
St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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Lent IV

(Laetare Sunday)

March 10, 2013

The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor

The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Charles McGuire
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses
7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass

Weekday Masses
See THE CALENDAR inside



Rejoice,
O Jerusalem,
and come together
all you that love her;
rejoice with joy,
you that have been in
sorrow

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—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.

Registration: Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorial Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the church office.

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

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 Churaching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Rosary Chain: To request prayers for special intentions, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MARCH 10, 2013 • LAETARE SUNDAY • FORTY HOLY MARTYRS •

Today is Laetare or Rose Sunday, also called "Rejoice" Sunday. Flowers, rose vestments in place of violet, and organ music are emblematic of our joy at the approach of Easter. We would rejoice to see you at Vespers and Benediction (4:45 PM).

The Ordinary of this morning's **High Mass** is the *Gregorian High Mass XVII* for Advent and Lent; the choir sings a 20th-Century motet, Frisina's *Anima Christi*, at the Offertory; the Communion Motets are Viadana's Renaissance Baroque *Jerusalem, Surge* and Lotti's Baroque *Vere Languores Nostros*.

"It is only charity that can expand my heart, O Jesus – since this sweet flame consumes it, I run with joy in the way of Your new commandment."
– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

✠ALTER CHRISTUS
\$220.00 in alms were received on the first Sunday of March, enough for eleven Masses for the sanctification and support of priests. Thank you for your generosity.

✠DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

At **3:00 PM** on **Wednesdays**, we offer the traditional **Children's Stations of the Cross** (*adults are most welcome!*) followed by distribution of Holy Communion.

At **7:30 PM** every **Friday** in Lent we offer a **Lenten Holy Hour**, with Stations of the Cross, a Candlelight Meditation, the Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, Benediction and Holy Communion.

✠NEXT SUNDAY

Passiontide begins. It is also **St. Patrick's Day**, and all are invited to join us for a special music and poetry program offered by the students of St. Gertrude the Great School, beginning at 12:45 PM. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will follow, and the afternoon concludes with some amazing entertainment provided by our own Father McKenna.

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after Mass. Sunday classes are at the usual time of 10:40 AM.

Set Your Missal: Passion Sunday with commemoration of St. Patrick. Preface of the Holy Cross.

"What I am certain of is that God's mercy will accompany me always."
– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

✠PRAYERS, PLEASE..

Bob Duff is doing poorly, as is his granddaughter, Maria. Keep them both, and all their family, in your prayers. Remember also baby Andrew, son of Russ and Rita, as well as Barb Steinmetz, Florence Scott, Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Reis, Helen Mahsling, and all our sick and shut-in.

✠PREPARATION FOR PASSIONTIDE

Volunteers will be most welcome to help cover the statues and pictures in church in their penitential purple, this coming **Saturday** morning after the 8:10 AM Mass.

✠EASTER MASS NOVENA & MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERINGS



Envelopes for the Easter Novena of Masses and memorial flower offerings are available in the vestibule and in the pews. The *Novena of Masses* will be said daily beginning with Easter Sunday. *Names of loved ones for the memorial flower offerings will be listed in the Easter bulletin.* Envelopes for the flower offerings must be returned by **Monday, March 25th**, to be included in the Easter bulletin. Please be generous! May God reward you.

✠UPCOMING EVENTS - Save the Date!

◆ Girls Camp – July 10 - 12, 2013.

Ushers: MARCH 17, 2013

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

LUMEN CHRISTI

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

The salvation of our children and Godchildren

(Regina & Ken Gilliam)

"What a sweet joy it is to think that God is just and He takes into account our weakness and our fragile nature.

What should I fear then?"
– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

✠NEED A HANDY HELPER?

Call Danny 513-205-5939. All your home repair needs; Spring cleaning; electrical, plumbing, carpentry and much more.

✠POSITION WANTED

Recent college graduate with a B.S. in Economics and seven year military veteran is seeking to move and work in the Cincinnati area. Strong work ethic, high energy, quick learner – seeks an opportunity to help an organization grow. Please call Trace at 253-905-4655 or email tracewgilbert@hotmail.com.

"I shall desire in Heaven the same thing as on earth – to love Jesus and make Him loved"

– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Servers: MARCH 11 - 17, 2013

FRI 3/15 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 3/16 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 3/17 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, Sr., T. Simpson, Jr. ACs: P. Lawrence, A. Lawrence TH: J. Simpson
TORCH: M. Simpson, J. & J. Morgan, P. Omlor
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, March 3rd\$3,874.00
Second Collection\$1,092.00

Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

To Saint Joseph

Through poverty of life you knew,
Saint Joseph, there is this to say:
At Jesus, and at Mary you
Gazed...upon *beauty* every day.

Refrain

Most tender Joseph, haste –
Protect our Carmel! Oh!
Let all your children, always, taste
The peace of Heaven, here below.

The Son of God, in infancy,
How often by your arms was
pressed,
As, meek to your authority,
He found upon your heart His rest.

Jesus and Mary...yes! We, too –
In solitude we serve them: for
We work to please them, as did
you;
That's what we want on earth – no
more!

Our Mother, Saint Teresa – who
Confided in you always – stressed
She found that when she prayed to
you
Quick answer came to each
request.

And so...till Heav'n our trials here
Concludes...one joyous hope we
share:
That – with our heav'nly Mother
dear –
Saint Joseph, we shall see you
there!

Last refrain

We, tender Father, call!
Our little Carmel bless:
Our exile over, may we all
Unite, in Heaven's happiness!

– St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1894)



ST THÉRÈSE'S LIFE & POETRY

St. Thérèse speaks of God as a father, God as a lover ... all the emphasis is upon tenderness and mercy. His Love in fact is All-mercy; stooping lovingly to our weakness, gratuitous. God is Justice also (hence her concern at and for sinners who reject Him). But justice and mercy are not separated: *“What a sweet joy to think that the good God is Just; that He takes our weaknesses into account, that He knows perfectly the frailty of our nature.”*

She is a child, loved, ‘dandled’ upon the knee; a lover, loved:

*One sees it – on the wings of prayer
The ardent heart is soaring high,
As when the lark – in upper air –
Sings as it rises in the sky.*

*Here, in your hearth, I stay and will
not move;
Singing within your fires in restfulness:
I live by Love!*

But it would be wholly wrong to think of her as...a child sitting back on the shore and letting the waves of love lap over her. Ten thousand times, no! “She never uses her weakness as an excuse to avoid an effort.”

One of Thérèse's poems, *‘The Story of a Shepherdess Become Queen’* (ostensibly about the novice, Sr. Marie-Madeleine, but every poem says something about Thérèse herself) speaks of the shepherdess hearing the call to Carmel, and:

*Hearing, the shepherdess at once
In joy, sets out and will not stop;
Led by her Mother, Mary – runs ...*

What marked the whole of her life was her alacrity and (in the words of her sister, Pauline) ‘a most generous attentiveness to seize every opportunity of doing acts pleasing to God.’ Poverty, obedience, virginity, all involved renunciation; but the renunciation was eager, not grudging, there was no ‘I wish I did not have to’:

*But no created being could I find
Who here on earth would love me
deathlessly ...*

What is to be seen in her, daily, is not passivity, not formality only, but ‘the dynamism of love.’ The Lisieux Carmel’s general observance of the letter and spirit of the Rule under Mere Marie de Gonzague was not all it should have been. But she, Thérèse, has her own promptings of heart; she is there to love; and, for her, love means giving without reserve:

*... I have stopped all counting up. I see
That when one loves, one doesn't
measure out!”*

*You want my heart – it's here! I utterly
Cede my desires to You ...*

In little things and great, Thérèse showed her love actively and in practical ways. Every little external act, done as well as she could, every hidden sacrifice, great or little, was not self-directed perfectionism, but a gift of love from her to God. For her, obedience to the Rule, and to her religious Superior was obedience to God. This is why, for example, when engaged in writing she ends in mid-phrase on the bell ringing. And whilst words were important to her (one who is in love cannot stop talking about the beloved), words alone would not do: she had to prove her love for Our Lord in everything, including loving her fellow nuns with Christ’s love, even (indeed, especially) those few individuals who, on the natural level, set her teeth on edge by their mannerisms.



*The multiplication of the loaves,
a type of the Christian Passover*

Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is the Sunday to “*Rejoice*” (**Introit**), lest the discipline of Lent sadden our poor frail nature. Our Sacred Liturgy today considers the causes of joy. The **Epistle** rejoices because the Church has been freed from the “*bondage*” of the Code of Moses with its motive of fear, and now enjoys the “*freedom*” of the Gospel with its motive of love. True liberty, safeguarding the individual and nation from the temporal or eternal punishment of sin, can only be gained by good Easter Confessions. Again, the **Gospel** rejoices because Jesus, while advising us to fast and mortify our senses, nevertheless performs a miracle to satisfy legitimate hunger, thereby suggesting the golden mean between two contrary excesses (neither over- nor undereating). Our Easter Communion, symbolized by this miracle, satisfies the soul’s instinctive hunger for a personal union with God, and unites men together in a real social and mystical union to work for one another in “*a City which is compact together.*” True liberty and the satisfaction of true hunger are causes of joy.

– *My Sunday Missal*



**“We have been truly set free
from subjection to sin
because we are united to Him
who is truly free”**

– St. Gregory the Great (Feast day, March 12th)

COMPASSION AND MERCY

There is no limit to God’s mercy. He never rejects us because of our sins, He never grows weary of our infidelities, He never refuses to forgive us, He is always ready to forget our offenses and to repay our ingratitude with graces. He never reproaches us for our offenses, even when we fall again immediately after being forgiven. He is never angered by our repeated failures or weakness in the practice of virtue, but always stretches out His hand to us, wanting to help us. Even when men condemn us, God shows mercy to us; He absolves us and sends us away justified

How far does our mercy go? How much compassion do we have for the faults of others? The measure of our mercy toward our neighbor will be the measure of God’s mercy toward us

God does not require us to be sinless that he may shower upon us the fullness of his mercy, but He does require us to be merciful to our neighbor, and moreover, to be humble. In fact, to be sinners is not enough to attract divine mercy; we must also humbly acknowledge our sins and turn to God with complete confidence. “What pleases God,” said Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, “is to see me love my littleness and poverty; it is the blind hope I have in His mercy. This is my sole treasure.” This is the treasure which supplies for all our miseries, weaknesses, relapses, and infidelities, because by means of this humility and confidence we shall obtain the divine mercy. And with this at our disposal, how can our wretchedness discourage us?

– *Fr. Gabriel Of Saint Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.*

Fr. Gabriel of Saint Mary Magdalen (†1952) was a Belgian Carmelite priest, teacher, and spiritual director.

**“Prayer is a cry of gratitude and love,
in the midst of trial as well as in joy”**

– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Prayer to Our Lady of the Smile

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother too, who once by a visible smile didst graciously console and cure thy child St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, we beseech thee, come to us also to console us in the troubles of this life. Detach our hearts from earth, give us health of soul and body, make us strong in hope, and obtain for us at last, that we may enjoy forever in Heaven, thy maternal and enrapturing smile. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FREQUENT MASS
AND HOLY COMMUNION

Adorable Jesus, Savior of my soul, and Source of all grace and holiness, give me, I beseech Thee, Thy abounding and effective grace, that I may deeply realize and fervently practice the exhortations of the Holy Father St. Pius X to go often, and if possible, daily to Mass and Holy Communion. Make me realize, I beseech Thee, the precious and unique graces which await me every time I receive Thy adorable Body and Blood. Aid me to esteem, above all other opportunities, this wonderful generosity of Thy Divine goodness, in offering Thyself to me every day, to enter into my heart and unite with me in the closest friendship. Convince me that, in the words of St. Pius, all that is needed for my frequent and daily Communion is a state of grace – that is, freedom from mortal sin, and a good intention – that is, the desire to please Thee and help my soul. Convince me that at the hour of my death it will be an immense consolation to remember that I have so often received into my heart Thy Body and Blood, which are a pledge of life eternal. Make me an apostle of frequent Communion, and help me to encourage others to join me in this holy practice. Amen.

Thérèse had come very early to the conviction that the Holy Eucharist was intended as nourishment for weak and struggling souls, not as the reward of achieved merit. “The Bread of Angels must come like a divine dew to strengthen you and give you everything you need,” she wrote. “Jesus does not descend from Heaven daily in order to remain in a golden ciborium, but to find another

Elevation Prayers of St. Thérèse

À l’Élévation de la Sainte Hostie:

“Père Très Saint, regardez la Face de Votre Jésus, Et, de tous les pécheurs, faites autant d’Élus!”

À l’Élévation du Calice:

“O Sang Divin de Jésus, arrosez notre terre, faites Germer des Élus!”

At the Elevation of the Sacred Host:

“Most Holy Father, look upon the Face of Thy Jesus,

And save as many souls as there are sinners!”

At the Elevation of the Chalice:

“O Divine Blood of Jesus, water our earth, make it bud forth the elect!”

Heaven, the Heaven of our souls, in which He takes His delight.”

She prayed ardently for the grace that the Church might renew its former custom of permitting the faithful to receive Holy Communion at every Mass. St. Joseph, the head of the household, of whom it was said that he gave to his loved ones “food at the proper times,” was her special patron in this concern. In Lisieux the great revision of ecclesiastical practice, which came about through the degrees of Pope Pius X, was ascribed in considerable part to Thérèse’s intercession.

Saint Joseph

It was St. Joseph’s unique mission to protect the very Son of God and Redeemer of the world. How fitting it is to offer to God the adoration of St. Joseph as a model of prayer and the interior life! We may offer his merits and prayers for our own intentions and those of the entire Church.

Those who have befriended this staunch protector of the Holy Family stand in awe at the stature of

this saint upon whose response so much depended. Let us thank God for all the graces and blessings manifested in the life of St. Joseph. In Fr. Faber’s classic, **Bethlehem**, he assures us: “*There has been more work in the soul of St. Joseph than went into the creation of the world.*”

We might learn from St. Joseph the lesson of silent prayer. Heart speaks to Heart. Surely St. Joseph holds a unique place among the lovers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His nearness to the Heart of Jesus and Mary was ordained by the Father from all eternity. Yet, he is without a single word accredited to him in Sacred Scripture! Of the countless lullabies his heart sang as it beat in unison with the Divine Child, not one is recorded!



Joseph’s song was his adherence to the Will of his Creator day in and day out. It was a song that was sung to the beat of his artisan’s hammer and the zing of the saw. There was never a discordant note played by the father of the Master Artist. This member of the “earthly Trinity” kept his medley soft and attuned to the exquisite symphony of which he had been chosen to play a part.

– *The Maryfaithful*

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Wednesday's welcome snow gave March a lion's entrance, although it wore lamb's white withal. This fitting finale to Winter (we hope!) gave many a welcome "snow day" and all one last glimpse of its cold quiet beauty. **Fr. McGuire** had yet another two-day trip, this time to return from Wisconsin. St. Thérèse is giving him a shower of snow, but it's really roses.

But this weekend's temperatures in the 50s (called for last week) and forwarded clocks join the more natural birds who call forth Spring. The beauty within church today, the rose over somber purple, anticipates the resurrection not of nature, but of her Maker. Easter is soon here. Rejoice!

We're all having a good time this Lent, and I hope you are as well. How joyful is the journey to Easter, accompanied by the Little Flower, encouraged by her engaging if enigmatic smile. Her teaching, her imitation, is within reach of all. It is the Little Way, after all. Let us love her, and follow her.

The smile is the key to all, I think. Thérèse is healed by Our Lady's smile. *We* are helped by Thérèse's encouraging smile. Sacrifices seem smaller, our little crosses and sorrows lighter, urged on "for love" by our patroness and her beloved Lady of the Smile. Serene joy prevails.

Everyone is traveling this Lent. On Friday, **Fr. McKenna** and **Abbé Hecquard** accompanied me to Detroit where **Fr. Saavedra** had invited me to give a Ladies Day of Recollection on Saturday at **Bishop Sanborn's** beautiful Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Frasier. Fr. McKenna has since gone on to Chillicothe (St. Clare's little flock is enjoying many Sunday Masses this Winter). **Fr. Cekada** has, already, his March trip to the seminary. It was scheduled to permit his return in plenty of time for Holy Week. Fr. McGuire is just happy to be home, instead of more watchful waiting at some airport. It is **Fr. Lehtoranta** who went to Milwaukee this weekend, but with the luck of the Finns he seems to avoid the delays. Fr. McKenna returned from Louisiana's March Mass at 2:15 in the morning on Monday.

Fr. Cekada reports that all went well for Bishop Sanborn's Pontifical Mass and the **Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke's** ordination to the Subdiaconate last month at Most Holy Trinity Seminary. His final months before the priesthood this Fall will pass quickly, but not quickly enough for the faithful back home, who have not had Holy Mass since **Fr. Larrabee's** visit a year ago last November. Fr. Larrabee did not receive permission to engage in missionary work so soon after his return to California this Summer. He lives now all by himself in a nice house in an almond grove near Modesto, assisting **Fr. Zapp's** flourishing apostolate. But it looks like his foreign missionary days are over, as they concentrate on trying to grow their two chapels.

Fr. Valeriy Kudriavtsev willingly accepted to visit the dear Nigerians, but this time it was state, not church, which said no. The United States is not the only country with an illegal immigrant problem. Nigeria has many rogue Russians, drawn to the oil wells. I fear this holy Ukrainian priest may have been taken for one, and thus denied a visa. It could also be the power of the Novus Ordo church, very strong in Nigeria. I do not know. Let us pray for the perseverance of the Nigerians, and of all of our isolated faithful who must wait so long for the Sacraments and Holy Mass.

I heard recently of the sad story of a lady who used to attend St. Gertrude's, driving a good distance very Sunday. Health and other issues seemed to make the trip inadvisable anymore, and she decided to frequent the local apostate church. (Does this term for the new religion seem harsh? It is quite accurate.) Do not be scandalized at any of this. People do their best, poor lost lambs, according to their lights. I only wish she had spoken to a priest, and asked for a Communion call. As we used to say, better to eat real bread once a month, than a poisoned loaf every week. But the bread passed out here is the Bread of Angels!

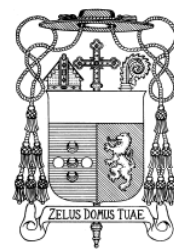
She must have realized this, as she asked a relative to promise to procure a priest (not the Novus Ordo imitation) for her last rites. Alas, she passed quickly, "*unhousell'd, disappointed, unaneled...*" We commend this gentle soul to God's mercy. It seems to me this is an important part of what we do at St. Gertrude the Great. May no one be left out, no one soul forgotten in life, at death, or after death.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day next Sunday. It is true, the statues will be wearing purple, but the sons and daughters of Erin will don a bit of the green. The school children have been busy practicing their Spring program which they will present at 12:45 PM, and the O'Donnells' traditional Irish spaghetti dinner follows. We'll play some Mexican Irish music to round things out, and Fr. McKenna will juggle a bit in the way of post-prandial entertainment.

We've concluded our St. Joseph Novena, but not our confident prayers to him for our beloved Church. Keep up your prayers and devout practices this Lent with the Little Flower, won't you?

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and yours with a smile,

—Bishop Dolan



✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

MON	3/11/13	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Bishop Dolan (DJR)
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†Rose Marie Donadio (Jane & Rob Brockman)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Fr. Hecquard's intentions
TUE	3/12/13	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, PCD	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	†Hannah Keaveney (DJR)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Poor Souls-gratitude-Intentions promised (DJR)
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†Andy & Virginia Marosi (Jane & Rob Brockman)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Poor souls-for help during Lent (JCS)
WED	3/13/13	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Poor souls-gratitude-reparation (DJR)
	11:20 AM	High Mass	Special intention-conversion (Gloria Zbilicki)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Private intentions
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	
THU	3/14/13	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:00 AM	Low Mass	Poor Souls-gratitude-my family (DJR)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Fr. Lehtoranta (Steve Heckencamp)
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†Pat Cattani (Jane & Rob Brockman)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Private intentions
FRI	3/15/13	FERIAL DAY	FAST & ABSTINENCE
		ST CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER, C THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	†Marjorie Hinterlong (DJR)
	10:55 AM	Confessions	
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†Jim Freeman (Bud)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass with Sermon	Fr. McKenna-1st anniversary 2/13 (M/M Victor Ritze)
	6:45 PM	Lenten Pot Luck	(please bring a dish to share!)
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermonette, Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII with Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Holy Communion	
SAT	3/16/13	FERIAL DAY	FAST
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	In honor of Our Lady & St. Joseph (Simpson family)

WE GET LETTERS

"I love that you have a theme for Lent and want you to know that it's helpful that you put reading in the bulletin to make it so simple. Not just the St. Thérèse inset but some of the articles that are always in there and the little one-liners in between the announcements. One of those could be enough to chew on all day. And you can't beat someone like St. Francis de Sales. I'm not a huge fan of poetry, but I do try to read them because once in a while one grabs me. As you can probably guess, I'm a very lazy reader; so again, it helps a lot to have the bulletin."

— A parishioner



"I arise today through the strength
of Christ with His baptism,
through the strength of His
crucifixion with His burial,
through the strength of His
Resurrection with His Ascension."

— Saint Patrick

	8:10 AM	Sermon, Low Mass	†Angela (Mary Christensen)
SUN	3/17/13	PASSION SUNDAY ST PATRICK, BPC ST JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C	
	7:05 AM	Rosary	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	
	9:00 AM	High Mass	†Al & Ann Arlinghaus and Butch A. (Arlinghaus family)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Classes	
	11:05 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass	†Special intention-deceased (Lori Durante)
	12:45 PM	St. Patrick's Day Spring Program, followed by Spaghetti Dinner	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	For the People of St. Gertrude the Great

Thoughts from Saint Thérèse for the Fourth Week of Lent

How much benefit have I received from the beauties of nature, bestowed in such abundance. How they raise me to Him who placed such wonders in this land of exile which is only to last a day.

O sparkling nature, if I did not see God in you, you would be naught but a great tomb.

With Your little hand which caresses Mary, You sustain the universe and bestow life; and You think of me, O Jesus my Little King.

Prayer to Saint Thérèse

O dear Little Flower, make all things lead me to heaven and God. Whether I look at the sun, the moon, the stars and the vast expanse in which they float, or whether I look at the flowers of the field, the trees of the forest, the beauties of the earth so full of color and so glorious, may they speak to me of the love and power of God; may they all sing His praises in my ear. Like you, may I daily love Him more and more in return for His gifts. Teach me often to deny myself in my dealings with others, that I may offer to Jesus many little sacrifices.

Intercede for us all the days of our life, but especially during this holy season of Lent, and obtain for us from God the graces we ask through your intercession. Amen.

MONDAY IN LENT IV

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “Souls – dear Lord, we must have souls! Above all, souls of apostles and of martyrs, that through them we may inflame the multitude of poor sinners with love of Thee.”

“There are souls for whom God’s mercy wearies not of waiting, and to whom He gives His light only by degrees.”

Prayer of St. Thérèse: O Eternal Father, Thy Only-Begotten Son, the dear Child Jesus, belongs to me since Thou has given Him. I offer Thee the infinite merits of His Divine Childhood, and I beseech Thee in His Name to open the gates of Heaven to a countless host of little ones who will forever follow this Divine Lamb. Amen.

TUESDAY IN LENT IV

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “Just as a torrent carries into the depths of the sea all that it meets on its way, so, my Jesus, does the soul who plunges into the shoreless ocean of Thy Love bring with it all its treasures. My treasures are the souls it has pleased Thee to unite with mine...”

“There is no artist who does not like his work praised, and the Divine Artist of souls is pleased when we do not stop at the exterior, but penetrating even to the inmost sanctuary which He has chosen for His dwelling, we admire its beauty.”

WEDNESDAY IN LENT IV

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “Had I been rich I could never have borne to see a poor person hungry without giving him to eat. It is the same in my

spiritual life: knowing there are souls on the point of falling into Hell, I give them my treasures according as I earn anything, and I have never yet found a moment to say: ‘Now I am going to work for myself.’”

“What attracts me to the Kingdom of Heaven is the call of our Lord, the hope of loving Him as I have so desired and the thought that I shall be able to make Him loved by a great number of souls who will bless Him forever.”

THURSDAY IN LENT IV

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “By our little acts of charity practiced in the shade, we convert souls far away, we help missionaries, we win for them abundant alms; and by that means build actual dwellings spiritual and material for our Eucharistic Lord.”

“I well know that to accomplish His work of sanctification, God has need of no one, but just as He enables a skillful gardener to rear plants that are delicate and rare, granting him for this end all the knowledge necessary, while reserving to Himself the care of giving the increase, so, too, does He will to be aided in His divine culture of souls.”

FRIDAY IN LENT IV

FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “Oh, let us profit by the brief moments of this life to give pleasure to Jesus, let us win souls for Him by our sacrifices. Above all let us be little, so little that all the world may trample us underfoot without even our appearing to feel it or to suffer from it.”



“It is so sweet to help Jesus to save the souls which He has ransomed at the price of His Precious Blood, and which only await our help to keep them from the abyss.”

SATURDAY IN LENT IV

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “I often asked myself why God had preferences, why all souls did not receive an equal measure of grace. I was filled with wonder when I saw extraordinary favors showered on great sinners like St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Mary Magdalen, and many others, whom He forced, so to speak, to receive His grace. In reading the lives of the Saints I was surprised to see that there were certain privileged souls, whom Our Lord favored from the cradle to the grave, allowing no obstacle in their path which might keep them from mounting towards Him, permitting no sin to soil the spotless brightness of their baptismal robe. And again it puzzled me why so many poor savages should die without having even heard the name of God.

“Our Lord has deigned to explain this mystery to me. He showed me the book of nature, and I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy. I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would lose its springtime beauty, and the fields would no longer be enameled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, Our Lord’s living garden. He has been pleased to create great Saints who may be compared to the lily and the rose, but He has also created lesser ones, who must be content to be daisies or simple violets flowering at His Feet, and whose mission it is to gladden His Divine Eyes when He deigns to look down on them. And the

more gladly they do His Will the greater is their perfection.”

PASSION SUNDAY

Thoughts of St. Thérèse: “It is a great trial to see only the black side of things, but that does not depend completely upon you. Do your best to detach your heart from the cares of this world, and above all from creatures; then you may be sure that Jesus will do the rest. He could not suffer you to fall into the abyss. Be comforted... in Heaven you will no longer see all black but all white; yes, all will be clothed with the divine whiteness of our Lord, the Lily of the Valley. Together we shall follow Him whithersoever He goeth...”

“We have but life’s brief day to save souls and thus to give to Jesus proof of our love. The morrow of this day will be Eternity and then He will render to you a hundredfold for the joys which you have sacrificed for Him. He knows the extent of your sacrifice...but to save our souls He has Himself suffered...”

Prayer of St. Thérèse: O my God, after exile on earth I hope to enjoy the possession of Thee in our eternal fatherland, but I have no wish to amass merits for heaven. I will work for Thy Love alone, my sole aim being to give Thee pleasure, to console Thy Sacred Heart, and to save souls who will love Thee forever. Amen.

Aspiration of St. Thérèse: Love...that is what I ask...I know but one thing now – to love you, O Jesus!

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