



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

May 3, 2020 FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS EASTER III • SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



¶ HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

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

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHER'S DAY, EASTER IV – MAY CROWNING

Next Sunday is the **May Crowning Procession**. First Communicants should wear their First Communion clothes and sit in the front of church, to lead the procession after Mass. There will be no Sunday classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter IV, second collect of St. Antoninus, third of Ss. Gordian & Epimachus. Vidi Aquam. Preface of Easter.

¶ FOOD FOR THE POOR

Golden opportunity to gain merit and cancel sins for those with enough for themselves, and even more. Give alms to the poor. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off in Helfta Hall. Just mark box or bag as a donation. Cash and checks also welcome, mark them "For the Poor." Really, this is a spiritual gold mine we often forget, but now the poor need you to remember.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Fr. Cekada, Ann Schriener, Rob Brockman, Kyle McGuire, and Helen Tschosik.



¶ MOTHERS DAY ENVELOPES

You can find envelopes in the pews for Mothers Day. Please fill these out and return them, via the collection, bookstore, or office, by Friday, May 8, so that the names will be on the altar for Mothers Day.



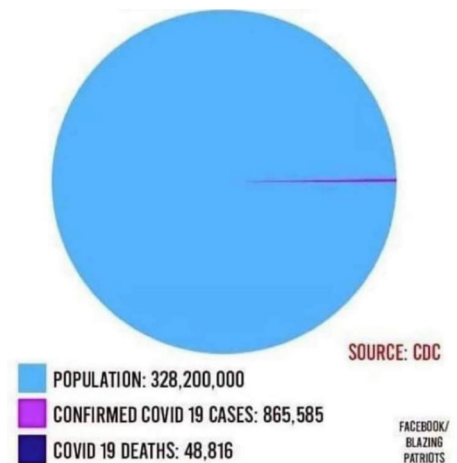
¶ FEED THE PRIESTS

Here is another opportunity. Drop off a meal for the priests once a month, or once in a blue moon. You probably get extra credit for feeding priests, and Fr. Cekada is sick, so there's that.

How to do it? Choose a date, and sign up online (lotsahelpinghands.com) or just call the office and check with Theresa. Only one meal per day, please. Managing a lot of food at once is a lot of work, and we hate to waste. So, call ahead, don't just drop off.

When? Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Sundays are often covered, Mondays are leftovers, Friday is pizza, and Annie is Saturday. Now you know. The whole process is a lot of work, yes, but it doesn't have to be fussy, because we're not fussy. (Believe it or not!) God reward you!

AN ACCURATE PIE CHART DEPICTING THE CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON THE U.S. APRIL 24, 2020



Collection Report

Sunday, April 26th.....\$4,532.00
Thank you for your generosity.

IT IS FINISHED

The evening light begins to glimmer again upon Calvary, the three crosses, and the little group that waits for the end; and as it falls upon the Face of Christ, the look of agony is gone.... Now in that Face and the eyes, sunken with sorrow, a new look begins, that rises, as those who stand by watch Him, until the whole Face is radiant once again. The breaths come fuller and fuller, the Body nailed by its extremities begins to lift itself higher and higher till strength is regained sufficient for Him not to speak only, but to utter a cry so loud and triumphant as to startle and amaze the officer who has watched many men die, but never as this Man dies. The cry peals out, like the shout of a king in the moment of victory; and, in an instant, failure and labor and bitterness are behind Him forever. *Consummatum est, It is finished!*

Christ came into the world to accomplish the greatest work of all—greater than that sheer act of the divine will by which all things came into being out of nothing.... That God should make man is an act of power; but to redeem him is an act of Love. The whole of history up to Calvary is, looked at from one side, one ceaseless effort of preparation for Redemption. Not one lamb has shed his blood in vain, not one prophet has spoken, not one king has reigned, except as a link in that chain of which the Lamb of God, the Servant of the Lord, and the King of Kings, is the end and the climax that justifies the whole. Abraham saw His day, and was glad; David sang of the day of His birth and of His wounded hands and feet; Isaiah spoke of His grave with the wicked and His resting-place in the rich man's garden. God has brought all up to this point that crowns and fulfills them all. And now, *Consummatum est*.

Again, as we look back to Calvary through two thousand years, we



see that all that God has done since takes its rise from there; that every impulse of grace, every sacrifice and prayer offered, every movement of the Spirit of God, every response from the spirits of men, every sin forgiven, every new life begun, every death of a righteous man, every birth of a new soul into innocence—all these gain their full strength and indeed their very existence from the torrent of love that burst up into being at the foot of Christ's cross.

—*Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson*

Because Christ has changed death to life, and suffering to redemption, the suffering of those who love Him will be a communion between them. All that hidden daily suffering that seems insignificant will be redeeming the world, it will be healing the wounds of the world. The acceptance of pain, of old age, of the fear of death, and of death will be our gift of Christ's love to one another; our gift of Christ's life to one another.

No man's cross is laid upon him for himself alone, but for the healing of the whole world, for the mutual comforting and sweetening of sorrow, for the giving of joy and supernatural life to one another. For Christ receives our cross that we may receive His. Receiving this cross, the cross of the whole world made His, we receive Him. He gives us His hands to take hold of, His power to make it a redeeming thing, a blessed thing, His life to cause it to flower, His heart to enable us to rejoice in accepting our own and one another's burdens.

—*Caryll Houselander*

THE SHEPHERDS
FOR THE NATIVITY

Shepherds, I sing you, this winter's night
Our Hope new-planted, the womb'd, the
buried Seed:

For a strange Star has fallen, to blossom
from a tomb,
And infinite Godhead circumscribed,
hangs helpless at the breast.
Now the cold airs are musical, and all the
ways of the sky
Vivid with moving fires, above the hills
where tread
The feet—how beautiful!—of them that
publish peace.

The sacrifice, which is not made for them,
The angels comprehend, and bend to
earth
Their worshipping way. Material kind
Earth
Gives Him a Mother's breast, and needful
food.

A Love, shepherds, most poor,
And yet most royal, kings,
Begins this winter's night;
But oh, cast forth, and with no proper
place,
Out in the cold He lies!

—*John Heath-Stubbs*

"Thence He came forth a pastor (a shepherd) the stone of Israel," the Church sings of St. Joseph in the epistle of his Solemnity. St. Joseph is above all a shepherd.

This poem is deep, but lovely. Read it twice in the light of the epistle for St. Joseph's Solemnity:

Epistle: Gen. 49 (22-26)

Joseph was a growing son, a growing son and comely to behold: the daughters run to and fro upon the wall. But they that held darts provoked him, and quarrelled with him, and envied him. His bow rested upon the strong, and the bands of his arms and hands were loosed, by the hands of the mighty one of Jacob: thence he came forth a pastor, the stone of Israel. The God of thy father shall be thy helper, and the Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, with the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills should come; may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren.

April proved the poet true. It was indeed “the cruelest month” for Faith and freedom, for Mass attendance and the economy, for Truth. Its cold, wet conclusion was a final slap in the face, dragging even “fairest of seasons, sweet May,” along with it, at least for its early hours. But what a day was May First. First Friday, feast of Ss. Philip and James, within the Octave of St. Joseph, Protector of the Catholic Church, and the opening of Mary’s month of May. Who could not rejoice? All was bright and joyful within as the saints and devotions lined up in a glorious constellation. May your May make up for April, and more so!

Still, let us not too quickly forget the charming memories, the perfect pictures, the unexpected graces of last month, of Holy Week and Easter. Well, they *were* unforgettable, weren’t they? And that such mercy and protection should have been vouchsafed to us in the midst of our richly deserved corona chastisement! Start out and end your day always with thanks, and you will live in childlike, wondering joy.

Fr. Cekada has been eagerly asking each morning for news of the coming Covid Conspiracy crack-up. Much good news arrived on Friday, but due to censoring you have to look for it. Don’t worry, it’s there. Persevere in prayer. Visualize the lifting of this “Communist Spring,” the parting of America’s Iron Curtain. It *is* a struggle. Our Masters the Marxists will not easily give up, but is not our land dedicated to Mary Immaculate? As she told Juan Diego, “Am I not here, who am your Mother?”

But it’s the fear thing, far more than maskings and distancings, which takes the greatest toll. The elderly and the ill who are afraid to have a priest visit, or to attend Mass, or even have family members hear Mass, for fear of contamination. All for a myth, all for an experiment in Communism. But it seems “the people” are rising up. Our prayers certainly are.

May Devotions now mark our days as we continue with our Masses, Rosaries, novenas and Vespers. Fear not! Come pray with us, receive Our Lord, and know His strength!

May blessings to you and yours.

– Bishop Dolan



¶ WE GET LETTERS

Dear Bishop Dolan and Father Cekada,

Some years ago, I saw Fr. Cekada’s excellent video about the LaSalette apparition. From that point on, it formed an essential part of my understanding of the Papacy and Vatican II.

Late last year, I explored Fr. Cekada’s cogent explanation of sedevacantism, just in time for Pope Francis’s enactment of the abominating desolation of Daniel. I want to thank Fr. Cekada for his courageous witness to the truth, his White Martyrdom.

I believe that the devil attacked Fr. Cekada for exposing this truth about Pachamama and, by doing so, snatching many people from the flames of hell.

I am praying for Fr. Cekada’s healing, and I believe he will be healed. But more importantly, I believe Christ will reward him for his courageous witness to the truth during these apocalyptic times.

Walmart- 1,500,000 employees
Amazon- 750,000 employees
Kroeger- 500,000 employees
Target- 350,000 employees
Cosco- 214,000 employees

3,314,000 total employees combined.

All of these companies have not had any reported cases in the news. Yet, every employee in these companies encounters thousands of people a day. None of these companies have closed stores. However all of a sudden all the meat packing plants are closing and small business are still not allowed to open. None of this makes any sense at all.

¶ THIS WEEK

Our first full week of May begins with St. Monica on **Monday**, the mother’s friend and saint of holy tears. St. Pius V is the pope of the Mass, the Rosary and the Remnant, who look to him as patron. Go to the “Mass of St. Pius V” on **Tuesday**! Our octave and novena of St. Joseph’s Patronage conclude on **Wednesday**. As scheduled, we usually have afternoon May Devotions. **Friday** is St. Michael the Archangel in Eastertime, with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (a very powerful devotion). **Saturday’s** feast of Our Lady of Consolation comes with St. Gregory Nazianzen.

O LORD, DRAW NEAR IN TROUBLES AND PERILS

By St. Anselm (1033–1109) Doctor of the Church

O Lord, we bring Thee the troubles and perils of peoples and nations, the sighing of prisoners and captives, the sorrows of the bereaved, the needs of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the tiredness of the weary, the failing powers of the aged. O Lord, draw near to each, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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✠ CALENDAR

MON 5/4/20 ST. MONICA, W
8:00 AM Low Mass For the repose of the soul of †Janice West – Anniversary of Death (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
11:25 AM High Mass For Mary McGuire & †Michelle MacDonald (*TRCS*)
3:10 PM May Devotions

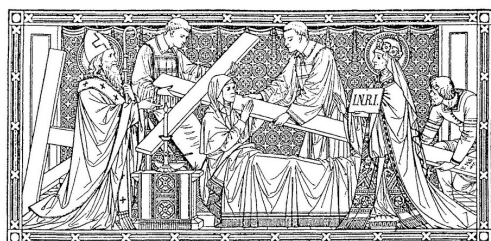
TUE 5/5/20 ST. PIUS V, PC
8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving for prayers answered through St. Anthony's intercession (*Collin Smith*)
11:25 AM High Mass For the Forgotten Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Paul & Lisa McConnell*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for a special intention (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)

WED 5/6/20 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH • FIRST WEDNESDAY
 ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE
8:00 AM Low Mass Wayne, Tiersa & family (*Dan, Mary & family*)
11:25 AM High Mass In honor of St. Joseph – my intentions (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
 ☞ **5:10 PM Low Mass** In thanksgiving to St. Martha & St. Patrick for prayers answered (*Leanne Arlinghaus*)

THU 5/7/20 FIRST THURSDAY • ST. STANISLAUS, BPM
7:00 AM Low Mass For our priests (*Doloris Ritze*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Fr. Joseph Collins (*Jennifer K. Clark*)
11:25 AM High Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
3:10 PM May Devotions

FRI 5/8/20 APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
 OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART
 TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
8:00 AM Low Mass Relief of the Holy Souls (*Kolenich family*)
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass Mary Christensen (*Mary Christensen*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass Rose Wellman – 97th Birthday (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction

SAT 5/9/20 ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD
 OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass My Mother (*Tobias Bayer*)
8:05 AM Regina Coeli & Sermon, Triduum
8:20 AM High Mass †Richard VandeRyt (*Jason Murray*)



SUN 5/10/20 EASTER IV, MOTHER'S DAY – MAY CROWNING
 ST. ANTONINUS, BPC
 SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Rachel & Isaac Kitchen & children (*Marge Kitchen*)
9:00 AM High Mass For our Mothers, living & deceased followed by **May Crowning Procession**
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass William & Therese Young (*Annie Fischer*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction, May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

NEWS NOTE FROM FR. NKAMUKE

The marauding gangs met their match in a few communities, whereas those yet to be 'visited' kept watch all night every night. They send a letter to the community they wish to attack and so far we haven't received any yet, nor does it seem like we would.

We can't get a gun because it is illegal to do so, unless of course you're police, or a thief (and the difference between them is less than one might think).

Although lockdown in Lagos ends on Monday, no travel is allowed to other States, till further notice. This is a problem for us: there are two children to be baptized.

Classes go on as usual. An interesting aspect of our classes is that I'm teaching them Pastoral Theology and also learning with them.

We try to stay safe here as the number of infected quickly increases in Lagos. Most of our days are spent indoors in any case so the danger is less for us.

One more news: we bought a freezer yesterday. People still give us food and the little refrigerator is unable to preserve it. It was a huge investment which became very essential.

Thanks so much for your care and prayers.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH
Joseph the just man, descended from the house of David, links Jesus in the line of David. Like his Old Testament counterpart, St. Joseph's faithful and humble obedience extended even to his dreams. St. Joseph took Mary into his home as his spouse, and loved her with a love beyond all human limits. "Joseph looked upon the Blessed Virgin Mary as the high priest looks on the Holy of Holies" (Jacob of Serug). As a true father, St. Joseph gave Jesus His name, and rescued his infant Son from the murderous designs of King Herod. St. Joseph's silent obedience resounds in the Church he protects still today.

Servers

SUN 5/10 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM High: MC: J. Lacy CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson CROSS: T. Lawrence BANNER: C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, C. Arlinghaus, D. & T. England
 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, Na. McClorey
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller