

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

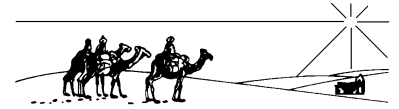
Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Anthony Cekada
Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

January 19, 2020

EPIPHANY II

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

SS. MARIUS & COMPANIONS, MM • ST. CANUTE, KING, M



¶ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers resume January 26th.

¶ CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

The Chair of Unity Octave prayers continue this week. Come to pray for the conversion of the world.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY III

Next Sunday we close the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Catechism Classes will be at 10:45 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Epiphany III, second collect of St. Polycarp. Trinity Preface.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The Six Commendments of the Church:

1. To hear Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess at least once a year.
4. To receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of our Pastors.
6. Not to marry persons who are not Catholics, or who are related to us within the third degree of kindred, nor privately without witnesses, nor to solemnize marriage at forbidden times.

Lumen Christi

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

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Patrick Curry)



PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday, January 22nd

8:00 AM Low Mass

Votive High Mass of the Holy

Innocents at 11:00 AM (*special time*)

Holy Hour at 2:30 PM



¶ UPCOMING

Candlemas Procession, "Mass of the Candles" and Reception afterwards:
Sunday, February 2nd, 9:00 AM.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Ed Strauss, dying; Fr. Cekada, Cathy Couch, a very special intention for one of our sick, and all the intentions that have been recommended to us.

Collection Report

Sunday, January 12th.....\$5,076.00

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2020

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 18th.

****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, May 28th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 30th.

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14th.

🎉 **CONGRATULATIONS** to Brother Thomas Maria, CMRI, son of Keith and Karla Lawrence, who made his final profession of vows last Saturday as a religious in the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen. 🎉

PRAYER IN TIME OF SICKNESS

O holy Mother of the children of God! When shall I rest in Thy immortal arms? Our souls should be wholly consumed by this desire. But I will restrain myself and peacefully await the hour which the divine Savior has destined for me, to overwhelm me with that bliss. In the meantime, let us have only one desire, to please Him by doing His holy will in all things. What God wishes from us, be done; we are His for time and eternity.

— St. Jane Frances de Chantal

THE LOVE THAT
MULTIPLICATION OF THE
LOAVES FORESHADOWS

The gift that the lover desires be imprinted in the memory of the beloved is the one he holds to be the greatest. Christ says: "Remember that I died"; He does not say: "Remember that I created you, that I became incarnate, that I became present in the Eucharist." Therefore, the greatest gift is His death.

This truth is confirmed in the following: That demonstration of love which the lover displays and reaffirms most is the one he holds as the greatest. Christ reaffirmed His death and nothing else. Therefore, this was the greatest. Though He had infinite benefits at His disposal, He only granted us His death. Therefore, this is the greatest.

Furthermore, Christ's other gifts can be referred to but not represented. Death can be referred to, recommended, and represented. Therefore, not only is His death the greatest gift, but it is the summation of them all. I prove it thus: Christ through His death repeats for us the benefits of creation, because with His death He restores it to its original grace. Christ through His death reiterates the gift of preservation, not only because He preserves temporal life, dying in order that we may live, but because He gives us His flesh and blood for sustenance. Christ through His death recapitulates for us the benefits of the Incarnation, because whereas in the Incarnation He is united with the most pure flesh of His Mother, *in His death He becomes united to us all, shedding His blood for all*. Only apparently is the Eucharist not represented in His death because the Eucharist itself is the representation of His death. And this proves that the greatest demonstration of love is His death.

— Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz



THE IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY

You who thirst after worldly pleasures, come and you will find the contentment of the angels, the delights of God, the peace and joy of the children of God, and of God's Mother, according to the divine promise addressed to each faithful soul: *Behold I will bring upon her as it were a river of peace, and as an overflowing torrent the glory of the Gentiles* (Is 66:12).

Emerge from the filth of the world's horrible torrent, of the torrent of thorns that is whirling you into the abyss of perdition! Emerge and enter the sweet waters of the river of peace. Give yourself up in holy ecstasy to this torrent of delights. *Properate*, hasten, why do you wait?

Do you fear to slight the incomparable goodness of the Heart of Jesus, your God and Redeemer, if you invoke the charity of His Mother's Heart? Do you not know that Mary is nothing, possesses nothing, and can do nothing except in, through and by Jesus? Do you not know that Jesus is everything and that He can and does accomplish everything through her? Do you not know Jesus made Mary's Heart as it is, and that He willed it to be the fountain of light, of consolation, and of every possible grace for those who will have recourse to it in their necessities? Do you forget that not only does Jesus reside and dwell perpetually in Mary's Heart, but that He is in truth the heart of her Heart and the soul of her soul; and that therefore coming to the Heart of Mary means to honor Jesus and to invoke her Heart is to invoke Jesus?

— St. John Eudes

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN

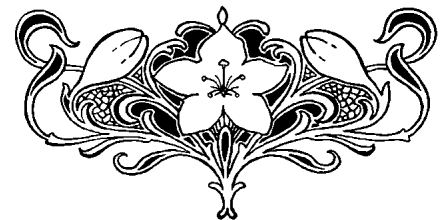
Given, not lent,
And not withdrawn—once sent,
This Infant of mankind, this One,
Is still the little welcome Son.

New every year,
New born and newly dear,
He comes with tidings and a song,
The ages long, the ages long;

Even as the cold
Keen winter grows not old,
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,
And spring in the familiar green.

Sudden as sweet
Come the expected feet.
All joy is young, and new all art,
And he, too, whom we have by heart.

— Alice Meynell



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, we thy servants and children, full of confidence in thy powerful protection, humbly beseech thee to implore of the Holy Ghost the abundance of His gifts for our brethren, the separated Christians of the East. Enlightened by His vivifying grace, may they return to the bosom of the Catholic Church.

We pray also that our Oriental brethren, once more united to us by the indissoluble bonds of the same faith and the same charity, may, with us, glorify by the practice of good works the most august Trinity, and at the same time pay homage to thee, O Virgin Mother of God, full of grace, now and forever. Amen.

This has been a busy week for the clergy here. **Fr. Cekada** is still busy being sick. St. Bernadette used to say it was her *job* to be ill. It seems Father pinched a nerve in the neck with all his heavy coughing, which in turn occasioned days of migraine-like symptoms, and great fatigue; and enforced inactivity. But he's seeing the therapist for relief, and I know he can count on all of his friends throughout the world for their good prayers.

We have several more pressing prayer intentions for the sick. Ed Strauss rallied last Sunday and seemed out of danger, but is again at death's door. **Fr. McGuire** faithfully looks after the sick, and has been helping me with the care of Fr. Cekada as well. Oh, and he's doing all the Masses and sermons today. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is taking his place in Milwaukee. **Fr. McKenna** returns from Rome Tuesday. Faithful Fr. Lehtoranta is our anchor most Sundays in the confessional, and daily in the school classroom and church. I'm sure he will appreciate the opportunity to make the retreat.

Meanwhile, I've been preparing as I may for the annual seminary retreat which brought me down to sunny Florida today. The theme is the Divine Office, the official daily prayer of the Church which the priest recites. Again, I do appreciate your prayers for our future priests, as well as visiting clergy who will be joining us for these spiritual exercises.

Fr. Nkamuke reports the busiest Christmas ever, far more work than one priest could handle. His health has suffered and he is trying for some rest before his seminary teaching resumes. He never did get to go to Rome. The mysteries of the Italian government bureaucracy defeated him, and he was unable to obtain an appointment to apply for a visa. But Fr. McKenna is having a good first visit to the Eternal City, and reports having walked ten miles in one day.

The other day the Leftists under Communist candidate Bernie Sanders let slip their plan for America should he be elected. Trump is no peach, but Americans love him and we must pray that God allows him to defeat the murderous Communists waiting in the wings, Gulags at the ready.

Speaking of murder, mass murder really, we remember on Wednesday the millions of American babies slain in the womb. Come and pray and offer reparation by Mass or Holy Hour or both. Prayer changes things. Politics change nothing, and only serve to perpetuate the chain of self-serving politicians.

A final prayer petition today is for the conversion

of the Eastern Orthodox, today's intention as we pray the Chair of Unity Octave. How greatly they revere Our Lady. May she deign to draw them back to the true Catholic Church, even though the Church herself is eclipsed, thus making conversions a most difficult task. But Mary is "Omnipotentia supplex," all powerful in prayer. Join us in our novena, at our Masses and Benediction. You know, we're not under Communism yet! There's no law against going to church more than once a week. You might even want to "offer it up" for our Church, our country, and our sick.

We are already planning Candlemas, the end of the Christmas season, and the procession of lights and the Mass of Candles, two Sundays from today, February 2nd. Don't miss the special High Mass.

A blessed Sunday to you, and bless you for your prayers.

– Bishop Dolan



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS AT THE ELEVATION OF THE MASS

O Lord God, Father in Heaven, look on the glorious countenance of Thy Christ, and have mercy on me and all other sinners, for whom Thy Blessed Son, our Lord, has deigned to die and for whose salvation and consolation He wished to remain with us in the holy Sacrament of the Altar. With Him, Thou art, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, Thou Who art one God and live with Son and Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

We adore Thee, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all Thy churches that are in the whole world, and we bless Thee; because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/20/20	SS. FABIAN, P & SEBASTIAN, MM <i>ST. HENRY OF UPPSALA</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The conversion of Anglicans and Episcopalians throughout the world." 11:25 AM High Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) Chair of Unity Octave
TUE	1/21/20	ST. AGNES, VM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "That Protestants throughout the world might find their way back to Holy Church." 11:25 AM High Mass †Fr. Eldred Leslie – 11 th Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & family</i>) Chair of Unity Octave
WED	1/22/20	SS. VINCENT & ANASTASIUS, MM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "For the conversion of America." 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention in Honor of St. Joseph (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) ☞ 11:00 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Innocents In Reparation for Abortion Chair of Unity Octave 2:30 PM Pro-Life Holy Hour, Benediction
THU	1/23/20	ST. RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C <i>ST. EMERENTIANA, VM • ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "Return to the Sacraments of fallen-away Catholics." 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention – Sick (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) Chair of Unity Octave
FRI	1/24/20	ST. TIMOTHY, BPM CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The conversion of the Jews." 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Those who are without the Mass available (<i>K & M Christensen</i>) Chair of Unity Octave 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V 5:45 PM Low Mass Relief for the Australia fires (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	1/25/20	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: "The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ." 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Uncle Joe & Aunt Bree (<i>Alexander McConnell</i>) 8:05 AM Alma & Chair of Unity Octave Conclusion 8:20 AM High Mass Paul & Lisa McConnell (<i>The McConnell Boys</i>)
SUN	1/26/20	EPIPHANY III • ST. POLYCARP, BPM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Birthday – Shyam Suyambu (<i>Shyam Suyambu</i>) (from 1/19) 9:00 AM High Mass In Honor of St. Joseph for a special intention Closing of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CATECHISM

Part 1

The end of Catholic education being the training of the will and the heart upon the motives and principles set forth by the Christian religion, it follows that the most important of all textbooks for the young is the one embodying the doctrines of Christ's Church, and that the noblest work in which anyone can be engaged is the inculcation and application of the saving truths of Christ's Gospel.

The last instructions of Pope Pius IX to the clergy of Rome were that they should redouble their zeal in teaching the Catechism to little ones; for "the child that grows up unconscious of the duties of religion will ignore the duties of man." All the evils of the day may be traced to the ignorance of Christian doctrine. If many fall away from the Church or abandon the practice of their religion, it is because they were never carefully instructed in the faith, or because their lives and conduct were not seasoned with Christian principles. Weak faith and lack of faith, worldly lives and corrupt lives, are generally the consequence of apathy or criminal neglect on the part of parents or religious guides.

A young man who has been well grounded in his faith may be trusted on leaving the paternal roof to live up to it; or, should he yield for a time to the seductions of the world, to return to the faith once dear to him. But in the case of one whose religious instruction has been neglected, little is to be hoped for. Renegades of this class swell the ranks of unbelievers everywhere.

If the importance of the Little Catechism were everywhere recognized, and the obligation of parents and pastors to impress its lessons on the minds of children were fully realized, the folly of considering this an easy task, to be accomplished by anyone during an hours teaching on Sunday, would be less general than it is. The decay of faith in the present generation of Catholics, the elasticity of conscience, impiety, indifference, and other evils so widely spread, are the bitter fruits of this egregious folly, which is by no means restricted to our own country. (*To be continued*)

– From "Ave Maria," 100 years ago, or so

Servers

SUN 1/26 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson MC: P. Omlor CROSS: Na. McClorey TH: T. Lawrence AC: D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: A. McClorey, J. Stewart, T. & D. England
 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

☞ 10:45 AM Catechism Classes
 11:05 AM Rosary
 11:30 AM Low Mass †Paul Sr. & †Al Puglielli (*Diane Puglielli*)
 4:45 PM Vespers with Benediction
 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great