

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



February 16, 2020
SEXAGESIMA

**PATER • FILIUS •
SPIRITUS • SANCTUS**

¶ SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Our **Presidents Day Bake Sale** is taking place in Helfta Hall today. Be sure to come back and peruse the treats! The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

Our annual novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick continues this Friday. Bring your sick to be blessed, and be sure to call or email the office with their names to be mentioned in the novena.



Thou art the Vessel of election, St. Paul the Apostle, the Preacher of truth in the whole world.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA

Next Sunday is Holy Face Sunday. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers, but Benediction will be after the 11:30 AM Mass.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Quinquagesima, second collect of St. Peter Damian. Trinity Preface.



St. Valentine, pray for us. Protect our young people, bless our courting couples.

**PRESIDENTS DAY
BAKE SALE**

Today in Helfta Hall



Congratulations to David and Megan Mann on the Baptism of their son,

Joseph Robert, on February 9, 2020.

¶ CATECHISM CORNER

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost (Isa. xi. 2,3): Knowledge, Piety, The Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, and Fortitude.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 9th\$4,487.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Paul and Rita Grau, Paul and Barbara O'Connor, Kent Maki, Fr. Berry, and Mary McGuire.

¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE!

The bookstore has new devotional items and good reading for upcoming Lent. There are saint movies available as well as NEW saint cartoons for children.

Storage has yielded vestments for the Infant of Prague Statue. We have a couple sizes and colors available. You can find several purple vestments for the small statue, white and pink for the medium statue and purple for the large. The Sisters may have statues for sale to complete the set. If your statue needs a liturgical color, stop in and see if we have it.

Candle followers have been popular and more will be in soon. We still have blessed candles for a donation.

Prepare your family altar for Lent. New pictures of the Sorrowful Mother and Sacred Head will be on display soon. Look for the Pieta statue also.

Stop in and look around. You may have missed something great!

“If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces...never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.” – St. Bernadette

¶ UPCOMING

2020 YAG: July 10-12

Girls' Camp: July 21-23

Boys' Camp: July 28-30

Diaconate Ordination: July 30, Frei Pedro, O.F.M.

THE BEGINNING OF ALL GRACES

When Our Lord gave the Sacrament to His disciples, He took bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and handed it to them saying, "Take, eat...Do this," He said, "in memory of Me."

Now this day we dedicate to the Lord's memory, so it is called the Lord's Day. Before the Lord's passion it was not called the Lord's Day, but the first day [of the week]. On this day the Lord began the creation of the world, and on this day He gave the first fruits of the resurrection to the world. This is the day on which, as we have said, He bade us celebrate the holy mysteries. This great day has therefore become for us the beginning of all graces. It was the beginning of the world's creation, the beginning of the resurrection, and it is the beginning of the week. Because of its three beginnings, this day signifies the primordial power of the Holy Trinity.

Now every week has seven days. Six of these God has give to us for work, and one for prayer, rest, and making reparations for our sins, so that on the Lord's Day we may atone to God for any sins we have committed on the other six days.

This day, as we have often said, was given to you for prayer and rest. *This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it* [Ps 118:24], and give glory to Him who rose on this day, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now, always, and for endless ages. Amen.



STILL LOOKING...

We're still looking for generous cooks for a Lenten work of charity: "I was hungry, and you gave me to eat." Partner with someone, or go solo for *one* Friday evening's dinner this Lent. Reimbursement cheerfully provided. Doesn't have to be fancy! Try some of your favorite Friday dishes. Just up the recipe to about 40 or so. Could be as simple as tater tots, fish sticks, coleslaw, rolls and fruit. Help us to nourish bodies while souls are refreshed the Friday evenings of Lent.

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)

Intention from 2/2:

Rest of the Soul of †Alex Joseph Keith
(Brent Keith)

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 6:45 AM Blessing & Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 AM Low Mass
- 8:00 AM Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, High Mass
- 11:25 AM Low Mass, Distribution of Ashes
- 3:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Ashes
- 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions
- 5:20 PM Penitential Litany
- 5:45 PM Distribution of Ashes
- 5:45 PM Low Mass
- 6:45 PM Final Distribution of Ashes

IN HONOR OF ST. VALENTINE

Bachelors who'd married be
When the Easter candles shine,
Raise your prayers right lustily
To the great St. Valentine.

Valentine has Cupid's bow,
Taken from that pagan child;
He can make an arrow go
To the heart that's sweet and mild.

He can tell a lady true,
And his aid is gladly lent;
For he whispers when you woo,
"Marriage is a sacrament."

All the beeches sing in tune
For the winds blow from the west;
Softly sings the crescent moon,
"Spring is best—love is best."

Lenten days will soon be done,
White stars bloom in sunny places;
There's new fervor in the sun,
Little shrubs show new-found graces.

When we safely married are,
Joseph is the saint to hail;
But when marriage is afar,
Valentine will most prevail.

Pray to him in early spring
When the snows begin to pass;
Soon the lily bells will ring,
Soon will come the Easter Mass!

Bachelors who'd married be
When the Easter candles shine,
Raise your prayers right lustily
To the great St. Valentine.

— Maurice Francis Egan



Sixty days now, until Easter, but first we're concentrating on Ash Wednesday, because he who begins well will end well. Amidst all our care for our sick, we've also been planning for the Church's "annual checkup," our hospital visit which *is* in a sense a quarantine, Lent. (The word means "Forty Days.") Hope you won't have to be dragged in, kicking and screaming! Doctor—Dr. Jesus—knows best. These forty days are designed for healing of body, as well as soul. Look forward to the cure, plan your own program generously, thoughtfully and with prayer. Check with the Blessed Mother. In a week and a half we meet for ashes.

In the meantime, **Fr. McKenna** kindly collected **Fr. Cekada** from TriHealth Rehabilitation Hospital where he received excellent care. They gave him a very warm sendoff. He will continue his rehabilitation exercises at the rectory, and hopes soon to return to the altar, and to his beloved choir and organ. He has been sick for so long. Thank you for your concern, and the charity of your continued prayers.

I was glad to have both **Fr. McGuire** and **Fr. Lehtoranta** with me last Sunday. Attendance has been sluggish since Candlemas, but we all three clergy were kept busy with blessing throats, a Baptism, and pastoral matters as well as the standard Masses, sermons and Confessions. Fr. McGuire is in Milwaukee today and then down to Tampa to visit the seminary as "extraordinary confessor." Our own four are doing well.

On top of everything else, **Fr. Nkamuke** stopped to buy groceries on his way back from Mass last week and his computer, phone, and some cash and chargers were stolen. We sent him some emergency help to tide him over. Donations for Nigeria always gratefully received.

Fr. McKenna tells a neat tale of what we call "a Gertrudian moment" at St. Anthony Chapel in Dallas on Candlemas. Just as Father left the sacristy to begin the candle blessing, the lights went out. No tragedy for a Gertrudian, to be sure. All was done simply but correctly by candlelight. Fr. McKenna even chanted the responsories in a psalm tone as he led the little congregation outdoors in procession. As they reentered "church" the lights, on their own, came back on, and Mass proceeded as usual. The Holy Ghost or an angel was at the light switch. And it was a nice treat for those faithful to assist at a rarely seen and impressive ceremony.

I hope you all had a happy, lovely St. Valentine's Day Friday. Tomorrow is "Presidents Day." Believe me they weren't saints. But all the more reason to pray

for our beloved land. Oh, of course, celebrate a bit with some pre-Lenten goodies at the Bake Sale, won't you?

Blessed Sunday, blessed week!

— **Bishop Dolan**



OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Saint Francis of Assisi loved France because the sacred Host was more venerated there than in any other country in the world. It is remarkable that in spite of the spread of worldliness and irreligion, the Eucharist has been more and more glorified and honored from century to century. The Eucharistic life of Christ has developed in the world as did His human life on earth. Jesus began to breathe in the seclusion of an obscure workshop and rose gradually to infinite glory. Likewise, the first Christians fed on the Bread of Life, but they did so in darkness. But even when it is hidden, the Host gives life to the humblest church.... A Catholic church remains always open, like the Heart forever open.



This Body of Christ was brought forth by the Blessed Virgin, and this is why the veneration paid to the Virgin Mary goes hand in hand with devotion to the Eucharist—without rivaling it and, *a fortiori*, without rising above it. But we do not separate the Mother from the Son.

— *François Mauriac*



THE LAST BLESSING

After concluding the prayer to the Blessed Trinity, the priest extends his hands upon the altar and kisses it. With what devotion he impresses this last kiss upon the altar stone, upon which has just rested the Blood of the Victim of Calvary for the praise and glory of the Triune God, for the benefit of Holy Church, for the perfection of the just, for the conversion of sinners and the relief of the suffering souls in Purgatory! These graces overflow from the Blessed Trinity.

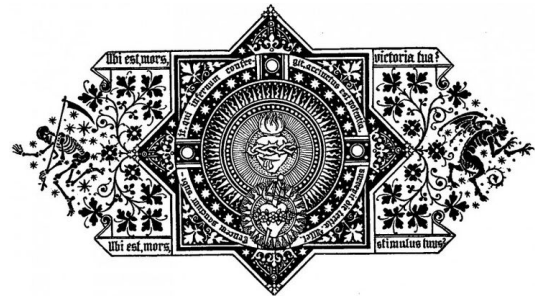
"You must receive God well, give Him a loving welcome; for then, He has to pay us rent." — St. Bernadette

✠ CALENDAR

MON	2/17/20	FERIAL DAY <i>THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Kustra Family (<i>Bill Young</i>)
TUE	2/18/20	ST. SIMEON, BPM <i>ST. BERNADETTE, V</i> <i>COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Peter – 9 th Anniversary (<i>Simpson Family</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass of St. Bernadette Thomas Simpson (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)
WED	2/19/20	FERIAL DAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Isaac Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Paul Puglielli Sr. (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Irene Ulanowski & †Jan Groen (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) <i>(Please note: No 5:10 today)</i>
THU	2/20/20	FERIAL DAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Bedrock Fence LLC (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament All of our deceased family & friends (<i>K & M Christensen</i>)
FRI	2/21/20	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †David MacDonald, Sr. – 55 th Anniversary Feb. 21 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Passion For priests especially Fr. Cekada (<i>Patrick Curry</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Closing of the Infant of Prague Novena 5:45 PM Low Mass †Jose M. Abella – 10 th Anniversary Feb. 21 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III with Blessing of the Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	2/22/20	ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass In Honor of St. Joseph for my intentions (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 8:05 AM Ave & Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass St. Joseph – Thanksgiving (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</i>)
SUN	2/23/20	QUINQUAGESIMA HOLY FACE SUNDAY ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Mary Lacy & Children</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass & Benediction Dennis & Jeanne Hille (<i>Maria Kunkel</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass †Eleanor Anater (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>)

PRAYER FOR THE RIGHT PARTNER IN LIFE

Dear Jesus, I know now that You are calling me to serve You in the married state. I know, too, that it is a life that calls for self-sacrifice, courage, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It will not be easy to live as a true Catholic parent, to put the interests of You and Your Church before those of my sometimes selfish heart. But, Lord, I know You will give me the graces to live as a holy and happily married Catholic. Of all these graces, Lord, the greatest for which I can ask is the right partner who will share with me all I have, all I am, and all I will be. Guide me in my choice, Jesus. Help me fall in love with the one person You know will be best for me. Give me the person who will strengthen me through life's tears and inspire me to see all the goodness and happiness of two people living their life together with You, their dear God, in their midst. Amen.



Our Beloved Dead – February

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Eileen R. Bartels	2-03-2008
Margaret Winningham	2-04-2002
Betty Joliffe	2-04-2011
Richard Smith	2-04-2019
Carol Jean Mincey	2-07-2009
Dorothy Stoll	2-10-2002
Peter J. Gebel	2-11-2006
Homer (Dale) Downing	2-14-2003
Estrella I. Simpson	2-14-2012
Vashtie Strunk	2-16-1991
Robert H. Gough	2-16-2000
Bernard Brueggemann	2-19-2011
Mary O'Donnell	2-20-2000
Joseph D. Wilson	2-20-2002
Paul J. Ewers, Sr.	2-22-1984
Sharon Patton	2-24-2018
Rita Brueggemann	2-27-2008
Mary A. Mahsling	2-27-1994

SERVERS

SUN 2/23	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy TH: M. Simpson ACS: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, C. VanderPutten, D. Simpson
	11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett
	BENEDICTION: MC: Na. McClorey TH: P. McClorey TORCH: A.D. Kinnett, A. McClorey
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller