
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 5, 2012

• SEPTUAGESIMA •

• OCTAVE DAY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES • ST AGATHA •

◆ **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.



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 5, 2012 • SEPTUAGESIMA • OCTAVE DAY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES • ST AGATHA •**

Today's purple betokens the solemn opening of the pre-Lenten season of the "gesimas," when the Church counts the days until Easter. Today she counts the biblical seventy, Septuagesima. Purple today means planning for a good Lent. Start today.

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule to receive your alms. The **Alter Christus Confraternity** supports priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous. The monthly **second collection** is for the support of our Seminary. Help train future priests! The **Blessing of Throats** follows all Masses at the communion rail.

Morning classes (10:40 AM) and afternoon Vespers (4:45 PM) help you to sanctify the Lord's Day.

Home Candles, a powerful sacramental blessed on the feast of the Purification, are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per box.

☩ PRE-GAME PARTY

I thought that would get your attention! Actually, you should consider that you could make it to church for Vespers and still get back to the couch and chips in plenty of time for the game. "So run as to win!"

☩ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

We continue our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick, on Friday evening after Mass. Contact the church office with the *first names* of those for whom you would like us to pray.

☩ THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

This beautiful and powerful devotion also continues. Come to present your petitions for the seventh day of our Novena **before Mass** on Friday evening.

☩ NEXT SUNDAY - SEXAGESIMA

The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses. Morning Classes are

as usual, but no Vespers. Please support our St. Valentine Bake Sale!

Set Your Missal: Sexagesima, the Seven Holy Founders, Trinity Preface.

☩ VOTIVE CANDLES

The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.



☩ LUMEN CHRISTI

We also offer the practice of making a memorial donation to cover the extremely high cost of the candle for our Sanctuary Lamp. This light is made of 100% pure beeswax and olive oil, representing the purity of Our Lord. It is beautifully sweet-smelling and burns for a fortnight. You may avail yourself of the privilege of burning this visible mark of the Real Presence for a suggested donation of \$25.00. For two weeks your prayers, petitions or remembrances for your loved ones will burn continuously in the presence of Our Lord. Envelopes for this privileged donation are available in the vestibule. Your intention will be listed in the bulletin.

☩ PRAYERS NEEDED

Please continue to keep Fr. Martin, Diane Powell, Stella Simpson, Pat Patton, Danny McKnight, our shut-ins, and all of our sick in your prayers.

☩ MAIDENS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

The next meeting of our girls' group, Maidens of the Immaculate Heart, will be on Monday, February 13, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM in Helfta Hall.

Servers

FEBRUARY 6 - 12, 2012

•FRI 2/10 5:45 PM Low: Regular Friday Servers
 •SAT 2/11 7:30 AM Low: Simpsons
 •SUN 2/12 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM High: MC: J. Soli, ACS: S. & L. Arlinghaus
 TH: R. Hill TORCH: J. Lacy, J. Morgan, M. Simpson,
 N. Kuebler, P. Omlor, A. Soli
 11:30 AM Low: F. & N. Puglielli
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

Ushers

FEBRUARY 12, 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

✠ POETRY CORNER

TO A CHILD

If I might be a vigil lamp,
 White-flaming, though so fleet,
 I'd burn my little hour away
 For you at Jesus' feet.

And I would be a lamp as blue
 As the robe that Mary wore,
 When she knelt down beside her Child
 Upon the cave's cold floor.

Oh, let me be a crimson lamp
 A tiny, blood-red spark,
 To glow like one of Christ's own
 wounds

When all your world is dark!

- Lida W. Wright



THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2011 AT ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

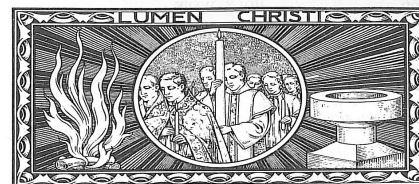
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: 8
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LUMEN CHRISTI

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before
 the Blessed Sacrament for the next
 fortnight for the following intention:*

My Parents

(Patsy McConnell Family)



Collection Report

Sunday, January 29th\$4,119.50

Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

For Septuagesima

Bless, O Lord, this new liturgical season which opens today. By penetrating its spirit may we be disposed, with Thine aid, for a serious reform of our spiritual lives. Let us then, with St. Paul, "run in the race" that we may "receive the prize." Infuse in us, O Lord, new strength to take up more eagerly the course which will lead us to win the "incorruptible crown" of sanctity. As we begin this prelude to Lent, the traditional time for spiritual reform, grant unto us a generous spirit to struggle to overcome ourselves, to conquer evil and achieve goodness; denial of self by humility; denial of the body by physical mortification. Only those who struggle and exert themselves will win the prize. Therefore let us also run in such a way as to obtain the reward. Amen.

A NEW BEGINNING

A new beginning! We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises. Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to a voice saying to us: "I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it!" Imagine.

Is it possible that our imagination can lead us to the truth of our lives? Yes, it can! The problem is that we allow our past, which becomes longer and longer each year, to say to us: "You know it all; you have seen it all, be realistic; the future will be just another repeat of the past. Try to survive it as

best you can." There are many cunning foxes jumping on our shoulders and whispering in our ears the great lie: "There is nothing new under the sun...don't let yourself be fooled."

When we listen to these foxes, they eventually prove themselves right: our new year, our new day, our new hour become flat, boring, dull, and without anything new.

So what are we to do? First we must send the foxes back to where they belong: in their foxholes. And then we must open our minds and our hearts to the voice that resounds through the valleys and hills of our life saying: "Let me show you where I live among my people. My name is 'God-with-you' (Emmanuel). I will wipe away all the tears from your eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone" (see Apoc. 21:2-5).

We must choose to listen to that voice, and every choice will open us a little more to discover the new life hidden in the moment, waiting eagerly to be born.

What is meant by: The first shall be last, and the last shall be first?

This is properly to be understood of the Jews; for they were the first called, but will be the last in order, as in time, because they responded not to Christ's invitation, received not His doctrine, and will enter the Church only at the end of the world; while, on the contrary, the Gentiles who were not called until after the Jews, will be the first in number as in merit, because the greater part responded and are still responding to the call. Christ, indeed, called all the Jews, but few of them answered, therefore few were chosen. Would that this might not also come

true with regard to Christians whom God has also called, and whom He wishes to save. (i. *Tim.* ii. 4.) Alas! very few live in accordance with their vocation of working in the vineyard of the Lord, and, consequently, do not receive the penny of eternal bliss.

**COME, LABOR ON:
THE SECRET OF SUCCESS**

St. John Bosco spent some years in working on a farm. One day while sowing seed with his master, the Angelus rang; John stopped and knelt down.

"What are you doing there, my boy? Get up and get to work!"

John answered that it is prayer which renders work fruitful. "If we pray while sowing two seeds, four ears grow. If we sow four seeds without praying, only two ears grow."

This advice is worthwhile. Only too often we work untiringly but with too little supernatural spirit. God grant that my efforts may not suffer too much from this excessive activity. We need not be surprised that the results are not in proportion to the work.

There is nothing surprising in it. "If we pray while sowing two seeds, four ears grow." Where there is union with God, there is a true spiritual fruitfulness.

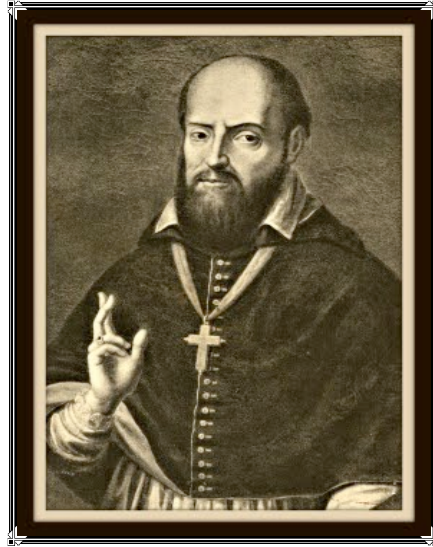
"If we sow four seeds" neglecting to pray while throwing them into the furrow, that is if the work is not actuated by faith in union with Our Lord, the results, even though they seem successful, will be only mediocre; "only two ears will grow."

"St. John Bosco, who so clearly points out the secret of success in work, grant that by your example I may supernaturalize all my works, and put as much as possible of the divine into my human activity."

More Good Reading

In the spirit of St. Philip Neri's recommendation to choose books written by authors whose names begin with an S--(as in Saint), consider those where the subject begins the same way. Among lives of saints written by saints:

- ✠St. Jerome wrote the life of St. Paul the Hermit and of St. Paula.
- ✠St. Athanasius wrote the life of St. Anthony the Abbot (the book which led to the conversion of St. Augustine).
- ✠St. Possidus wrote the life of St. Augustine.
- ✠St. Ephrem wrote the life of St. Abraham the Hermit.
- ✠St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote the life of St. Ephrem.
- ✠Pope St. Gregory the Great wrote the life of Saint Benedict.
- ✠St. Peter Damian wrote the life of St. Romuald.
- ✠St. Bonaventure wrote the life of St. Francis of Assisi.
- ✠Saint Bede wrote the life of Saint John of Beverley, Archbishop of York.
- ✠St. Robert Bellarmine wrote the life, by way of eulogy, of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.
- ✠St. Pontius wrote the life of St. Cyprian.
- ✠St. Zosimus gave the details for the life of St. Mary of Egypt.
- ✠St. Willibald wrote the life of St. Boniface.
- ✠St. Rembert wrote the life of St. Ansgar.
- ✠St. Ansgar wrote the life of St. Willehad.
- ✠St. Ennodius wrote the life of St. Anthony of Lerins and of St. Epiphanius.
- ✠St. Hildegarde wrote the life of St. Rupert and of St. Disibode.
- ✠St. Antoninus wrote the life of Blessed John the Good.
- ✠Bl. Raymond of Capua wrote the life of St. Agnes of Montepulciano and the life of St. Catherine of Siena.
- ✠St. John Bosco wrote the life of St. Dominic Savio.

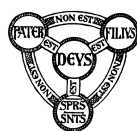


An Obstinate Fault

The president of Herse said, "When then does our ego die?" "Ego," answered Francis, "only dies with our body!"
(Letter of July 7, 1620)

St. John Don Bosco

"Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. . . .It will be a happy day for you when you succeed in overcoming an enemy by good deeds. Do not let the sun go down on your anger, and never call to mind a bygone injury or mistreatment. Never remind another of a hurt or injustice that had been forgotten. Let it always be from the heart when you say: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' And this forgiveness should be with complete and lasting forgetfulness of everything that ever hurt or harmed you. Let us embrace everybody with brotherly love."
-The dying words of a true follower of St. Francis de Sales, and of Our Lord Himself



A Cheerful View

Take a cheerful view of everything. Trust in God and mind your own business.

Pray for a short memory as to forget all unkindliness.

Cultivate forbearance till your heart yields a fine crop of it.

Give your tongue more holiday than your hands or your eyes.

Compare your manifold blessings with trifling annoyances of each day.

Do the duty that lies nearest thee; thy second duty will already have become clearer.

Be content to do the things you can, and fret not because you cannot do everything.

Never reply in kind to a sharp or angry word; it is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Make the best of what you have and do not make yourself miserable by wishing for what you have not.



**Short Prayers
of St. Francis de Sales**

Cast me not away from Your Presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Show me Your ways, O Lord, and teach me Your paths.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your Law; I shall keep it with my whole heart.

I am Your servant, O grant me understanding.

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

February, shortest month of the year, is longest in the popular Catholic lore and cultural observances still recognized by “the world.” If you read your bulletin and remember some of the sermons, you’ll know why. It’s a good thing too, for in so doing you “redeem the time,” sanctifying these holidays and observances, honoring God by remembering their mostly forgotten origins, and reminding others of them too. Talk about an easy way to be an apostle!

Let’s walk through it. They say this month is named for Februa, a pagan Roman festival of purification, connected with the Latin for “I purify by sacrifice.” Think of how the Church purifies pagan festivals by sacrificing, or cutting off, the sinful part, but using the rest. This is a Catholic way to look at the calendar. Think too of the feast of the Purification, February 2nd, ingloriously disguised by the troublesome prophet, the groundhog. Finally, February is a fitting name for the month in which Lent most often begins. This spiritual season (which the world promptly forgets after noting the quaint black forehead smudges of Ash Wednesday) provides an excellent opportunity to be purified by a threefold (**three**, for the Trinity, February’s indulgenced devotion) sacrifice: prayer, fasting, and almsdeeds, or works of charity.

The old Irish used to consider February 1st as the start of Spring, although others waited to prognosticate upon Spring’s arrival based on shadows seen or not:

*“If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come, winter, have another flight,
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,
Go, winter, and come not again.”*

Germans got the groundhog involved, though, after blessed candles were cut out by the Protestants. I think I would prefer those pure white symbols of Christ the Light, Son of the Virgin, sacrificing Himself, to those pesky dahlia-eating marmots. Still, this makes an interesting opening to the month.

February’s high point is surely **Saint** Valentine’s Day. The Novus Ordo abolished it, but the world loves it yet. Wonderful legends of the saint are told, and charming Valentines sent, but sanctified love is no legend, just a rarity in this pagan world. Next comes Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras. Look them up to be ready before they come as Lent’s vigil. Last of all come the Ashes, that perennial Catholic symbol, humbly but proudly worn on our foreheads, our once-annual Catholic identifier if you don’t count our Mt. Carmel scapulars or Miraculous Medals.

These are all great “Catholic conversation starters.” What you do after that is up to you. Ask the Holy Ghost’s help, and plunge into the conversation. It *may* lead to a conversion!

Please remember our future priest, Rev. Mr. Stephen McKenna, this week. MC Rich Vande Ryt, Fr. McGuire, Fr. Lehtoranta and I head off to Boston on Friday, to ordain him a priest forever according to the Order of Melchisedech, on Saturday, feast of the Immaculata, Our Lady of Lourdes. Please pray for good weather and all the arrangements to go smoothly. Most of all pray that this young Dominican tertiary may burn bright with Christ’s Light to lead souls to Jesus through Mary and her Rosary.

Thank you for making the Candle Mass so splendid, and the Soup Supper another success! Full report next week.

May Our Lady of the Light shine away all of your darkness!


–Bishop Dolan

PS: I forgot St. Blaise! The Blessing of Throats **is** known and loved by Catholics, and remembered still. Non-Catholics, though, would need an explanation. Have one ready. “Go you also into my vineyard,” and work!

The Pre-eminence of Charity

Madame de Chantal said, “What rule of life do you prescribe for me?” St. Francis de Sales replied, “Do everything out of love and nothing under duress. One must love obedience even more than fearing disobedience. I leave you a spirit of freedom!”

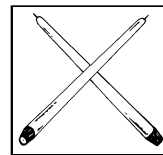
(Letter to Madame de Chantal, September 1604)

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

MON	2/6/12	ST TITUS, BPC ST DOROTHY, VM
	11:20 AM	High Mass Mark & Annette Bischel (<i>Sharon Patton</i>)
TUE	2/7/12	ST ROMAULD, AB
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass St. Gertrude's School, Students, Teachers (<i>JMB</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
WED	2/8/12	ST JOHN OF MATHA, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Connie Kamphaus</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Bishop Dolan's Intentions
THUR	2/9/12	ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD ST APOLLONIA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and for Poor Souls (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
FRI	2/10/12	ST SCHOLASTICA, V
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Patton Family</i>)
	5:15 PM	Rosary and Confessions
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena VII
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Our Lady Refuge of Sinners-Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sorrowful Mother Novena II & Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	2/11/12	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Repose of the Souls in Purgatory (<i>Tom & Stella Simpson</i>)
SUN	2/12/12	SEXAGESIMA THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †George C. VandeRyt 15th Anniversary-January 18 (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the People of St. Gertrude
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Patricia Patton (<i>Your children</i>)
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mother of Perpetual Help-Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>)

Our Beloved Dead - February

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Bernie Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994



†ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR

As Bishop of Sebaste, St. Blaise lived a life of severe penance. In 316, he suffered martyrdom after undergoing frightful tortures. Having once saved the life of a child who was dying of strangulation, he is invoked for the cure of diseases of the throat. Today blessed candles are applied to the throats of the faithful, with the prayer that they may be kept safe from all ills, through the Saint's intercession. We should remember that while Holy Church never hesitates to pray for material benefits, she primarily is concerned with our spiritual well-being. Our prayers to St. Blaise should request intercessions for all who suffer in soul, mind and body. We honor St. Blaise for his glad participation in the redemptive sufferings of Christ. Do we accept our own sufferings in a spirit of joyful co-operation with our Lord?

"...pray without ceasing in behalf of other men. For there is in them hope of repentance that they may attain to God. See, then, that they be instructed by your works, if in no other way. Be meek in response to their wrath, humble in opposition to their boasting; to their blasphemies return your prayers; in contrast to their error, be steadfast in the faith; and for their cruelty, manifest your gentleness. While we take care not to imitate their conduct, let us be found their brethren in all true kindness; and let us seek to be followers of the Lord--who was ever more unjustly treated, more destitute, more condemned?--that no plant of the devil may be found in you, but you may remain in all holiness and sobriety in Jesus Christ, both with respect to the flesh and spirit."

-St. Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Ephesians