

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 • (513) 645-4212  
parishoffice@sgg.org • www.sgg.org • www.SGGResources.org  
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 26, 2020**  
**EPIPHANY III**  
**ST. POLYCARP, BPM**



## ¶ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Today we close the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Catechism Classes are at **10:45 AM**. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The feast of the patron of the Diocese of Cincinnati, St. Francis de Sales, is on Wednesday. Come to Mass at 7, 8 or 11:25 AM, or 5:10 PM.

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:10 AM** Confessions, Rosary

**7:30 AM** Low Mass

**8:05 AM** First Saturday Devotions,  
Meditation

**8:20 AM** High Mass

*First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's Divine Maternity, and the refusal of her twin titles of Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix of Graces.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: THE PURIFICATION

Next Sunday is the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, Candlemas, and the closing of the Christmas Season. The "Mass of the Candles" will be at 9:00 AM, followed by a reception in Helfta Hall. There will be no Sunday Classes. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. Vespers of the Purification with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Purification, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Epiphany IV. Preface of the Nativity.



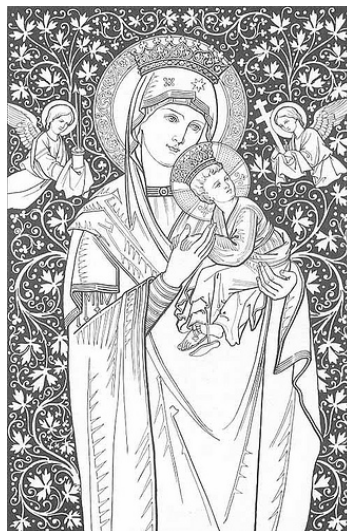
## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Sean Murray, and all of the special intentions that have been recommended to us.

## ¶ CATECHISM CORNER

*The Seven Sacraments:*

1. Baptism (*Matt. xxviii. 19*)
2. Confirmation (*Acts viii. 17*)
3. Holy Eucharist (*Matt. xxvi. 26*)
4. Penance (*John xx. 23*)
5. Extreme Unction (*James v. 14*)
6. Holy Orders (*Luke xxii. 19*)
7. Matrimony (*Matt. xix. 6*)



## 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.**



## MY GOD, I BELIEVE IN THEE

O my God, I believe in Thee, because Thou art the eternal truth. O my God, I hope in Thee, because Thou art infinitely merciful, faithful and almighty. O my God, I love Thee with my whole heart and am sorry for having offended Thee. Out of love for me Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament, therefore, I long for Thee, O my dearest Jesus. From the Father, send me the Holy Spirit, with His seven gifts, that I may glorify God in all things. Amen.

— Ven. Arnold Janssen

## Collection Report

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> .....\$4,291.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

## "BE MADE CLEAN"

In the ancient world, leprosy was a deadly and terrifying disease. Besides the disfiguring sores, the oozing pus, the shame of being considered accursed by God, lepers were social outcasts. They were required by the Law of Moses to live apart from human society, and wherever they went they had to rend their garments and shout, *Unclean, unclean* (Lv 13:45)....

As Jesus was traveling from village to village in Galilee, a leper approached Him with surprising boldness. This man must have heard the rumors about Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth who was healing the sick, and in His desperation he resolved to act. Braving the disapproval and disgust of others, he came and knelt before Jesus and voiced his plea: *If You will, You can make me clean* (Mk 1:40).

Seeing the man's wretched condition, Jesus was *moved with compassion*. The Greek word means physically churned up or stirred with gut-wrenching emotion. It was the deeply human reaction of the Son of God. Jesus never looked upon afflicted people with detachment or indifference, but always with the empathy that comes from knowing the human condition from within. We can imagine the love in His eyes as He replied, *I will do it. Be made clean*: Does He will to make a man whole, to undo the ravages of the fall? This is what He came for!

According to the Law of Moses, any contact with a leper would render a person unclean. The crowd standing nearby must have gasped in astonishment as they watched Jesus deliberately reach out and touch the man. And before their eyes, the leprosy disappeared.... Instead of the unclean contaminating the clean, the clean had triumphed, as was indisputably proven by the fact that the man was no longer a leper. Jesus'

holiness is invincible. No defilement can contaminate Him; rather, He removes defilement from whoever approaches Him in faith. It is a powerful message for those who feel unworthy even to approach Him.

– Mary Healy



## PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord my God, I am not worthy, that Thou shouldst come into my soul, but I am glad that Thou wilt come to me, because in Thy loving kindness, Thou desirest to dwell in me. Thou askest me to open the door of my soul, which Thou alone hast created, so that Thou mayest enter into it, with Thy loving kindness, and dispel the darkness of my mind. I believe that Thou wilt do this, for Thou didst not turn away Mary Magdalene when she approached Thee in tears. Neither didst Thou withhold forgiveness from the tax collector, who repented of his sins, or from the good thief, who asked to be received into Thy kingdom. Indeed, Thou hast numbered as Thy friends all who came to Thee with repentant hearts. O God, Thou alone art blessed always, now and forever. Amen.

– St. John Chrysostom

## AT COMMUNION

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer,  
I am not caught in time nor held in space,  
But thrust beyond this posture I am where  
Time and eternity come face to face;  
Infinity and space meet in this place  
Where crossbar and high upright hold the one  
In agony and in all Love's embrace.  
The power in helplessness that was begun  
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun  
Contained itself in the small confines of a child  
Now comes to me in this strange action done  
In mystery. Break me, break space, O wild  
And lovely power. Break me: thus I am dead,  
Am resurrected now in Wine and Bread.

– Madeleine L'Engle



*Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,  
have mercy on us! 300 days*

*Praise and adoration ever more be  
given to the most holy Sacrament.*

300 days

I'm writing this Friday afternoon, on the road, or rather between flights returning from the seminary retreat. It's been quite a week, even by St. Gertrude standards. **Fr. Cekada** has been in the hospital. **Fr. Lehtoranta** and I have been at the seminary, and **Fr. McKenna** returning from Rome to Cincinnati. **Fr. McGuire** was "minding the store" earlier, until he drove to Milwaukee. The cat has been disturbed in his routine, and is, of course, not happy. There, that's a quick summary.

For the rest, thank you so much for your prayers for Fr. Cekada, and our different special, and very special intentions. Prayer is everything.

Wednesday is the feast day of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of Cincinnati, as well as of our group of priests throughout the world. A festive Mass will be sung by the school choir at 11:25.

Candlemas comes on a Sunday this year, a special opportunity for families and little ones to participate in the impressive and ancient Mass of the Candles. Don't miss it. Afterwards there are refreshments in Helfta Hall. No Catechism classes that morning. The Liturgy itself does an impressive job of teaching. The day before is First Saturday. Separated from Friday, you could overlook it. Don't. Let us offer reparation to her heart, as God Himself asks.

Beautiful reparation was offered Wednesday for the murderous crime of abortion. Thank you for your prayers at Mass and the Holy Hour. Did you ever notice how cold it usually gets around the 22nd? Surely it is to represent the cold, cold hearts of the baby killers. It was freezing in Florida, and I was all bundled up in my bed. But soon the sun returned. May the Sun of God's truth enlighten dark, dark souls.

But how great that President Trump addressed the pro life marchers. In American politics, it is a milestone.

I send a blessing, with thanks for your many prayers,



**Bishop Dolan**



# Purification of Our Lady

## Candlemas

Sunday, February 2, 2020

*Blessing of Candles and Procession at 9:00 AM  
followed by High Mass*

*Reception after Mass in Helfta Hall*

*Vespers of the Purification at 4:45 PM*

### AN APOSTLE'S PRAYER

*O God, never let a soul leave me without having been united to Thee, without having been strengthened in virtue, inflamed with Thy love, encouraged and consoled; without having tasted the meekness and goodness of Thy Heart and the sweetness and delight of serving Thee.*

*May souls see in me Jesus alone, the gentle Savior; Jesus, all goodness; Jesus with His Heart open, Jesus with His arms outstretched, saying, "Come to Me, all of you."*

*May my soul, as well as my lips, smile at everyone!*

*May Thy Word, dear God, inspire my humble thoughts and give them the fruitfulness of Thy Precious Blood.*

*May nothing human infiltrate into the apostolate of the souls Thou hast entrusted to me, but may I love them with Thy Great Divine Heart—even to suffering and death!*

*None but Thee! Thee alone! For me, failure, disappointment, and the unknown; but for Thee consolation and gratitude.*

*O Holy Trinity, dwell within my soul by Thy grace; sanctify me; sanctify all souls Thou wilt place in my path today. Amen.*

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>1/27/20</b>	<b>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Jake Kloberdanz – anniversary of death ( <i>Mary Christensen</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> My Special Intention 3 ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>1/28/20</b>	<b>ST. PETER NOLASCO, C</b>
		ST. AGNES (THE SECOND TIME)
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Friends & Benefactors ( <i>Tobias Bayer</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Fathers</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intentions ( <i>P.T. &amp; A.M. Omlor</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>1/29/20</b>	<b>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention Deceased ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Monica Schrand ( <i>Eva Nellenbach</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> In Honor of St. Joseph ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i> )
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Viola Fischer ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>1/30/20</b>	<b>ST. MARTINA, VM</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Joseph Simpson ( <i>Bill Young</i> )
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Mary MacDonald – 56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jan. 30 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> )
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> My Special Intention 4 ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>1/31/20</b>	<b>ST. JOHN BOSCO, C</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Debbie Navaroli (Happy Birthday) ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i> )
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Fr. Lehtoranta ( <i>Patsy McConnell</i> )
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:35 PM</b>	<b>Infant of Prague Novena VI</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Our friends & family members ( <i>C. &amp; B. Simpson</i> )
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/1/20</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>
		ST. IGNATIUS, BPM
		ST. BRIGID, V
		IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, REFUGE OF SINNERS
	<b>7:10 AM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Our Lady's intentions for Bishop Dolan, the priests, & all my benefactors ( <i>Darlene Rentschler, in gratitude</i> )
	<b>8:05 AM</b>	<b>Alma &amp; First Saturday Devotions</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> All deceased priests & religious ( <i>K &amp; M Christensen</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/2/20</b>	<b>PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY</b>
		CANDLEMAS DAY
		EPIPHANY IV
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Janice Ignash Prezzato ( <i>Marge Kitchen</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Blessing of Candles, Procession, High Mass</b> Reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
		<b>Reception follows in Helfta Hall</b>

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CATECHISM

### Part 2

About eighty years ago a number of families, related and living in the same neighborhood, emigrated—some to the United States and others to certain of the British colonies—from one of the most Catholic of all countries. Of the former band hardly one remains a Catholic. The parents had never been taught the Catechism, and they did not teach it to their children. The faith has simply died out among them, to the surprise and scandal of their relations in Australia and the mother-country. There are hundreds of Italians in South America who not only never go near a church, but are among the avowed enemies of the Catholic religion. Their ignorance of its doctrines is such that it was an easy matter for infidels and sectarians to seduce them; and as soon as they abandoned religious practices they were lost.

Those conscientious priests, devoted Catholic teachers, and dutiful parents, who teach the Catechism to children, trying to impress its lessons deeply on their minds and hearts, are doing more to stop the leakage of which we hear so much, and to bring about the conversion of non-Catholics, than all the authors, editors, and lecturers with whose doings everyone is made acquainted. Religious books, papers, and lectures are important, of course; and all rejoice to see their influence extended. But what is of incomparably greater moment is the religious instruction of our children, and the providing of teachers trained in a Catholic spirit, as well as in the knowledge of their religion, to impart such instruction.

Let us be persuaded of the paramount importance of the Little Catechism, recalling the words of a great Pontiff: "The child that grows up unconscious of the duties of religion will ignore the duties of man."

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

---

### Servers

<b>WED 1/29</b>	<b>11:25 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS:</b> Fr. McGuire, D. McConnell <b>CROSS:</b> C. Richesson <b>TH:</b> P. McClorey <b>ACS:</b> N. McClorey, A. McClorey <b>MITRE:</b> S. Richesson <b>CROZIER:</b> A. McClorey <b>TORCH:</b> <i>Volunteers</i>
<b>SUN 2/2</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros. <b>9:00 AM HIGH: MC:</b> R. VandeRyt <b>CHAPLAINS:</b> P. Omlor, J. Lacy <b>CROSS:</b> C. Arlinghaus <b>TH:</b> C. Richesson <b>ACS:</b> M. Simpson, T. Lawrence <b>MITRE:</b> S. Richesson <b>CROZIER:</b> D. Simpson <b>TORCH:</b> J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, T. & D. England, C. Vander Putten <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> A. & Na. McClorey <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller

---

<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock – Merry Christmas! ( <i>Love, Bobby &amp; Aubrey</i> )
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers of the Purification, Benediction</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

---