

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

November 15, 2015

PENTECOST XXV

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT



¶ EPIPHANY VI

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Classes are as usual. First Vespers of St. Gertrude the Great are at 4:45 PM, with Benediction.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The blessing and dedication of our new organ follows the High Mass. Sunday Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Last Sunday After Pentecost (Pentecost XXIV), with commemorations of the Octave of St. Gertrude and of St. Cecilia. Trinity Preface.



Bl. Peter Faber, SJ

"The more one is united with [God], the more abundant blessing will God give to lowly works which come from Him and are done according to His will. Do not admire, therefore, the

quality or size of a work which is visible, but rather the quality and size of the power from which it proceeds. Prefer to be full of grace and to perform small deeds greatly, than to fail to grow spiritually and to perform great deeds weakly. The smallest deeds done with a great blessing of grace last longer and bear more fruit than the greatest deeds performed with only a little grace."

— Bl. Peter Faber

Lumen Christi

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

D. Brueggemann & family
(Mr. & Mrs. Maki)



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM,
O LORD

¶ ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our patronal feast day and anniversaries (35 years in a dedicated church, 12 years in our beautiful new church) are made ever greater by the tenth ordination anniversary of Fr. Charles McGuire, and the vows of the two founding Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation. You are invited to the Solemn Mass tomorrow at 11:20 AM, followed by a luncheon. Rejoice with us!

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

In your prayers please remember Frank Ebner, Angela Segrist, Elizabeth Smith (fall), Joan Landry, Connie Kamphaus (surgery), Jenny McKeever, and Paul O'Connor. Please pray as well for a priest in trouble, and a fallen-away priest who's finding his way back.

¶ BLESSINGS

Boy, do we have boxes! There is a wall of boxes in Helfta Hall ready to be shipped. Thank you for the help with the Blessing Box project. There are 53 gifts ready to go. Children will be smiling in Mexico this Christmas.

If you still have a gift, please drop it in the box in Helfta Hall. **All Blessing Boxes must be at church by Thanksgiving.** There will be a workshop on November 27, Black Friday, to finish the shipping. We will be working from 1:00 - 3:30. Shop in the morning and stop at church to help in the afternoon.

Remember to put your shipping payment in the collection basket, the office, or tape it to the **outside** of the box. Please, **do not put the payment inside the box.**

We received very nice items for all age groups. If you are still interested in filling a box, the boys age group 10-14 was the least contributed, followed by the girls 10-14 age group.

Again, thank you for all your support in this wonderful work of charity.

Fr. Mardones reports he has many poor children, even in his American chapel at El Paso. God reward your generosity! — Bishop Dolan

"Seek grace in the smallest things, and you will find also grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things."

— Bl. Peter Faber

Collection Report

Sunday, November 8th.....\$4,936.00

Few of us will ever fly the mystical heights with St. Gertrude. If we see visions at all, I suspect they will be of the impenetrable hedge of our thorny sins and faults that keep us from the Lord.



However, we should let this great woman remind us that we don't have to muscle our way through our self-centered blockade. As Jesus did for St. Gertrude, He will lift us over it and instantly bring us to Him.

THE GIFT OF CHRIST'S WOUNDS

Lord, I received from Thine overflowing liberality this remarkable gift: Each time during the day when I reflected on Thy adorable wounds, praying the first verses of Psalm 103, I always received some new favor. At verse one, "Bless the Lord, O my soul," I placed all the rust of my sins and sensuousness at the wounds of Thy blessed feet. At verse two, "Bless the Lord...and forget not all His benefits," I washed away all the stains of carnal and perishable pleasures in the sweet bath of blood and water which Thou hast poured forth from Thy side for me. At verse three, "Who forgives all your iniquity," I rested my spirit in the wound of Thy left hand, just as a dove nests in the crevice of a rock. At verse four, "Who redeems your life from the Pit," I took from Thy right hand all that I needed for my growth in virtue. And so magnificently adorned, I prayed verse five, "Who satisfies you with good as long as you live," that I might be purified from all defilement of sin and have the poverty of my wants supplied, so that I might become worthy of Thy presence and might merit the joy of Thy holy embraces. — St. Gertrude the Great

DAILY PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE

Hail, most Sacred Heart of Jesus! Hail, Thou living and life-giving source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, consuming furnace of Divine love! Thou art my resting-place and my city of refuge. O my sweetest Savior! In flame my heart with that burning love with which Thine is consumed; pour into it those precious graces which spring forth from Thine as from their source; and unite it so intimately with Thine, that Thy will may be mine, and that mine may be ever in perfect accordance with Thine; for my only desire is, that in future Thy most adorable will may be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen.



PRAYER TO ST. GERTRUDE IN TIME OF TEMPTATION

One who was grievously tempted with evil thoughts and almost brought to consent to them, took by a holy inspiration a relic of St. Gertrude and applied it to her heart, saying with great confidence:

"O Lord Jesus, I beseech Thee by that love wherewith Thou didst choose the heart of Thy elect one, freed from every earthly affection, to be Thine own exclusive abode, and didst fill it with spiritual gifts; vouchsafe to deliver me from this fierce temptation through her merits and intercession. Amen."

As soon as she had thus prayed, the temptation left her. Imitate her example; and if you have not a relic of the saint, apply her image to your heart.

XXIX: ROSES, VIOLETS, LILIES

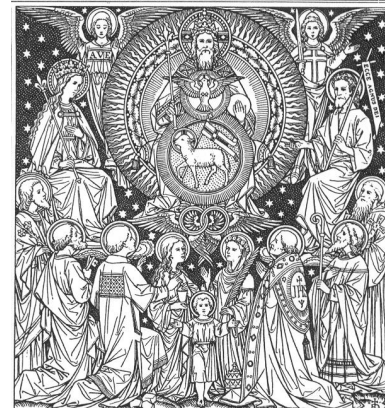
Their blood upon the earth ran
wine-dark red
When they were cut, and Mary gathered them
Within her apron, where no more they bled,
But bloomed each one a rose upon the stem.

Diminutive and frail, yet others blushed
To wear the cloak of virtue's majesty,
Instructing other hearts, their faces flushed,
Sweet violets of truth and modesty;
More fair than fair, the pure of heart were blessed
To place their lilies at their true Lover's feet,
For, He alone had occupied their breast
Wherein His heart in place of theirs did beat.

Brave martyrs, good confessors, virgins pure,
Though time must die, your flowers will endure.

—Joseph McKenzie

In festo Omnium Sanctorum, Anno MMXV



CATHOLIC NUMBERS

THE 14 HOLY HELPERS:

St. George (April 23)
Invoked against herpetic diseases; a patron of soldiers.

St. Blaise (February 3)
Invoked for throat infections.

St. Pantaleon (July 27)
Invoked for consumptive diseases; a patron of physicians.

St. Vitus (or Guy) (June 15)
Invoked for chorea, lethargy, and the bites of mad or poisonous animals.

St. Erasmus (Elmo) (June 2)
Invoked for diseases of the stomach; patron of sailors and seamen.

St. Christopher (July 25)
Invoked in storms and tempests and against accidents in traveling; patron of motorists.

St. Giles (September 1)
Invoked against panic, epilepsy, madness, and nocturnal terrors.

St. Cyriacus (Cyriac) (August 8)
Invoked for eye diseases and diabolical possession.

St. Achatius (May 8)
Invoked for headaches.

St. Dionysius (Denis) (October 9)
Invoked against diabolical possession.

St. Eustachius (Eustace) (September 20)
Invoked for protection against fire, temporal or eternal.

St. Catherine of Alexandria (November 25)
"The wise counselor," invoked by students, Christian philosophers, orators, barristers, etc.

St. Margaret of Antioch (July 20)
Invoked against backache, and by women about to become mothers.

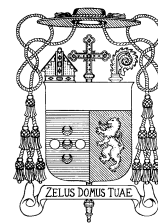
St. Barbara (December 4)
Invoked against lightning and sudden death; patron of miners and artillerymen.



THE 6 PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH (DUTIES OF A CATHOLIC):

1. To go to Mass and refrain from servile work on Sundays and Holy Days
2. To go to Confession at least once a year (traditionally done during Lent)
3. To receive the Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter Season (known as the "Easter duty")
4. To observe the days of fasting and abstinence
5. To help to provide for the needs of the church according to one's abilities and station in life
6. To obey the marriage laws of the Church.

Our sunny "St. Martin's Summer" lingers yet. (If this be global warming, bring it on!) It seemed that cold winter came for a day or two after Martinmas, with its fine Veterans' Day observance, but the sun and mild days cheer our way yet. This is the best time of the year.



Doubtless the weather helped our traditional Confraternity Cemetery Rosary Procession, led by **Fr. McGuire** at Gate of Heaven last Sunday, with many of you joining in. Amongst the graves visited and blessed were those of Sr. Gerard, Albert Kinnett, Cheryl Maki, Ralph Patton, Ron Kitchen and Stella Simpson—it was her birthday as well. Father looked for Tom Payne, but couldn't find him, and doubtless there were others: we never want anyone to be forgotten.

Remember too all of our sick, quite a few this fortnight. Visit them if you can, but keep them all in your prayers.

Don't forget tomorrow's feast day / anniversary observance. Be with us for the Solemn Mass and luncheon if you can. We are proud of our Fr. McGuire, ten years a priest, and of our Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation who are making their first vows, Sr. Isidore Maria and Sr. Jeanne Marie: These vocations are blessings for the Church and our church.

Fr. Cekada has returned from a good teaching week at the seminary, but a little hard on the throat. **Bishop Sanborn** continues to hear from enthusiastic young men, some of whom have never attended a real Mass, but who have read and studied and prayed over our position, and aspire to the holy priesthood.

I had an interesting trip to Louisiana. Life is never boring around here! **Fr. Lehtoranta** is visiting Milwaukee today. Next weekend the **McFathers** will be there to conduct the Forty Hours Devotion. Pray for its success? So many blessings come from the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. McGuire headed over to Indianapolis to take care of a few souls the other day. We don't want to forget anybody, so he is also planning a visit to central and south Illinois, and hoping to take care of one soul in Macon, Georgia, so long without the Mass. How precious is one soul in God's sight! How dangerous, how offensive to God is one false or sacrilegious Mass which presents itself as a true one.

May St. Gertrude, who knew her share of controversies and even violence in her lifetime, keep us all under the continuing mantle of her protection, as she has these past 35 years "under roof."

A worthy and humble anniversary prayer would be: "O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, speak but the word, and my soul shall be healed."

God bless you in St. Gertrude the Great,

A CHEERING THOUGHT

People ask if, given the state of the world, there is any reason to hope for the better. Lately my response has been: *Yes! It's in our young people.*

Most of us recall being young and idealistic, if only for a decade or so. Then reality sets in, and some of us—perhaps too many of us—start to negotiate the terms of our surrender to skepticism. We compromise our original goodness because it doesn't help us win the battle of life fought on worldly terms. And we want to win. We really do.



Recently I met a young woman who was exceptionally kind to an insensitive old fellow. Despite his showering her with thorny retorts, she continued to be so sweet to him. I asked her in wonder how she could be so kind. Where did it come from in her? She told me: "He reminds me of my father. My father is also nasty, and so I love him all the more. It helps widen my heart, to love people who are hard to love."

This response astounded me. I confessed to her that I had a memory of being kind as a child but had lost much of that impulse to the harshness of the years. What I used as an excuse for my behavior—"it's a tough world"—she perceived as the very reason to become gentler and more forbearing.

Grace and mercy are with the holy ones, as Wisdom teaches. The children will lead us there.

—Alice Camille

TRUE MERCY

St. Martin, after leaving the army and staying some time with St. Hilary (who made him an exorcist), thought he ought to visit his own province and parents still pagan. While crossing the Alps he fell amongst brigands; one was about to split his head with an axe, but was restrained by another. Then Martin was bound and left with one brigand to guard and search him. He began by asking Martin who he was.

"I am a Christian."

"Aren't you afraid?"

"I never felt more confident in the Lord's mercy. *You* are the one to be pitied, not I, since you practice the trade of a robber and so make yourself *unfit for the mercy of Christ.*"

The brigand was listening. Martin proceeded to expound God's word to him, and he believed. He showed Martin the way back to the road, and said farewell, asking his prayers. Henceforth the man led a blameless life, and later told the story to Sulpicius Severus, who tells it to us.

St. Martin in due course reached his home, converted his



St. Martin, whose seventeenth century of birth (315 AD) is being observed this year, gives us a good demonstration of the true idea of mercy in this story, as opposed to the false one promoted by Bergoglio.

—Bp. Dolan

YE POOR SOULS

"Help us, Lord, O help us,
Do break these heavy chains.
Mercifully free us
From these tormenting pains."

Listen to those voices pleading
And imploring their release;
Harken to their mournful begging
That those fiery flames may cease.

Hear ye not those spirits wailing
From their depths of cleansing fire?
Know ye not the burning anguish
Of those souls—their one desire?

Let our prayer God's vengeance
mend

To relieve the suffering souls.
Let our prayer to Heaven ascend
That they soon attain their goals.

—Eusebius Schweitzer, O.F.M.

"If I retain the certainty and the awareness of God's presence in me, He will make me what I can and should be."

—Bl. Peter Faber



"Always serve the Lord with gladness, for He is the source of all welfare. Let your whole concern be only this: to cling to no one but Jesus, Who can never be taken away from you."

—Bl. Peter Faber

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things. (50 days)

JUST ONE SCALE

We find fault with our neighbor very readily for small matters, while we pass over great things in ourselves. We strive to sell at an inflated price and buy with discounts. We are eager to deal out strict justice to others, but just as eager to obtain indulgence for ourselves. We expect a good interpretation to be put on all we say, but we are sensitive and critical of our neighbor's words.... We complain freely of our neighbors, but we do not like them to make any complaints about us. Whatever we do for them appears very great in our sight, but what they do for us counts as nothing. In a word, we have a very gentle, liberal, and courteous heart toward ourselves, and one which is hard, rigorous, and severe toward our neighbor. We have two scales, one weighted to measure our own goods to the best advantage, and the other to weigh our neighbors' to the worst. Even Holy Scripture tells us that "those who tell lies to one another speak with deceiving lips and a double heart" (Ps. 12:3).

Be just and fair in all you do. Always put yourself in your neighbor's place, and put him into yours, and then you will judge fairly. Sell as you would buy, and buy as you would sell, and the buying and selling will both be honest. The acts of injustice I mentioned above seem small because they do not demand restitution, and we have, after all, only taken that which we can demand using the strict letter of the law; but, nevertheless, they greatly need to be corrected, since, while on the one hand they are mere cheating tricks, on the other, they offend against fairness and charity. No one ever loses by being generous, noblehearted, and courteous.

— St. Francis de Sales (1567–1622)

"The spirit of God is peaceful and gentle, even in reproof." —Bl. Peter Faber

Prayer of Bl. Peter Faber

I beg of Thee, my Lord, to remove anything which separates me from Thee, and Thee from me.

Remove anything that makes me unworthy of Thy sight, Thy control, Thy reprehension; of Thy speech and conversation, of Thy benevolence and love.

Cast from me every evil that stands in the way of my seeing Thee, hearing, tasting, savoring, and touching Thee; fearing and being mindful of Thee; knowing, trusting, loving and possessing Thee; being conscious of Thy presence and, as far as may be, enjoying Thee.

This is what I ask for myself and earnestly desire from Thee. Amen.



THANKSGIVING

Thanks be to God for His goodness to me; **Thanks be to God** now and for eternity.

Thanks be to God for His Blessed Virgin Mother; **Thanks be to God** for becoming our brother.

Thanks be to God for His Body and His Blood; **Thanks be to God** for His most precious Food.

Thanks be to God in all ages and in all climes; **Thanks be to God** one hundred thousand times.

Thanks be to God in sickness and in health; **Thanks be to God** in poverty and in wealth.

Thanks be to God in all joy and in all sorrow; **Thanks be to God** for today and for tomorrow.

And when my poor heart lies under the sod

May my soul sing in heaven:

"Thanks be to God!"

XXXI: COR, OS, OPERATIO

O heart! O lips! O deeds! If but these three

Are all the chords that sound upon my lyre,

With heaven's saintly choir let these agree

In present life, ere I be purged in fire.

For, now I drink the chalice of regret,

That I had set Thine instrument aside

Which in my hands Thy Majesty had set,

Before my days had vanished in time's tide.

And yet, each hour Thou grantest me on earth

Is time returned, that I may yet accord

My dismal dissonance with Thy saints' mirth,

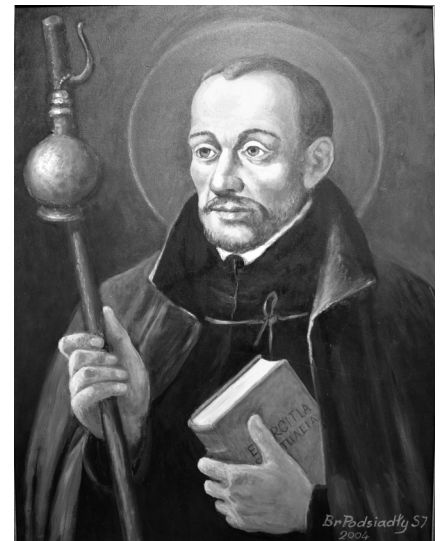
To praise Whom they in pilgrimage adored.

If life be brief and my soul's judgment swift,

Then what remains of life is Mercy's gift.

—Joseph McKenzie

*In Octava Omnium Sanctorum, Anno MMXV
Inspired by last Sunday's sermon, preached by Fr.
Lehtoranta.*



Bl. Peter Faber

✠ CALENDAR

MON 11/16/15	ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT 8:00 AM Low Mass Rev. Charles McGuire (<i>Miss Schroepfer</i>) 11:20 AM Solemn High Mass & Sisters' First Vows In honor of St. Gertrude the Great for Fr. McGuire & the Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation Luncheon 2:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction
TUE 11/17/15	ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC <i>ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC</i> <i>BL. PHILLIPINE DUSCHENE, V</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Gramma Current – anniversary of death (<i>Samantha</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass David Randall – conversion & health (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Catherine of Alexandria for †Janice West
WED 11/18/15	DEDICATION OF THE BASICLICAS OF STS. PETER & PAUL 8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony Mary Claret for Andrew West 11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D – 3 rd anniversary of death (<i>Samantha</i>) ☞ 4:00 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Barbara for †Janice West
THU 11/19/15	ST. ELIZABETH, W ST. PONTIANUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory, the repose of the soul of †Janice West 11:20 AM High Mass Joshua & Elizabeth Gunsher & their children (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Theresa Schroepfer (<i>Christopher P. Browne</i>)
FRI 11/20/15	ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Karen Simpson (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass To honor St. Joseph for prayers answered (<i>K. & J. Bischel</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT 11/21/15	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass All my prayer intentions (<i>Frances R. Mattingly</i>) 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass Intentions – Andy (<i>Darlene & Katie</i>)
SUN 11/22/15	LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ST. CECILIA, VM 7:30 AM Low Mass †John R. Hebert, Sr. (<i>Gloria Madaffari</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass In honor of the Mother of God for the clergy of S.G.G. Dedication of new organ 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Teresa Chick – beginning a bone marrow transplant on Nov. 6 th (<i>Jeanne Hille</i>) 4:45 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

SISTER ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

Carmelite Mystic (1880–1906)

Throughout her childhood, Elizabeth Catez wished for nothing more than to become a Carmelite nun, though she acceded to her mother's condition—that she await her twenty-first birthday. On that day she entered the convent in Dijon and became Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity. The next two years passed happily. "I find Him everywhere, while doing the wash as well as while praying," she wrote. But then, soon after taking her vows, she was diagnosed with an incurable disease of the adrenal glands. Elizabeth welcomed her condition as an opportunity to "conform herself to the Crucified in love."



In increasing agony, she lived on for three years. Under obedience she recorded her spiritual thoughts in notebooks published after her death. Her teaching was reflected in a letter she wrote to a friend: "We carry our heaven within ourselves, because He Who satisfies the saints with the light of vision gives Himself to us in faith and in mystery. It's the same thing. I feel I have found heaven on earth, because heaven is God and God is in my soul. The day I understood this a light went on inside me, and I want to whisper this secret to all those I love, so that they too, in whatever circumstances, will cling increasingly to God."

She died on November 9, 1906.

"A soul united to Jesus is a living smile."

– Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. (Indulgence of 300 days)

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of Holy Church. (Indulgence of 100 days)

Servers

SUN 11/22	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, N. McClorey TH: S. Arlinghaus ACs: P. Omlor, N. McClorey TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, M. & D. Simpson 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett 4:45 PM VESPER: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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