

# 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 24, 2019

### LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD

#### ST. CHRYSOGONUS, M



¶ **LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Today is the final Sunday of the **Christmas Craft Sale** in Helfta Hall after all Masses. Come back and do some Christmas shopping, while also supporting the church! Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

#### ¶ **THANKSGIVING**



Join us for special holiday Masses, with prayers of thanksgiving, on Thursday, November 28, at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 AM. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The *abstinence* is traditionally *dispensed* the *Friday* after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### ¶ **NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I**

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new Liturgical year. **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **7:25 AM**, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at **8:55 AM**. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. The second collection will be taken up for our seminary. Sunday Classes will be at **10:50 AM**. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

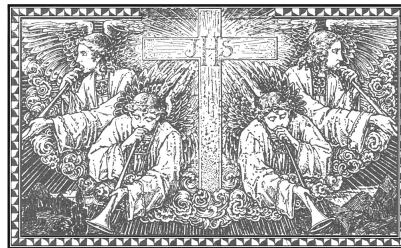
📖 **Set Your Missal:** First Sunday of Advent. Trinity Preface.

#### *Lumen Christi*

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

#### **Special Intentions**

*(Kathy Reimer)*



#### ¶ **SATURDAY – ST. ANDREW**

Saturday is the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. Masses are at 7:30 (Low) and 8:20 AM (High). The Christmas Novena prayer is traditionally started on this day.

☩ *Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.* ☩

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)*

#### ¶ **YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE**

Please pray for...all of our sick and shut in, the Fathers still under the weather.

#### **BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*(Recite on Saturday evening, November 30)*

*V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*R.* Who made heaven and earth.



*Let us pray.* O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord.

*R. Amen.*

#### **PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Let us pray.* Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

*R. Amen.*

#### ¶ **ADVENT**

Visit our Gift Shop to get ready for this season of getting ready. Advent Wreaths, as well as good spiritual reading are available. Be sure to prepare an Advent Wreath (three purple and one pink candle) for your family dining table or shrine. The first candle may be lit on Saturday evening or Sunday.

**ABOUT THANKSGIVING**

The famed novelist Morris West suggests that when you turn seventy-five years of age there should only be three phrases left in your vocabulary: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! He's right. At a certain point in our lives nothing else matters other than gratitude. We can be healthy, accomplished, famous, rich, and have left behind a legacy that will make us forever remembered, but if we are not living inside a spirit of gratitude, all of that will mean nothing. We will not be happy, nor will we be much of a source of happiness for others.

Gratitude is the ultimate virtue and the only real route to happiness. It is more important even than love because anything which does not take its root in gratitude will be self-serving and manipulative in some way. Only when we give of ourselves to others because we are grateful for how we have been blessed – only then will our love flow out as pure and as not demanding something in return. When we are not acting out of gratitude, we may be well-intentioned and outwardly generous in our actions, but we will not truly be acting in love. We will be carrying other people's crosses but, in however subtle the fashion, also sending them the bill.

The entire spiritual task of growing into a truly mature and loving person consists in rooting ourselves more and more in gratitude, where love can flow out from a heart and demand nothing in return because it already has its return.

To celebrate thanksgiving – to explicitly express and celebrate gratitude – is the singularly most important and healthiest thing we can do for ourselves, both spiritually and humanly.

–Rev. R. Rollheiser

An interesting perspective.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

*An Oecumenical of General Council is:*

1. A meeting of all the bishops convoked by the Pope; 2. Which is presided over by the Pope or his delegates; 3. Whose decrees and acts receive the approval of the Pope.

**OUR BEAUTIFUL MASS:  
THE BENEFITS OF THE MASS**

Now in the morning Mass you do all that the race needs to do and has done for all these ages where religion was concerned; there you have the sacred and separate Enclosure, the Altar, the Priest in his Vestments, the set ritual, the ancient and hierarchic tongue, and all that your nature cries out for in the matter of worship.

– *Hilaire Belloc*

**Collection Report**

Sunday,  
November 17<sup>th</sup> .....\$3542.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gerturde the Great in your will.

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS**

When Saint Theresa of Ávila met John in 1568, she was convinced that God was calling the young priest to join her in the work of reforming the Carmelites. John became master of novices for the Discalced Carmelite friars and then spiritual director at Ávila. When a backlash against the reformers occurred, members of his own order imprisoned John in a tiny cell in Toledo for nine months. Passing through a period of interior darkness, he composed poems and spiritual canticles. His ardent, elegant writing earned him the title "Mystical Doctor."

I would mention that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

–*G.K. Chesterton*

**THE SILENT WAYS**

*BY MARY M. REDMOND.*

The fields and lanes are carpeted  
In somber shades of brown,  
With here and there a golden thread,  
And now and then a glint of red,–  
Frayed bits from Autumn's gown.

The distant hills are seamed and  
scarred,  
Beneath the soft'ning haze;  
The milkweed pods are brown and  
hard,  
The sumac cones hang black and  
charred  
Above the silent ways.

Though trees are bare and skies are  
gray,  
And brown nests empty swing,  
The flow'rs will bloom again some  
day;  
So let's be cheerful as we may,  
While waiting for the Spring.

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

– *Cicero*

**LORD, TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY  
BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (1581-1601)**

Oh Lord,  
You selected the poor and simple people to be Your Apostles. Look upon Your poor servant kneeling before You now. I recognize that I am simple and poor too. Dear Lord, please teach me how to pray as You taught Your disciples upon their humble request. If it pleases You in Your goodness to grant me that grace, I shall be able to pray well and much better than I could ever hope for if left to my own efforts. Lord, I trust that You will bless me with the fulfillment of this request.  
Amen

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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The weather is back to being what it's supposed to be in late November, cloudy, overcast, cool, dark. But sunrise and sunset, if you can break away from your day for a moment, still offer surprising, cheering moments: an interesting sky towards day's end, and for dawn intense bars of rose with pale blue, but only for a few moments. No wonder the starlings, more numerous this year, are taking every available seat on the power lines at Vesper time. I've noticed less formation flying this year, more independent soaring. I guess they think too much organization is for the birds.

On Tuesday Fr McGuire drive me up to Reynoldsburg, Ohio to see a faithful Catholic and old friend who's in hospice now, Frank Ebner. We had a good visit. Later the McFathers were doing the regular sick calls. Fr Cekada is sending money, Mass stipends and support, to our priests throughout the world. We send about \$7,000 each month, thanks to the remarkable and pious generosity of you faithful from all over. It's a good thing, for most of these priests are almost entirely dependent upon your alms. Fr Nkamuke, with his seminary and ten missions is only one example. Believe it or not, the hardest thing about the procedure is the last step, actually sending the money, what with government regulations and even more arbitrary rules from the companies we use for this purpose.

But Fr Cekada also makes time for research, writing, scholarly correspondence as well as answering the letters especially of young men who have figured out the falsehood of the new religion, and are considering a vocation to the priesthood.

Fr Lehtoranta will be hosting two young Finns over the holiday weekend, one of whom he's been preparing long distance for Baptism. The work, you see, goes on. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is spread, despite the propaganda of the atheistic idol worshipper (there's a contradiction!) in the Vatican.

Yesterday we concluded St Gertrude's Octave. Good numbers came to keep Our Lady's Presentation on Thursday. That evening, through sniffles and infections, we five priests still managed a nice celebration for the November Ordination anniversaries of two of our number, Fr McGuire and Fr Lehtoranta.

I'm grateful to Renee Arlinghaus and her helpers for their enthusiastic reorganization of our parish library, down the school hall, and now dedicated to the Little Flower. Visit it. Borrow a book, a good book, and read a little daily. How much time we waste! How much good comes from good reading.

But the opposite is true as well. Be careful in your choices. Someone asked about Fr Wathen's book, *The Great Sacrilege*. He meant well, surely, but it is full of falsehoods. He was a Feeneyite heretic, after all, and even changed the Baltimore Catechism. He never did understand about the Church's infallible teaching authority. If you have the book, discard it. But spare a prayer for his priestly soul.

Thanksgiving reminds us to do that, to do it everyday, and most of all in the best possible way every eight days, by The Holy Eucharist, Sacrifice and Sacrament. "Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God" See you at Mass Thursday?

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving

— Bishop Dolan

A P.S. From Bp. Dolan

Alas, the fountain is no more. Workers covered it for the winter with a tarp, but came the wind and blew it away. The entire fountain collapsed as they attempted to secure it. Probably its time had come. We're looking for a new one.

**P.P.S.**

On the positive side, St. Clare holding her Monstrance has joined the church saints. She's in the corner opposite St. Francis, fitting for a humble and cloistered saint. Ask her for protection against the Moslems, and a deeper devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

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## ✠ CALENDAR

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MON	11/25/19	<b>ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Gus Kurtz-Birthday (Sue Kurtz) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> For all those whose names are on the altar
TUE	11/26/19	<b>ST. SYLVESTER, AB</b> ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM <i>ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C</i> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> ---Dana Kustra-Happy Birthday (M/M Wm, H. Young III) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Jeanette Green (Colleen Eldracher) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Uncle Robert T. Lotarski (M/M Mark Lotarski) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Dorothy Evans (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
WED	11/27/19	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> <i>OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</i> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Joseph Young-Happy Birthday (M/M Wm. H. Young III) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Gloria Dailey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Nov. 23 (Tom & Karen Simpson) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> In honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for †Janice West (A.M. Omlor) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention (Leanne Arlinghaus)
THU	11/28/19	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> FERIAL DAY <i>ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ</i> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> In Thanksgiving for our Priests (Mike Briggs Family) <b>No Sermon!</b> 8:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Paulina Strauss (Bp. Dolan) 9:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Paulina Strauss Birthday Remembrance (M/M Victor Ritze)
FRI	11/29/19	<b>VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW – NO SCHOOL</b> ST. SATURNINUS, M <b>NO ABSTINENCE</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Irene Ulanowski (Colleen Eldracher) 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Family Conversions (Tom & Karen Simpson) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
SAT	11/30/19	<b>ST. ANDREW, AP</b> 7:15 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Catherine May (Elizabeth Ardolina) 8:05 AM <b>Salve Regina &amp; Sermon</b> 8:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> Bishop Dolan
SUN	12/1/19	<b>ADVENT I</b> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:25 AM <b>Lighting of Advent Wreath</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Repose soul †Matta (Vietnamese Lady) 8:55 AM <b>Procession &amp; Blessing of Advent Wreath</b> <b>High Mass</b> Pro Populo 10:50 AM <b>Sunday Classes</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Viola Ripperger (J.E.S.) 4:45 PM <b>Advent Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Madeline Bischel–Grad. Bar exam (Richesson Family)

## Seruers

SUN 12/1 7:30 AM **Low**: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM **HIGH**: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lacy **CROSS**: P. McClorey  
TH: C. Richesson **ACS**: T. Lawrence, M. Simpson **MITRE**: D. Simpson  
**CROZIER**: N. McClorey **BOOK**: T. England, H. WATER: A. McClorey,  
**TORCH**: T & D England, J. Stewart, A McClorey  
11:30 AM **Low**: AD Kinnett, J. Kolenich  
4:45 **ADVENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION**: G. Miller  
5:45 PM **Low**: G. Miller

## NEW ITEMS IN BOOKSTORE

**Cultivating Virtue: *Self-Mastery with the Saints*** is back in stock. Beautifully leather bound with silver edges and highly recommended by Bp. Dolan. Purchase your copy at a reasonable price in our bookstore. This book takes 12 Christian virtues – one for each month, with a reading for each day of the year – and shows you how to master each virtue. The Bishop would like everyone to have a copy of this wonderful book in their home.

New jewelry has arrived! Many sterling silver necklaces, rings, and bracelets at competitive prices. Nice quality can be found without the crowd.

Items for children are available. Stop in and see what we have.

Advent is advancing, get your calendar and candles now.

## LAST SUNDAY FOR THE CRAFT SALE!

Get Christmas gifts that are handmade and heart felt this year. An array of items are in Helfta Hall for your convenience. We have a beautifully knitted shawl in a delicate dove gray. Hand made stockings and a hanger as well. Tolkien items are on display for the Hobbit enthusiast. No tie aprons help support our sisters. Be sure and spend some time looking at all the crafts. Remember it is also a donation to support your church!

Crafter, if your items don't sell and you would like to retrieve them, please do so at the end of the sale or early in the week. Any items left will be put on sale for one more Sunday. If you are unable to pick up your items during the week but still want them, call or text Cora at 859-801-7143.

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## A Harvest Prayer.

Lord, grant that the greater harvest  
Which He came on earth to save,  
May be golden and ripe for the reaping  
Ere we go to the lonely grave;  
That our souls, in the last dread autumn,  
May be clean as the hill and lea,  
When we bring life's grain to the haggard  
And offer it all to Thee.

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