
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 22, 2012

• EPIPHANY 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.

¶ **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.



Only say the word and my servant shall be healed.

¶ **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.

☩ JANUARY 22, 2012 • EPIPHANY III • SS VINCENT AND ANASTASIUS • CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: FOR THE CONVERSION OF AMERICA •

Today we observe a special day of prayer for our beloved America, both for her conversion, and for especially the end of abortion in our land. A pro-life Rosary will be prayed 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. Morning classes are at 10:40 AM.

☩ THIS WEEK

Three days remain for our Chair of Unity Octave which closes on **Wednesday**. The monthly Requiem for the Poor Souls is sung on **Thursday**. **Friday evening** offers beautiful devotions before and after Mass.

☩ NEXT SUNDAY

The Feast of St. Francis de Sales and the Closing of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Morning classes and evening Vespers with Benediction are as usual.

Set Your Missal: St. Francis de Sales (January 29) with collect and proper Last Gospel of Epiphany IV.



The World’s Cry

When with sweet Mary’s bidding I comply,
 Trusting my love may please her;
 With my heart the rebel passions cry:
 “Thou art no friend of Caesar.”
 -Thomas E. Burke, C.S.C.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

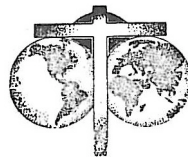
Our Lord is said to have dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude the Great to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

Eternal Father,
 I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.



“I hope that I never ridicule what is wise or good. Follies and nonsense, whims and inconsistencies do divert me, I own, and I laugh at them whenever I can.”

-Elizabeth Bennet, *Pride and Prejudice*
 by Jane Austen



Servers
 JANUARY 23 - JANUARY 29, 2012

- FRI 1/27 5:45 PM LOW: Regular Friday Servers
- SAT 1/28 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
 8:15 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 1/29 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Soli, T. Simpson
 ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: A. Lawrence MC: R. VandeRyt CROSS: B. Lotarski MITRE: A. Richesson,
 CROZIER: J. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Soli,
 M. Simpson, J. Morgan, P. Omlor, J. Morgan
 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
 4:45 PM VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: G. Miller,
 J. Soli, J. Lacy
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers
 JANUARY 29, 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

Best Poem in the World

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
 As I entered Heaven’s door,
 Not by the beauty of it all,
 Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
 Who made me sputter and gasp-
 The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
 The alcoholics, and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
 Who swiped my lunch money twice.
 Next to him was my old neighbor
 Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
 Was rotting away in hell,
 Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
 Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, ‘What’s the deal?
 I would love to hear Your take.
 How’d all these sinners get up here?
 God must’ve made a mistake.

‘And why is everyone so quiet,
 So somber - give me a clue.’
 ‘Hush, child,’ He said,
 ‘they’re all in shock.
 No one thought they’d be seeing you.’

JUDGE NOT!

Remember...Just going to church
 doesn’t make you a Christian any more
 than standing in your garage makes you
 a car.


Every saint has a PAST...
 Every sinner has a FUTURE...
 Now it’s your turn...Share this poem.




Collection Report

Sunday January 15th\$3,393.99

Remember St. Gertrude’s in your will!

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 1/23/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE VI
ST RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C
ST. EMERENTIANA, V**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** †Thomas Hable (*M/M Ed Richesson*)
- TUE 1/24/12 CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE VII
ST TIMOTHY, BPM**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** For the consolation and deliverance into Heaven of the Souls in Purgatory (*Rose & Nick Manno*)
5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (*Patrick Omlor*)
- WED 1/25/12 CLOSING OF CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE
CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, AP**
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Jesse & Ryan Nelson (*Aunt Jennifer & Uncle Scott*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls Gratitude especially Alice Broerman (*DJR*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THUR 1/26/12 ST POLYCARP, BPM**
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
 **11:20 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM Low Mass Mary & Dave - their intentions (*Hinons*)
- FRI 1/27/12 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD**
10:55 AM Confessions
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Ivan Landry-Birthday (*Mother, Joan Landry*)
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V
 **5:45 PM Low Mass** Our Lady of La Salette-Poor Souls of Priests (*JCS*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
- SAT 1/28/12 ST PETER NOLASCO, C
ST AGNES, VM (THE SECOND TIME)**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (*Tom & Stella Simpson*)
8:15 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Mary Montello (*Karen Puglielli*)
- SUN 1/29/12 EPIPHANY IV
ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD**
7:30 AM Low Mass †Bob & Ruth Brockman (*Jane & Rob Brockman*)
9:00 AM High Mass For the People of St. Gertrude

Well, today **is** the Lord's Day, as usual, every eight days. It **belongs** to God. In addition, it is a day of pro-life prayer, and for America's conversion. I invite **you** to return to church to pray with us ... this morning for the 11:10 AM Rosary, this afternoon for Vespers, and then devotions before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Let's make **at least** today one of those "all for God days."



I'll report on my seminary visit and retreat next Sunday, but today I want to introduce our latest deacon, Reverend Mr. Stephen McKenna, T.O.P. of Sacred heart Church in Boston, who is with us for two weeks as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood on February 11th. It is a privilege for us at St. Gertrude the Great to help even a little with the great work of preparing future priests. Please pray for him, and maybe sign up with Cucina Clerical for a meal or two? (Word is he's got a healthy appetite.)

Along the same lines, Fr. Cekada heads south today to teach for the week at the seminary. He continues his work on the little videos which promote his book, **Work of Human Hands**. Have you seen them? They are a wonderful apostolate in and of themselves.

I spoke with a fine former parishioner, Bill Buckley, the other day. Bill is very seriously ill, and wanted to speak with me. He and his wife Pat were dear and active members of St. Gertrude the Great in our early years, and we made a pilgrimage to Lourdes together. Bill has good and grateful memories of those years, and it was wonderful to visit with him after so long. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Rare is the soul who comes back to say thanks, and whose sentiments are only positive. Such an experience is a consoling one for a priest in our day.

Join me in keeping this Lord's Day especially holy, won't you? Let us pray ourselves and our land back into goodness!

I send a blessing to your home.

—Bishop Dolan



Closing of the 12 Weeks of the Mother of Good Counsel

10:40 AM Sunday Classes

11:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Sale of Linda Faith's House (*DJR*)

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass Mother of Perpetual Help-Poor Souls (*JCS*)

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION CANDLEMAS SOUP SUPPER

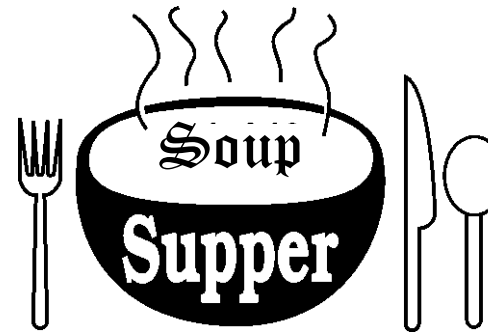
When: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2012

Time: IMMEDIATELY AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

Where: HELFTA HALL

What: SOUP OR DESSERT

Who: EVERYONE IN THE PARISH

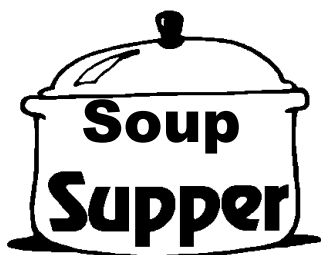


We are looking forward to tasting all the special soups on February 2nd after the evening Mass!

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!



The Mercy of Purgatory

If there were no Purgatory, imagination would fashion one. It is the hope of the living and the refuge of the dead. The bliss of Heaven is so transcendent, it calls for a perfection which appalls poor human nature. The pains of hell are around the corner of any mortal sin; and unfortunately the corners are not infrequent. People might despair, reflecting on their failures and falls, only that Christ has bestowed the mercy of Purgatory to give them hope.

Purgatory is a mercy of condescension. The All-Perfect bestows upon His sinning creatures a state of approach. We, who are sinners, are cleansed and made ready for bliss through probation. We count on mercy because in mercy God superabounds. It is His most blessed attribute to forgive; to forgive incessantly and without limit. The waves of His pity wash us everlastingly in swells of forgiveness. We have but to lie prone in sorrow for the waves to sweep over us.

We think of the absent we love. Here below, when they go from us to far countries, we hope to communicate with them. The promise that they will write to us and the hope that we can hear from them make the thought of separation less appalling. Even the shame of prison is lifted out of black dark by the comforting thought that prison doors will open sometimes for the whisperings of love and the touching of lips.

People who have not religious Faith says the Church has invented Purgatory. If this could be true, it would only show that the Church has a supreme understanding of human nature. People who believe in a hereafter of reward and punishment like to see their ship of Faith equipped with life belts.

Those religious cults that deal with the spirit world become popular, not because they establish communication between the living and the dead, but

because they are a response to a universal human craving. People hear "messages" not because the "messages" are genuine, but because people have a heart hunger for loved ones who are gone. Deception is easily fed to the credulous. Table rappings, ghost photography, and all the other bogus spirit communications, are made to appear so credible because people are so gullible.

It is not necessary to say that the doctrine of Purgatory has nothing in common with the present-day cult of spiritism. It is an established doctrine of our Faith, which declares that those who lived in the Faith here and died unworthy of immediate entrance into Heaven are detained for probation in Purgatory. With these the living can communicate through Christ and all the blessed by prayer and good works. It is not a visible, tangible, audible communication. It is not such communication as we have here on earth by physical contacts, or by virtue of those more subtle psychic relationships which are said to arise in hypnosis.

Communication between the living and the souls detained in Purgatory is a communication which is founded on Faith. To the unbelieving such communication does not exist. There is not, indeed, any visible evidence on this side the grave to prove that those souls detained in Purgatory are helped by our prayers and good works. There have been miracles to attest to the efficacy of prayers for the dead vouchsafed to certain individuals at certain times. Miracles, however, are extraordinary exceptions which are not to be counted on to sustain our Faith. The church speaks to us. She quotes from the Old Testament that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. And she quotes from the New. Her declaration is our acceptance. The mercy of Purgatory is the mercy of redemption.

-P.J.C.

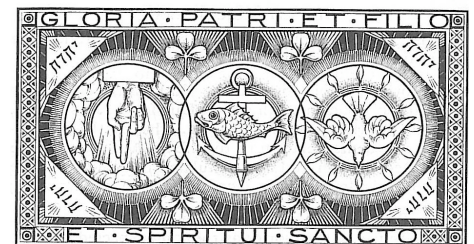
Saint Bernardine of Sienna, a great preacher and reformer, taught that Mary was the "plenipotentiary" for souls in Purgatory. Saint Teresa received a vision in which the souls in Purgatory received a spray of cool water whenever the Holy Rosary is prayed for them. Saint Alphonsus Liguori, also a Doctor of the Church, confirmed that praying the Rosary is a great means to bring relief to souls in Purgatory. Padre Pio, when giving a Rosary to someone said, "Let us empty Purgatory."

So then devotion to Mary and devotion to the poor souls are interlinked. Let us rely on our sweet and stainless Mother as the "plenipotentiary" for our brothers and sisters being refined for the eternal happiness of Heaven.

-T. Marshall



Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.



Homeward

And may we in the evening of our years,
With all earth's joys and sufferings complete,

Go forth, like holy Mary, bathed in tears,

To meet Him at the turning of the street.

-Thomas E. Burke, C.S.C.
