

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

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Anthony Cekada
Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

January 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

ST. ANTHONY, AB

OUR LADY OF PONTMAIN

¶ EPIPHANY II

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available today at the Communion Rail, after all Masses. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, and the opening of the Chair of Unity Octave, which features special prayers each day for the conversion of different non-Catholic groups, ending on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25th). Pope St. Pius X sanctioned and blessed this devotion, and Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the Universal Church, highly enriching it with indulgences.

The Chair of Unity Octave has accomplished an immense good in awakening Catholics to the need of interesting themselves in the conversion of those outside the fold. When the enemies of Christ seem to be triumphing as never before, how great is our obligation to pour forth fervent prayer for the millions who wander in darkness!

An Indulgence of 300 days is granted each day during the Octave, with a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions at the close of this devotion.

¶ CALLING ALL IRONERS!

We are sorely in need of ironers at church. If you are coming to a morning Mass, or just stopping by, could you see your way to ironing *just one alb* or altar linen? Every little bit will help.



JESUS CHANGES THE WATER INTO WINE AT THE
MARRIAGE FEAST OF CANA.

¶ DAY OF PRAYER – JANUARY 22

Friday marks another sorrowful anniversary, 43 years of the legalized killing of pre-born babies in our country. Come to pray and make reparation. The Votive Mass of the Holy Innocents is offered at 11:20 AM. There will also be a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 2:15 PM, concluding with Benediction. Your prayers are powerful!

Friday is also the opening of our Sorrowful Mother Novena. The Novena takes place after the 5:45 PM Mass, and concludes with the Blessing of the Sick and Benediction. Please call or write in the first names of the sick for whom you would like us to pray, as well as those of the armed forces.



Collection Report

Sunday, January 10th.....\$3,625.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA

Next Sunday we close the Twelve Sundays of Our Mother of Good Counsel, and we continue the Chair of Unity Octave. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Benediction and Devotions will be at 5:15 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Septuagesima, with commemoration of St. Timothy. Preface of the Trinity.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Barb Steinmetz has moved to St. Theresa Manor in Mariemont, where Fr. McGuire recently visited her. Write to her at:

7010 Rowan Hill Dr., Rm. 401
Cincinnati, OH 45227.

The phone number is (513) 271-7010.

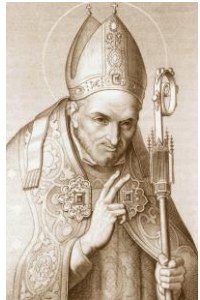
Paul Leurck and Bill Tilford were recently in the hospital. Pat Kolb, such a dear and faithful soul who has come from so far for so long had a stroke last week, and is now in the hospital. Anny Reilly was poorly last week. Joe Tomasi, of Michigan, is home from the hospital. Jerry Remmel of Milwaukee was anointed. John Seyfried and Connie Kamphaus could both use your prayers as well. The bad backs are slowly improving, as they will. Thank you for your prayer for all of our sick, as well as for the faithful departed. Word reached us of the death of Bill Jenkins Sr., the father of Fr. Jenkins. He was a great man, full of humor and hospitality, and so dedicated to his Church and country.

SOME PATRON SAINTS

St. Gemma, a third order Passionist, who said we learn how to love through suffering, was a mystic and bore the stigmata. She is also patroness of postal workers (her Guardian Angel delivered her letters, because she hated to impose on others for stamps) and those suffering back pain.



Someone asked in the sacristy the other day who is the patron of multi-taskers. I guessed St. Alphonsus because of his bilocation to assist the dying Pope Clement XIV, as well as all that he accomplished in his life. In addition one sees other bilocating saints listed, including St. Anthony of Egypt, Father of Monks and patron of animals; St. Brigid of Ireland, Mary of the Gael; and St. Armand, patron of beer. One must also mention Padre Pio, who bilocated so often, and Mother Seton, who was a mother.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2nd: Candlemas. Blessing of Candles, Procession and Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by our Winter Soup Supper & Mardi Gras Celebration.

February 10th: Ash Wednesday, a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start our Lent.

February 12th: The first of our weekly Friday Evenings of Recollection, with 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and the Stations of the Cross.

A MORNING PRAYER WRITTEN BY ST. THERESE

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.

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¶ CAN YOU SPARE A SATURDAY?

Katie needs help with church cleaning on the third Saturday of every month, just for an hour or two. If you have a Saturday to spare and would be interested in helping out, please call the church office at (513) 645-4212, or just come!

¶ OUR RECENT VIDEOS

Why Do Traditionalists Fear Sedevacantism? by Fr. Anthony Cekada:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQTh3wAUTlg

If I Were NOT a Sedevacantist by Fr. Nicholas Desposito:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJNoK1al-Yc

XLIII: LOVE TRUE

Dedicated to our priests and seminarians by the author

Who walks toward Love slips past
the village gate,
Beyond the common glow of evening's hearth,
Where fades the bark of dogs, and
worlds await
To test the step's resolve, the vision's worth.

He shall forget all uninspired
quests
For wealth or fame or rank or passing praise,
And scorn the cravings of less noble breasts,
Though other men sense madness
in his gaze.

Nor shall the world's derision
shake his will,
Nor doubt's deceits remove him
from his trail;
But he shall climb each solitary hill
To find his mark, and win perfection's Grail.

For, Christ shall be his one true
destiny

Across the portals of eternity.

-Joseph McKenzie

*Festum Sanctae Familiae Jesu Mariae
Joseph Anno MMXVI*

"Jesus came to the wedding caring more for our good than for His own dignity. He Who did not disdain to take upon Himself the form of a servant disdained not to come to the marriage of servants."

-St. John Chrysostom



The Five Octaves of Christmastide are now completed, and today's Mass marks the third miracle of Epiphany, but still you find Christmas with its lights and flowers and carols and Child and crib in church. How delightful to leave a world by turns tired and tawdry to return each week to God's House, whose splendor only hints at the Life to Come. Mother Church jealously guards our forty days of Christmas, and even when pre-Lenten purple intrudes itself she will not let go. So let us enjoy these last weeks of calm Christmas contemplation, now that the hurly burly of the rush is past.

Last Sunday was quite a scene, though, with slippery ice and blowing snow and vans like oxen and asses falling into ditches. Thank God you were all safe and accounted for, and that we managed the beautiful sung Mass pretty well, and most of you made it to Mass safely. Then came the arctic blast, but only for a bit, the week warming as it ended. Weather. But I hope you all had a blessed Holy Family Sunday, and remembered the Epiphany Home Blessing, or at least the chalk for over the door.

Fr. Cekada reported in from Florida Monday morning at 75 degrees with balmy breezes. Fr. McKenna went to the perpetual cold of North Dakota to visit the faithful. He went out in a sideways blowing snowstorm on Saturday to give Extreme Unction in Milwaukee but faced his greatest risk indoors, when he briefly set his surplice on fire. One of those days.

Darlene, looking pretty good on her cane, was by on Saturday to pick up some of her things with the help of Jerry and Marian Shawhan, dear old friends of the 80's. I ran into more of these old friends over Christmas at Margaret Kinnett's delightful surprise birthday party, given for her by her dutiful son, Albert Daniel. We agreed that it is a shame only to see each other, and that briefly, at funeral homes and dark and noisy wedding receptions. Wouldn't it be fun if somebody organized a "Those Were the Days Sharonville 80's Reunion"? We would all agree to behave ourselves for the duration, and leave heavy artillery, ice picks and maces outdoors. We'd have a blast. Memories mellow.

The cats are managing the weather changes quite nicely, going back and forth between hibernating and hunting hares. I pray we all manage well this week. Tomorrow we open our week of prayer for the conversion of non-Catholics, and on Friday we have a lot of prayer to storm Heaven "For Life," and America's conversion. There are votive Masses, a Holy Hour, two Benedictions, and three novenas, at least. Stop by and pray a little, won't you? Oh, and don't forget St. Henry, patron saint of Finland, on Wednesday.

May Our Lady of Pontmain fill you all with holy hope!

-Bishop Dolan



ON GOD'S PATH

Here I am, Lord; I come to do Thy will.

Three things make a person worthy of God's path, and three things cause them to recognize it and enter onto it. First, submit to God and relinquish all your ideas about control. Hold on to God's grace and determine to keep it by forgiving everyone in all things, as far as is humanly possible.

Second, stay on God's path by welcoming all things, except for sin. This will keep your heart open and flexible.

Third, remain on this path by doing all things well for God's honor. That's why I think doing simple things is just as important in God's sight as the highest states of contemplation. Why? Whatever I do for love gives honor to God. It's all one and the same. There's no high or low. But whenever I sin, I step off this path.

-Mechthild of Mageburg,

"The Flowing Light of the Godhead"

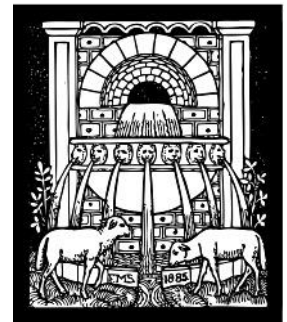


Mechthild of Magdeburg (ca. 1208-ca.1282) left behind her noble family as a young woman to take up the life of a Beguine. A mystic, she received the greeting of the Holy Spirit daily for over three decades, writing these messages as

"The Flowing Light of the Godhead." She died at St. Gertrude's Abbey of Helfta, kindly taken in by the nuns.

"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now" (2:9-10)

Drunk freely: A figurative use is found in Gn. 2:4, 6 to express the watering of ground: *At the time when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens...a stream was welling up out of the earth and was watering all the surface of the ground.* That miraculous



stream wells forth again in this divine act of re-creation. The term "good" elsewhere in John refers exclusively to Jesus. Poet Richard Crashaw († 1649): "The unconscious waters saw their God, and blushed."

"God keeps some extraordinary acts in store for certain occasions in order to rouse people out of their lethargy and so make them worship Him." -St. Augustine



Through baptism you received sanctifying grace, through baptism you were admitted into My Church.

You became a member of My mystical body and were associated with all the other members.



The stranger at the altar rail, the priest at the pulpit, the missionary on the other side of the world—you and they are all members of one body; you and they all share the divine life through grace.

As members of the same living body you need one another just as the hand needs the arm, just as the arm needs the head.

The whole body must work harmoniously to accomplish My work upon earth.

Each member is united to every other; each member should help every other; each member must strive to keep himself holy and thus win grace and strength for the whole body.

It is part of My challenge that you pray and work for the well-being of My mystical body throughout the world: that the members who are spiritually sick become well, that all men join themselves to the body.

First of all you must pray and work for your own spiritual health, for your own perfection.

Then you must pray and work for your family, for your friends, for your parish, for your diocese.

Finally, you must pray and work for all the members throughout the world: you must pray and work for the triumph of My kingdom upon earth.



The Communion of saints is the union of Catholics on earth, of the souls in purgatory, and of the saints in heaven.

The Church on earth is called the Church Militant, because of its ceaseless struggle with its three enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil. The souls in purgatory form the Church Suffering, because they are still expiating their sins in the cleansing fire. The blessed in heaven are called the Church Triumphant, because they have already secured their victory. These three divisions are one Church by the common bond of Baptism.



Catholics on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the blessed in heaven are united with Christ, just as are members of a body with the head (Rom. xii. 4).

The Holy Spirit works in all the members (1 Cor. xii. 13). "The soul," says St. Augustine, "animates all the organs of the body, and causes the eye to see, the ear to hear, etc.," just so does the Holy Spirit work in the members of Christ's body; and as the Holy Spirit proceeds from Christ, Christ is the head of the Christian body (Col. i. 18). He is the vine carrying strength and nourishment to the branches (John xv. 5). Each member of the body has its own special functions, so each member of the Church has his own gifts (1 Cor. xii. 6-10, 28). Each member of the body works for the whole body; so every member of the Church works for the common good. All the

members of the body share the pain or pleasure felt by one, and the same is true of the mutual sympathy of the communion of saints: "If one member suffer anything, all the members suffer with it; or, if one member glory, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. xii. 26). Thus the saints in heaven are not indifferent to our condition. Catholics who have fallen into mortal sin are still members of this great body, though dead members; but they cease to be members if they are excommunicated.

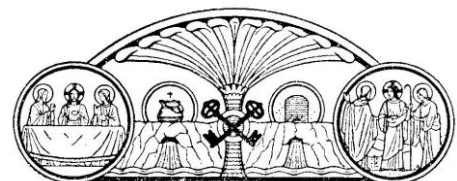
PRAYER BY ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve Thee as Thou deserves; to give and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labor and seek no reward but that of knowing I do Thy will. Amen.



PRAYER FOR APOSTLES

Give us courage and enthusiasm, give us charity and unity, give us a spirit of initiative and originality of thought. Give us a pure intention in everything and a deep love for the cross; give us a thirst for souls. Deliver us from selfishness and jealousy, deliver us from cowardice and the fear of making sacrifices; deliver us from blindness toward the need of our neighbors; deliver us from deafness toward the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.



AT THE CONSECRATION

Kneel down, bless yourself,
clasp your hands, and fixing your
eyes upon the altar, say:

Flesh of Christ, hail, sweet ob-
lation,
Sacrifice for our salvation;
On the cross a victim slain.
Bread of angels, ever living,
Health and hope to mortals
giving.

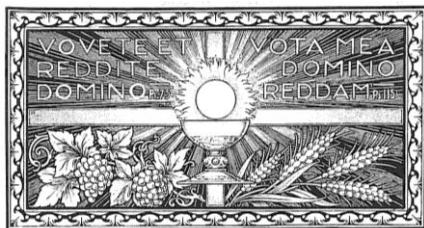
Remain upon your knees, mo-
tionless, until the bell rings again
at the elevation of the chalice.
Then bless yourself again, and say:

O fount of love, good Jesus,
Lord,

Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy all-
cleansing blood;

Of which one single drop for
sinners spilt,

Can free the entire world from
all its guilt.



HAIL, SAVING VICTIM, OFFERED FOR ME
AND FOR ALL MANKIND UPON THE GIB-
BET OF THE CROSS.

*(An indulgence of 500 days, if said during
the Elevation in the Mass)*

Flesh of Christ, hail,
Sweet oblation
Sacrifice for our salvation
On the cross a victim slain
Saved by that Thy death
Of sadness
Raise us, decked in light
And gladness
With Thee glorified to reign.

*Ave caro Christi cara
Immolate crucis ara
Pro redemptoris hostia
Morte tua nos amara*

*Fac redemptos luce clara
Tecum frui Gloria.*



O Jesu Savior! Crucified for men,
be merciful to me and all sinners,
and grant us the strength of this
Sacrament and Sacrifice, to help
both body and soul, bringing eve-
ry blessing and consolation.

*At the Elevation of the Sacred Host.
My Lord and My God!*

I believe in Thee, I hope in
Thee, I love Thee and whatsoever
Thou lovest. I grieve for Thy sake
that I could ever have offended
Thee. Do Thou absolve, forgive,
and supply for my wants.

From this moment my heart is
ready to carry out Thy every
command. I am Thine and will be
forever, possess me and conform
me closely to Thy will.

*At the Elevation of the Precious Blood.
My Lord and My God!*

Hail Precious Blood flowing
from the side of my Lord Jesus
Christ, and washing away the
stain of every sin, old and new.
Purify, sanctify and keep my soul
into life everlasting. Amen.

*At Mass, when the priest ele-
vates the Body of God, stand and
say this verse: "Behold the salva-
tion of the world, the Word of the
Father, a true sacrifice, living
flesh, the whole Godhead, true
Man," and then fall to your knees
with these greetings: "Hail, cause
of our creation! Hail, price of our
redemption! Hail viaticum of our
journey! Hail, reward of our hope!
Hail, consolation of our time*

of waiting! Be Thou our joy Who
art to be our reward; let our glory
be in Thee throughout all ages
forever. Amen."

AT THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God Who takes away
the sins of the world, have mercy
on us. Grant us peace.

O good Jesus! I acknowledge
my unworthiness, but am em-
braced by Thy goodness, which
invites us to Thee by means of
Thy death mystically prolonged;
thus my every desire is toward
Thee, O my Jesus! when shalt
Thou come and satisfy me at last?
Outside of Thee I wish or desire
nothing. Come my only and every
good, my only and final end.

*O Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of
Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, ine-
briate me. Water from the side of
Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ,
strengthen me. Suffer me not to be
separated from Thee. From the mali-
cious enemy defend me. At the hour of
my death, call me and bid come unto
Thee. So that with Thy Saints I may
praise Thee forever in heaven. Amen.*

AT THE END OF MASS

May God the Father bless us, may
Jesus Christ keep us, may the Holy
Ghost shine upon us all the days
of our life. From a sudden, unpro-
vided, and ill end may Almighty
God deliver us, the Father † and
the Son † and the Holy Ghost.
† Amen.

AFTER MASS

Receive, O Holy Father, this sacri-
fice of Thy only begotten Son, and
may it be acceptable to Thee for
me and for all for whom I have of-
fered it, a propitiation by Thy
mercy, through Christ Our Lord. I
commend my faults committed
herein to Thy sweet Heart, O Je-
sus! and plunge them in Thy Pre-
cious Blood, and myself with them
in the abyss of Thy mercies. Amen

MON	1/18/16	ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ROME ST. PRISCA, VM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The return of all the other sheep to the one fold of St. Peter, the one Shepherd." 8:00 AM Low Mass Andrew Prell – Happy Birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) (from 1/12) 11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (<i>Samantha</i>)
TUE	1/19/16	ST. MAURUS & COMPANIONS, MM ST. CANUTE, KING, M CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The return of Oriental schismatics (the Orthodox) to the Apostolic See of Rome." 8:00 AM Low Mass Janell Wilker (<i>The Dale Wilker Family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Ann Marko—anniversary of death (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Marko</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Warren Reznicek (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
WED	1/20/16	STS. FABIAN, P & SEBASTIAN, MM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The conversion of Anglicans and Episcopalians throughout the world." 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Christopher P. Browne</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass For Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
THU	1/21/16	ST. AGENS, VM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "That Protestants throughout the world might find their way back to Holy Church." 8:00 AM Low Mass A safe journey for my cousin Regina (<i>John Brueggemann</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Fr. Eldred Leslie (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass For Mary & Pauline (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
FRI	1/22/16	PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER STS. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "For the conversion of America." 8:00 AM Low Mass Thank you St. Maria Goretti for answered prayers (<i>Mrs. Laura Lynn Rios</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Votive Mass of the Holy Innocents In reparation and for an end of Abortions 2:15 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour 3:00 PM (approx.) Closing Benediction 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena IV 5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cora Arlinghaus</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	1/23/16	EPIPHANY III (ANTICIPATED) CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "Return to the Sacraments of fallen-away Catholics." ST. RAYMOND PENNEFORT, C • ST. EMERENTIANA, VM ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass The poor souls in Purgatory 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass Thank you St. Theresa for answered prayers (<i>Mrs. Laura Lynn Rios</i>)
SUN	1/24/16	SEPTUAGESIMA CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The conversion of the Jews." ST. TIMOTHY, BPM 7:30 AM Low Mass Grandparents †Herman & †Mary Pepiot (<i>Scott Pepiot</i>)

DOES THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION APPLY TO THE NOVUS ORDO?

Should a traditionalist go to a Novus Ordo Mass and be with Our Lord?... or do they leave Him to suffer alone? I've heard of some folk refusing to go to a Novus Ordo Mass even though it's valid and they'd be obligated to do so. Is this right, Father?

The commandment to keep holy the Sabbath is a divine law, while the commandment to assist at Mass is a church law aimed at implementing the divine law.

Assistance at the Novus Ordo, however, violates the divine law, as such, and frustrates the very purpose of the church law, because the Novus Ordo (a) destroys Catholic doctrine in the minds of the faithful, (b) permits or prescribes practices that are gravely irreverent, (c) is invalid, and (d) professes the union of those who assist at it with a false pope.

The divine law (Keep holy the Sabbath) would therefore in fact prohibit you from actively assisting at the Novus Ordo, because by doing so you would offend God.

-Fr. Cekada

¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS: 2016

Please note these important dates:

- *First Confessions & Testing*: Saturday, April 16. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)
- *Children's Day of Recollection*: Thursday, May 12.
- *Confirmation*: Saturday, May 14.
- *First Communion*: Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29.

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, March 16th. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 16th.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop Dolan.

Servers

SUN 1/24	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM High: MC: R. Vande Ryt TH: P. Omlor ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus CROSS: Dima Holbrook TORCH: M. & D. Simpson, C. Richesson, T. Lawrence TORCH MC: B. Lotarski 11:30 AM Low: N. & P. McClorey 4:45 PM DEVOTIONS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller
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9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great Closing of Our Mother of Good Counsel Devotions
10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Ralph Patton (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
5:15 PM	Devotions & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For a safe journey Simon & Bernadette (<i>John Brueggemann</i>)