
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 21, 2010

• **LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** •

• **SOLEMNITY OF ST GERTRUDE THE GREAT** • **FORTY HOURS** •

¶Blessing of Religious

Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶Prayer Chain:

To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶Baptisms:

Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶Mass Intentions:

Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW



¶Dress Code: Ladies—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. Men & Boys—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶New at St. Gertrude's?

Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

¶Catholic Books & Religious Articles:

A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶Registration:

Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

I adore you, my God, not indeed as much as you deserve, or as much as I ought, but according to the little strength I have.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **NOVEMBER 21, 2010 • LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY • SOLEMNITY OF ST GERTRUDE THE GREAT •**

Morning classes are at **10:45 AM**. Linger with the **Blessed Sacrament** this morning after Mass, or come back for quiet adoration this afternoon, to make a visit. Bishop Dolan leads a meditated **Holy Hour** at **3:00 PM**. Solemn Sunday **Vespers** are sung at **4:45 PM**. The evening **Mass** is at **5:30 PM**. The **Closing ceremonies** of Forty Hours, a short but very beautiful service, are at **6:45 PM**, followed by a **30th Anniversary Supper** the church will host in Helfta Hall. Plan to celebrate with us!

¶ THIS WEEK

We will want to take a little rest after Forty Hours of prayer. The Knights are cancelled this week. **Monday's** gracious patroness of music and the arts, **St. Cecilia**, will preside over our **choir practice** at **6:30 PM**. (Thanks, choir and Fr. Cekada! You're sounding great, and we appreciate the many hours of preparation.) **Tuesday** we **close** the **Octave and Novena of St. Gertrude the Great** with **Masses** at **8 AM**, **11:20 AM** and **4:00 PM**. There's another **4:00 PM Mass**, as we've been doing this fall, on **Wednesday** for **St. John of the Cross**. We always schedule the one public **Mass** of **Thanksgiving** for **Thursday** at **9 AM**, and the **Friday** after Thanksgiving at the regular time of **5:45 PM**. The **regular schedule** of **Masses** returns on **Saturday**, **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**.



¶ THANKSGIVING

Join us for a special holiday Mass of Thanksgiving. on Thursday, November 25th, at 9:00 AM. with patriotic music. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The *abstinence* is traditionally *dispensed* on the *Friday* after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the *First Sunday of Advent*, the beginning of a new liturgical year. The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** is at **7:25 AM**, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **9:00 AM**. Catechism Classes are at **10:45 AM**.

Set your missal: Advent I, 2nd collect of St. Catherine Labouré, 3rd of Our Lady. Preface of the Trinity. **Advent Vespers** are sung with Benediction at **4:45 PM**.

¶ "PREPARE FOR ADVENT"



Visit our Gift Shop to get ready for this season of getting ready. Advent Wreaths, as well as good spiritual reading, are available. Be sure to prepare an Advent Wreath (three purple and one pink candle) for your family dining table or shrine. The first candle may be lit on Saturday evening or Sunday.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please join us in thanking God for a good surgery for Barb O'Connor, and that Ernie reports he is feeling better since his recent treatments in N.Y. Please remember Darlene Rentschler who fractured a wrist, as well as all of our sick and shut in.



Our sympathy and the promise of our prayers go to Pat Harpen on the death of his father, Walter, on Nov. 12th.

Ushers

NOVEMBER 28, 2010

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

Servers

NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28, 2010

•TUE 11/23 11:20 AM HIGH: School children & Simpson boys
4:00 PM LOW: J. Gunsher
•FRI 11/26 5:45 PM LOW: J. Gunsher
•SAT 11/27 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 11/28 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lotarski, R. VandeRyt
TH: R. Hill ACs: T. Simpson, S. Arlinghaus
TORCH: L. Arlinghaus, J. Simpson, P. Lawrence,
A. Richesson HOLY WATER: J. Lacy CROSS: B. Lotarski
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, A. Wanke
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ POETRY CORNER

Mysterium Fidei

God of the Eucharist, You Who forged
out the universe,
Maker of stars and the molder of
planets and suns;
Dwelling in mightiness, pouring it
out on the earth,
Silence Your dwelling-place as the
centuries run.

God of the Eucharist, thundering
down on me,
Mighty Divinity, drawing me close to
You, giving me life,
Folding me up in Your wings as no
mother can do,
Coming to me, though hell be afire,
earth full of strife.

Hidden and lost in deep worlds that I
can never know,
Lost in eternities, hidden in mysteries,
far and free,
Yet swooping down on me, grasping
me, holding me, God!
I am called to Your fellowship, this do
You deepen in me.

Feeding me, filling me, folding me
deep in You, God,
Lifting me up to a height past
sublimities known.
God ... is it true? ... Lord ... are these
mysteries real?
Jesus ... eternity ... God ... into sobs I
am thrown.

Mighty Divinity, worker of wonders
that stand,
Thunderheads, oceans and winds, and
the forests of wood;
Blazing volcanoes, hurricanes fierce
and strong,
Founded, created, centuries long have
stood.

God of the Universe, thundering
down on me!
Holy Divinity, drawing me close to
You, giving me life;
Wrapping me up in Your wings as no
mother can do,
Coming to me although hell afire,
earth full of strife.

—Clifford Stevens

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	11/22/10	ST CECILIA, VM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas Kamphaus (<i>B.C.A.</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass †Rosemarie & Cliff Breitenstein 6:30 PM Choir Practice
TUES	11/23/10	ST CLEMENT, PM ST FELICITY, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls 11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr./Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 4:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls Our Lady's choice (<i>John Seyfried</i>)
WED	11/24/10	ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD ST CHRYSOGONUS, M 8:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Kamphaus (<i>Matt & Lisa Breitenstein</i>) 11:20 AM Low Mass Pro-Life Cause (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) 4:00 PM Low Mass †Richard Evans (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
THURS	11/25/10	THANKSGIVING ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM 9:00 AM Festive Holiday Low Mass of Thanksgiving Poor Souls in thanksgiving
FRI	11/26/10	ST SYLVESTER, AB ST PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM 5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass For the relief of the Holy Souls (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>) Novena, Benediction and Confessions
SAT	11/27/10	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>) 8:00 AM Sermon and Devotions 8:15 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
SUN	11/28/10	ADVENT I ST CATHERINE LABOURE 7:25 AM Blessing of Advent Wreath 7:30 AM Low Mass Family Conversions (<i>Scott Pepiot</i>) 9:00 AM Procession and High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude 10:45 AM Catechism and Adult Education Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Paulina (<i>The Fathers</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls Our Lady's Choice (<i>John Seyfried</i>)

Collection Report

Sunday November 14th\$3,011.00

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

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

St. Gertrude's feast brought a good soaking rain all day, sure sign of Heaven's blessings, to break the drought which has afflicted us here since June. There may still be time for us to enjoy a bit of fall before winter comes to stay. Let us pray the rains continue to repair the damage done by during the long dry weeks of summer.



The Forty Hours seeks to repair the damage done by our carelessness in prayer. We tend too much to presume upon God's provident mercy and neither ask for His blessings nor for His pardon at our neglect of prayer. May the refreshing rains of grace fall upon us, and all for whom we pray, these wonderful days of Forty Hours.

Thirty years under roof! What memories, what gratitude (and regrets) fill our hearts as we fall on our knees and remember, and remember to pray. Do remember to come back a little this afternoon, won't you? And don't forget the closing procession at 6:45 PM, and our festive anniversary supper afterwards. God reward your remembering, your help these days, your prayers! May the good gained by our devotion this weekend be of benefit too, for at least another thirty years...under roof!

Speaking of roofs, our ceiling will soon be painted to complete our autumn face lift. The colors are warm and bright, aren't they?

Thanksgiving Day this year will have great meaning for us all, won't it? So much to be thankful for! Do enjoy yours, and remember to add some prayers for your church, as well as your family and land.

Advent will soon be here. (Hard to believe, isn't it?) Don't forget your Advent wreath, and some thought (after Thursday's turkey) to Sunday's somber note of preparation for Our Lord's coming. May He find us ready!

—Bishop Dolan



FORTY HOURS THOUGHTS

One day as St. Gertrude was meditating on the great love which makes the Lord and King of Heaven find His delight in the society of men, our Saviour illustrated what seemed to her so incomprehensible by the following comparison: The son of a king is surely much higher and greater than the children who run about the streets. He has in his father's palace everything that can delight and gratify him, yet if you give him his choice, either to go out and play with the children on the street or to stay at home amid the splendor of his father's court, he will certainly prefer the former. "Thus, I too," said the Lord, "find My pleasure in going with you and having instituted the Blessed Sacrament for this end, anyone who prevents a soul from receiving Me, deprives Me of a great pleasure."

Visit the Blessed Sacrament

(From the Catechism of the Curé of Ars)

My children, when you enter the church and take holy water, when you raise your hand to your forehead to make the sign of the Cross, fix your eyes on the tabernacle, for Jesus Christ is opening it at that moment to bless you. Ah, if we had the eyes of the angels, on seeing Our Lord Jesus Christ present on that altar and watching us, how we should love Him! We should never again leave Him. We should want to remain forever at His feet, and that would be a foretaste of heaven. Everything else would become insipid. But see! ... it is faith that is wanting.

Jesus is there in the Sacrament of His love sighing and interceding incessantly before His Father for sinners. When He beholds pure souls eagerly coming into His presence, He smiles upon them. They come with that simplicity which is so pleasing to Him, asking pardon for the insults of so many ingrates.

To what outrages He is exposed in order to remain with us! How pleasing to Him is the quarter of an hour that we steal from our occupation, from our useless employments, in order to pray to Him, to visit Him, to console Him for the injuries that He receives.

He is there to console us, and that is the reason that we ought to visit Him frequently. What happiness we taste when we are at His feet before the Holy tabernacle! ... "Come, my soul, renew thy fervor. Thou art the only one now to adore thy God. His gaze is fixed on thee alone! ...

Could you not visit the Blessed Sacrament more frequently!



Hail, compassionate Jesus, Word of the Father, Brightness of His glory, Ocean of pity, Salvation of the World, most august and sacred Victim.

Prayer to be Said During the Elevation in the Mass

(60 days, once a day. - Leo XIII, June 30th, 1893)

Hail, Saving Victim, offered upon the scaffold of the Cross, for me and for the whole human race.

Hail, Precious Blood streaming from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ, washing away the sins of the whole world.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servant, the work of Thy hands, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.

THE HOLY MASS

At the hour of death the Masses you have heard will be your greatest consolation. Every Mass will go with you to judgement and plead for pardon.

At every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins, more or less according to your fervor.

Assisting devoutly at Mass you render to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. You afford the souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.

You are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you.

You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass.

Every Mass wins you a higher degree of sanctifying grace here, and glory in Heaven hereafter.

You are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.

When you hear Mass and offer the Holy Sacrifice in honor of any particular Saint or Angel, thank God for the favor bestowed on him, etc., etc.,

One Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death. Therefore, try to hear Mass every day.

**To Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**

Hail, most glorious Body and most Precious Blood of my Lord Jesus Christ, here truly present beneath these Sacramental species; I adore Thee with that devotion and awe with which the nine choirs of angels worship and adore Thee. I prostrate myself before Thee in the spirit of humility, believing and professing that Thou, my Lord and my God, are herein most truly contained.

—St. Gertrude the Great

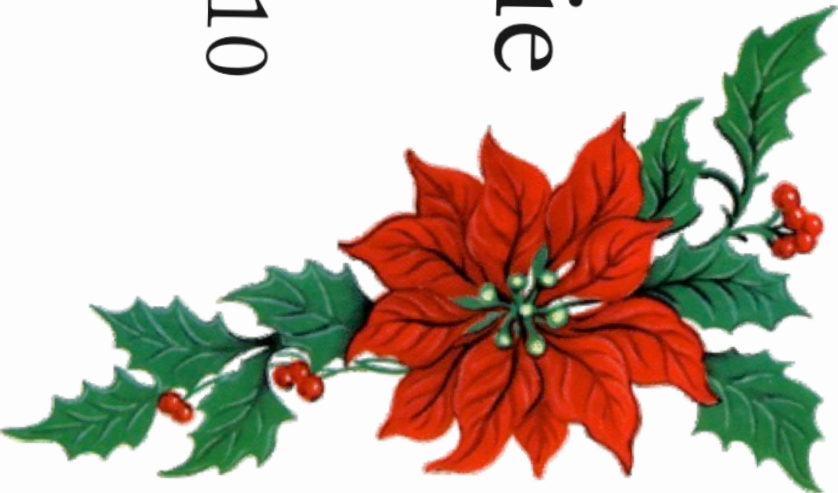
Christian Faith and Doctrine

We must believe that Jesus Christ has instituted in His Church seven Sacraments, or mysterious signs and instrumental causes of Divine Grace in our souls: BAPTISM, by way of a new birth, by which we are made children of God, and cleansed from sin; CONFIRMATION, by which we receive the Holy Ghost, by the imposition of the hands of the successors of the Apostles; the blessed EUCHARIST, which feeds and nourishes our souls with the Body and Blood of Christ, really present under the forms of bread and wine, or under either of them; PENANCE, by which penitent sinners are absolved from their sins, by virtue of the commission given by Christ to His ministers; EXTREME UNCTION, which wipes away the remains of sin, and arms the soul with the grace of God in the time of sickness; HOLY ORDERS, by which the ministers of God are consecrated; and MATRIMONY, which, as a sacred sign of the indissoluble union of Christ and His Church, unites the married couple in a holy bond, and imparts to them a grace suitable to that state.



Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Cookie & Craft Sale



Sunday, December 12, 2010

after all morning Masses

*Food and craft donations can be dropped off at
Helfa Hall on Saturday, December 11th.*

New this year: **Christmas Gift Raffle!**

*Prizes include: a beautiful handmade rosary and purse, a Sorrowful Heart carved wooden sculpture,
a wine-lover's gift basket, and a children's treasure box of gifts. Tickets on sale now!*

Drawing to be held December 19th after the 9am Mass (you need not be present to win).