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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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October 13, 2019
PENTECOST XVIII
ST. EDWARD, KING, C
OUR LADY OF FATIMA



¶ PENTECOST XVIII

Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM today. Vespers with October Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Our final **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** takes place at 7:15 PM tonight in West Chester. Come early to receive your candle for the procession.

☞ *Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. 300 days* ☞



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$205.00 was received for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ DRESS CODE

Ladies: Please remember to wear a blouse or sweater over that form-revealing shirt or top.

Men & Boys: Coat and tie!

¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Most school days at 3:10 PM. Monday this week at **4:30 PM**. Wednesday with Benediction and Holy Communion at 3:00 PM. Friday at 5:15 with Novena and Benediction (Mass at 6:00) and Saturday at 8:05 with Benediction.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday we celebrate the feast of **St. Teresa of Avila**, with Masses at 7 and 11:25 AM and 5 PM. Honor the **Sacred Heart** on Thursday with **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**. Friday is the feast of **St. Luke, Evangelist**, with Masses at 8 and 11:25 AM, and 6 PM.

Lumen Christi

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

**For the conversion of my wife Alicia
Isela Dominguez Medrano
(Mario Saborio)**



CANDLELIGHT FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

**TONIGHT AT 7:15 PM
IN WEST CHESTER**

Plan to arrive early to receive your candle.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. The **Autumn Bake Sale** will be held after the morning Masses. There will be no Vespers.

☞ **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XIX. Second collect of St. John, Cantius, third for the Propagation of the Faith. Trinity Preface.

☞ *Mary, our Hope, have pity on us. 300 days* ☞

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The Church is the society of the faithful united:

1. By professing the same faith; 2. By participating in the same sacraments; 3. By being united under the one visible head who is the Pope.

☞ *"There is no one now living who does not owe a clear and definite answer to the question, Where do you wish and expect to go when you die?"*

– Henry Van Dyke ☞

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Forty Hours, October 25-27.

Opening services begin on Friday evening and will be followed by the Chili Supper. Adoration continues on Saturday, and the Devotion closes on Sunday evening with the Procession and Benediction.

All Saints Sunday, November 3.

Prepare a costume and presentation about a saint with your child for the All Saints' Party after the High Mass!

☞ *"Eve was the thorn, Mary came forth as the rose. Eve was the thorn whose pride brought death to all, but Mary was the rose diffusing the sweet odor of salvation to all." – St. Bernard* ☞

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Joe and Helen Gelis, Angela Kunkel, Steve Briggs, and all of our sick and shut in.

Collection Report

Sunday, October 6th.....\$4,109.00
Second Collection.....\$1,068.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE GRACE OF MARY'S YES

The Virgin is also duly called "Lady" as she has the mastery of all things, having divinely conceived and borne in virginity the Master of all by His nature. Yet she is the Lady not just because she is free from servitude and a partaker of divine power, but because she is the font and root of the freedom of the human race, especially after the ineffable and joyful Birth....

Freeing the human race, the Virgin Mother received through the angel joy and blessing instead of this curse. *And the angel came in to her, it says, and said, Hail, thou that art full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women* (Lk 1:28). The Archangel was not foretelling the future by saying, *The Lord is with thee*, but was declaring what he saw happening invisibly at the time. Perceiving that divine and human gifts of grace were to be found in her, and that she was adorned with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he truly proclaimed her full of grace. He saw that she had already received to dwell within her the One in whom are all these treasures of grace. He saw in advance the painless pregnancy and the birth without labor, and announced to her that she should rejoice and affirmed that she alone was rightly blessed and glorified among women. Even if other women may be extolled, no other can be magnified with the surpassing glory of the Virgin Mother of God.

– St. Gregory Palamas



THE MERCY OF THE MASS

"I have been firmly convinced that men are not able to satisfy God's justice for the slightest fault. This has given me joy, first, because it frees me from the everlasting uneasiness that would be mine as to whether I had done enough for my sins; for, I should always be saying to myself: No, you have not done enough. For the fault, it is not in your power, there is need of God's Blood to wipe it out; for the penalty, there is need of an eternity, or the sufferings of Jesus Christ. Now this Blood and these sufferings are in our own hands..." (*Blessed Claude la Colombiere*) Or rather, at Mass, we ask that they be taken up by the hands of an angel, to the altar on high.

"The angels standing before the throne of God veil their faces and, filled with wonder and admiration at the sight of God's infinite holiness, cry aloud without ceasing, 'Holy Holy Holy is the Lord.'

"For us poor sinners here below, our faith should produce the same effect, but differently. Gazing in spirit on this infinite sanctity, we should cry from the bottom of our hearts, 'Mercy, mercy, mercy!' This is our *Sanctus*, and the Church adopts this in her daily cry, *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*. I found this thought of honoring God's sanctity, by uniting with the angels as they cry *Sanctus*, in crying for mercy, very fruitful. As their cry is eternal, so should my cry for mercy never cease in this life." – *Abbot Columba Marmion*

Blessed Claude concludes this little meditation on Mercy and the Mass: "I would rather owe my grace to God's mercy than to my own efforts, because that would be more glorious to God and make Him much more lovable to me..."

TO AMERICA

America, how large thy spacious land!
Canst not thy heart like thy broad vales
expand?

The Rockies rise to prick the stars with
snow:

Canst not thy soul to heights as lofty
grow?

Thy mighty streams flow onward strong
with youth:

Why ebbs thy lovely tide of pristine
truth?

Niagara from the sky leaps full and free:
Why shrinks thy waterfall of liberty?

All flushed with springing grain thy fer-
tile fields,

But where the harvest that true justice
yields?

Thine El Dorados gleam with gems of
light,

But where thy treasure of belief in
right?

O let thy heart like thy green vales be
wide!

Lift up thy soul beside thy peaks of
pride;

Still let thy streams and founts refresh
mankind;

And, great in stature, be thou great in
Mind!

– Edward Wilbur Mason

For Columbus Day. If MAGA makes any sense on your cap, it only makes sense this way, the only way to "Make America great again."

– Bp. Dolan



ALWAYS

In the womb of Our Lady He spent
nine months

And on the cross He spent three hours
He was in the sepulchre for only three
days

Yet in the tabernacle He's always ours

Thank You sweet Jesus for loving us so!

– John Seyfried

Just a short note for a grand and glorious Rosary Sunday. “The clouds hung thick o’er Israel’s camp,” but out we went, Rosary in hand and dry shod for our annual procession. Actually, the sun came out during Mass, and shone brightly for the Gloria. Our new choir is coalescing nicely and honored Our Lady with a beautiful Mass. Afterwards a record crowd of 106 Rosarians and guests from all over crowded Helfta Hall for a sweet breakfast of St. Gertrude traditionals. Afterwards **Fr. Sons** gave a short account of his long road to the priesthood. We’re glad he persevered! I know everyone appreciated the chance to ask questions. Many went to church to finish the day with Fr. Sons’ “first blessing.” May God bless his priestly zeal, and render fruitful his first months’ apostolate. Keep all your priests in your prayers!



I could not conclude without a word of thanks to “the committee” of Rosary ladies, and to our young people and all of you who helped make Rosary Sunday this year to be such a success.

Now, let us turn out tonight for the Candlelight procession. Let’s shed a little “Lady Light” from the Rosary on this dark world of ours!

– **Bishop Dolan**

FATHER'S CORNER

The children of **Fr. McKenna's** mission in North Dakota were enjoying the climate change. They got their first snow two weeks ago, and were excitedly running to see it fall. They were so eager to go out to watch that did not even put their shoes on, and left trails of bare footprints in the snow. It reminded me of St. Norbert, who even in the middle of winter walked barefoot through the snow. He was so inflamed with the love of God that he seemed insensible to the rigors of the cold season.

The love of God creates happiness and stability, which the world seems to be so much lacking now. Last month the Swedish 16-year-old climate change activist Greta Thunberg arrived on her preaching tour in America. When she addressed the big crowd of schoolchildren in Manhattan, she said: “We are not in school today, and we have some adults who are not at work today either. And why? Because this is an emergency. Our house is on fire.”

Oh yes, when the house is burning around you, it’s time to pass the torch.

Because the adults are not acting any better. At

least kids have the excuse of being kids. The circus act of impeachment inquiry against the president is now in full swing. One of our political commissars, Senator Amy Klobuchar (whom our high-schoolers heard to praise the pop-star Prince on their DC visit last year), said of the president: “He’s acting like a global gangster, going to one leader after another trying to get dirt on his political opponent.” Here, just like in the Brexit mess in Great Britain, we see that for the political leaders, democracy is laudable only as long it brings the desired result.

The worst thing is that the spirit of rebellion is spreading among the Traditional Catholics as well. Recently there was a big battle-cry raised by The Remnant and its editor to “unite the clans,” namely to make all traditionalists to fight against the common enemy, the Modernists. The editor then published a tweet saying: “You know what? To h--l with the pontificate of Pope Francis!” A man so filled with sadness and despair. He might learn a lot from Cardinal John Henry Newman, whom his pope attempts to canonize today. My latest book publication is the reprint “Cardinal Newman and the Encyclical Pascendi Dominici Gregis,” written in 1908. In his letter to the author of the book, St. Pius X condemned sharply the Modernists who were falsely trying to draw with them to the mud the name of this “most illustrious man” [Newman] and said: “From so great a master they may learn many noble things: in the first place, to hold the magisterium of the Church sacred, to preserve inviolate the doctrine handed down by the Fathers, and, what is the chief thing for the preservation of Catholic truth, to honor and obey with the utmost fidelity the successor of the Blessed Peter.”

Therefore, any battle, which calls for unity within a “church” which recognizes the very enemy of Catholicism as the successor of St. Peter, is doomed to fail. It might result in fiercely passionate congresses and seminars, or even in a harshly worded denunciation letter delivered to Rome (of course addressed to “the Holy Father,”) but it will then fall flat to the ground and everything continues as before. This battle will be in the lines of the proverb coming from Ms. Thunberg’s home country Sweden: Upp som en sol, ner som en pannkaka. (“Up like the sun, down like a pancake.”)

No school tomorrow. Our students are protesting the lack of love of God and the Catholic Faith in the world, and remembering how Christopher Columbus brought them with him to this continent.

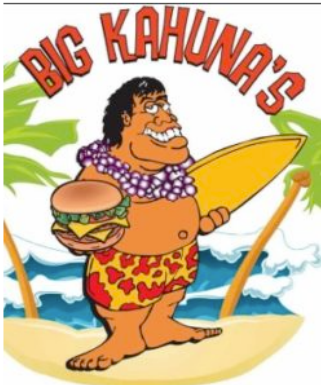
Yours in Christ and Mary,

Fr. Lehtoranta

TALKING SEDEVACANTISM WITH AN SSPX LAY KAHUNA

Father: *Even though I've figured out that sedevacantism is the only possible theological explanation for Bergoglio and the whole Vatican II mess, I still have a lot of friends and acquaintances in SSPX circles. Word of my change of position has gotten around, so the topic now comes up in conversations. Lay SSPX-ers agree with my arguments...up to a point. Their priests respond like they are brain dead, and either have no answer at all or tell me to read the Salza-Siscoe book.*

Recently, though, a layman who is a respected major player in the SSPX empire invited me over to talk with him about sedevacantism. He's an intelligent guy, and probably hopes to "convert" me back to R&R from the "errors" of sedevacantism. Any ideas about how to handle him?



Following the SSPX wave...

Look on it as an opportunity to get him thinking about some of the unquestioned "givens" the Society has handed him about "evil, schismatic, proud" sedevacantism.

Like the SSPX priest, your friend also probably told you to read the Salza-Siscoe book, which is like Ambien in

print. Zzzz. Instead of sending him links to [Dead on Arrival](#) and [A Dignified Burial](#), my two videos refuting the book's arguments, I'd recommend you point him to a big wave coming from another direction.

I. Abp. Lefebvre in Favor of Sedevacantism?

For any SSPX kahuna, clerical or lay, *the* gold standard for explaining the state of the Church after Vatican II is supposedly "the position of Archbishop Lefebvre," as if this were some great body of fixed and consistent teaching—which, of course, it was not. (See a 1984 article "The Crux of the Matter" at traditionalmass.org.)

But since the *notion* of Lefebvre's supposed authority casts such a long shadow in SSPX-land, you should meet your friend's suggestion that you read the Salza-Siscoe book with *another* suggestion to him: that he take a close look at the material found at these two links:

1. Marcel Lefebvre: Sedevacantist.

2. Pro-Sedevacantism Quotes from Abp. Lefebvre

Chances are, the lay kahuna will run this rather surprising information by an SSPX priest, perhaps even

the District Kahuna himself. These priests—unlike me—did not know Abp. Lefebvre personally or hear him say these things, and they will not have a convincing way to explain them away for your friend.

So, an intelligent and reasonable man, having been told for ages that "the archbishop's thinking" on Vatican II mess was nearly divine revelation, may indeed rightly begin to question the SSPX party line that sedevacantism is "schismatic." How *could* it be, if the Iron Bishop himself so repeatedly spoke in favor of it?

II. The Real Problem: A Defecting Church

But serving up Abp. Lefebvre's pro-sede statements is just a little hors d'oeuvre.

The essential argument against R&R and for sedevacantism is based upon ironclad principles of Catholic (i.e. pre-Vatican II) dogmatic theology concerning the indefectibility and infallibility of the *Church*—*n.b.* not just the infallibility of Roman Pontiff alone in rare *ex cathedra* pronouncements. I have provided a summary and application of the teaching in [Resisting the Pope](#), [Sedevacantism and Frankenchurch](#), and again in Section I of [Sedevacantism: A Quick Primer](#).

The logical corner to force intelligent SSPX-ers like your lay friend into is the **defecting Church**.

(1) If Vatican II is error and the new laws are evil—as SSPX and R&R firmly insist—and at the same time, and the men who promulgated them somehow still had authority from Christ, **the Church herself has defected, and Christ's promises have failed**—especially, "I am with you always."

(2) But faith tells us this is impossible.

(3) The only alternate solution consonant with the Church's infallibility and indefectibility is that the men who promulgated these errors and evils **never received authority from Christ in the first place**; *they* defected—not the Church herself—and became incapable of being validly elected popes or of receiving authority from Jesus Christ.

(4) The judgment that the changes were errors and evils is thus implicitly a judgment that those who promulgated them had no authority.

In other words, **the errors and evils of the officially-approved changes is the smoking gun** which leads to an unassailable and ironclad verdict: No authority, fake popes.

III. Wait for the Lame Excuses...

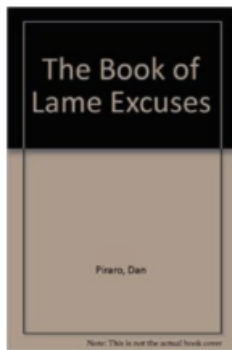
Your friend will probably have heard the standard objections that SSPX has employed to get around this



The only conclusion if you say "true popes."



A SEDE behind that smile?



An Angelus Press
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argument, and may repeat them to you:

- Where would we get a true pope, then?
- Vatican II is not universal ordinary magisterium because it is not in accord with previous “tradition,” so we’re not bound by it.
- The pope is like a bad dad whom we can disobey.

All these have been answered over the years, and answered

in spades:

(1) Not having absolute certitude *how* to get a pope **does not make a heretic a true pope by default** OR solve **your defecting Church problem**.

(2) **ALL the bishops** came home from the Vatican II and, in union with the Vatican II popes, taught the Council’s doctrines, which **John Paul II then duly enshrined and imposed as obligatory in his universal catechism**; so, if you believe the V2 popes are true popes, **Vatican II is universal ordinary magisterium**.

(3) The SSPX argument that universal ordinary magisterium, to be such and to be binding, must first be “in accord with tradition”

a. Erroneously turns a *consequence* into a *condition*. In fact, a teaching is “in accord with tradition” and infallible *because* a true pope and his bishops universally teach it—that’s how Christ’s promise works—not because you, Mr. Layman or Father SSPX, have checked out the hierarchy’s pronouncement and decided that it is consistent with “tradition.”

b. Was an argument of the anti-infallibilist “Old Catholic” party that was rejected by Vatican I.

(4) A bad dad’s authority is paternal, domestic, private and expressed in particular **commands**, whereas a pope’s authority is jurisdictional, universal, public and exercised through **universal disciplinary laws**, which are infallible. Sorry, there are *no* common points, making this old analogy particularly bone-headed and silly.

There are other equally worthless evasions that have likewise been answered again and again. (See section 3 of *Sedevacantism: A Quick Primer*.)

Your lay friend should have no difficulty understanding the argument: once you say that the officially-approved changes in doctrine and discipline are errors and are evil, you are logically stuck with one of two explanations: the Church has defected, or the individual or individuals who imposed them have defected.

Sedevacantists like Bishop Daniel Dolan, Bishop Donald Sanborn and myself have been making this same argument for decades, and no one—not Michael Davies, not *The Remnant*, not SSPX, not its SS shock troops, not anyone on the R&R side—has been able to come up with a convincing refutation for it based on the principles of pre-Vatican II dogmatic theology.

If the doctrinal, disciplinary and liturgical changes are error-ridden, evil and sacrilegious, the papacy of the Vatican II popes is toast. It is a straight-line argument to that inexorable conclusion.

Your lay friend may indeed be comfortably basking in the SSPX empire’s sunny climate at the moment. But forcing him to think logically about the Church’s infallibility and indefectibility may well lead him to say a final *aloha* to the R&R myths, and bid a new one to sedevacantism as his own wave of the future...

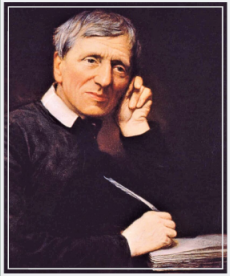
Time to catch the wave, kahuna!

– Fr. Cekada



CARDINAL NEWMAN
AND THE ENCYCLICAL
"PASCENDI DOMINICI GREGIS"

An Essay by the Most Rev. Edward
Thomas O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick



Includes Letter of St. Pius X to Bishop O'Dwyer

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This essay was written by Bishop Edward Thomas O'Dwyer in 1908 in response to the efforts of the Modernists to count the celebrated British convert Cardinal John Henry Newman amongst them. The book was approved by Pope St. Pius X, and this edition contains his personal letter of thanks to Bishop O'Dwyer. Also included is Cardinal Henry Edward Manning's eulogy at the funeral of Newman.

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✠ CALENDAR

MON 10/14/19	COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL ST. CALLISTUS I, PM
8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
4:30 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Low Mass Henry Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
TUE 10/15/19	ST. TERESA OF AVILA, V
7:00 AM	Low Mass In honorem Sanctae Mariae (In thanksgiving) (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>) – No 8:00 AM Mass –
11:25 AM	High Mass St. Anthony (Lost item found) (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
3:10 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>) (rescheduled)
WED 10/16/19	ST. HEDWIG, W <i>PURITY OF MARY • ST. GERARD MAJELLA</i>
7:00 AM	Low Mass Matthew & Katherine Gaskin (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass †Bruce Maki
11:25 AM	High Mass Margaret Knox
3:00 PM	Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Holy Communion
5:10 PM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
THU 10/17/19	ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, V
7:00 AM	Low Mass Gerard Kunkel (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass John Brueggemann – Happy Birthday (<i>Dad & Mom</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass †Thelma Macke Sieverding (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
3:10 PM	October Devotions
FRI 10/18/19	ST. LUKE, EV
8:00 AM	Low Mass The next soul to be released from Purgatory (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
11:10 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	High Mass In Honor of Our Lady's Seven Sorrows (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
5:15 PM	October Devotions, Confessions
5:45 PM	Novena & Benediction
6:00 PM	Sermon, Low Mass Happy Birthday, Michael & Regina! (<i>Theresa</i>)
SAT 10/19/19	ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C
7:15 AM	Confessions
7:30 AM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great (from 9/20)
8:05 AM	October Devotions & Simple Benediction
11:30 AM	Nuptial High Mass Mark Fischer Jr. & Anne Young
SUN 10/20/19	PENTECOST XIX • MISSION SUNDAY ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C • <i>MATER ADMIRABILIS</i>
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass †Katie Bischak (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>)
10:40 AM	Sunday Classes

ST. PETER OF ALCÁNTARA

Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance (1499–1562)

Born in a small town in Spain, Peter of Alcántara entered the Franciscans at the age of sixteen. From the start, he adopted habits of extreme austerity. He trained himself to sleep no more than two hours a night; he wore no sandals on his feet; he would eat no flesh and drink no wine. Eventually he won permission to found a group of Franciscans along these lines. It was said that their cells—only seven feet long—resembled more graves than rooms. Nevertheless, he found enthusiastic followers.

Through his preaching tours he encouraged St. Teresa of Avila, and became her spiritual advisor. At the same time she was summoning courage to initiate a reform of the Carmelite Order, and she later testified on behalf of his canonization that it was he, more than anyone, who encouraged her mission. “When I came to know him he was very old, and his body so shriveled and weak that it seemed to be composed as it were of the roots and dried bark of a tree rather than flesh,” she wrote. She also claimed, after his death in 1562, to receive visions of Peter, so that “Our Lord has been pleased to let me enjoy more time with him than I did when he was alive.”

One time a brother was complaining to Peter about the wickedness of the world, and the saint replied, “The remedy is simple. You and I must first be what we ought to be; then we shall have cured what concerns ourselves. Let each one do the same, and all will be well. **The trouble is that we all talk of reforming others without ever reforming ourselves.**”

“I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord.”

– Final words of St. Peter of Alcántara

Musica Sacra

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 3:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Haydn – Missa Sancti Bernardi,
Bach and Mendelssohn



Servers

SUN 10/20 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. Stewart, C. Vander Putten, J. & N. Kolenich
11:30 AM Low: Na. & A. McClorey
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

11:30 AM **Low Mass** Brockman children (*Rob & Jane Brockman*)
– **No Vespers** –

5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Velma Gonzalez Koepfel Birthday (Mother) (*Nathalie Andreatta*)