
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 15, 2012

• EPIPHANY II •

¶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.



*Jesus changes the water into wine
at the marriage feast of Cana.*

¶**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 15, 2012 • EPIPHANY II • ST PAUL, FIRST HERMIT • ST MAURUS, AB • OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR •

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. You are always welcome for refreshments in Helfta Hall after Mass, or to visit the gift shop. Adults are welcome to Sunday classes, as are children, at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers this afternoon. Try one of those good "Sunday drives" we spoke about last week.

¶ THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Pontmain, or of Hope, is honored on **Tuesday**, and on **Wednesday** we begin our traditional Chair of Unity Octave, an indulgenced devotion, as we pray for the conversion of different non-Catholic groups, and the end of heresy, schism, splits and divisions. Many Masses are offered here each day; attend one and make it a Holy Hour for this intention! Come to Friday Night "Holy Hour Plus" which includes Rosary, two Novenas, Mass, Sermon, Benediction and Chair of Unity Octave devotions.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PRO-LIFE

Sunday, January 22, is our annual pro-life day of prayer and reparation. Bishop Dolan will lead a **Rosary at 11:10 AM** as well as **Sunday afternoon devotions with Benediction** after the **4:45 PM Vespers**. Do "something" extra to pray and plead for God's mercy for the little ones, and on our bloodstained land.

Sunday classes are as usual.

Set Your Missal: Epiphany III, Ss. Vincent and Anastasius, Our Lady in Christmastide, Trinity Preface.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

Close to \$220.00 was received this month for the support and sanctification of the clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29th

Feast of St. Francis De Sales, Patron Saint of Cincinnati; Closing of the 12 Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel.

February 2nd

Candlemas: Another warm, wonderful evening is planned for the final day of Christmas, with its evening Mass of the Candles, and the much anticipated Soup Supper.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS



To Megan and David Mann on the Baptism of their son Andrew on 1/8/12.

The following were Masses said by Fr. Cekada:

Poor Souls-Gratitude-Reparation (DJR)
Poor Souls-Gratitude - Benefactors & helpers (DJR)

Poor Souls-Gratitude-Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada, Fr. McGuire, Fr. Larrabee, Fr. Lehtoranta, Bede (DJR)

Poor Souls-Gratitude Jean (Rentschler) Vetrano (DJR)

Jesus, adorable Savior, hidden in the Sacrament of Your love, dwelling among us to sweeten our exile, shall I not offer You my heart



Ushers
JANUARY 22, 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

Servers
JANUARY 16 - JANUARY 22, 2012

•FRI 1/20 5:45 PM LOW: Regular Friday Servers
•SAT 1/21 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:30 AM LOW: M. Briggs
•SUN 1/22 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Boys
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: (R. VandeRyt) B. Lotarski, R. Hill
ACs: N. McClorey, P. Lawrence TH: A. Richesson
TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Soli N. Kuebler, M. Simpson, J. Morgan, P. Omilor
11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller, J. Soli, J. Lacy
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday January 8th\$3,143.00
Second Collection\$860.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

I Will Give it My All

I was an earthly sinner
who didn't have a place to go;
Then Jesus took over my life
and I ended up on death row:

Then He opened my heart and eyes
and I felt real love and Jesus' touch;
I prayed 4 Rosaries each day for 20 years
and I loved praying so very very much.

Then time ran out for me on death row
and it came time for me to die;
I kept on praying each and every day
For I was strong and I didn't cry:

I stayed strong in Jesus' Love
and kept my heart sweet and bright;
knowing on Oct. 18th 2011 at 10 AM
I was going to see Jesus' light:

But God was not done with me yet
I had things to do, places to go;
So He touched the hearts of so many
and They let me off death row:

Now I live on, and doing God's will
trying to save all the lost poor souls;
and I give Thanks each and every day
I want to praise Him; I will give it my
all:

For Rev. Bishop Dolan 12-11-11

From: Joseph Dismas Murphy
#199-042
2001 E. Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio
43608


—Last Fall Joseph's life was spared by the Governor. He would be happy to correspond with you, and pray for your intentions. He prays four rosaries daily.






—Bishop Dolan

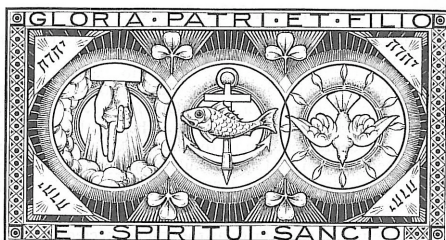


O Mary, abyss of charity, and full of grace, I know that you are so dear to God that He denies you nothing.

✠ THE CALENDAR

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 1/16/12 ST MARCELLUS I, PM**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
- TUE 1/17/12 ST. ANTHONY, AB
 OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN**
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** Our Lady of La Salette - Poor Souls of Priests (*JCS*)
- WED 1/18/12 OPENING OF CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE
 ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME
 ST PRISCA, VM**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Evelyn Rentschler (*Jean, Richard & Darlene*)
 **11:20 AM High Mass** in honor of Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (*Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THUR 1/19/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE II
 ST MARIUS & COMP, MM
 ST CANUTE, KING, M**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** St. Thomas Aquinas-Answered Prayer (*Rebecca Hinton*)
- FRI 1/20/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE III
 Ss FABIAN, P
 & SEBASTIAN, MM**
10:55 AM Confessions
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Special Intention (*Dan Beaven*)
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IV
5:45 PM Low Mass †Thomas Hable (*Simpson Family*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
- SAT 1/21/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE IV
 ST AGNES, VM**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
8:15 AM Chair of Unity Octave Devotions
Low Mass †Fr. Eldred Leslie (*The Prell Family*)



- SUN 1/22/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE V
 EPIPHANY III
 Ss VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM**
7:30 AM Low Mass †Lawrence VandeRyt (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
9:00 AM High Mass Richard & Elizabeth Smith (*Joe, Beth and kids*)
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:10 AM Pro-Life Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention Powell family deceased (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)
4:45 PM Sunday Vespers
5:20 PM Pro-Life Devotions and Benediction

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead.
 So why should you?



✠ THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE ✠

“In every age it has been the concern of the Roman Pontiffs, Our predecessors, and likewise it concerns Us very much, that Christians who have, unfortunately, withdrawn from the Catholic Religion should at length be recalled to us as to a forsaken Mother. For in the Unity of the Faith the foremost characteristic of the truth of the Church shines forth, and it is thus that the Apostle Paul exhorts the Ephesians to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, by proclaiming that there is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. (Ephes. 4:5) With a glad mind, therefore, We have heard that prayers have been proposed to be recited from the Feast of the Chair of the Blessed Peter at Rome to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, in order that this aim of Unity might be obtained from the Lord. We mercifully grant and bestow in the Lord a Plenary Indulgence and remission of their sins to each and all the faithful of Christ who from the eighteenth day of the month of January, the Festival of the Chair of Blessed Peter of Rome, until the twenty-fifth day of the same month, on which the Conversion of St. Paul is commemorated, shall recite once a day the prayers appointed.”

—Pope Benedict XV

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Epiphany, the day of the Kings and feast of gifts, fell this year on a mild and bright First Friday. Fr. Lehtoranta's First Solemn High Mass in the evening, offered for our church workers and helpers and benefactors, drew an unusually large congregation. What a beautiful gift to the Sacred Heart! The music, the lights, the solemn ceremonies, all contributed to a memorable Epiphany, truly the high point of our Christmas. The new priest's sermon favorably impressed everyone.

After Mass, many of you came to the candlelight dinner buffet, prepared and served by Mark Lotarski. Helfta Hall was full for the celebration. Meanwhile, Our Lord in the Monstrance was adored by visitors and the faithful men of the Guard of Honor, whose vigilance continued throughout the night.

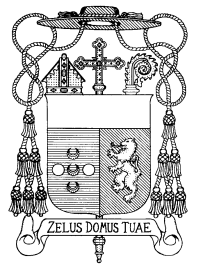
Christmas has gone to its quiet setting now, still observed in church and in prayers, its lessons soaking into the soul. Soon Candlemas will come to close the forty days, and point to the other forty which wait to launch us on our career of penance. Soon enough.

Our seminarians have returned to their studies. This Sunday I am with them, beginning their annual five-day retreat. The theme of the retreat is the Holy Ghost, Whom I ask you to invoke on our behalf.

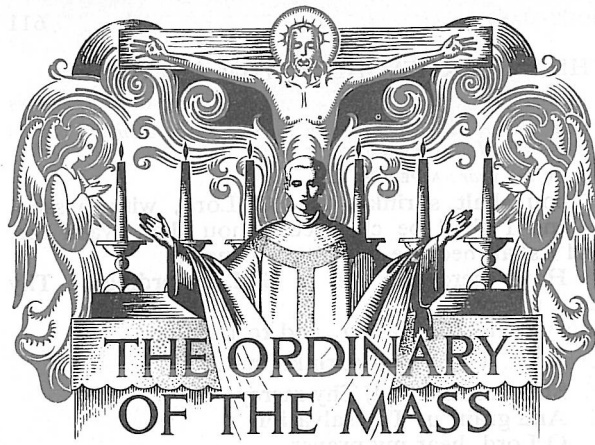
Caravaggio had been acting so strangely over Christmas that I wondered if he would have to go to a cat counselor, until I discovered he had worms, so he went to the vet instead. They come of eating rodents, I am told, but I am afraid the cats are not to be dissuaded from one of the chief perks of feline life. Still, they are generous. On Epiphany, Caravaggio arrived, Magi-like, with his gift: a large dead brown mouse in his mouth, which he deposited outside my office door. Unusually talkative, the cat seemed to be saying that this gift was not nothing, and should be properly acknowledged!

So, thank you, Caravaggio, and thank you, all of our non-feline faithful as well, for all you did for Christmas, **your** gifts and cards, your donations and labors. They are, indeed, "not nothing," but show great generosity and devotion. God reward you all through this New Year, and all of eternity.

May our Lady of Prompt Succor speedily answer all of your prayers.



–Bishop Dolan



The Low Mass

The author Evelyn Waugh's dislike of the post-conciliar Church and the subsequent changes to the liturgy is well known. Waugh's love of the Tridentine rite was not a matter of loving the solemn splendor of a High Mass, it was simply the priest's humble absorption in the rite of a Low Mass:

"I am old now but when I was young I was received into the Church. I was not at all attracted by the splendor of her great ceremonies – which the Protestants could well counterfeit. Of the extraneous attractions of the Church which most drew me was the spectacle of the priest and his server at Low Mass, stumping up to the altar without a glance to discover how many or how few he had in his congregation; a craftsman and his apprentice; a man with a job which he alone was qualified to do. That is the Mass I have grown to know and love."

✠ THE MASS ✠

The Benefits of Daily Mass for Children

As Catholics, we are all aware of the serious nature of the eternal future of our own souls, but how much do we really think about the grave responsibility we have for the care of the souls of our children? As parents we easily prioritize our children's temporal needs: love, protection, food, shelter, good health care, education, extracurricular activity, socializing. Any one of these offers a myriad of opportunities that can direct and mold our child into the kind of adult they will become. The same applies to the spiritual formation of our children. In essence, we hold the key that unlocks the potential for success as both earthly adults and as saints. What better opportunity is there than to make daily Mass a part of their lives?

Children respond best to routines. Consider if you will the healthy patterns you may have already established in your life. Do they resemble anything from your childhood?

As children, we implicitly trusted the guidance of our parents. We believed anything Dad and Mom explained, we mirrored their political positions in life, and we even wanted to dress like them. *We went to Mass every Sunday with them.* Chances are if you went to daily Mass as a child, you are likely doing that now, as well. If daily Mass is a new or even an established practice in your life, consider taking your children with you. This will prepare them for sainthood.

The power we receive in our lives from frequent attendance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass far surpasses any other action we can choose on the path to sanctification. I have heard it called next to the Our Father, the perfect prayer. It is here in Mass that we encounter Jesus in praise, adoration and thanksgiving; in the redemptive sacrifice of His death upon the cross, and in the source and summit of Christian life as we receive the Eucharist, the Most

Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To share this often with our children offers them this same opportunity for sanctification.

But daily Mass attendance reaps many practical benefits as well. Daily Mass allows you a better opportunity to teach as you attend without distracting others around you. A little whisper to your young son to watch the priest's every move as he prepares to consecrate the host gives a greater opportunity for him to ponder a future vocation. Just as our children watch us in everything we do, so do they also watch the priest in everything that he does on the altar. The silence and concentrated efforts of presenting the essence of the Mass allow for a greater understanding of what is happening. The lack of liturgical music at low Masses fosters a quiet reverence within the heart of the child, which establishes a pattern for Sunday Mass as well. Above all else, a daily Mass **even just one extra day a week** *gives the message to your children that worshipping God in His house beyond Sunday is important.* It relays the importance of frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist and promotes a greater understanding of prayer and of the Liturgy itself.

When we come to season of "First Sacraments," consider taking your first communicant to daily Mass just as soon as possible after his big day. The impression and memory of this one extra visit, if not several daily Masses, between his First Holy Communion and the next Sunday Mass will remain with him forever.

In my own family, I have seen these benefits come full circle. Through frequent attendance of daily Mass, the patterns have been set, and my adult child tells me how much more he enjoys daily Mass attendance while at the university. My graduating senior insists that it nurtures a greater understanding of what Mass is really all about. My younger children ask to go often if we have not been in a few days. And my youngest son, who just made his First

Confession, confided in me that his fears about it had left him because he had offered his daily Masses for the purpose of his big day.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, had a profound understanding of Mass attendance and beautifully describes our sanctification through reception of Holy Communion:

"O my children, how beautiful will a soul be in eternity that has worthily and often received the good God! The Body of Our Lord will shine through our body, His adorable Blood through our blood; our soul will be united to the Soul of Our Lord during all eternity. There it will enjoy pure and perfect happiness. My children, when the soul of a Christian who has received Our Lord enters paradise, it augments the joy of Heaven. The Angels and the Queen of Angels come to meet it, because they recognize the Son of God in that soul. Then will that soul be rewarded for the pains and sacrifices it will have endured in its life on earth. My children, we know when a soul has worthily received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, it is so drowned in love, so penetrated and changed, that it is no longer to be recognized in its words or its actions...It is humble, it is gentle, it is mortified, charitable, and modest; it is at peace with everyone. It is a soul capable of the greatest sacrifices; in short, you would not know it again."

St. John Vianney's amazing description of the sanctified soul can more than be attained through frequent Mass attendance. But regarding entry into Heaven, of course, Our Lord Jesus Christ said it best: "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

May we prepare our children for Heaven in these ways, by bringing them often to daily Mass!

—April Yeager

Act of Reparation

*For Blasphemy and Violation of Sunday
To be recited on Sundays and Holydays*

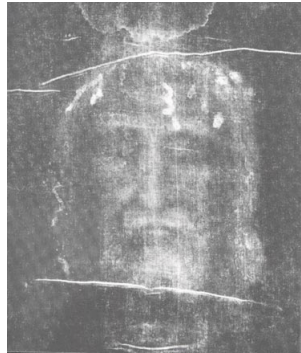
O God!
infinitely worthy of all adoration and love,
I prostrate at Thy feet,
filled with grief for the blasphemies uttered against Thy Holy Name,
and for the offenses committed against Thy Divine worship
and the observances of Thy Church.

O my God!
this blasphemy is the profanation of that which is most holy in the sight of Thine inaccessible sanctuary;
it is an attack upon Thy infinite majesty, an outrage against the Face of Thy Divine Son,
a crime without excuse, without any other motive than that wickedness which hates Thee, O God, infinitely worthy of all love!
We beg pardon, O Lord, a thousand times pardon, for these blasphemies.
Would that we could prevent them by the sacrifice of all that we are, or that we possess!
At least it is in the sincerity of our hearts that we desire with all our power to combat this horrible crime, and for all we hear or know to offer instantly by the merits of the Face of Thy Christ, our humble and sorrowful expiation.

But that which is most grievous to us is that while blasphemy and infidelity daily increase the adoration due to Thee diminishes. Alas! now, even more than in the days of the prophet Ezechiel, men neglect and profane Thy Holydays because their hearts are given to idols. Slaves of avarice and of pleasure, they no longer have time for Thy worship or attraction to Thine altars.
O Lord!
grant us the grace to make

reparation for this contempt and forgetfulness of Thee
by the zeal and fervor of our adoration.

- V. May the most Adorable Name of the Lord be glorified forever!
R. Amen.
- V. May the Holydays of Thy Church be sanctified by all men!
R. Amen.
- V. Behold, O God, our Protector-
R. And look upon the Face of Thy Christ.



In Time of Temptation

In obedience to the Immaculate Conception, I command you, every unclean spirit, to depart; cease your attacks on us, our family, business, surroundings, and on those for whom we pray.

In the name of Jesus, I command you into the deep pit. *(Make the sign of the Cross three times.)*

A powerful little exorcism.

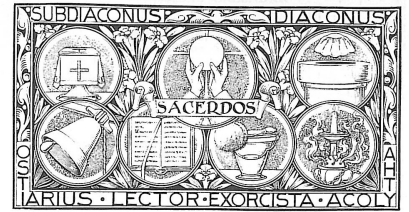
For Someone We Dislike

The fault is probably mine, Lord, but I very much dislike Thy servant N. Instead of thinking about the hundred ways in which he maddens me I turn to Thee and ask Thy help for both of us. Give me the grace to meet him as a friend; give him the grace to conquer all his faults; and give to the two of us the grace of seeing each other as we really are—bought by Thy Blood and equally friends of Thine.

For the Unity of the Church

Dissipate, we meekly beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, every self-willed opinion which tends by subversion of the faith to counteract the truth; that as Thou art acknowledged in Heaven and in earth to be the one and only God, so thy people, gathered from all nations, may glorify Thee in the unity of the faith handed down from the beginning.
Amen.

—Mozarabic



How firm, generous and perfect will those conversions be which, merited in common by Jesus and an atoning soul, will have started from the divine Tabernacle! Yes, it is there we must come for the redemption of souls, the conversion of the greatest sinners, and the salvation of the world.

—Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Most holy Lady, Mother of God, alone most pure in soul and body, alone exceeding all perfection of purity...my Lady, most holy, all-pure, all-immaculate, all-stainless, all-undefiled, all-incorrupt, all-inviolable...spotless robe of Him who clothes Himself with light as with a garment...flower unfading, purple woven by God, alone most immaculate.

—Saint Ephrem



FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION CANDLEMAS SOUP SUPPER

When: FEBRUARY 2ND

Time: IMMEDIATELY AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

Where: HELFTA HALL

What: SOUP OR DESSERT

Who: EVERYONE IN THE PARISH



We are looking forward to tasting all the special soups on February 2nd after the evening Mass!

This tends to be the highlight of Winter Dinners at St. Gertrude the Great as the skilled culinary talents of our parish members and illustrious Bishop Dolan really shine.

Bring your recipes to share, won't you? There will be blank tent signs provided to label the name of the soup and the identity of the preparer. If you don't have a favorite soup, bring a delicious dessert. The church will supply the bread and wine, and other beverages.

This is always so much fun and very relaxing. So bring your favorite soup/stew or dessert, your appetite and recipes February 2nd!

