

# 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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**October 25, 2020**

**CHRIST THE KING**

**PENTECOST XXI • Ss. CHRYSANTHUS & DARIA, MM**



## ¶ CHRIST THE KING

Today we resume the Forty Hours Adoration. **We need adorers this afternoon!** Sunday classes are at **10:50 AM**. October Devotions with Rosary are at 4:00 PM. Vespers of Christ the King will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45. Closing ceremonies** are at **6:45**, followed by refreshments.

## ¶ THIS WEEK

The last week of October is always a quiet one, as Mother Church prepares us for All Saints and All Souls, and we prepare as well for our own patronal and dedication feast on St. Gertrude the Great. We are resting a bit this week after a beautiful Forty Hours. Still, daily Mass, several times most days, is offered to God, and the Mother of God is honored with **daily October Devotions**. **Wednesday** we honor **Ss. Simon** and (the patron of hopeless causes) **Jude**. Masses are offered all day; hear one. Attend the last of our October Devotions (**Rosary** before the **Blessed Sacrament Exposed**, followed by **Benediction: Wednesday at 3:00 PM, Friday at 5:15 PM and Saturday at 8:05 AM.**) Please note these special, Eucharistic times, and pray with us.

## ¶ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. **Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**

### Collection Report

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.....\$4,863.00  
Bake Sale.....\$840.00

## Lumen Christi

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

**Henry James (Jimmy) Connor RIP**  
(Irena Uderska)



*Angels, saints and nations sing  
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King.  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.*

## PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy well-beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of the United States of America.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. The "Little Church" will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the communion rail after all Masses.

The children dressed in their costumes will lead us into church at 8:50 AM. After Mass they will give a presentation in Helfta Hall before the All Saints Party. There will be no Sunday Classes. Vespers of All Saints and Vespers of the Dead will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Feast of All Saints, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XXII. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ POOR SOULS

Poor Souls Remembrance envelopes are in the pews. Please fill one out and return it to the bookstore, collection, or office.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mary McGuire, Jesse Stewart, Joan Fey, Michael Bayer, and for the soul of †Carl Rosetti, Sr.

*"If there were one million families praying the Rosary everyday, the entire world would be saved."*  
- Pope St. Pius X

## ¶ UPCOMING

**Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Rosary Procession:** Sunday, November 8.

*"We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary, for the healing of evils which afflict our times."*  
- Pope Pius XII

**TERESA OF ÁVILA'S  
HEALTH ADVICE**



St. Teresa of Ávila, Spain was a sixteenth-century mystic whose writings are filled not just with highly challenging concepts but

with wise practical advice. She founded cloistered convents where extreme poverty and discipline were the rule and counseled her sisters for the sake of their spiritual advancement and to maintain community life in harmony and peace.

St. Teresa emphatically warned against indulging health fears and the aches and pains of life. She said this was one of the most important messages she had to convey to those women under her instruction.

Her advice: Don't talk about it (unless you are seriously ill, and even then patience was paramount). Keep your headaches and fatigue, muscle pains and sore throats, nausea and indigestion to yourself.

"For this body of ours has one fault: the more you indulge it, the more things it discovers to be essential to it."

Needless to say, this inspiring woman who was herself sick for years, once so seriously that a grave was dug for her well before her death, and who is the patron saint of headache sufferers, would be disappointed by the world we live in.

"Unless we resolve to put up with death and ill-health once and for all, we shall never accomplish anything," she said.

"Try not to fear these and commit yourselves wholly to God, come what may. What does it matter if we die? How many times have our bodies not mocked us? Should we not occasionally mock them in our

turn? And, believe me, slight as it may seem by comparison with other things, this resolution is much more important than we may think; for, if we continually make it, day by day, by the grace of the Lord, we shall gain dominion over the body. To conquer such an enemy is a great achievement in the battle of life."

St. Teresa, pray for us.

– *The Thinking Housewife*

**VISIT THE BOOKSTORE!**

Advent is around the corner! Wreaths, Advent calendars, and candles are now on display in the bookstore. Find a wonderful selection of Christmas cards and gifts as you shop. The movable display outside the gift store will have an array of stocking stuffers for upcoming St. Nicholas Day. Make your gifts count by making them truly Catholic.

Angel statues enhance the home altar; three sizes and styles are available. These could make a great gift for the person that seems to have everything.

Do you know someone unable to attend Mass? Bring the scent and memories of the High Mass to them with incense. Burners and everything you need can be found near the candle shelf in the shop.

Great gifts, not to mention books, fill the shelves. Come take a look!



**PREDESTINED**

O happy whitening wheat that yet  
shall be  
The sacrificial Bread!  
O red-veined grape wherein the  
angels see  
The Blood that once was shed!

– T.E.B.



**VIGILANT**

In pure faith's dim vision only  
Soul enamored finds true joy  
In the ever-present Being  
Where it cleanses all alloy...

Burning sweetly in that furnace  
Held by Hope above earth's plane  
Humbled in His holy presence  
Sweet abandonment she claims...

As her ever-blessed portion  
There, reposing in His Love,  
Heart and life and all she offers  
Brave detachment as a dove...

Whole, entire upon the altar  
To the Spouse herself she gives,  
Lost within that Sea unbounded  
She finds rest and for Him lives...

Love enticing, she arises;  
Gentle Spouse her greeting hears:  
Alleluia, Holy, Holy!  
Chant of heaven's eternal years.

– *St. Paul of the Cross*

Christ the King is always a glorious day at St. Gertrude the Great, more so—as it often does—when it coincides with Forty Hours. Then today, our desperate, pleading, persevering and so powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes on the confident color of triumph, of victory. *Christus Regnat!* Christ reigns. Therefore our prayers are more confident than ever, despite the gathering clouds of seeming doom. We are in God's hands, which is a pretty good place. His Son has placed in our hands His Body and His Blood, His wounds and His merits.

Offering, receiving, adoring.... How could we not continue so confidently *imploring*, these days of grace, for all we need. If we do, the victory is assured. If we wobble and weaken, may God's Providence raise up another Moses to extend his hands, and more Machabees to defend His cause. Prayer is our weapon. Defeat is not an option.

God bless all of you who have been preparing and are now participating in these holy days. They are their own reward, in so many ways, but yet unseen rewards still await. But keep your powder dry, for *next* Sunday and Monday, All Saints and All Souls are our final military campaign before what could be a decisive hour on the morrow.

Let us carry out our traditions, and pass on to our children our treasures. Bring them dressed as saints to the High Mass and then process back with us to Helfta Hall to see and hear the little saints, and then to enjoy (another) fine party.

Speaking of battles, men, there's a cultural one, which speaks of tradition and respect, which we are again losing but by no means abandoning. Covid (really any change does this) has shorn many a tie and jacket from our men and young men at Sunday Mass. But our dress code remains in place. This is a sacred day, Sunday, and place, Holy Mass. Please do *not* come to church dressed comfortably, casually, any more than your clergy would. Show your respect proudly, men. You're teaching your sons.

I've instituted a St. Hugh Society to provide the Requiem Mass and Absolution for those who were buried without them, for one reason or another. (St. Hugh of Lincoln was most devoted to attending funerals.) Last week we had the memorial Mass for Dr. Edmund Strauss, one of our original members and benefactors, before we even had the name of St. Gertrude the Great. He was the very paragon of courtesy and soft-spoken respect, as befits his Austrian birth. Ed donated our beautiful altar, at the persevering requests of Paulina, his wife and our factotum at St. Gertrude for many years. Armed with the provided

\$1,700 she and Yvonne Kramer drove to Fairchild, Wisconsin in a truck, to pick up the altar. Bob Stirborb built the missing "Catholic parts" of this formerly Lutheran altar, and assembled the whole in time for our dedication, November 15, 1980.



Later talented Mike Gough, whose dad was an early member as well, refinished the altar, and detailed it with gold leaf. Jim Soli completed the work, building a new set of gradines and side panels, with liturgical symbols. This altar is the heart of our church, and we are grateful to be able to give God this glory.

Congratulations are in order for our twelve new Rosarians, who were inducted into the Confraternity on the feast of the Maternity of Mary. "Be faithful, and thou shalt receive the crown of life." The Crown of Roses, the Rosary, is the path of daily fidelity, all the way to the crown.

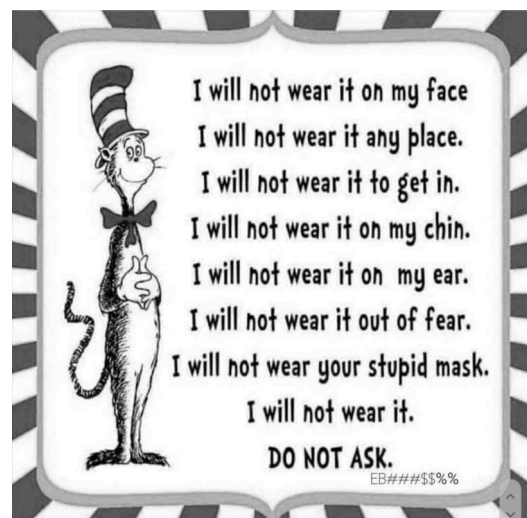
We should also congratulate one of our elderly, who not only survived months of the nursing home Plandemic imprisonment, but also recently a broken hip and surgery, springing back in short order. Keep Joan Fey in your prayers. Her example of quiet perseverance is a strong one, and most needed today.

Blessed feast of Christ the King. The victory is ours, if only we persevere.

– Bishop Dolan

**"Seven months into an actual deadly pandemic nobody would have the time or energy to be questioning whether there was a deadly pandemic. Everybody would be too busy just trying to stay alive."**

**"It has become clear that nothing less than a global coup has taken place, with countries around the world no longer really in charge of their own affairs. An invisible supra-national entity and foreign agent is in charge, with the aim of introducing a global new world order."**



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# ALL SAINTS' DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020



*The children, dressed in their costumes, will lead the procession into church at about 8:50 AM. The All Saints' Day Party follows the High Mass, featuring a PIÑATA this year. Don't miss it!*

*Parents, help your children to choose a saint, and prepare a costume and perhaps a little résumé for them to learn. But please don't give your children something to read. That never works. If not a little explanation, then just a fact or two, or even the saint's name would be fine. A missal or calendar saint is best. Let's learn our missal saints! See you next Sunday!*

*– Bishop Dolan*



HEARTS AFLAME

The first sign of love is this: that Jesus has given us His flesh to eat and His Blood to drink. The property of love is to be always giving and always receiving. Now the love of Christ is generous. All that He has, all that He is, He gives; all that we have, all that we are, He takes away.... He enters even into the marrow of our bones, and the more lovingly we allow Him to do so, the more fully we savor Him. He knows that we are poor, but He pays no heed to it and does not spare us. He Himself becomes in us His own bread, first burning up, in His love, all our vices, faults, and sins.... He wants to consume our life in order to change it into His own; ours, full of vices, His, full of grace and glory...

When we receive Christ with interior devotion, His Blood, full of warmth and glory, flows into our veins and a fire is enkindled in our depths. We receive the likeness of His virtues, and He lives in us and we in Him. He gives us His soul with the fullness of grace, by which the soul perseveres in love and praise of the Father! Love draws its object into itself; we draw Jesus into ourselves; Jesus draws us into Himself. Then carried above ourselves into love's interior, seeking God, we go to meet Him, to meet His Spirit, which is His love, and this love burns us, consumes us, and draws us into unity where beatitude awaits us.

— Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity

*“Meekness is a virtue which implies loftiness of soul. For this reason worldlings are usually wanting in meekness; for this loftiness is found in them but rarely and imperfectly. If they are not the first to use harsh and discourteous expressions, yet when such expressions are addressed to them by others, they resent and return them promptly, showing by their revenge that they have a rude and ignoble heart. And so the servants of God, remaining always quiet and peaceable, though provoked by words or acts, manifest a perfect loftiness of soul superior to all rudeness.”*

— St. Thomas Aquinas

PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Dear Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, be forever thanked and praised. Love, worthy of all celestial and terrestrial love, Who, out of infinite love for me, ungrateful sinner, didst assume our human nature, didst shed Thy most precious blood in the cruel scourging, and didst expire on a shameful cross for our eternal welfare! Now, illumined with lively faith, with the outpouring of my whole soul and the fervor of my heart, I humbly beseech Thee, through the infinite merits of Thy painful sufferings, give me strength and courage to destroy every evil passion which sways my heart, to bless thee in my greatest afflictions, to glorify Thee by the exact fulfillment of all my duties, supremely to hate all sin, and thus to become a saint.

100 days, once a day — Pius IX, Jan. 1, 1866.



*“Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.”*

— St. John Cantius

THE LIVING BREAD

Just as the body is not only supported but also increased by natural food, from which the taste every day derives new relish and pleasure, so also is the soul not only sustained but invigorated by feasting on the food of the Eucharist, which gives to the spirit an increasing zest for heavenly things. Most truly and fitly therefore do we say that grace is imparted by this sacrament, for it may be justly compared to the manna *having in it the sweetness of every taste* (Wis 16:20).

To comprise all the advantages and blessings of this sacrament in one word, it must be taught that the Holy Eucharist is most efficacious towards the attainment of eternal glory. For it is written: *He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up on the last day* (Jn 6:54). That is to say, by the grace of this sacrament men enjoy the greatest peace and tranquility of conscience during the present life; and, when the hour of departing from this world shall have arrived, like Elias, who in the strength of the bread baked on the hearth, walked to Horeb (1 Kgs 19:8), the mount of God, they, too, invigorated by the strengthening influence of this heavenly food, will ascend to unfading glory and bliss.

All these matters will be most fully expounded by pastors if they but dwell on the sixth chapter of St. John, in which are developed the manifold effects of this sacrament. Or again, glancing at the admirable actions of Christ Our Lord, they may show that if those who received Him beneath their roof during His earthly life, or were restored to health by touching His vesture or the hem of His garment, were justly and deservedly deemed most blessed, how much more fortunate and happy we, into whose soul, resplendent as He is with unfading glory, He disdains not to enter, to heal all its wounds, to adorn it with His choicest gifts, and unite it to Himself.

— The Catechism of the Council of Trent

- MON 10/26/20 ST. EVARISTUS, PM**  
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Intentions of our fellow Catholics  
 (*Kolenich Family*)  
 11:25 AM **High Mass** †Dennis Hille – Month’s Mind  
 3:10 PM **October Devotions**
- TUE 10/27/20 VIGIL OF SS. SIMON & JUDE**  
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** Steven Cerise (*Victoria Kiernan*)  
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Frank Youngworth – Birthday  
 remembrance 10/27 (*Diane Puglielli*)  
 11:25 AM **High Mass** †Richard VandeRyt & †Robert  
 Brockman (*Theresa Hill*) (rescheduled from 10/20)  
 3:10 PM **October Devotions**  
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** In honor of the Holy Martyrs of Sebaste  
 for the poor souls (*P.T. & A.M. Omlor*)
- WED 10/28/20 SS. SIMON & JUDE, APP**  
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** †Bob & †Mildred Storts, †Robert Storts  
 (*Mike Briggs Briggs*)  
 11:25 AM **High Mass** SGG Clergy (*Collin Smith*)  
 3:00 PM **Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Communion**  
 5:10 PM **Low Mass** †Ritchie VandeRyt – Rest in peace  
 (*Kolenich Family*)
- THU 10/29/20 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY**  
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** My Mother (*T. Bayer*)  
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)  
 11:25 AM **High Mass** St. Francis Assisi – answered prayer  
 (*Rebecca Hinton*)  
 3:10 PM **October Devotions**
- FRI 10/30/20 FERIAL DAY**  
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Happy Birthday, Dana Kustra (*Bill &*  
*Terri Young*)  
 11:10 AM **Confessions**  
 11:25 AM **Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society  
 3:10 PM **October Devotions**  
 ☞ 5:15 PM **Exposition, Rosary, Confessions**  
 5:45 PM **Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**  
 6:00 PM **Sermon, Low Mass** †Patricia Patton 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anniversary of Death (*Patton/Moore Family*)
- SAT 10/31/20 VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS**  
 7:15 AM **Confessions**  
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** Happy Birthday Leanne, Caroline, &  
 Aunt Wilma (*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Briggs*)  
 ☞ 8:05 AM **Exposition, Rosary, Simple Benediction, Salve**  
 8:35 AM **High Mass** For Poor Souls in Thanksgiving to Our  
 Lady (*B. Simpson*)
- SUN 11/1/20 ALL SAINTS’ DAY • PENTECOST XXII**  
 7:05 AM **Rosary**  
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Brian McMahon  
 8:50 AM **Children’s All Saints’ Procession**  
 9:00 AM **High Mass** †Rev. A. Cekada (*Joshua Gunsher Family*)  
**All Saints’ Party**  
 11:05 AM **Rosary**  
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Mr. Dennis Hille (*Clare Lotarski*)  
 4:45 PM **Vespers of All Saints & Vespers of the Dead**  
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

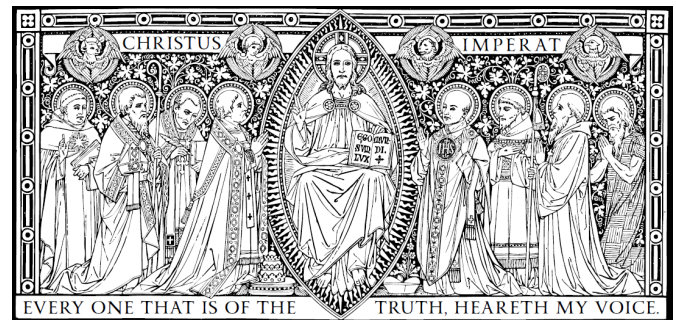
*Architecture & All Night Adoration,  
 Martyred for Christ the King in 1936*  
**PEDRO ASÚA MENDÍA**

Pedro was the fifth of six children born to a well-off, devout family in Balmaseda, Spain. At the age of ten, he went to study with the Jesuits at Orduña, and at sixteen he began studies in engineering and architecture in Madrid. During these years *Pedro often gathered other young men together for all-night Adoration.*

The very year he received his degree, Pedro embarked on a major architecture project in Bilbao. Yet even as his work expanded, he felt a gradual call in another direction. At the age of twenty-nine, he entered the seminary. After his ordination, his bishop asked him to oversee restorations and building projects for the diocese alongside his pastoral work teaching catechism and preaching retreats.

In 1926, Pedro began the design and construction of Vitoria Seminary. When the seminary was dedicated in 1930, he was publicly lauded for his work, but he shunned the spotlight. He received the title of “Monsignor,” but only once donned his monsignor’s apparel.

In July 1936, civil war broke out in Spain. When word came that revolutionary Left forces had assassinated fifty-one Claretian priests, Pedro exclaimed, “May I be like them!” The next month he was captured, taken into the hills, and shot dead. One of his murderers later said that Pedro offered his blessing and forgiveness to his abductors just before they killed him.



**THE ROSARY – A REMEDY FOR TEMPORAL ILLS**

*Here, if the joyful mysteries be but clearly brought home to the minds of the people, an object lesson of the virtues is placed before their eyes. Each one will thus be able to see for himself how easy, how abundant, how sweetly attractive, are the lessons to be found therein for the leading of an honest life.*

– Pope Leo XIII

**Servers**

- SUN 11/1 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MC:** P. Omlor **CHAPLAINS:** J. Lacy, C. Richesson  
**TH:** M. Simpson **CROSS:** T. Lawrence **ACs:** C. Arlinghaus, T. England  
**MITRE:** S. Richesson **CROZIER:** A. McClorey **TORCH:** C. Vander  
 Putten, D. England, T. Lawrence, J. & C. McGinnis, N. Kolenich  
**11:30 AM LOW:** Na. McClorey, A.D. Kinnett  
**4:45 PM VESPERS:** G. Miller  
**5:45 PM LOW:** G. Miller