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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## DECEMBER 12, 2010

### • GAUDETE SUNDAY • ADVENT III •

¶ **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 Churcing 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



*I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.*

¶ **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.

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ DECEMBER 12, 2010 • ADVENT III

• GAUDETE SUNDAY •

• OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE •

Today we renew our **Legion of Decency Pledge**. Reception of New Members of the **Rosary Confraternity** follows the High Mass. **Today is Confession Sunday:** Confessions before or during all Masses. Children's confessions are heard at 10:30 a.m. The **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** is available following all Masses. Please plan to support our **Christmas cookie/craft sale today** after all morning Masses. **Vespers with Benediction** are at 4:45 p.m.

### ✠ THIS WEEK

The painters are getting serious, and will be working all day Monday through Thursday. Therefore, the Mass (Masses) of the day will be at **8:30 a.m.** (or before as well). Pray to **St. Lucy Monday** for Darlene and Loraine and everyone else with eye issues, and send your **boys** to church for some "sodality work" again with **Fr. McGuire**, a wonderful couple of hours. **Tuesday**, again, Mass is at **8:30**. **Wednesday** come to the **8:30** to pray for the **priest** to be **ordained** in Florida that day. Keep this intention in mind as you finish the Novena on **Our Lady's Octave Day**. Don't forget the **Ember Day**. **Ember Friday** sees the opening of the lovely **O Antiphons** and **Christmas Novena**. We hope to start our **Christmas decorating Saturday** (another **Ember Day**) and could use some extra help.

### ✠ EMBER DAYS

**Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** (December 15, 17, and 18) of this week are the Church's winter **Ember days**. All Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59, inclusive, are bound by the Church's laws of fast, and all who have attained their 7th year must keep the abstinence (meat once at the principal meal on Wednesday and Saturday.)



"Announcing the Coming of the Light"

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday morning classes and afternoon Vespers are offered as usual. Extra Christmas Confessions will be heard if you come before and or during the Masses.

**Set your missal:** Advent IV with collects of Our Lady and against the persecutors, Preface of the Trinity.

### ✠ DRESS MODESTLY

The important role of Christian mothers is in teaching their children, their daughters especially, and from the time that they are very little, a true sense of Christian modesty. "Men are lost through women and they are saved through women", a preacher said one day. "By their vanity, they will make a man fall; by their modesty, they will save him." The world of morality oscillates between Eve and Mary. As long as modesty is not practiced, the world will not rise from its decadence.

*Dress modestly at all times. Always wear your Brown Scapular. Pray the Rosary every day!*



*I am God, and there is no other...my salvation will not tarry.*

### Our Beloved Dead December

<i>Gerrard, Jerome G.</i>	<i>12-01-1989</i>
<i>Corbin, Alice M.</i>	<i>12-02-1995</i>
<i>Kinnett, Albert D.</i>	<i>12-02-2003</i>
<i>Alban, Frank Jr.</i>	<i>12-03-1988</i>
<i>Greene, George</i>	<i>12-04-1999</i>
<i>Breitenstein, Rosemary</i>	<i>12-08-1999</i>
<i>Budde, Regina K.</i>	<i>12-09-1992</i>
<i>Rimer, Floyd Jr.</i>	<i>12-12-2002</i>
<i>Wissing, George</i>	<i>12-12-2009</i>
<i>Golembeski, Henry</i>	<i>12-15-1993</i>
<i>Patton, Ralph</i>	<i>12-15-2009</i>
<i>Vanessa S. Thompson</i>	<i>12-17-2008</i>
<i>Bell, Mary Genevieve</i>	<i>12-19-2004</i>
<i>Miller, David T.</i>	<i>12-19-2004</i>
<i>Osborn, Mary I.</i>	<i>12-19-2002</i>

## ✠ ST ANTHONY'S BREAD

"St Anthony's Bread" is obtained in a simple way. All a member of any congregation has to do is to write his or her request on a piece of paper, adding a promise that if by the expiration of a given time the saint should secure the fulfillment of such request a certain sum of money will be placed in the collection box to buy bread for the poor. These written requests may be either of a spiritual or a temporal character. They may properly include requests for success in any legitimate enterprise, the grace to overcome the proneness to commit a certain sin, the conversion of a relative or friend to the true faith, etc. The request may have reference to the writer only, or to relatives, friends, or even strangers. When the favor is obtained, the sum of money promised — with an addition, of course, if desired — is to be deposited in the box. This money is devoted to purchasing and distributing "St. Anthony's Bread." By this latter is understood as meaning not only food, but also clothing and medical attendance — in fact, everything necessary for the relief of the poor in general and of the suffering poor in particular.

—St. Anthony of Padua, Pray for us!

### Ushers

DECEMBER 19, 2010

7:30 AM	Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, 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

DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 19, 2010

•FRI 12/17	5:45 PM LOW: J. Gunsher, Simpsons
•SAT 12/18	7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons 8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 12/19	7:30 AM LOW: A. & D. Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lotarski TH: T. Simpson ACs: S. Lawrence, Joe Soli TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, J. Simpson, N. Kuebler (training) Arlinghauses as needed 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, A. Wanke 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Collection Report

Sunday December 5th .....	\$3,061.00
Second Collection .....	\$1,099.00

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

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 12/13/10 ST LUCY, VM**  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Thomas Kamphaus (*B.C.A.*)  
8:30 AM **Low Mass** Ana Prell - Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)  
4:00 PM **Knights of the Sacred Heart**
- TUES 12/14/10 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Amelie Gonzalez (*The Michiline Family*)  
8:30 AM **High Mass** Special Request (*Rosalee Kitchen*)
- WED 12/15/10 EMBER WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTAVE DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
8:30 AM **High Mass** †Ralph Patton 1st Anniversary of death (*Patton Family*)
- THURS 12/16/10 ST EUSEBIUS, BPM**  
8:30 AM **High Mass** †Ed Sayre (*Puglielli Family*)
- FRI 12/17/10 EMBER FRIDAY**  
**ST LAZARUS, BPC**  
**OPENING OF THE O ANTIPHON CHRISTMAS NOVENA**  
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Grandchildren (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)  
10:55 AM **Confessions**  
11:20 AM **Low Mass** †Walter Harpen (*Katie Bischak*)  
5:15 PM **Confessions and Rosary**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** Poor Souls - Our Lady's Choice (*John Seyfried*) **Novena, Benediction and Confessions**
- SAT 12/18/10 EMBER SATURDAY**  
**VIGIL OF ST THOMAS**  
7:15 AM **Confessions**  
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Honor of St. Jude (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)  
8:00 AM **Novena and Sermon**  
8:15 AM **Low Mass** All deceased for whom we are bound or for whom we should pray (*Patrick Omlor*)
- SUN 12/19/10 ADVENT IV**  
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Special Intentions (*Linda Elswick*)  
9:00 AM **High Mass** The Lotarski Family (*The Patton Family*)  
10:40 AM **Catechism and Adult Education Classes**  
11:30 AM **Low Mass** Joe Prell - Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)  
4:45 PM **Advent Vespers and Benediction**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude



O Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David, who fightest the good fight, and have called on all men to join you, ... be with all faithful servants of yours ... who mix in the world; instruct them how to speak and how to act every hour of the day.

—Cardinal John Henry Newman

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### ¶2011 COLLECTION ENVELOPES AND NOVENA

Remember to use the Christmas Novena and Flowers Memorial offering envelopes you find in the pews, and to take your set of 2011 offering envelopes home with you.

### ¶2011 ROMAN CATHOLIC CALENDAR



This year's calendar is available for purchase in the Book Store. The price is \$8.00. Every Catholic home should have a traditional calendar.

### ¶POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

We are welcoming contributions to defray the cost of the Christmas flowers. If you wish to make your donation in memory of a loved one, please fill out the special Poinsettia Offering envelope available in the vestibule and pews. *To have your loved one included in the special Christmas memorial program, please turn in your envelope no later than December 21st.*

### ¶YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Remember all of our troubled and sad souls, our fallen away and shut in, and all of the elderly and sick. Today is the first anniversary of the death of George Wissing, and Wednesday of Ralph Patton. Remember them!



### Advent Silence



This Advent journey is already two weeks gone, and I've seen a whirlwind of new commitments, an earthquake of altered plans, a fire of "emergency" visits and shopping and decorating—but very little silence. Dear God, if you were with me in any infinitesimal moments of sheer silence, then I'm sorry I missed you, because I was not "silent" myself. O God of Silence, quiet my busy, noisy soul, that I might finally recognize, accept, and enjoy your constant, sometimes silent presence by my side. Amen.

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# ✠ THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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## The Virgin of Guadalupe

For a dress she wears the wild-rose,  
For a cape the starry night,  
And the sheen that frames her figure  
Is the sun's resplendent light.

But her face is dark and slender—  
“I am black but beautiful!” —  
Not the gold-haired Queen of Heaven  
With her features fair and full,

But the face of her who traveled  
Down to Egypt's deserts dun,  
Or who gently washed His garments  
'Neath the Galilean sun.

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.

Comparatively few people are aware of the most astounding miracle in the world, yet it is relatively close at hand to us. In December 1531 at Tepeyac (near Mexico City) the Blessed Virgin Mary caused to be imprinted miraculously on the cloak of a devout Indian, Juan Diego, an image of herself. At most, a cloak of this kind would disintegrate in from 10 to 20 years, but this particular cloak and the picture upon it are still the same today as in the year 1531, more than 400 years later. It is housed in the Basilica at Guadalupe and is visited by thousands of pilgrims each day. Scientific commissions have again and again examined the cloak and picture and have declared it a supernatural work and a secret reserved to the Divine Majesty. One commission of six prominent artists declares: “Every line and turn of the picture is so clearly a miracle that there actually palpitates in the admirable work the supreme power of its Author.” The knowledge of this miracle can be an inspiration to the faith of any Catholic in these perilous times.

*Bearing roses in December as a sign, Our Lady of Guadalupe “shows God’s love aright.” She brings to all the humble of the world the Advent message of hope: arise, winter is over and gone, the spring of new life comes to your land.*

## O Immaculate Conception!

A golden hour was my conception,  
for then began the principle of the salvation of all, and darkness hastened to light. God wished to do in His work something singular and hidden from the world, as He did in the dry rod blooming. But know that my conception was not known to all, because God wished that as the natural law and the voluntary election of good and bad preceded the written law, and the written law followed, restraining all inordinate notions, so it pleased God, that His friends should piously doubt of my conception, and that each should show his zeal till the truth became clear in its preordained time.

*The Immaculate Conception, as revealed to Saint Birgitta of Sweden (1303-1373)*

O Immaculate Conception, the mysteries of the Christmas story are revealed through your experience, yet are completely incomprehensible to my mortal understanding. Most Blessed of Women, infuse my soul with your grace, I pray, that I might put aside my natural skepticism and begin to apprehend the miraculous beauty of your love and your marvelous role in God's eternal plan. Amen.

***For she is a reflection of eternal light,  
a spotless mirror of the working of  
God, and an image of His goodness.***

—Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-26

**O Mary, may we feel the saving  
power of your sweetest name.**



***Your Immaculate Conception,  
Virgin Mother of God, brought joy to  
the whole world.***

## Clothed with the Sun

**Woman supremely blest  
In woman's prime desire  
To be most richly dressed:  
Incomparable attire,  
Blinding, iridescent  
In robe of cloth-of-sun,  
With Pleiad-plaited coronet,  
And slippered with the crescent!  
Gown sun-spun  
Gown star-set,  
And the moon  
For her shoon!  
Woman supremely fit  
To be so clothed, the one  
Found truest, best, immaculate.**

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.

**Woman, how divine your mission  
Here upon our natal sod!  
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open  
Always to the breath of God!  
All true trophies of the ages  
Are from mother-love impearled;  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.**

***Mary is that uncorrupted earth which  
God blessed, and was therefore free  
from all contagion of sin.***

—Saint Bruno

### NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

***Hail and blessed be the hour and  
moment, in which the Son of God  
was born of the Most Pure Virgin  
Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in  
piercing cold. At that hour,  
vouchsafe O my God, to hear my  
prayer and grant my desires through  
the merits of Our Savior Jesus  
Christ and His Blessed Mother.  
Amen.***

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from  
St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)*

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## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

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A window in our winter weather opened Wednesday, and the sun shone brightly for our Blessed Lady's Immaculate Conception. I was even able to sit in some sunny windless corner of my garden to pray my Office that afternoon, and most of you were able to make it for Mass. The sunlight sung Mass at nine was beautifully quiet and calm, the kind of Mass I spoke of as "silent" last Sunday. Our thanks go to our excellent school choir (who also helped with First Vespers) and quietly competent servers. I was happy that our Sunday choristers got a break, and could hear Mass with their families. I am grateful, however, to those who could not. Joan Lotarski was still on duty for she directs both choirs, and Mark filled in as the other bishop's chaplain. The Lotarskis recently celebrated their Silver Anniversary with a Solemn Mass, and we thank God for their presence with us, and all they do.



Despite last Sunday's fresh snow, our attendance was very good, and our congregation even grew by one. Dale Moore, who helps out at church several days a week, was finally received into the Church, confirmed and given First Holy Communion. I say "finally" for this fine family man has been a regular at Mass for years, far more faithful than many a Catholic! Welcome home, Dale!

Fr. Cekada misplaced his wallet last Sunday, and on Monday woefully announced that St. Anthony wasn't coming through for him. Well, **that** wouldn't do, so I asked the children to search the walk, and multiply Hail Marys in honor of the saint of Padua. (To be on the safe side, I had Katie pray to St. Joseph, and promised the Poor Souls a Mass if they'd help.) Who could resist such a united force? The wallet turned up on a bookshelf. The Poor Souls will have their Mass, and thanks be to St. Joseph and to St. Anthony.

St. Anthony and his dear poor at last have their "Bread Box." Please read over the instruction for use I'm publishing in the bulletin, and be generous, especially at this blessed season. I'm grateful to Steve for making it.

We will this Wednesday be blessed with another "Other Christ," a priest forever. Fr. German Fleiss, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be ordained by Bishop Sanborn. Frs. Cekada, McGuire and Larrabee, as well as MC John Lotarski, will be assisting His Excellency for the Pontifical Mass at most Holy Trinity Seminary. Two priests in one year! God is good. Let us thank Him, and commend gratefully all of our priests to His care, these priests who have dedicated their entire lives to **our** care, our immortal souls.

**Fr. Hecquard** sends me little news bulletins occasionally, and stays busy helping **Fr. Roger in Rennes, France**. Fr. Roger recently visited **Fr. Trytek in Poland**, as well as some elderly religious order priests and young seminarians interested in our position (as so many priests and laity increasingly are). **Fr. Valery Kudriavtsev** as well reports an increase of interest of late at his otherwise lonely post at Lugansk, Ukraine. **Fr. Mardones** says things have quieted down considerably in **Juarez, Mexico**, after the arrest of some leading narcoassassins. **Fr. Federico Palma** was ordained four years ago on December 8th in Argentina, and wrote recently from his post at **Our Lady of the Sun** in Phoenix, where he is slowly rebuilding the congregation at that most impressive church complex. Father is assisted by some of the **Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas**, who sew vestments and staff a little school. Pray for religious, too, for vocations, and for apostolic work around the globe.

Just on the holy day, Fr. Larrabee drove over three hours to see an elderly couple in Albany, Kentucky, who had not been to Mass in twenty years. Fr. Cekada spoke with a young mother in South Texas that day, who called about the Church and what to do, so far from a true priest or holy Mass. Fr. McGuire offered Mass at the new St. Clare in Chillicothe, and baptized a nephew that day, before returning to "home base" for Vespers and confessions. Fr. McGuire helped us here last Sunday morning, and then drove three hours to say Mass in southern Illinois, at St. Isidore's Mission in Saybrook, the first he founded as a young priest. Father returned here Monday afternoon to work with the boys for the Knights of the Sacred Heart, and resume his teaching schedule in the school. Fr. Ercoli, meanwhile, is spending several weeks each month in Milwaukee at St. Hugh. The men there are finishing and sound-proofing the vestibule cum cry room and baptistery, in anticipation of a winter surge in baby attendance, and blessed baptisms.

Our painters have returned, and are painting the arches, as well as the ceiling. The dark blue evokes the night sky and makes, I hope, the other colors bright but solemn enough for church, toning down a bit the "tangerine sunrise" (as I call it) which has warmed up our walls.

Thanks for your cooperation today for the Christmas Cookie and Craft sale. Keep up your Advent abstinences, though. Let's make every day of this year's blessedly long Advent count, to prepare our hearts for Christ. Remember your Novenas. May Mary Immaculate bless the Church, our church, our country, and you!

- Bishop Dolan

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