

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



April 26, 2020
EASTER II



SS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPM • OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

¶ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass
5:00 PM Exposition, Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, and asking St. Pius V for unity for the Catholics who are left.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Rosary, Confessions
7:30 AM High Mass
8:15 AM May & First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
8:35 AM (approx.) Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Mary's Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men.

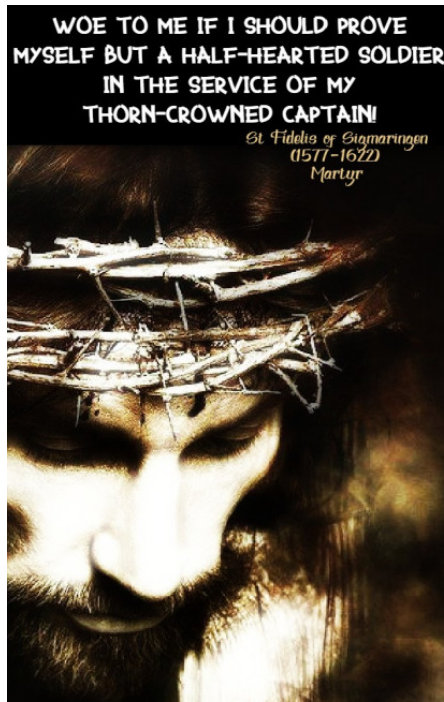


Collection Report

Good Friday, April 9th.....\$1,369.50
Sunday, April 19th.....\$5,477.00

¶ FIRST COMMUNION

May Crowning is two weeks from now, and Confirmation and First Communion are not far behind. The government mandated artificial corona closings continue, and parents may have a difficulty in getting the traditional outfits. If anyone has any dresses or suits, etc., to contribute, please do so and we will make them available. Otherwise, parents, just do your best in the circumstances.



¶ SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron and protector of the Catholic Church. Low Masses are at 7 and 8 AM and 5:10 PM. A special High Mass will be at 11:25 AM.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Fr. Nkamuke and his faithful, Rob Brockman, Becky Uhlenbrock, Helen Tschosik, and the repose of the soul of †Michelle MacDonald.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY CROSS SUNDAY, EASTER III

The **Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross** will follow all Masses next Sunday, with the **Blessing of Religious Articles** afterwards. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. You will find in the vestibule the "Little Church" to receive your alms for priests. Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Finding of the Holy Cross, second collect and Proper Last Gospel of Easter III. Vidi Aquam. Preface of the Holy Cross.

THE LOVE OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

Of all the divine perfections, love is certainly the one that the Incarnate Word is most pleased to reveal to us. The human heart needs a tangible love in order to realize something of infinite love, deeper far as it is than this tangible love and surpassing our understanding. Nothing, indeed, so much attracts our poor hearts as to contemplate Jesus Christ, true God as well as true Man, translating the eternal goodness into human deeds. When we see Him lavishly scattering around Him inexhaustible treasures of compassion and mercy, we are able to conceive something of the infinity of that ocean of divine kindness whence the Sacred Heart draws these treasures for us.

— Dom Columba Marmion
Dom Columba (†1923) was abbot of the Benedictine abbey of Maredsous, Belgium.



“I am amazed when people tell me that you are speaking with God by reciting the Pater Noster even while you are thinking of worldly things. When you speak with a Lord so great you should think of Who it is you are addressing and what you yourself are...”

— St. Teresa of Avila

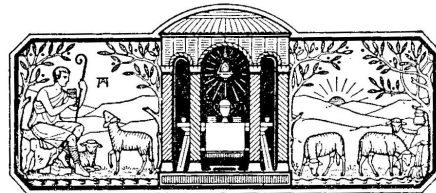
¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Stop and shop in the bookstore. We have new items! The books have been organized with additions to the family/marriage section, reading materials that our clergy recommend, help with scruples, catechisms, as well as more lives of the saints. Missals and new zippered covers for the Fr. Lasance missal are in stock.

Spring, First Communion and Confirmation items are on display. Jewelry and rings make a memorable gift. Check out our sterling silver collection.

Get ideas for upcoming weddings with nice pictures of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart, or the Holy Family.

Don't forget Mother's Day with a nice apron made by the Sisters or inspirational reading material.



¶ THIS WEEK

On **Monday** we honor the patron of Catechism Classes and teachers, St. Peter Canisius. St. Paul of the Cross, St. Louis de Montfort and St. Peter Chanel, Patron of Oceania, are three great saints on one day, **Tuesday**. The Eastertide Solemnity of St. Joseph is **Wednesday's** very great feast. **Thursday** honors the Holy Child Jesus Doctor of the Sick on the feast day of the mystic and church reformer, St. Catherine of Siena, patron of women with cancer. On **First Friday**, feast of Ss. Philip and James, we begin Marys' Month with opening May Devotions at 3:06 PM. See the special schedule for Friday and **Saturday**, feast of St. Athanasius.

NONE OTHER LAMB

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth
or sea,
None other Hiding-place from guilt
and shame,
None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns
low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and
woe
Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life tho' I be dead,
Love's Fire Thou art, however cold I
be:
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay
my head,
Nor home, but Thee.

— Christina Rossetti



To take refuge in the Lord, the Good Shepherd, we must face the predicament of our powerlessness, our extreme limitations, and our need to follow *Someone* if we want to experience true fulfillment in our life. Unlike literal sheep, we are aware of the risk that our Shepherd takes: “A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.” Therefore we exclaim, “See what love the Father has bestowed on us!” More than merely knowing the Shepherd's voice, we know His Holy Name “by which we are to be saved.” Because we are His sheep, we are God's children now. A Little Child shall lead them.

What with all of the news of late, I've gotten away from my opening weather report. But how's this for a noncontroversial opening? Cold days this past week, and then a bit of welcome sun on Wednesday. **Fr. Cekada** got his full ten minutes on a warm afternoon. If only people got their "sun baths" regularly and supplemented the D supply, as needed, with supplements, what a healthier place this world would be. But it was never really about health, was it?

Thursday it rained, but it was a perfect April rain, calming, quiet, calling forth the flowers of May. Fr. Cekada has, once again, been making good progress in his recovery. Each little step is a thrill. He and I enjoyed a busy but *calm* day. Thanks be to God. The therapists are keeping him busy, and helping him to regain use of his affected limbs.

I think our three visiting seminarians, two from Nigeria and one from California, enjoyed their time here, but I barely had a chance to speak with them as my cassock mostly gave way to the caregiver's outfit. But I know the faithful found it so encouraging to see so many fine young men on their way to the altar.

The lilies are going quickly now, but the hydrangeas are in their glory. But like some people, they are high maintenance. Seminarian **John Okerulu** has been helping Janet with their daily watering. Seminarians **Thomas** and **Andrew** have been willingly helping in the sacristy as well. All five seminarians were a bit worried about the drive to Cincinnati on Easter Monday, due to reports of government roadblocks, but they arrived without any problems. It seems the role of the state anymore is not our safety and security, but something else.

Pray for those who have lost their jobs, or have been denied surgery due to government mandate. More and more reports coming in.... They say that this could never have happened under a Hillary in the White House, but all of the "conservative/Evangelical" camp folded like a deck of cards because it was Trump. Do you remember how they said that "only a Nixon could have opened up China"? And now look at Red China. What a mess. But the one-worlders have everything figured out, and steadily move, step by step.

We continue to be gratified to see the pretty good weekday Mass attendance. We should be praying! A number of people who came over from Novus Ordo parishes have persevered. Finally, some of our own returned last week. They are welcome indeed.

Yesterday a brave handful made "the Litanies" with us, the Greater Litanies of St. Mark's Day. We

can't help but think of St. Michael the Archangel sheathing his sword as St. Gregory the Great and all the Christians of Rome, barefoot in the procession, sang the Regina Coeli. The Plague ceased. More people should be coming to daily Mass, more prayers should be constantly ascending on high.



Today is the feast day of Our Mother of Good Counsel. She looks after our temporal needs. But remember, "Mother, tell me what am I to do?"

May Our Lady do just that for you!

– Bishop Dolan

WORLDWIDE NEWS NOTES

Ralf Karlsen of Sweden writes: *"We watched your Mass today and listened to Bishop Dolan's excellent sermon. We have not had a visiting priest since February and do not expect any for several months. Poland has closed its borders and almost all flights to our airport are cancelled. In case things return to normal before July which is doubtful, maybe you will be the next priest visiting us. We are five faithful now. There is also a man in Denmark with his twin sons who seems to be close to come over to us from the SSPX, God willing."*

The Left Wing government of Sweden took a sensibly moderate approach and the country is no worse off than we. Ditto for Belarus.

An update from Fr. Nkamuke: *"I ask your prayers for our faithful here in Nigeria. We're faced with multiple threats in Nigeria, and especially in Lagos which is the local epicenter of the crisis. We're currently on lockdown and most people have no means to sustain themselves. Add to this the threat by criminals, who now go systematically from place to place robbing the poor people. One of our member's community has received a letter from the criminal group asking the whole community to expect their visit. Currently they have also reached a neighbouring community close to us. The police don't have sufficient personnel to fend them off, so we're literally at their mercy. Unless the lockdown ends, it would only be a matter of time for our turn to come. The men of the affected community now have to come out and watch all night long."*

Fr. Rodrigo sends a cheerier note from Brazil, where they have a sensible president: *"Thanks be to God, here in Brazil we're all well. The Corona Crisis doesn't affect us (now) at all. As well, we're receiving a lot of help from various families here in Brazil. We should soon be able to acquire some property. We continue with the Holy Mass as usual, and the faithful continue attending each Sunday. Seminary Classes go on as normal."*

"We're all praying for Fr. Nkamuke and for Fr. Cekada's recuperation."

✠ EPISTLE TO THE CLOSED CHURCH ✠

Becky Akers publishes this "Epistle to the Closed Church" on the Lew Rockwell site. It's obviously from a non-Catholic and not entirely accurate, but makes some good points.

I have a Biblical understanding of what the church here on earth is supposed to be. It is not supposed to be fearful, subservient to worldly powers, hidden or encompassed by a Zoom call. No, the church is to be Christ's body working to bring the kingdom into this world. We are the front line of Christ's efforts to set the world right.

Instead, we have cowered in fear. We have submitted to the commands of Caesar. We have forsaken meeting together. For heaven's sake, we even closed for Easter! And for what? A manufactured crisis over a virus that is being shown repeatedly to be far less than what it has been sold to be.

Now, my point isn't to go into detail about the scientism being employed to sell everyone on this virus as being the next bubonic plague or "Spanish" "flu," though the evidence has been available since the lockdowns began that shows it to be blown all out of proportion. And the evidence has only gotten stronger as time has passed. My intent isn't even to dwell on the political "solutions" being enforced, other than how they impact the church and its response. Though it is an odd thing to so-called quarantine healthy people, without any due process of law. And threaten them with the violence of the state if they don't fall in line. We will kill you to save you, I guess...

No, my main point is to highlight how the church, Christ's bride, has completely given in to the diktats of the state and essentially closed its doors. There was a time when people flocked to these shores, knowing that life would likely be short and brutish, a struggle just to eke out an existence, all to be free. Untold and unimaginable hardship and RISK endured to be freed from state oppression, oftentimes religious oppression. Now, because of a mere flu-like bug, apparently "we're" willing to throw it all away. Who would have thought that, in the US of all places, you would see cops taking license plate #'s and breaking up church services on Easter Sunday? It is truly depressing. It's even more disheartening here in Ohio since the church is exempted from the large gathering ban.

We live under the largest government in the history of the world.... Any freedom lost to the state, no matter the reason or circumstance, is freedom that will not be returned. It's crucial to understand that it is not the virus taking away these freedoms, it is a heavy-handed state that seeks even more control. We

witnessed the same thing after 9/11.

...I think a foundational thing to consider when weighing these issues is that we live in a fallen world and live with disease. As such, you cannot expect a "germ-free" environment. Because of this, people who are fearful of getting this (or any) virus ultimately must bear the responsibility of protecting themselves.

...But ultimately, even if all the things being claimed about the virus were true, and the response of the government was somehow justifiable, the church should still be open and out among the people. Even if this was the black death all over again, that is the time the church is needed most. The risk of the virus is an assertion based on speculation, but the damage being done to people and to the church is inarguable fact. Of all the times the church needs to be open and active, this is the most critical.

A.P.S.: Regarding that last: a former and unbelieving neighbor phoned tonight. This man is divorced and remarried, with questionable morals and integrity. Yet when we lamented the hysteria Our Rulers have ginned up, its destruction of the country, and the fact that even *churches* have capitulated to this evil agenda, he nigh shouted, "Yes! And this is when we most need them, too!"

If even *he* recognizes this, why don't Christians?

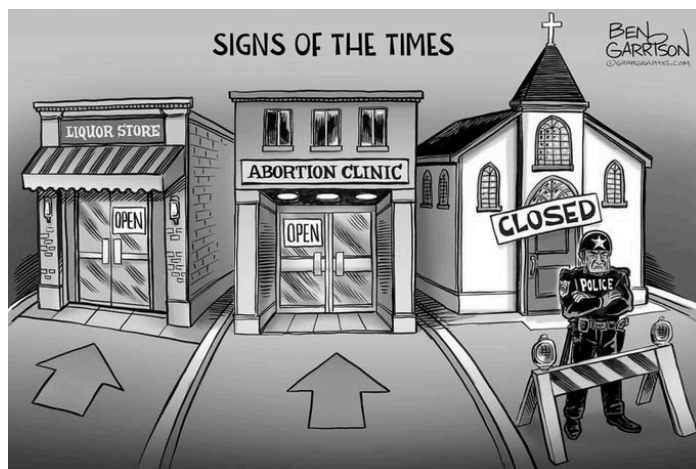
– Becky Akers

WHY SO MANY EMBRACE LIES

"If man withdraws himself from the supernatural light, he will be rightly punished by the withdrawal of that natural light, which he thought to be his own, and the world will be plunged into unreasoning foolishness."

– Dom Prosper Guéranger,

The Liturgical Year, Volume VIII, p. 310 (Loreto Press, 2013)



"It is human to fall but angelic to rise again."

– St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

**PRIEST AND MARTYR
OF AND FOR OUR TIMES**

Fr. Román Adame Rosales (1859-1927), priest and martyr of the Cristero War. Fr. Román had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin, *adoration*; Apostle of Catechism and of the poor and the sick, spiritual guide, founder of many school and chapels. Born on 27 February 1859 at Teocaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico, and died by shooting by a firing squad in 21 April 1927 in a cemetery near Yahualican, Jalisco, Mexico.

More than 80 years ago—between 1914 and 1934—the Church in Mexico experienced one of the bloodiest religious persecutions in history, in which several religious gave their lives in defense of the Catholic faith.

Among these Mexican martyrs is Fr. Román Adame Rosales—priest of deep humility and pastor for several years in Nochistlán, a municipality located in the Mexican state of Zacatecas, whom the Church remembers today in a special way.

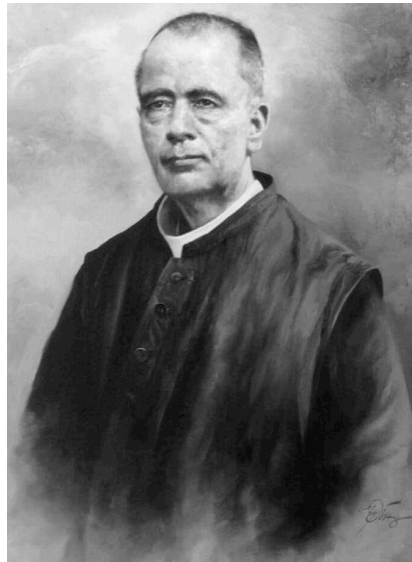
The priest was known for his catechism teaching, for his great devotion to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—so much so, that part of his action in his parish ministry, was dedicated to the construction of chapels, so that the faithful could have the Blessed Sacrament close by. He was also revered for giving great efforts to the care of the sick and the education of the children, both secular and religious.

Fr. Román is also remembered for his courage and perseverance in the face of any suffering or difficult situation—such as the harsh persecution that led him to remain hidden and continue to administer the sacraments clandestinely—he always said: ***“Let everything be for God.”***

On 18 April 1927 he conducted a Lenten service at Rancho Veladones. One of the people at the

service betrayed him to a Colonel Quinones and Fr. Román was arrested the next day. He was jailed at Mexicacan, Mexico, then forced to walk miles to the parish at Yhualica. Quinones had commandeered the rectory for his own use, and he kept Fr. Román tied to an outdoor post during the day, threw him into a cell at night and neglected to give him food or water. Some local lay people offered to buy the priest’s freedom. Quinones demanded a \$6,000 bribe, pocketed the money and ordered Fr. Román executed anyway. On 21 April 1927 he was taken to an open grave, where he was executed by firing squad together with a soldier, Antonio Carrillo, who minutes before opposed the shooting of the priest.

Today his remains are venerated in Nochistlán and according to witnesses to the exhumation of his body, his heart was solidified and his Rosary was embedded in it.



“To the end of the longest life, you are still a beginner. What Christ asks of you is not sinlessness but diligence.... You can not be profitable to Him, even with the longest life; you can show faith and love in an hour!”

– Cardinal John Henry Newman

Lumen Christi

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

Special Intentions
(Monika Konetzka)



PRAYER FOR THE FEAST

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who didst give Thy life for Thy sheep, and Who, hanging on the Cross, didst commend us, Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, unto Thy Virgin Mother, grant, by her intercession, that we, following Thee our Shepherd on earth, may be brought to the pastures of everlasting life in Heaven. Amen.

“May your heart be an altar, from which the bright flame of unending thanksgiving ascends to heaven.”

– St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

“O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything. This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. It has subjected powerful kings to the rule of Christ, it has bound nations to His service. What made the holy apostles and martyrs endure fierce agony and bitter torments, except faith and especially faith in the Resurrection? What is it that today makes true followers of Christ cast luxuries aside, leave pleasures behind and endure difficulties and pain? It is living faith that expresses itself through love. It is this that makes us put aside the goods of the present in the hope of future goods. It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future.”

– St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

✠ CALENDAR

MON 4/27/120 ST. PETER CANISIUS, CD
ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BPC
8:00 AM Low Mass Claudia Navaroli – Happy Birthday (*Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Fr. Joseph Collins – 1st Anniversary (*Mark & Joan Lotarski*)

TUE 4/28/20 ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C
ST. VITALIS, M
ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C
ST. PETER CHANEL, M
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of †Carol Borkowski's soul (*Kevin & Theresa Weller*)
11:25 AM High Mass In honor of St. Anthony of Padua, for Fr. Cekada (*Hunter Lumbatis*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intentions (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)

WED 4/29/20 SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
ST. PETER MARTYR
ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C
7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (*Fr. Baryj*)
11:25 AM High Mass In honor of St. Joseph – thanksgiving & petition for special intentions (*TRCS*)
5:10 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph – special intentions & thanksgiving (*Sarah Burns*)

THU 4/30/20 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V
HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK
7:00 AM Low Mass William & Therese Young (*Annie Fischer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Bishop Dolan, all priests & seminarians (*Judy*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Richard VandeRyt (*Puglielli family*)

FRI 5/1/20 SS. PHILIP & JAMES, APP
FIRST FRIDAY
8:00 AM Low Mass †Angela Plowman (*Rose Simpson Wellman*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Fr. Cekada (*Collin Smith*)
3:06 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Michelle MacDonald (*Theresa Simpson*)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
All Night Adoration

SAT 5/2/20 FIRST SATURDAY
ST. ATHANASIUS, BPCD
7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass For the repose of the soul of †Patrick H. Omlor (Anniversary of Death) (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
8:15 AM May & First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
8:35 AM (approx.) Low Mass Thanksgiving for prayers answered (*Doloris Ritze*)

SUN 5/3/20 FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS
EASTER III
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Doris Ritze & Family (*Bud Patton*)
9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Collins – 1st Anniversary (*Eva Nellenbach*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass In thanksgiving to St. Martha & St. Patrick for prayers answered (*Leanne Arlinghaus*)

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor May 2020

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, *Volunteer needed*
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, *Volunteer needed*
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, Hunter Lumbatis
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: David Marko, *Volunteer needed*
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, *Volunteer needed*
4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, *Volunteer needed*
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Paddy Omlor
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

SERVERS

MON 4/27 11:25 AM: M. & D. Simpson
TUE 4/28 11:25 AM: C. & S. Richesson
WED 4/29 11:25 AM SOLEMN HIGH: MGS: M. Simpson, P. Omlor **TH:** A. McConnell **CROSS:** McClorey **ACS:** D. McConnell, P. McClorey **TORCH:** A. McClorey, S. Richesson, D. Simpson, N. McClorey
THU 4/30 11:25 AM: P. Omlor, N. Kolenich
FRI 5/1 11:25 AM: School servers
SUN 5/3 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson **TH:** T. Lawrence **ACS:** P. Omlor, J. Kolenich **TORCH:** N. & M. Kolenich, T. & D. England
11:30 AM Low: P. McClorey, A. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

“Draw near to our Lord, thoroughly aware of your own nothingness, and you may hope all things from His Goodness and Mercy. Never forget that Jesus Christ is no less generous in the Blessed Sacrament than He was during His mortal life on earth.”

– St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier