# 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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## December 1, 2019
## Advent I

### ¶ First Sunday of Advent
Today is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new Liturgical year. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. Sunday Classes are at 10:50 AM. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. The **Little Church** is in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests.

### ¶ First Friday
**8:00 AM** Low Mass
**11:00 AM** Confessions
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction
**5:00 PM** Exposition
**5:15 PM** Rosary & Confessions
**5:45 PM** Low Mass & Devotions
***All Night Adoration***
***First Friday Reparation Intention:*** *To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.*

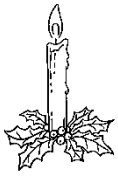
### ¶ First Saturday
***Vigil of of the Immaculate Conception***
**7:10 AM** Confessions, Rosary, Devotions
**7:30 AM** Rorate Mass, followed by Devotions, Benediction & Sermon
**8:35 AM** Low Mass
***First Saturday Intention:*** *Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*

📖 ***Set Your Missal:*** The Immaculate Conception, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Advent II. Preface of Our Lady.

### ¶ Vigil of the Immaculate Conception – First Saturday
The 7th of December is the *vigil* before the feast of the *Immaculate Conception* of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a ***day of fast and complete abstinence from meat***. Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the fast, unless dispensed. Every Catholic 7 years of age and over is bound to observe abstinence. For those who are fasting only one full meal is allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted.

### ¶ Next Sunday: The Immaculate Conception – Advent II

Next Sunday is the feast of our country's patroness, the Immaculate Conception, and a Holy day of Obligation. **St. Nicholas** will be visiting the children after all the morning Masses. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. The celebrated poem, The Immaculate Conception will be recited by Bishop Dolan at 12:45 P.M. in the classroom. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ Rorate Masses


A special Advent observance features early morning Mass by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ the Light of the World. The first Rorate Mass is at 7:30 on Saturday Morning.

### ¶ Catechism Corner
*The Pope, the successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Jesus Christ, possesses:*
1. The primacy of honor and jurisdiction over all the bishops and the faithful; 2. Infallibility in his dogmatical decisions.

### ¶ Your Prayers, Please
Please pray for…Frank Ebner who is dying, Janice Curran & all of our sick.

**Collection Report**
Sunday, November 24th…….....$3,599.00
Special donation ……$10,000.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

*Say the Pater Noster with the priest, and add the following prayer for the sins of the whole Church. It was revealed to the Saint that this devotion is most pleasing to God.*

O Most Tender Jesus, I offer to thee this prayer in union with the most perfect intention with which thou didst sanctify it in thy sacred Heart and enjoin it for our salvation; for the forgiveness of all our sins and the supply of all the defects caused by our frailty, our ignorance, or our fault, in opposition to thine irresistible almightiness thine unsearchable wisdom, and thy free and super abounding goodness. Amen.

## VENERABLE MARIA OF JESUS OF AGREDA

*Abbess and Mystic (1602–1665)*

Maria of Jesus spent her entire life within the confines of her family castle in Agreda, Spain, which her mother–when Maria was twelve–had converted into a convent for herself and her daughters. In this Franciscan Convent of the Immaculate Conception of Agreda, Maria eventually served as abbess, renowned for her mystical writings and her ardor in prayer.

And yet, in the spiritual realm, she was anything but a stay-at-home nun. In her early twenties, she found herself repeatedly transported in prayer to the Indian settlements in New Spain, particularly to a tribe of hunter-gatherers called the Jumanos in present-day New Mexico. In the course of what she reckoned were five hundred trips she was able to communicate with the Indians in their own language, instructing them in the faith and urging them to seek baptism. This remarkable story gained credence when friars in New Spain encountered just such a tribe who requested baptism and claimed they had met frequently with a Lady in Blue (just like Maria).

These reports were taken seriously enough to justify a trip to Agreda by the Franciscan Superior for New Mexico. She was also subjected to two inquiries by the Inquisition, resulting in no action. (Maria's defenders included King Philip IV of Spain.)

She died on May 24, 1665. Ten years later she was declared venerable by Pope Clement X.

*"My heart never delighted in earthly things, for they did not fill the emptiness in my spirit. For this reason, the world died for me in my youngest years, before I really came to know it."*

*–Venerable Maria of Jesus of Agreda*

## ADVENT AND ETERNAL THOUGHTS

"As it was….so it will be"

Nothing in all the world's literature is so full of joy as the prayers of the Church for Advent and for Christmas. Every nation has its heritage of beauty in art, poetry, and music: no matter what foreign tyrant takes over the government, the people will cling to this last greatest wealth of literature. But the liturgy of the Church is a vast storehouse of wealth from which all may draw who possess one Faith. National differences disappear as all the earth cries out, today as two thousand years ago: To thee have I lifted up my soul; in thee, O God, I put my trust…. Show, O Lord, thy ways to me and teach me thy paths….

There is a joy in the Advent prayers that nothing on earth can equal, because they are so perfectly in accord with the spirit of those who did receive the Redeemer. They might be the very words of Mary, or Joseph, or the shepherds. Following these prayers yearly, as the Church urges us to do, makes us one in spirit with the humble ones who saw him and understood. It makes the Incarnation a living thing, not an incident of the long ago but a tremendously important part of our lives which recurs again and again.

You and I were not at Bethlehem when his Mother wandered through the streets looking for a place where the Redeemer of the world could be born. We are present when he is born again each day in the Mass…. He comes to us in Holy Communion to bring us joy and strength and holiness and peace…. His Mother would teach us to be humble and obedient… Perhaps we are too busy to answer her knock, or we have the uneasy feeling that it must be uncomfortable to be holy–and if there is anything this generation asks of life, it is to be comfortable.

Two thousand years are nothing in the eyes of God, who is eternal. Today we are as certainly given the opportunity of receiving or rejecting him as were the people of Bethlehem on a starry night long ago when *the Word was made flesh, and came to dwell among us.*

*–Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.*

## LUX IN TENEBRIS

Lest that the candle of my faith
Grow faint in the love-light and bliss,
There was sent down a night of death
Where the great darkness is.

And though the candle I hold
Sheds but a little ray about,
Fearful the darkness and the cold
If her light were put out.

Yet she doth burn up well, and throws
Her faint, protecting gold around,
Shielding from dark and evil foes
My little plot of ground.

Comfortless? Nay; for still I feel
Thou walkest with me through the night,
Shoulder to shoulder, heel to heel,
Within my space of light.

So I would choose being comfortless
More than great comfort without Thee;
With Thee great darkness, much distress,
The vast and shoreless sea.

Fence Thou my candle round about
With Thy sweet hands, lest she grow pale;
Lest that the earth winds blow her out,
And the black night prevail.

*- Katharine Tynan Hinkson*

With our thanks to all who donate a Sanctuary Light.

## IN CHRISTUM REGEM

O Christ, our King, I pray Thee reign
In all our hearts till time shall cease:
Extend Thy sway by land and main:
To ev'ry nation grant Thy peace.

–Rev. Thomas Twaites.

## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Thanksgiving week is always a short one, as the standard work week gives way to holiday by Wednesday evening. But of course cooks cook, and shoppers shop, providing us with our turkey dinner. The Opus Dei, the work of God continues too in our beautifully decorated Thanksgiving sanctuary, with Holy Mass and music and prayer. The Friday is always a quiet day, good setting for two adult baptisms. Thanks be to God. The festive celebration of St. Andrew's Day closed the church year yesterday with High Mass and two confirmations.

But Thanksgiving is never destined to last long, is it? For the world it is reduced to a meal, football, shopping and the start of a complicated and anymore carefully choreographed Christmas celebration. For Christians, Thanksgiving is a fitting celebration to encourage us to keep the sweet self denials, the different well intentioned resolutions that mark our Advent, which must prepare us for Our Lord's threefold coming: Christmas, death, and the End of the World. Sober stuff. Prayer and penance are not burdensome extras for us in an already busy season, but rather what this all too short Advent season is all about.

May it be a blessed one for you and yours! St Nicholas comes on First Friday to remind us that this Child Is God, whom we worship at the All Night Adoration. The first candlelight Rorate Mass closes the vigil of prayer on Saturday, the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception. Some penance is prescribed for all, with abstinence from meat this year two days in a row, and fasting on the Saturday for those not dispensed. Check the bulletin or your calendar for the fasting rules.

But next Sunday is already a great feast, the Immaculate Conception. St Nicholas will come with treats for the little ones. Model of episcopal condescension, he will set up his throne after the 7:30 in the vestibule to catch the quickly fleeing faithful. Linger for a moment after the Masses. If you're a poetry lover, or just devoted to Our Lady, you may wish to go back to the classroom for the annual recitation of Fr Ryan's The Immaculate Conception. Festive Vespers closes the day. It's a good thing the angels attend, otherwise we'd feel a bit lonely sometimes.

Don't forget to make the Stations this Advent. Plenty of good works to choose from. Give Our Lady your Advent plans, and start today.

**- Bishop Dolan**

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor
## December 2019

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Ken Gilliam, Kirby Bischel
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Peter Gebel, Justin Soeder
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:** Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, *Volunteer needed*
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** David Marko, *Volunteer needed*
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & Danny Brueggemann
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
**4:00 AM-5:00 AM:** Bob Uhlenbrock, Matthew Giese
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** *Volunteers needed*
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** Jim Soli, Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

***Sub:*** *Brendan Lotarski (513-889-9449)*

***If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212***

### PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS

O most merciful Jesus, I commend all those who have asked my prayers to Thy eternal love, under the guidance of which Thou didst come down to save them. And in union with the love wherewith Thou didst commend Thy Spirit to Thy Father, I commend them all to Thy Sacred Heart, I enclose them all therein, and I offer It to Thee in union with that love wherewith Thou didst take to Thyself that Heart, for their salvation, beseeching Thee to take from Its infinite treasures wherewith to bless those for whom I pray. Amen.

*–St. Gertrude.*

### DEVOTION OF THE THREE HAIL MARYS

St Matilda of Hackeborn was distressed over her eternal salvation and prayed that the Most Holy Virgin would assist her at the hour of death.

*The Blessed Virgin appeared to her and reassured her, saying:*

**"Yes, I will!**
**But I wish, for your part, That you recite three Hail Marys everyday, remembering, in the first, the power received from the Eternal Father, in the second, the wisdom received from the Son, with the third one, the love that has filled the Holy Spirit".**

The Blessed Virgin taught her to pray and to understand especially, how the Three Hail Mary's, honour, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity.

# ✠ Calendar

**Mon 12/2/19 St. Bibiana, VM**
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Special Intention - S.B. (Jacinta & Levi)
**11:25 AM High Mass** Mary Rose Young happy birthday (M/M Wm. H. Young III)

**Tue 12/3/19 St. Francis Xavier, C**
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Katherine Kunkel (Kuebler & Volz)
**11:25 AM High Mass** William H. Young IV happy birthday (M/M Wm. H. Young III)
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Viola Ripperger (JES)

**Wed 12/4/19 St. Peter Chrysologus, BpCD**
First Wendesday • St. Barbara, VM
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Prayers Answered (Audrey Dunaway)
**11:25 AM High Mass** In honor of St. Joseph (Tom & Karen Simpson)
**5:10 PM Low Mass** Elizabeth Prell happy birthday (Joseph & children)

**Thu 12/5/19 First Thursday**
Ferial Day
St. Sabbas, Ab
**7:00 AM Low Mass** For David Bayer & his intentions (The Omlor Family)
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Alter Christus Confraternity
**11:25 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society

**Fri 12/6/19 First Friday**
St. Nicholas, BpC
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Yolanda Green (Mary)
**11:00 AM Confessions**
**11:25 AM Low Mass** Special Intention (M/M Wm. H. Young III)
**5:00 PM Exposition**
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**
**5:45 PM Low Mass** M/M Tom Simpson (Simpson Family)
**6:30 PM Devotions and All Night Adoration**

**Sat 12/7/19 First Saturday**
Vigil of the Immaculate Conception
St. Ambrose, BpCD
**7:10 AM Rosary and Confessions**
**7:30 AM Rorate High Mass** M/M Wm. H. Young IV happy Anniversary (M/M Wm. H. Young III)
**Devotions & Benediction & Sermon**
**8:35 AM Low Mass** †Poor Souls (M/M Wm. H. Young III)

**Sun 12/8/19 Immaculate Conception • Advent II**
**7:05 AM Rosary**
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Poor Souls in Purgatory (M/M Maki)
**9:00 AM High Mass** In honor of Our Lady (Tom & Karen Simpson)
**10:40 AM Sunday Classes**
**11:30 AM Low Mass** In Thanksgiving & for the poor souls to Our Lady for prayers answered ( Linda M. Faith)
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Pro Populo

### Collect of the Second Sunday of Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen. *(Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.)*

### Novena Prayer for Advent

*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.)*

### Servers

**Sun 12/8** **7:30 AM Low:** Brueggemann Bros.
**9:00 AM High: Chaplains:** J. Lacy M. Simpson **Cross:** T. Lawrence
**TH:** P. McClorey, **ACs:** C. Arlinghaus, N. McClorey **Mitre:** A. McClorey
**Crozier:** D. Simpson **Torch:** T. & D. England, J. Stewart, T. Lawrence, D. Simpson, A. McClorey
**11:30 AM Low:** A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
**4:45 Vespers & Benediction:** G. Miller
**5:45 PM Low:** G. Miller

"If you only follow the teachings of the Church that you like and reject what you don't like, then it is not Christ and the Catholic faith that you claim to believe in but yourself. The creed that we profess does not begin by saying, "I believe in me…" "If you believe what you like in the Gospels and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe but yourself."

*–Saint Augustine (354-430)*

### Gift Shop & Craft Sale

Get your Advent candles! Wreaths come in two styles. We have candles for both. A number of Advent calendars are on display. One is reusable with a pocket for a figure to be moved up everyday to complete the Nativity scene with Jesus added on Christmas day.

Good reading materials are in all different sizes and conten. Books for everyone! *Angel Food for Boys and Girls* just arrived. If you haven't been in the bookstore of late you are missing out on Christmas Gift selections. Stop in soon.

***All leftover crafts have been marked down! Buy us out!***

## Saint John Chrysostom (345–407)

"Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (v.12). For day is calling us to the battle, to the fight.

But don't be afraid when you hear these words about fighting and combat! For if it is uncomfortable to put on heavy material armour, it is pleasant, on the other hand, to put on spiritual armour, for this is an armour of light. In this way you will shine more brightly than the sun and, even as you sparkle brightly, you will be safe because these are weapons… weapons of light. So then? Are we excused from fighting? Not at all! We are to fight but without being overcome by fatigue and without pain. For it is not so much a war to which we are being summoned, as a feast and celebration.