
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 8, 2012

• THE HOLY FAMILY •

¶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 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.



“And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them.”

¶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

✠ **JANUARY 8, 2012 • THE HOLY FAMILY**
 • **SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE**
EPIPHANY • OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY •

Happy Feast Day of the Holy Family. Our second **Second Collection**, for the training of new priests, will be taken up after Holy Communion today if you were surprised by the early one last week. Sunday classes resume at 10:40 AM. Holy Family Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. Be sure to pick up your family Epiphany Blessing Pack in the vestibule.

✠ THIS WEEK

The great Epiphany feast continues all week, inviting us to Mass and Adoration. Come to a beautiful school mass, a quiet 8 A.M. Mass, or the Friday evening devotional: Rosary, Mass and Benediction. Remember the Infant of Prague Novena each Friday evening before Mass.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Morning classes, and **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** are offered.
Set your missal: Epiphany II, commemoration of St. Paul the First Hermit, and St. Maurus, Preface of the Trinity.



O BLESSED MOTHER OF OUR REDEEMER! Thou didst participate so sensibly in the sufferings of Thy dear Son, when He shed His sacred Blood and assumed for us the Name of Jesus. Obtain for us through that adorable Name the favors we petition in this prayer.

Beg also that a most ardent love of Thy divine Son may imprint that sacred Name upon our hearts; that it may be always in our minds, and frequently on our lips; that it may be our defense in temptation, our refuge in danger during our lives, and our consolation and support in the hour of death. Amen.

✠ CALLING ALL COOKS

Good cooks, great cooks, fair-to-middling cooks...the Fathers need your help. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to prepare meals for the clergy's daily dinner. Cook and package up a meal at home, and drop it off at church with the grocery receipts for reimbursement. Can you help, even one day each month? Please visit the meal scheduling web site, "**Cucina Clerical**," at www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/ where you can view the calendar for days when meals are needed; register and log in, and schedule a day where you can help. Or, simply contact Marlys A. (859-384-0103) or Gloria Z. (513-227-3788) for more information or with any questions.

The grateful Fathers offer Mass once a month for the intentions of all the volunteer cooks! Come lend a hand.

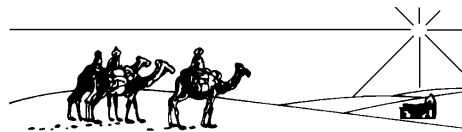
✠ DID YOU KNOW

The relic by the crib on loan to us for Christmastide is of the swaddling clothes of Christ, and of the Three Kings?

✠ POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

Ivan Landry
 Harold Landry
(Bernard Landry)

William and Helen LeBrun
(Joan Landry)



Servers

JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 15, 2012

•FRI	1/13	5:45 PM Low: Regular Friday Servers
•SAT	1/14	7:30 AM Low: Simpsons 8:30 AM Low: M. Briggs
•SUN	1/15	7:30 AM Low: S. & D. Brueggemann 9:00 AM High: MC: T. Simpson, (R. VandeRyt) ACs: A. Richesson, L. Arlinghaus TH: J. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Soli N. Kuebler, M. Simpson, T. Lawrence, P. Omlor 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor 4:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Gunsher 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

✠ POETRY CORNER

Signum Cui Contradicetur

–*“A sign which shall be contradicted”*
 –*the prophecy of Simeon to Our Lady.*

Long months He lay within the womb,
 Prisoned from every lovely sight,
 Wrapped round in darkness and in gloom,
 Who was the Light.

In a rude stable cold and dim,
 Maid Mary our Redeemer bore;
 All doors were harshly closed to Him,
 Who was the Door.

Long time by silence did He teach,
 A helpless Infant, ere was heard
 His first quaint, stammering baby speech,
 Who was the Word.

Three anguished days they strove to trace
 His childish footsteps gone astray.
 Lost, in the crowded, alien place!–
 Who was the Way.

Meekly He did His parents' will:
 They gave commands, with secret awe,
 And He was subject to them still,
 Who was the Law.

With wounded hands and feet and side,
 All mangled from the cruel strife,
 He bowed His head and, shuddering,
 died.
 Who was the Life.

–*Sister Mary Angelica*

The following Masses were said by Fr. Cekada:

Fr. Herve S.J. - Merry Christmas (*Cecilia Omlor*)
 Special Intention (*F.M.*)
 †Frank Youngworth (*P. Puglielli*)
 Poor Souls (*Cecilia Omlor*)

Ushers

JANUARY 15, 2012


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






Collection Report

Sunday January 1st	\$4,936.76
Second Collection	\$275.00

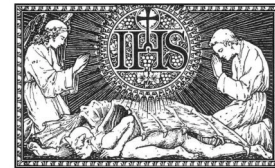
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 1/9/12 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
-  **11:20 AM High Mass** Cucina Clerical-for our cooks (*The Fathers*)
- TUE 1/10/12 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** For the consolation and deliverance into Heaven of the Souls in Purgatory (*Rose & Nick Manno*)
-  **11:20 AM High Mass** Bernard Harold Landry To Our Lady of Perpetual Help (*Joan Landry*)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
- WED 1/11/12 WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST HYGINUS, PM**
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls - Gratitude - Reparation (*DJR*)
-  **11:20 AM High Mass** †William Smith (*Barbara Smith*)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** Special Intention of Brian & Doris Mathe
- 6:30 PM Choir Practice**
- THUR 1/12/12 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** †Julia Puglielli (*Paul Puglielli*)
-  **11:20 AM High Mass** 8 Godchildren (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
- 5:00 PM Low Mass** The Webster Family
- FRI 1/13/12 OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY**
- 8:00 AM Low Mass** Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
- 10:55 AM Confessions**
- 11:20 AM Low Mass** In Honor of and in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (*Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor*)
- 5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions**
- 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena III**
-  **5:45 PM Low Mass** Merry Christmas Mom & Dad (*Thomas Simpson*)
- Novena and Benediction**
- SAT 1/14/12 ST HILARY, BPCD ST FELIX, PRM**
- 7:15 AM Confessions**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
- 8:15 AM Sermon and Low Mass** Anne Brugger (*Ned & Julie Brugger*)

- SUN 1/15/12 EPIPHANY II ST PAUL, FIRST HERMIT**
- 7:30 AM Low Mass** †Rosemary Lucas (*Doloris Ritze*)
- 9:00 AM High Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude
- 10:40 AM Sunday Classes**
- 11:30 AM Low Mass** †Thomas Hable (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
- 4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** Mother of Perpetual Help (*JCS*)



A PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE NAME OF JESUS

O Merciful Jesus! Thou didst in early infancy commence Thy office of Savior, by shedding Thy Precious Blood and assuming for us that Name which is above all names. We thank Thee for such early proofs of Thy infinite love. We venerate Thy sacred Name, in union with the profound respect of the Angel who first announced it to the earth. We also unite our affections to the sentiments of tender devotion which the adorable Name of Jesus has, in all ages enkindled in the hearts of Thy servants.

Animated with firm faith in Thy unerring word, and penetrated with confidence in Thy mercy, we now most humbly remind Thee of the promise Thou has made: When two or three should assemble in Thy Name, Thou Thyself wouldst be in the midst of them.

Come, then, into the midst of us, most amiable Jesus; for it is in Thy sacred Name we are here assembled. Come into our hearts, that Thy Holy Spirit may pray in and by us. Mercifully grant us through that adorable Name which is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted and the solid ground of our unlimited confidence, all the petitions we make in this prayer.

¶THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The faithful who, during the month of January, perform some special act of devotion in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus are granted *an indulgence of 7 years on any day of the month. A plenary indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions.*

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

The Germans would say “eine wunderbare Weihnachten” a wonderful Christmas. Whether we speak of weather, or the ceremonies, or the peace of this wondrous season, we have such reason to thank Our Lord, Who is “wonderful in His works.”

Yes, the weather has been wonderful! Autumn lingered until the New Year. Pansies prospered and showed their colors on Christmas, and those little red flowers by the Church door blossomed for the Circumcision, reminding us of the first drops of the Precious Blood shed that day. Sunlight filled the church.

Then, “eight days being accomplished,” Vespers sung and the last Mass read, the cold came, chaste and discreet, with a dusting of a midnight snow. Neighbors to the north and south were hammered; winter only tapped at West Chester's door. The days that followed offered us true January cold and sun, but without the extremes we usually feel. Deo Gratias.

We are now in “Little Christmas,” or Epiphany, the greatest feast of the season, and can only wonder with gratitude at how peacefully everything passed, with great participation and enthusiasm.

Our New Year's attendance matched the Masses of Christmas, a good sign that there was no let up after “the holiday.” I was especially impressed to see some six or eight young couples, at the evening Mass on New Year. I did not recognize them, but they knew what to do. I presume they came from Pius V or Pius X, young people out the night before partying, who did not want to miss their Sunday obligation, even if it meant “going to Gertrude's” as they used to say. These young people were obviously trained well by their parents and priests. One couple did leave at Communion, but even that probably indicated that someone had taught them these principal parts of the Mass.

We have many visitors every Sunday, some regular and some first timers. Always be sure to smile and greet Christ in them, and try to make them feel at home. Some of our old faithful who have been away are returning now. Let us greet them warmly and leave it at that.

One of the great things about “Gertrude's” is the perpetual Christmas, with so many Christ's Masses all week long. This struck me again with **Fr. Lehtoranta's** stay with us and his daily Mass. So many holy Masses! Last Wednesday there were five offered on our altars. At the same time, our fathers come and go, and bring Bethlehem with them far and wide.

Fr. Lehtoranta and **Mr. Bede Okechukwu Nkamuke** went to visit **Fr. Martin** in Chicago with the Bischels last week, the youngest priest we know honoring the oldest. Fr. Martin remains active, and sent out an excellent newsletter on the Pius XII changes and a sermon about Duns Scotus for Christmas. He hurt his leg before Christmas, but never missed his daily Mass, including the three for Christmas. **Fr. Larrabee**, barely returned from the almond groves of California, is serving Milwaukee today, and **Fr. McGuire** has taken to the road to attend his little missions across the midwest, each one counting from one to twenty souls.

Enjoy the Christmas season. Leave the tree up, if you can, or certainly the stable. Let the delicious mysteries of this sweet season soak into your soul, and enflame your family with holy love. Have a blessed Holy Family feast, and don't forget the Epiphany Home Blessing for your Sunday family activity.

I send a blessing home with you in Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

—Bishop Dolan



CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY

○ **JESUS**, behold our family prostrate before Thee. Once more do we consecrate ourselves to Thee—our trials and joys—that our home, like Thine, may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. Do Thou protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

○ **MARY**, loving Mother of Jesus—and our Mother—pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

○ **JOSEPH**, Holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to thee, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with thee, Heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

Holy Days and Seasons

Sunday

You can perhaps faintly recall how your teacher once told you in school that most of the names for the days of the week date back to times immemorial when our ancestors were still pagan. That is true, they really are old. The pagan Teutons named one of the days of the week after the sun, another after the moon, one after their god of thunder, another after their goddess Freya. Accordingly we still have the names Sunday, and, with some linguistic adaptation, Monday, Thursday and Friday. But isn't it really strange that after so many Christian centuries, we still labor with these ancient pagan names, especially when the first day of the week, that of our Lord's resurrection, has taken on an entirely new meaning? How did it happen that this was not changed?

The Church came to our forefathers, not as a destroyer, but as a kind Mother. False beliefs had to be uprooted, even if hearts bled in the operation; that could not be helped. But not everything had to be torn out in the process. She knew exactly how precious little there is in a name. "If only they no longer believe in their god Thunder," she thought to herself, "let them say Thursday as long as they want." After all, it did not matter much in the case of the weekdays, and actually no Christian names for them existed. To this day the Church merely numbers the weekdays in sequence, except Saturday, and says, e.g., for Wednesday, *feria quarta*, the "fourth day," in sober Roman fashion. (The ancient Romans sometimes even called their children simply by number, as *Tertius* or *Quintus*, i.e., Number 3 or Number 5, instead of bothering about a first name.)

In the case of Sunday, however, it is harder to understand why the old name was kept. When the day received a new significance, why not also a new name? There existed one really venerable name:

the "Lord's Day," as the Apostle St. John already called the first day of the week. And the Church still calls it that. But the answer briefly is this: the Christians gave not only the day, but also its pagan name a new Christian meaning. By saying "Sunday" they no longer thought of a planet in the sky, but of that wonderful Sun which rose on Easter morn from the dark tomb (and, at Christmas, was born gloriously from the virgin's womb.) They thought of Christ, "the Sun of our salvation," as they loved to speak of Him. For this reason "Sunday" was for them another word for "Lord's Day."

Don't you feel how the old pagan word begins to shine in a wonderful Christian light when understood in this sense? Sun, i.e. light and life and brightness and warmth and joy—all that has life exults in it. He who on Sunday morning rose gloriously from a tomb is for us Light and Life and Brightness and Warmth and Joy! We call the first day of the week "Sunday" because the sun of Salvation gives it light. This Sun did not rise only once; again and again it rises in our midst on the altar.

This gives the ultimate meaning to our going to church on Sunday mornings. It is not to fulfill a hard, rigid commandment, no, but that from the frost and cold and chill of our weekday world, we come out in to the "Sun" where our chilled soul at once feels as if gently stroked by a Mother's warm hands. A missionary once asked an old Indian what he was doing for hours in church before the tabernacle without a book (which would have not helped him much, as he could not read anyway) and with out moving his lips in prayer. The old man answered simply and naively; "I hold my soul to the Sun!" That is why we call the Lords Day "Sunday," because then we can hold our poor, sick soul "to the Sun" that it may be healed by the rays of divine mercy.

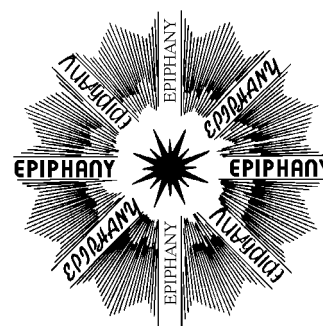


Prayer For the Sanctification of Sundays and Holydays

Most glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, obtain from our Lord Jesus Christ His most plentiful blessings upon all those who keep Sundays and Holydays holy; and grant that those who profane them may realize, while there is yet time, how great is the evil they commit and the punishments they draw upon themselves both in this present life and in the life to come; and grant that they may be speedily converted. O most Faithful St. Joseph, who in thy earthly life was ever faithful in keeping the law of God, grant that the day may soon come, when all Christian people shall refrain from those works that are forbidden on Sundays and Holydays, devote themselves earnestly to the salvation of their souls and give glory to God: Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

—Composed by Pope St. Pius X

May the Name of the Lord be blessed!



Communion

Mother Mary, thee I see
 Bringing Him, thy Babe, to me,
 Thou dost say , with trusting smile:
 "Hold Him, dear, a little while."
 Mother Mary, pity me,
 For He struggles to be free!
 My Heart, my arms—He finds defiled:
 I am unworthy of thy Child.
 Mary, Mother, charity!
 Bring thy Baby back to me!

—Caroline Giltinan

✠ HOLY MASS AND HOLY FAMILY ✠

Send Your Angel to Holy Mass

O Holy Angel at my side, go to church for me,
Kneel in my place at Holy Mass, where I desire to be.

At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice, upon the altar throne.

At holy consecration's bell, adore with Seraph's love,
My Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from heaven above.

Then pray for those I dearly love, and those who cause me grief,
That Jesus' Blood will cleanse all hearts, and suffering souls relieve.

And when the priest Communion takes, oh bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart my rest on mine, and I His temple be.

Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins efface,
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home, the pledge of every grace.

For those absent from Mass and Sacraments

O ETERNAL Father, by the heart of my Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, I dare approach Thee. By this Divine Heart I give thee adoration for all who do not adore Thee; I love Thee for all who cherish Thee not. I acknowledge Thee to be my God, for all who, blind and deaf, out of contempt, refuse to acknowledge Thee. By this Divine Heart, I would give thee the homage which all Thy creatures owe Thee. In spirit I go round in the world searching all the souls redeemed by Thy precious Blood. I embrace them all to present them to Thee by Him, and through Him I beseech Thee to fulfill their conversion. Can it be, Eternal Father, that Thou wilt allow them to

remain ignorant of my Jesus? Wilt Thou suffer that they should not live for Him Who died for us all? Heavenly Father, Thou seest them lying all in death; give them life, by this Divine Heart. Amen.

The Mass Gives Us Our Lord's Life

Each Mass of each feast and of each day offers a complete remembrance and renovation of the life of Christ. Sorrowfully and repentingly we thought at each Mass of the sinful world without Christ (prayer at the foot of the altar, the *confiteor* and the *Kyrie*), we honored Jesus, the divine child (*the Gloria*), the divine teacher (*the Epistle and Gospel*), Jesus a sacrifice in His whole life (*the offertory*), a sacrifice for us in the bloody passion and death on the cross, which is renewed (*in consecration*) in an unbloody manner. We descended with the merits of Jesus, as He did once into limbo, now into purgatory (*the Memento mortuorum*) and then we ventured, being reconciled through Him, to say: Our Father, Who art in Heaven. Then we honored the Risen Jesus (in the Easter Pax, the mingling of the Host and the Chalice, *Agnus Dei* and *communion*), and we united ourselves with Him spiritually or really, to receive from His divine hand, as did the Apostles on the day of the Ascension, the last blessing as a pledge of that last of all decisive blessings, on the day of judgment: *Venite benedicti* (the last blessing of the Mass).

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the examples of Thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of Thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

Indulgence of 200 days, once a day. - Leo XIII. Feb. 6, 1893



For a Holy Family Life

Dear St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, guardian of Jesus and Mary, patron of the Universal Church, look down with love and compassion on all Catholic families throughout the world, and particularly on those for whom we most wish to pray or who most need your saving intercession. Bring peace and holiness into our homes, that we may ever lead a life like that which you led with Jesus and Mary in the little home at Nazareth.

Pour down on our homes the graces which will enable fathers and mothers to be as dutiful, as pious, and pure as you and your most holy spouse. Teach our children to imitate the Child Jesus in their holiness and obedience, so that they also may increase daily in wisdom, and age, and grace before God and man. Thus may our Catholic homes on earth foreshadow in their peace and love the happiness of our home in Heaven, where we shall praise and love Jesus, our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Christmas Peace

Peace first came to the world when the Wise Men discovered a family. And the dawn of peace will come again when other wise men return to homes where they see the human family of father, mother, and children, as the reverse order of the Holy Family: a Child, a Mother, and a Father.

-Bishop Sheen

Christmas Still

For at last, how much more good can we do by staying with God, than by most zealous speculations. Plenty of people in this world to mind planning and opinions, but how few to build in God and be silent, like our Jesus.

-Mother Seton