

# 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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## February 17, 2019 SEPTUAGESIMA THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT



### ¶ SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Today we continue the triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. The Blessing of the Sick will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will take place next week.)

*“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” – St. Augustine*

### ¶ ALTAR BOY DAY!

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Altar Boy Day, beginning with Mass at 8:20 AM and closing at 2:30 PM.

### ¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual novena to the Sorrowful Mother, with the Blessing of the Sick, continues this Friday evening following the 5:45 PM Mass. Be sure to bring the sick to be blessed, and call or email the office with their names, to be mentioned during the novena.

### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Sexagesima, with second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

*“Our good Jesus always puts grace, where He puts a sacrifice.” – Mother Marie Façoise de Sales Aviat*

### Lumen Christi

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

**To heal disease**  
(Patrick Curry)



### Our Beloved Dead – February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Richard Smith	2-04-2019
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Sharon Patton	2-24-2018
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994

### Collection Report

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.....\$4,575.00

### ¶ UPCOMING

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Lenten Day of Recollection, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. Patrick's Day Program after the 11:30 AM Mass, Music for the Heart and Spirit.

### ¶ LET'S MAKE FRIDAY MEALS EASY!

Last year we had one or two ladies sign up for a parish Friday night dinner in Lent. It worked well.

We would like to share the load between two ladies each night for sure this year. One lady can cook the main dish and the other may take care of sides and drinks.

Meals will be meatless of course. No desserts are needed (fruit is always good), drinks can be limited (tea, lemonade, water, coffee—nothing too sweet). Bake a casserole, make soup, or whatever you like. Just let us know your date and menu so it can be published in the bulletin.

**March 8, 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5 and 12<sup>th</sup> are the dates that need cooks.**

You will be cooking for a maximum of 40 people. Grab a partner and pick a date.

Enjoy all the other Friday night services. It should be a win-win for all of us. Call the office or contact Marlys to set your day. Oh, you may certainly submit receipts for reimbursement.

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mary Omlor, Damian Gardner, Jane Burns, Gerry Keaveney, Charlie Henry, Fr. McGuire, and all of our intentions.

**MORNING OFFERING  
OF 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. Amen.



*“Continue to entrust everything to God, absolutely everything you have to do, so that He may teach you more and more, the happiness of living, in union with Him.”*

*– Mother Marie-Françoise de Sales Aviat*



**PRAYER FOR THE SICK  
BY POPE PIUS XXI**

O clement and pious Mother whose soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow, behold us poor sick beside you on the Calvary of your Jesus.

We, chosen for the sublime grace of suffering, and desiring to fulfill also in our own flesh that which is wanting in the Passion of Christ, for that Body of His which is the Church, consecrate to you our persons and our sufferings, so that you may offer them both on the altar of the Cross of your Divine Son as the humble victims of propitiation for our spiritual wellbeing and that of our brothers.

Accept, O sorrowful Mother, this our dedication and confirm in our hearts the great hope that, as we share the sufferings of Christ, we may thus share in His comfort here and in eternity. Amen.



**THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2019**

**Please note these important dates:**

**FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 27th.** (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

**CHILDREN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, June 6th.**

**CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 8th.**

**FIRST COMMUNION: Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.**

Parents, please note: the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by **Saturday, March 30th.** 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 27th.

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.

**Please note the following:**

- Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Catechism Class) **every Sunday**, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.
- No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.
- Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.



*“Pray to your good angels; use them as messengers in your little joys and sufferings.”*

*– Mother Marie-Françoise de Sales Aviat*



THE SAINTS, like white constellations,  
Burn in their passion of glory,  
But we in our prayers are homely,  
Like the wax candles  
That burn on the altar.

As full are the flames of the candles  
As stars, in their fullness of light,  
Full in their flame and their golden  
And mute adoration.

It comes from the earth;

It speaks dumbly

Of wax that is simple,

Of honey

And droning of bees

In walled gardens.

First-fruits we bring to the altar  
Of God, who gives joy to our youth,  
And years that are mellow and turning  
Like flowers, that turn in the waning

Of day to the last ray of light,

And fold their thin petals till morning.

The goodness of earth and the beauty  
Of things that are simple and holy.

Christ is among us,

His Heart like a rose

Expanding within us,

Alone in the sunlight.

The voice of the priest, growing urgent,

Says to us “Lift up your hearts,”

And we say, “They are lifted.”

The wandering thoughts of the server  
Are gathering into a circle

Crowning his heart, like the bees

Round a red flower, where the honey

With sweetness invites them.

With his hands of a child he lifts gently

The edge of the chasuble, waiting,

Waiting for Love’s crucifixion.



In the poor hands  
with their roughness,

The fingers misshapen with chilblains,

Christ, the white bread of the simple,  
Is lifted, and we are all lifted.

*– Caryll Houselander*

Much coming and going this past week at St. Gertrude. **Fr. Cekada** has returned from his Seminary teaching week, which he reports went well. Intrepid missionary **Fr. McKenna** barely returned (4:30 AM Tuesday) when he left again for another long trip (5:00 AM Friday). Now Fr. McKenna is many things, but a morning person he is not! But he is becoming one due to his devoted service of the missions. Although he left for the airport at 5 AM, at 10 he was still waiting for the iron bird, due to "mechanical." Such is a priest's life today. I am happy to have returned Wednesday from an excellent and most encouraging trip to Brazil. It seems they were all mostly young people, seminarians and Third Order Franciscan Friars and big young families, expertly led by newly ordained **Fr. Rodrigo Da Silva**. Sunday's Pontifical Mass and thirty some Confirmations drew faithful from all over Brazil, a very large country indeed. It was also good to get to know and speak with our young vocations, and such militant Catholics. Their school year starts this month, late Summer in Brazil. Their land, once so Catholic before the cursed council of Vatican II, must be reclaimed for Christ by His Mother, patroness of Brazil under the title of **Aparacida**, "The one who has appeared," Mary Immaculate.

I almost did not make it back to Cincinnati myself on Wednesday. I think Air Canada cancelled the last leg of my ticket, and I ended up running around Toronto Airport after I arrived at 5 AM, with two heavy, holy, suitcases, getting different stories in those panicky pre-dawn hours. But I was praying to the Aparacida as well as the Infant (also very much honored in Brazil) and finally an Indian gentleman got me a boarding pass in the twinkling of an eye. I had similar problems getting down to Brazil to start with, but a very kind and competent Moslem lady from Africa, named *Fatima* of all things, arranged matters for me. You never know.

I found the Canadians as well as the Brazilians to be lovely people, but drowning in a leftist bureaucracy, unable to manage. Canada is far worse than Brazil. So many rules, such control, and yet such confusion and poor service. Welcome to the Brave New World.

Richard Smith's funeral was surely a sad affair. It is always so when we say farewell to a great Catholic, one of our pillars for so many years. He died full of years, having outlived most of his contemporaries. Thus the sparse attendance for his Requiem. After the funeral, a sacrilege occurred. Someone spit out a half-chewed Consecrated Host, and left Our Lord on a pew. The Blessed Sacrament was discovered on Saturday morning.

It has been twenty years since we have known such a sacrilege. May I ask you to offer a Communion and at least some extra prayers of reparation? Usually our practice is to wait until our guests depart before distributing Communion at weddings and funerals. This ensures reverence, but the devil got through this once.



We turn our attention to our sick this weekend, with the Sorrowful Mother Novena, as well as today's Lourdes Blessing of the Sick. Let me know if you need any Lourdes water. I may still have some left. God still has *lots* of graces left, and He loves to bestow them upon us by Our Lady Immaculate.

Servers (and parents) please remember the wonderful Altar Boy Day on Saturday, fun, and challenges, and learning. That's our St. Gertrude way!

God bless you today!

– Bishop Dolan

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*"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." – St. Augustine*  
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### PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NOT SO BAD?

...The public school system quite invasively seeks to shape the very psychological makeup of our children. A case in point is the recent generation of collegiate "snowflakes" which is in great need of safe spaces. They live in fear of being "triggered" by even the most inane opposing viewpoint. Where did this come from? They are being mass-produced via the public school system and psychologically engineered via "social-emotional learning," which leaves rational discourse, critical thinking, and a true capacity for tolerance all in the intellectual dustbin.

– *Get Out Now: The Compelling Case Against Public Schools*

### BLESSING

The sacred Three be over me  
 With my working hands this day  
 With the people on my way  
 With the labor and the toil  
 With the land and with the soil  
 With the tools that I take  
 With the things that I make  
 With the thoughts of my mind

With the sharing with mankind  
 With the love of my heart  
 With each one who plays a part  
 The sacred Three be over me  
 The blessing of the Trinity.



– David Adam

MON	2/18/19	<b>ST. SIMEON, BPM • ST. BERNADETTE, V</b> CLOSING OF TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Tom Peter – 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ( <i>Simpson family</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass of St. Bernadette</b> Ladies & helpers who prepared Richard Smith's Funeral Luncheon – Thank you! ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell &amp; Family</i> ) <b>Closing of Triduum</b>
TUE	2/19/19	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ed Weis ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Irene Ulanowski ( <i>Colleen Eldracher</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>Votive Mass of the Blessed Trinity</b> Our Children & Godchildren ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Scott Richesson</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass of the Prayer of Our Lord in the Garden</b> Special Intention – deceased (R.H.) ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
WED	2/20/19	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Priests & seminarians at St. Gertrude's & Most Holy Trinity ( <i>Tobias Bayer</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Brigid's Intentions–Birthday ( <i>Jacinta Simpson</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>Votive High Mass of St. Joseph</b> Thanksgiving for prayers answered – St. Joseph ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Scott Richesson</i> )
	5:00 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Lou Lejeune ( <i>Kathy Gibson</i> )
THU	2/21/19	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>
	7:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jose Abella – 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary February 21 <sup>st</sup> ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †David MacDonald, Sr. 54 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary February 21 <sup>st</sup> ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	11:25 AM	<b>Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament</b> †Thelma Macke Sieverding ( <i>Mike Sieverding</i> )
FRI	2/22/19	<b>ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Judy Mourer – Happy Birthday ( <i>Rebecca Mourer</i> )
	11:05 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	11:25 AM	<b>High Mass</b> December Deceased of Youngworths & Pugliellis ( <i>Diane Puglielli</i> )
	5:15 PM	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	5:35 PM	<b>Closing of Novena to the Infant of Prague</b>
	5:45 PM	<b>Low Mass</b> The Sisters ( <i>Leanne Arlinghaus</i> )
	6:30 PM	<b>Sorrowful Mother Novena II with Blessing of the Sick</b>
	6:45 PM	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
SAT	2/23/19	<b>ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD</b> VIGIL OF ST. MATTHIAS
	7:15 AM	<b>Confessions</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> †Sharon Patton – First Anniversary ( <i>Sharon Patton</i> )
	8:20 AM	<b>High Mass with Sermon: Altar Boy Day</b> My family & friends ( <i>Rich VandeRyt</i> )
	2:30 PM	<b>Conclusion of Servers' Day</b>
SUN	2/24/19	<b>SEXAGESIMA</b>
	7:05 AM	<b>Rosary</b>
	7:30 AM	<b>Low Mass</b> Ken & Regina Gilliam – Happy Birthday! ( <i>Laura &amp; Abigail &amp; Martha</i> )

*Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur.* The Holy Ghost must needs be adored, therefore He is truly God. So to be in the True Faith, it suffices not to pay honor only, to the Holy Ghost, He must be adored as God, just as we adore the Father and the Son, *simul adoratur*: He is adored like the other two Divine Persons, and at the same time as They, *simul*. At these words, Holy Church wishes an inclination of the head to be made, as a homage paid to the Holy Ghost, Whose Divinity we are here confessing. *Et conglorificatur*, He is con-glorified that is to say, He receives glory together with the Father and the Son; He is included in the same doxology, or glorification, for doxology means to give glory.

– Dom Gueranger



ON EVOLUTION

**Constancy.** Evolution, furthermore, cannot explain the *constancy* of the order of nature. Chance is something that comes and goes. It cannot produce constant order. In fact, the very word *chance* is not even intelligible except by comparing it to order. That “something happen by chance” can only be understood in comparison to what happens by ordinary causation. For example, we might say that someone by chance found a buried treasure when he was digging in his yard. “Chance” here is only meaningful when we consider that in 99.9% of cases, you do not find a buried treasure when you plant your roses.

Constancy demands a cause, a constant cause.

– Bishop Sanborn (*To be continued*)

SERVERS

SUN 2/24 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, P. Omlor TH: C. Richesson ACS: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, T. England  
11:30 AM LOW: P. & Na. McClorey  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

9:00 AM **High Mass** †Miss Sharon Patton – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (*St. Gertrude the Great School*)  
10:40 AM **Sunday Classes**  
11:05 AM **Rosary**  
11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Sharon Patton – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (*Fr. Lebtoranta*)  
4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great