

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

January 5, 2020

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE • ST. TELESFORUS, PM



¶ HOLY NAME SUNDAY

Catechism Classes resume today at 10:40 AM. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers of the Epiphany with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

The 2020 Calendars are available in the Gift Shop for \$12.95.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for Masses for priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* The Holy Family, second collect of Sunday Within the Octave of the Epiphany. Third of the Octave. Preface of the Epiphany.

Lumen Christi

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

To have the true Mass in Cusco, Peru
(Jose Lozano)

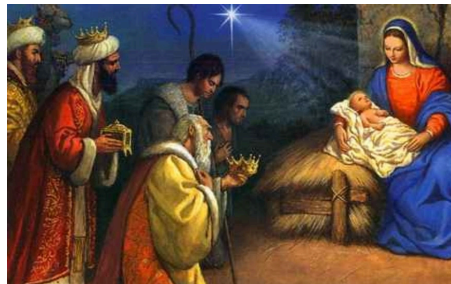


The Epiphany of Our Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH

*All are invited to celebrate
the feast of the Epiphany
with Solemn High Mass
at 5:30 PM tomorrow.*

*The annual Appreciation
Dinner follows the Mass in
Helfta Hall.*



¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please pray for Suzanne Clingman, Stuart Field, Malia B., Pete Gebel, Edna Harpen, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.



PRAYER TO THE MIRACULOUS INFANT OF PRAGUE

Prayer of the Little Flower

O Little Infant Jesus, my only treasure, I abandon myself to Thy every wish. I seek no other joy than that of calling forth Thy sweet smile. Grant me the graces and the virtues of Thy Holy Childhood, so that on the day of my birth into Heaven the angels and saints may recognize me as Thy little spouse.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

Actual grace is necessary: 1. To perform good actions meritorious of heaven; 2. To overcome all temptations; 3. To keep all the precepts of the natural law.

Collection Report

Wednesday, December 25th\$4,941.00
Sunday, December 29th\$3,572.00



HEAVENLY PHYSICIAN

Whoever had recourse to this image, especially in sickness, found comfort and consolation, and often speedy and unexpected aid. On this account the chapel was visited by an increasing multitude and the Infant Jesus became known as the Heavenly Physician.

All who approach this miraculous image and pray to it with confidence, receive support in danger, consolation in trouble, help in necessity, relief in anguish, light in spiritual darkness, waters of grace in dryness of soul, health in sickness, and hope in despair. This miraculous image darts from its lovely eyes pure sparks of love; with smiling lips it offers us richest blessings, and its beauty conquers all hearts.

“No colic is so painful, no fever so violent, no epidemic so dangerous, no peril so great, no loss so heavy, no passion so turbulent, no assault of Satan so furious, no pestilence so poisonous, no tumor so malignant, that it has not been helped and cured by this wonderful Child. It ends quarrels between married people, frees captives from their bondage, delivers those condemned to death, brings hardened sinners to repentance, and bestows the blessing of children to the childless. In short, it has become all things to all.” So runs the ancient book.

Through devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague, the Dominican Father Ægidius was cured of depression of spirits of many years’ duration. To those also engaged in lawsuits this devotion often brought help, securing them peace of mind and a happy decision in their favor.

A habitual and incorrigible sinner of many years was near despair. “It is impossible for me to reform,” he said to his confessor; “I have neither the will nor the purpose of amendment.” His confessor sent him to the Infant Jesus in the chapel,

instructing him to say: “O miraculous Infant Jesus, have mercy on me; enlighten and aid me, that I may be able to do what my confessor requires of me.” The poor sinner repeated this petition many times in the chapel, and returned transformed to his confessor. Deliverance had come to him.

Father Emmerich, a man of tried virtue and great learning, who wrote a book on the Infant Jesus of Prague, noticed, with many others, that the face of the statue of the Divine Child often changed in its expression, appearing sometimes loving, and at other times serious and severe.



Our Beloved Dead
January

Name	Date of Death
Jean Ostendorf	1-01-1990
Robert H. Lutkehaus	1-02-1992
Vivian Wainright	1-04-2018
Joseph R. Duff	1-06-1993
Steven A. Nemeth	1-08-2002
Ernest Nellenbach	1-08-2011
Althea LeBlanc	1-12-2013
John A. Donadio	1-14-2004
James W. Bragley	1-15-1991
Vivian Deardorff	1-15-1996
Kim LeBlanc	1-17-2015
Evelyn Rentschler	1-18-1999
George C. Vande Ryt	1-18-1997
Robert J. Kunkel	1-19-1995
Rev. Eldred Leslie	1-21-2009
Nellie Sutton	1-23-2014
Matthew Nies	1-24-1985
Rev. Urban Snyder	1-25-1995
Rev. Roy Randolph	1-26-1998
Elizabeth Binzel	1-27-2003
Robert Blomker	1-28-2001
Robert A. Stirnkorb	1-30-1991
Jane Donadio	1-30-2018

THE RIDING OF THE KINGS

In a far land upon a day,
Where never snow did fall,
Three Kings went riding on the way
Bearing presents all.

And one wore red, and one wore gold,
And one was clad in green,
And one was young, and one was old,
And one was in between.

The middle one had human sense,
The young had loving eyes,
The old had much experience,
And all of them were wise.

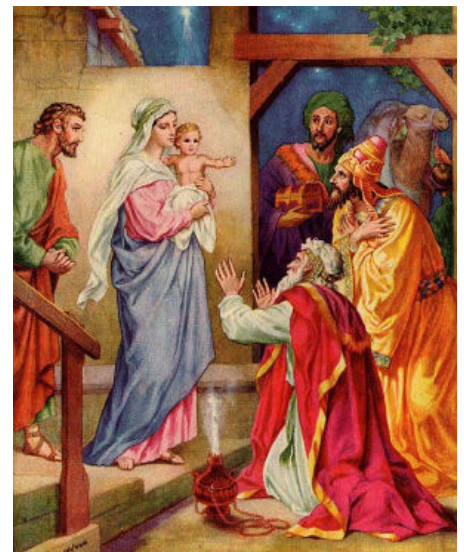
Choosing no guide by eve and morn
But heaven’s starry drifts,
They rode to find the Newly-Born
For whom they carried gifts.

Oh, far away in time they rode
Upon their wanderings,
And still in story goes abroad
The riding of the Kings.

So wise, that in their chosen hour,
As through the world they filed,
They sought not wealth or place or
power,
But rode to find a Child.

– Eleanor Farjeon

Dedicated gratefully to all who give of themselves all year long, in many gifts, to make St. Gertrude great.



Twelfth Night approaches. Our Christmas holiday, our holy days, draw to a close. One more great Mass tomorrow evening for Epiphany, one more (yes!) party for Gertrudians, and we're done. Well, not really. Regular life resumes, classes and work. Visiting **Fr. Sons** departs, and the seminarians later this week. In church we settle down to the quiet faith-filled adoration of the Epiphany Octave.

But Christmas continues its fully forty days. I always like to think that now that the world has put it away and has moved on to other things, our Infant King and His children have a refuge in our humble but richly decorated church, where it's still Christmas. Next week we will pray for our families on Holy Family Sunday. But after that, even we will "go green" a bit with the "after Epiphany" season. Still, it will be Christmas, and each Friday we continue our Novena to the Infant. He is the true Doctor, good for all that ails us.

A small group joined me for the Holy Innocents Children's Blessing and Party last Sunday: An active array of little ones, led by a demure Miss Charlotte, and thoughtful young England lads as we did a story and some poetry together. I did catch more children in the vestibule after the 11:30, and they received their Lamb stickers too, and a holy card, and perhaps enjoyed the treat table.

Nature Notes: Our owl has been singularly hootless this season, but seems to be well fed. I was hurrying to the 8 AM the other day, down the hill from the rectory, past the stately row of arborvitae evergreens. Suddenly the owl, whose wingspan looks hawk-like, ducked into an evergreen, and emerged a moment later. I had not scared him off. He found what he was looking for. The feathers on the ground tell the tale. The evergreens are a kind of Breakfast Buffet for our resident predator. The starlings are wise to it now, and nest there no more. I wondered what they talked about each afternoon on the power lines. Now I know.

Puccini was protecting us from a neighboring feline visitor, and is waiting for the next crop of bunnies to appear. In the meantime he's enjoying his Christmas "doughnut" laced with a little catnip. This morning he pawed around the coffee table until he found it and extracted it. "Dawg," **Fr. McGuire's** bunny, has its own doughnut as well, some kind of rabbit treat. (Certainly not Puccini's idea of a rabbit treat, however.) Fr. Sons was in charge of feeding the bunny, and relied, it seems, rather heavily on dessert. It happens. But this rabbit turns up its little nose at carrots.

Curious creatures, aren't they? God's dear creation.

New Year's attendance is always low, but it was a beautiful day, centered around the splendid Solemn Mass. I hope your holiday was pleasant too, and that this new year, a sheer grace of God, will be met by you with good resolves and great gratitude.

All the Fathers will be with us for Mass tomorrow evening, and the dinner following. See you there? Come when you can. We appreciate you!

- **Bishop Dolan**

O miraculous Infant Jesus! Prostrate before Thy sacred image, we beseech Thee to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let Thy tender Heart, so inclined to pity, be softened at our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore Thee. Take from us all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes with which we are laden. For Thy sacred infancy's sake hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. Amen.



THE POWER OF THE HOLY NAME

If we call to our minds the Name of Jesus, it brings before us His most meek and humble Heart and gives us a new knowledge of His most loving and tender compassion. The Name of Jesus is the purest and holiest, the noblest and most indulgent of names, the Name of all blessings and of all virtues, it is the Name of the God-Man, of sanctity itself. To think of Jesus is to think of the great, infinite God Who, having given us His life as an example, has also bestowed the necessary understanding, energy and assistance to enable us to follow and imitate Him, in our thoughts, inclinations, words and actions.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/6/20	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ruth M. Hanna – 7 th Anniversary <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Oleyar)</i>
	5:30 PM	Solemn High Mass For our church workers Appreciation Dinner
TUE	1/7/20	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
		ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT SCHOOL RESUMES
	7:00 AM	Low Mass The Damian Arthur Family – In Thanks <i>(Theresa & Joseph Simpson)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intentions <i>(P.T. & A.M. Omlor)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass St. Anthony & Holy Souls – Thank You <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	5:00 PM	Low Mass 34 Grandchildren <i>(Kirby & Jean Bischel)</i>
WED	1/8/20	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	7:00 AM	Low Mass John White – conversion <i>(R. & R. Uhlenbrock)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach 9 th Anniversary <i>(Jim Soli)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass In Honor of St. Joseph for my intentions <i>(Fr. Lehtoranta)</i>
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Gunsher Family <i>(Tobias Bayer)</i>
THU	1/9/20	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Nancy J. Bradl <i>(Sherry Bradl)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Melissa Kunkel <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the sanctification of priests <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i>
FRI	1/10/20	WITHIN THE OCTAVE
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – Deceased <i>(Tom & Karen Simpson)</i>
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Relief of the Holy Souls <i>(Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family)</i>
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena III
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Charles Simpson Family <i>(Dad & Karen)</i>
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	1/11/20	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. HYGINUS, PM
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Strasser Family <i>(Bill Young)</i>
	8:05 AM	Alma & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass The intentions of Sarah Burns <i>(J.C. Simpson)</i>
SUN	1/12/20	THE HOLY FAMILY
		SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY <i>ST. BENET BISCOP, AB</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Richard Brueggemann <i>(Patsy McConnell)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass In honor of the Holy Family <i>(Mary Christensen)</i>
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Joan Fey – Merry Christmas! <i>(Love, Bobby & Aubrey)</i>
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

“In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth” (Phil 2:10).

Christ’s name is chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: *“Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shall call His name Jesus”.*

It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means *“savior.”* The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend, can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all.

In His name, we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard.

In His name, the Church administers all her sacraments.

In His name, she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields and the sick.

In the name of Jesus, she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, *“Go forth, Christian soul.”*

She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, *“Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord.”*

– Fr. Benedict Baur, OSB



✠ Jesus to me is honey in the mouth, light in the eyes, a flame in our heart. This Name is the cure for all diseases of the soul. Are you troubled? Think but of Jesus, speak but the Name of Jesus, the clouds disperse and peace descends anew from heaven. ✠

Servers

MON 1/6 5:30PM SOL. HIGH: MCs: R. VandeRyt, P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: T. Lawrence
ACs: D. McConnell, C. Richesson CROSS: P. McClorey MITRE: D. Simpson
CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus BOOK: M. Simpson BUGIA: Na. McClorey TRAIN:
S. Richesson GREMIALE: A. McClorey TORCH: A. McConnell, C.
Arlinghaus, T. & D. England, J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, A. McClorey

SUN 1/12 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson CROSS: T. Lawrence TH:
Na. McClorey ACs: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson TORCH: C. VanderPutten, J.
Stewart, A. McClorey, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
4:45 VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller