini are unusually chipper and frolicsome. I think they are on the trail of some nice baby bunnies, though I wish they would stick to mice.

"Behold, how good it is, and how pleasant, when brethren dwell as one." How comforting to see Helfta Hall last week full of Recollection children, contently munching on their chicken McNuggets. (Thanks to all who helped!) How good are our Friday night suppers, between Mass and Stations. Thanks to our master chef, Jim Soli, and all who participate. Thanks to our Lenten Vegetarian cooks who are feeding the clergy. We had Fr. Saavedra with us for a very pleasant, international meal last Monday – Mexican, French and American.

Lent at St. Gertrude is the season for fasting, but also for eating. These meals promote charity and maintain a friendly, united spirit. Come, eat with us!

Well, I have Mexican food on my menu this week, as I make my annual trip south of the border. I will pray for you all at the "Baby Doctor's office" in Tepeaca, the shrine of the miraculous image of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick. I also go to Dos Rios and Atlalauca for Mass, Confirmations, and visits with the clergy and faithful. Please keep me in your prayers, as well as Fr. Siordia who is kindly putting me up, and accompanying me on my trip.

We thank Fr. Disposito for helping us today, as Fr. Cekada (seminary week) and I both prepare to depart for a few days. When we return, it will soon be time for St. Patrick, St. Joseph's Mass and Table, the Annunciation Ordination to the Diaconate, The Seven Sorrows and a special talk on the Holy Shroud, and then Holy Week and Easter. These are the best days and weeks of the year. Spring is here!

May St. Joseph bless your March.

–Bishop Dolan

OFFERING

**We offer unto Thee, O eternal Father!
Father of mercies! for those souls so dear to
Thee in Purgatory, the Most Precious Blood of
Jesus, Thy Divine Son, and our Redeemer, and
the sorrows of Mary His most loving Mother.**



✠ FORGIVENESS AND CHARITY

The Perfect Priest - A Chain Letter

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect priest preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens.

The perfect priest smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in his office when needed.

If your priest does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches that are tired of their priest, too. Then bundle up your priest and send him to the church on the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 priests and one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this procedure.

One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in less than three weeks.



Put yourself on good terms with God: have recourse to the Sacrament of Penance, you will sleep as quietly as an angel.

Saint John Vianney

A WORD FROM FR. MARTIN, O.F.M.: MINDING MY GOD-GIVEN BUSINESS

It is very definitely the business of all Traditional Catholics everywhere to pray for a happy ending to the SGG troubles, just as it is their business to pray for all souls, especially for those in greatest need, and including also the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

To make all those prayers more effective, it is a good practice to turn to the Blessed Mother, the perfect model of prayer, pleading with her. "Dearest Mother, let Thy prayers for everybody at St. Gertrude's as well as Thy prayers for all souls everywhere, be also my prayers. Tell Jesus that Thy prayers for all of them are also my prayers. And may it please His Majesty in His mercy and goodness to hear our prayers."



His Heart

There is a morbid tendency in persons disposed to melancholy, and but little filled with the love of God, to approach Jesus with fear and trembling, as though in the presence of an inexorable and pitiless judge – His Heart, on the contrary, contains such a wealth of compassion for our miseries, that no one will ever be able to exhaust it, for the more wretched we are rendered by sin, the more is He drawn to pity us. St. Paul says that the Pontiff of our faith is not of such a nature as not to be able to feel compassion for us, and is therefore in this far removed from the Pharisees in the Gospel, who laid insupportable and fantastic burdens on the people, which instead of assisting them to advance, crushed them in the way. Experience shows that the most faulty and imperfect souls are always those who expect the most of others, whilst those who are truly full of the love of God are ever loving and compassionate towards their neighbor.

—Cardinal Schuster

The Good Shepherd went in search of the lost sheep that had abandoned him and caused him much anxiety. After he had found it, he did not strike or punish it, but put it on his shoulders and called together all his neighbors for a celebration. Alessandro Manzoni, who was certainly a grand Christian was praying one evening with the members of his family, and when their prayers were over, wanting to obtain from God a favor very close to his heart, he said: "And now let us say a Hail Mary for the person who hates us most." Well did he know that by this means he was able to touch the very heart of God.

—Bishop Angrisani



"God, who lovest and maintainest peace and charity, give peace to all our enemies, and true charity; grant them forgiveness of all their sins, and by Thy power deliver us from their cunning." (Prayer for Enemies).



✠ A VISIT TO A SOUL IN PURGATORY

And, dear Holy Soul, who can describe your happiness as you look into the future! What a contrast now to the fear and consternation you suffered as you began each day of life here! Often you said to yourself: "How will this day end? Shall I continue to live faithful to God? Or shall I betray Him? Will the measure of God's patience with me be exhausted today? Will death summon me when my soul is in sin and strike me?" These and many such thoughts were one day yours.

Oh, but now, what do you think of? How keen is your delight as you look into the future. A little while, only a little painful while, (even though each moment of it seems like a hundred years because of your longings to be with God), and you will be with Him. Away from pain and sorrow; away from time and all the catastrophes and disappointments it brings. And with God—with God in eternal bliss, everlasting peace—in Heaven!



Make for ourselves unfailing friends in Heaven by offering continual oblations of the Redeeming Blood of Jesus on behalf of the Souls in Purgatory.

INTERCESSION

*O tender Redeemer!
Their misery see;
Deliver the souls
That were ransomed by Thee;
Behold how they love Thee
Despite of their pain;
Restore them, restore them
To favor again.*

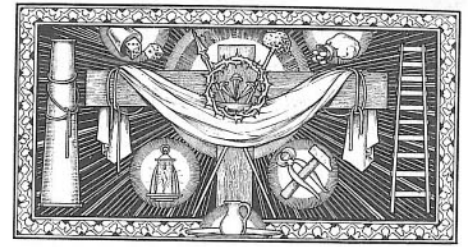
*O spirit of grace!
O Consoler Divine!
See how for Thy presence
They longingly pine;
Ah then, to enliven
Their sadness, descend!
And fill them with peace,
And with joy in the end.*

*O Mother of mercy!
Dear Mother in grief!
Lend thou to their torments
A balmy relief;
Attemper the rigor
Of justice severe;
And soften their flame
With a pitying tear.*

*Ye patrons! who watched
O'er their safety below;
Oh! think how they need
Your fidelity now;
And stir all the angels
And saints of the sky
To plead for the souls
That upon you rely.*



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. AMEN



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The pious exercise of the Stations of the Cross is a continued meditation on the passion of Our Lord. To it innumerable indulgences have been annexed by the Sovereign Pontiffs, even the same as those of the Via Crucis in Jerusalem, or other places of the Holy Land, whence it appears how profitable this exercise must be to the Holy Souls. We read in the life of the Venerable Mary of Antigua that a nun of her convent, having died, appeared to her, and said: "Why is it that you do not offer for me and for the other souls the Stations of the Cross?" The servant of God remained in suspense at these words, when she heard Our Lord say to her: "The exercise of the Way of the Cross is so profitable to the souls in Purgatory that this soul has come to ask it of you in the name of all. The Via Crucis is a suffrage of great importance for these souls. By offering it for them you will have them as so many protectors, who will pray for you and defend your cause before My justice. Tell your sisters to rejoice in this treasure and the precious capital they have in it, that they may profit by it."

Come to Stations!

