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# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 20, 2011

### • SEPTUAGESIMA •

#### ¶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.

#### ¶Rosary Chain:

To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Rosary 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.



*Go you also into my Vineyard.*

¶**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

### ✠ FEBRUARY 20, 2011 • SEPTUAGESIMA •

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion rail after Mass. Our Sunday classes are at 10:40 A.M. You are welcome to visit the Gift Shop after Mass. Little Dr. Jesus statues are available in two sizes.

This morning's High Mass is sung by our excellent school choir. We thank our students for this beautiful contribution to God's glory.

The Sunday Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 P.M.

### ✠ THIS WEEK

**Tomorrow on President's Day** you may be free; do join us for Holy Mass to pray for our country (8 & 11:20 A.M.) The boys have their meeting at church at the regular time of **4:00 P.M.** for the **Knights of the Sacred Heart. Choir practice** is on **Wednesday** evening at **6:30 P.M.** We surely appreciate the many sacrifices our choir members make for the beauty of God's worship. The "last of all" Apostle, **St. Matthias**, comes **Thursday**. His festive High Mass is at 11:20 A.M. He is invoked for alcoholics, as well as a patron for penance planning this season of Septuagesima. **Friday** evening is already the **close** of our nine-week devotion to the **Divine Infant**, and the **second** week for our **Sorrowful Mother Novena**, with **Blessing of the Sick**.

### ✠ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

This Friday we continue our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick. Call or write in to the office the *first names* of those for whom you would like us to pray, as well as the names of your sick.

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY...SEXAGESIMA

Morning classes and afternoon Vespers are as usual.

**Set your missal:** Sexagesima Sunday, with the commemoration of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, Preface of the Trinity.



### ✠ BAKE SALE

Thank you for your generous contributions and support of the St. Valentine Bake Sale. Our school raised \$600.00!

### ✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$103.00 was raised for the sanctification of our priests.

### ✠ REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Joliffe, of Circleville, Ohio, one of our great and devout Catholics who died on February 4th. Betty was an active member of St. Clare, and most devoted to her Catholic faith, as well as to our priests and seminarians. She leaves a legacy of selfless generosity and of long years of illness, patiently borne, for love of Jesus. May she rest in peace.

### ✠ OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers, Anne Brugger, of Urbana, Ohio who is seriously ill, as well her husband Larry. The Bruggers were some of our original members at St. Gertrude, and later coordinators at St. Clare for years, and tirelessly zealous for the spreading of our holy faith. Our Lady Health of the Sick, pray for them and for all of our sick and shut-in.

### ✠ WE GET EMAILS

*From Heins, way down in Kentucky:* I took part in the (Requiem Solemn High) Mass for Mr. Nellenbach, had not witnessed anything like it since we left Germany in 1951 and immigrated to Canada. This Candle Mass tonight was so beautiful, it almost brought tears to my eyes. I feel kind of envious for not being able to attend in person, maybe someday I will be able to make the trip to St. Gertrude's.

*And from our friends at Immaculate Conception across town:* We loved the Bp's sermon the other day and, only half joking, I believe there's one more F you might mention to the Bp for fighting illness...FRUIT!

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

ECCLESIASTES 11:1

**We must cast our bread  
Upon the waters, as the  
Ancient preacher said,**

**Trusting that it may  
Amplify be restored to us  
After many a day.**

**That old metaphor,  
Drawn from rice farming on the  
River's flooded shore,**

**Helps us to believe  
That it's no great sin to give,  
Hoping to receive.**

**Therefore I shall throw  
Broken bread, this sullen day,  
Out across the snow,**

**Betting crust and crumb  
That birds will gather, and that  
One more spring will come.**

—Richard Wilbur

*Someone must have thrown bread across the  
last snow, as spring seems to be here.*

—Bishop Dolan



### Collection Report

Sunday February 13th .....\$3,502.00

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

### Servers

FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 27, 2011

- THUR 2/24 11:20 AM HIGH: School servers and T. & J. Simpson
- FRI 2/25 5:45 PM LOW: J. Soli, J. Gunsher, T. & J. Simpson
- SAT 2/16 7:30 AM LOW: T. & J. Simpson  
8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 2/27 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, R. VandeRyt  
TH: A. Lawrence (B. Lotarski) ACS: A. Richesson,  
J. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor,  
S. & A. Arlighaus, P. & S. Lawrence  
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnel, N. McClorey  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller,  
J. Gunsher  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Ushers

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

- 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

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	2/21/11	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> <b>FERIAL DAY</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Fred Hauserman 11:20 AM <b>Votive Low Mass of the Blessed Trinity</b> Special Intention ( <i>Mary</i> ) 4:00 PM <b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
TUES	2/22/11	<b>ST PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH</b> <b>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For deceased members of the Lebrun family ( <i>Angela Cecere</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Gratitude for answered prayers ( <i>H.O. &amp; Becky Hinton</i> )
WED	2/23/11	<b>ST PETER DAMIAN, BPCD</b> <b>VIGIL OF ST MATTHIAS</b> 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Charles & Elinor Richardson ( <i>MIM Mark Lotarski &amp; Family</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Choir Practice</b>
THURS	2/24/11	<b>ST MATTHIAS, AP</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Joseph G. Brueggemann - for a quick and full recovery ( <i>Dan, Mary &amp; Family</i> ) 11:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Tommy Peter ( <i>DJR</i> )
FRI	2/25/11	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <b>ST WALBURGA, V ST SEBASTIAN, C</b> 10:55 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:20 AM <b>Votive Low Mass of the Passion of Our Lord</b> Katie's Special Intention ( <i>MIM Maki</i> ) 5:15 PM <b>Rosary and Confessions</b> 5:35 PM <b>Closing of the Infant of Prague Novena</b> 5:45 PM <b>Votive Low Mass of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady</b> In Honor of the Infant of Prague for Mom & Dad ( <i>A.M. Omlor</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sorrowful Mother Novena II with Blessing of the Sick</b> 6:45 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
SAT	2/26/11	<b>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY</b> <b>ST MARGARET OF CORTONA, V</b> 7:15 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> In Honor of St. Joseph ( <i>Tom &amp; Stella Simpson</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Sermon</b> 8:15 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Our Beloved Dead - February ( <i>MIM Michael Briggs</i> )
SUN	2/27/11	<b>SEXAGESIMA</b> <b>ST GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Eldon's Special Intention ( <i>MIM Maki</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Betty Joliffe ( <i>Bishop Dolan &amp; the faithful of St. Clare</i> ) 10:40 AM <b>Sunday Classes</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Ernie Nellenbach ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers and Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

The last days of Epiphanytide saw an early spring arrive to usher in Septuagesima, preparation in turn for the soul's springtime, Lent. I knew it! Already on the last Sunday of January there was a bit of spring in the air, confirmed by Candlemas' cloudy dawn later that week. Furthermore, the blackbirds were courting, and checking out nesting in my garden wall, as is their wont. Caravaggio and Puccini have certainly been enjoying the warm weather, and I hope you do, too.

Well, warmth is always on offer in southern Mexico, "land of perpetual spring," even if it *is* noisy. Fr. Siordia's small and ancient church is set in dappled shade. I was quite warm on Sunday the sixth of February by the time we finished with almost seventy Confirmations. While it gets cold at night, the southern part of Vera Cruz (True Cross) state has a tropical climate during the day. We were there to visit our Fr. Vergara and his flock. They are building a most impressive church, mostly on faith.

I offered Holy Mass for all of the intentions confided to me for Our Lord of the Expiration, and as well for our sick in honor of Little Dr. Jesus, whom we visited, as is our custom, on our way to Vera Cruz. May He visit all of our sick, and cure them.

When we returned to Cocoyoc towards the end of our trip, I asked Fr. Siordia if he was tired. He allowed as he was, not only for the long hours of driving, but also for the responsibility of taking care of a bishop! Well, thank you for your prayers which kept us safely under the wings of angels all the while.

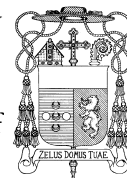
Please keep all of our flying priests in your prayers. **Fr. Cekada** is in Milwaukee today. This is his native city, and for many years he served **St. Hugh Church** almost every Sunday. Our Louisiana coordinator reports that newly ordained **Fr. Fliess** got a warm Cajun welcome last Sunday for his visit to **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Remember **Fr. Le Gal**? He was ordained here by **Bishop Sanborn** five years ago. His Excellency met with him during his recent French trip. Fr. Le Gal has been taking care of small groups of firm, logical Catholics in England over the years, in addition to his work in France and Italy. The **Polish Father Trytek**, who also honored us once with a visit, now visits a small group in Germany, in addition to his apostolate in Crakow.

Here at home, we had 17 girls for our first meeting of the Maidens of the Immaculate Heart, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the ladies who organized this, as well as the artistic St. Valentine sale. I'm thinking of Lent next, and would be happy for any suggestions of how to do our Friday night suppers this year? God bless and reward your love for our church, and the Holy Catholic Church.

Yours in Mary Immaculate,



—Bishop Dolan



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## ✠ HOLY FAMILY CORNER

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**“Are there any special prayers or devotions for married couples?”**

Cardinal Bourne attached an indulgence to the practice of kissing the wedding ring and saying the following prayer: “Grant us, O Lord, that loving Thee, we may love one another, and live according to Thy holy law.”

—*Papist Pie*

**“Will husband and wife love each other in Heaven?”**

In Heaven we shall not only know and love those who have been dear to us in this life, but know and love them with an intimacy and ardour far greater than is now possible. God will not destroy anything good in us, but will so supernaturalize and purify our powers of understanding and loving that their exercise will fill our hearts with a joy that we cannot even imagine.

—*Papist Pie*

### **Prayer for One's Family**

O Mary, Mother of grace and of mercy! Protect us against the wicked spirit; reconcile us with Thy Son; commend us to Him, that so we may be made worthy of His promises.

St. Joseph, foster father of our Saviour, guardian of His holy Mother, head of the holy Family! Be our intercessor; bless us and defend our home at all times.



## **Spiritual Armory**

“The Blessed Eucharist is the perfect Sacrament of the Lord's Passion, since It contains Christ Himself and His Passion.”

—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

### **Prayer of Welcome after Holy Communion**

Twas thou who first within thy heart serene  
Thy God received. By mortal eyes unseen  
He dwelt secure, thy loving heart His shrine.  
In first communion with the Word divine,  
Thou hadst a foretaste of our Gift Supreme.

O thou, sweet Mother, who didst first embrace  
Our God, teach me thy potent way of grace,  
That in the precious moments that are mine,  
I may constrain my Guest, Thy Son divine,  
To bide with me. Oh! may He ne'er depart.  
Behold, His living chalice - my unworthy heart.

—*Cardinal Spellman*

“Since the devil knows that obedience is the quickest road to perfection, he makes it distasteful and offers many objections to it under the pretext of a higher good.”

—*St. Teresa of Avila*

“At this very moment I may, if I desire, become the friend of God.”

—*St. Augustine*

## **Hearts Moved with Pity**

**I want my whole life to be inspired by love. He who loves, does all things easily, or, if he suffers, he loves that suffering. Why is suffering necessary? Because on earth, pure love cannot exist without suffering. O Jesus, Jesus, I no longer feel my cross when I think of Yours.**

**O my soul, be the faithful imitator of Jesus meek and humble of heart. He who has been meek and humble of heart deserves to be glorified. What then will be the reward of those who, interiorly humble and exteriorly humiliated, have followed the humility of our Saviour in all dimensions?**

**O Mary, my dear Mother, here is your poor child, unable to carry on any longer. You know my needs and above all my spiritual distress. Have pity on me. Grant that one day I may be with you in Heaven.**

**I shall do everything to gain Heaven, for there is my home. There I shall find my Mother in all her celestial glory and, with her, I shall enjoy the happiness of Jesus Himself.**

**O Mary, most loving Mother, grant that following your example, I may be generous in all the sacrifices that our Lord may ask of me during my life.**

**O Mother, offer me to Jesus.**

**O Mother, take my heart and conceal it in the heart of my Jesus.**

—*Saint Bernadette Soubirous*

*Saint Bernadette (†1879) was favored with a series of visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. Her body remains in corrupt in the chapel of Nevers.*

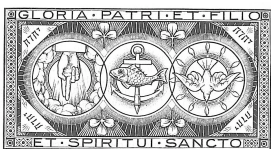
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Septuagesima Sunday

The way of the Cross leads to Calvary; the seasons of Septuagesima and Lent lead to Good Friday. Our way of penance leads to crucifixion of sin and sacrifice of self. But the darkness of Good Friday eventuates in the glorious light of Easter; crucifixion paves the way for resurrection. Our oblation of self-life will bring us the new Christ-life. The Mystical Body of Christ now prepares to walk the Way of the Cross, ascend the Mount of Calvary, share in sacrificial suffering.

We prepare our oblation of self in union with the self-oblation of our Lord, Who is our strength and our Deliverer. We will share the “prize” won by Him if we “so run as to obtain it.” Our participation in the Sacred Liturgy, which makes effective all that it portrays, will powerfully assist us to live the Christian life and perform the work of Christ. We Catholics are God’s laborers, doing for souls the work which He gives us.

St. Paul calls us “slaves of Christ.” As in the material life some servants work harder and longer than others, so in the spiritual life the labor of one “slave” will be more arduous than that of another, but the generosity of God rewards each servant justly. The reward is eternal, heavenly life, a foretaste of which is received in the heavenly, life-imparting Gift of the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy is Christ active in the work of prayer; our offering of the Liturgy is made effective by the intercessory power of Jesus Christ, working in and through us, His mystical members.



*On the tree of the cross the Heart of Jesus, our beloved, beheld your heart and loved it. By the love He bore it He obtained every good that you shall ever have.*

—Saint Francis de Sales

Love Letters from Our Lord

Sometimes lovely things that are lost. Beautiful things God scatters everywhere. As Walt Whitman said, (in other words), that God is tossing down love letters in the street and everywhere, if only we would watch out for them. I think I have come to see that even the contradictions and the crosses of life are his “love letters.”

I’ve begun to look for them [God’s love letters] with a certain joy - signs that tell me that Jesus is near. The unexpected delay, the negative response, the inopportune caller, the gimmick that won’t work, the nice food that got overcooked, the lack of something needed, the ballpoint pen that smudges, the mistake one can’t undo - the list is endless. Not (I hope) that I concentrate on the unpleasant things but that they are little signs that I share in the life of Jesus.

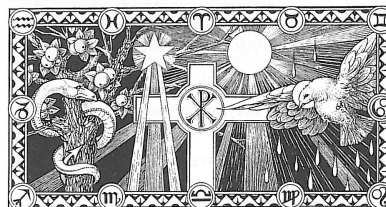
—Jessica Powers

*Jessica Powers (†1988) was a Carmelite nun, Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit.*



*Oh, my dear Jesus...I commend in a special manner to Your mercy the greatest sinner in Your eyes, the dying person in greatest danger of damnation, the most abandoned soul in Purgatory, and the most desolate person on this earth.*

—Saint Joseph Cafasso



Suffering As an Opportunity

*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18*

I don’t pray that you may be delivered from your troubles. Instead, I pray that God will give you the strength and patience to bear them. Comfort yourself with Him who nails you to the cross. Happy are those who suffer with Him.

The world doesn’t understand this. That’s not surprising. They suffer as lovers of the world and not as lovers of Christ. They think that sickness is a pain of nature and find nothing in it but grief and distress. But it can be a consolation to those who understand that God can use illness in mercy.

God is frequently closer to us in sickness than in health. Put all of your trust in Him and you will soon be on the road to recovery. Medicine will help you only to the degree God permits. When pains come from God, only He can heal them. Sometimes a disease of the body will cure a sickness in the soul.

I can’t understand how a soul, which is with God and desires only God, can feel pain. Be courageous. Offer your pains to God. Pray for the strength to endure. Above all, develop a habit of conversing often with God. Adore Him in your infirmities. At the very height of your suffering, ask Him humbly and affectionately (as a child to a good parent) to help you to accept His will.

When our minds are filled with God, suffering will become full of sweetness and quiet joy. I know it is difficult to accomplish this. But remember, we can do all things with the grace of God. He never refuses to help those who earnestly ask for His grace. Knock, keep on knocking, and I promise you that He will open the door to you in due time and give you what you have wanted for many years.

—Brother Lawrence: *The Practice of the Presence of God*

*If I must suffer, O God, let me suffer in companionship with Christ.*