

# 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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**November 29, 2020**  
**ADVENT I**  
**ST. SATURNINUS, M**



## ¶ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of the Advent Season, the beginning of a new liturgical year. Sunday Classes will be at **10:50 AM**. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ THIS WEEK

**Monday** we end November with a beloved feast, St. Andrew the Apostle of the Cross. It is Bishop Dolan's Consecration Anniversary as well as of Fr. Saavedra's Ordination. **Tuesday** we continue to pray for the Poor Souls, including those whose names are on our altar, at our **monthly Requiem**. **First Wednesday** honors **St. Joseph**, who will help us keep a good Advent. He's the one who organized the First Christmas. We **pray for priests** on the feast of a most zealous one, St. Francis Xavier, **First Thursday**. What could be more appropriate for Advent, we ask each December, than **All Night Adoration** on a dark, cold night, keeping watch with and for Christ. Come and adore. Ditto for **First Saturday** with Mary Immaculate. Look no further for your Advent penance. You won't regret it.

## ¶ RORATE MASSES

A special Advent observance features the short votive Mass of Our Lady, early morning Mass by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Rorate Masses this week are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 AM, and Saturday at 7:30 AM.

## Grant us Your Light, O Lord

By The Venerable St. Bede  
(673-735) Father and Doctor of the Church

Grant us Your light,  
O Lord,  
so that the darkness  
of our hearts,  
may wholly pass away  
and we may come at last,  
to the light of Christ.  
For Christ  
is that morning star,  
who, when the night  
of this world  
has passed,  
brings to  
His saints,  
the promised  
light of life  
and opens  
to them,  
everlasting day.  
Amen



## NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

*Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.*

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)*

## ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**10:55 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Rosary & Confessions  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass & Devotions

### *All Night Adoration*

*First Friday Reparation Intention: To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.*

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Rosary  
**7:30 AM** Rorate Mass, Devotions, Benediction & Meditation  
**8:35 AM** Low Mass  
*First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT II

**St. Nicholas** will be visiting the children after all morning Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. The second collection for the support of our seminary will be taken up during the Offertory. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Advent II, second collect of St. Nicholas. Trinity Preface.

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Harry Karian, Mary McGuire, Jan Curran, and Jesse Stewart.

### Collection Report

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.....\$5,001.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

WHERE DO YOU GO?

When men are distressed with anxiety, care, and disappointment, what do they? They take refuge in their families; they surround themselves with the charities of domestic life and make for themselves an inner world, that their affections may have something to rest on. Such was the gift which inspired men anticipated and we enjoy in the Christian Church.... We may be full of sorrows. There may be fighting without and fears within. We may be exposed to the frowns, censure, or contempt of men. We may be shunned by them, or, to take the lightest case, we may be wearied out by the unprofitableness of this world, by its coldness, unfriendliness, distance, and dreariness. We shall need something nearer to us. What is our resource? It is not the arm of man, in flesh and blood, in the voice of friend, or in a pleasant countenance; it is that holy home that God has given us in His Church. It is that everlasting city in which He has fixed His abode. It is that mount invisible whence angels are looking at us with their piercing eyes and the voices of the dead call us. *He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world* (1 Jn 4:4). *If God is for us, who is against us?* (Rom 8:31).

— John Henry Cardinal Newman



HOLY FACE PRAYER

(Composed by St. Therese of Lisieux)

Eternal Father, since Thou hast given me for my inheritance the Adorable Face of Thy Divine Son, I offer that Face to Thee and I beg Thee, in exchange for this coin of infinite value, to forget the ingratitude of souls dedicated to Thee and to pardon all poor sinners.



VISIT THE BOOKSTORE!

Advent is here! Get your candles on the movable display outside the bookstore. Many Advent calendars are on display as well.

Coming soon: An Advent activity for your children or grandchildren. Each set has a foldable crib, gold straw, and a silicone real-looking doll with swaddling clothes and halo.

Fill the crib with golden straw for a soft bed for the Baby Jesus. Explain to the children that every time they offer up something or make a sacrifice that they are making the bed for Jesus to lie in. They actually add a straw to the manger. The more sacrifices, the softer the bed. Foster acts of kindness and little hidden acts of piety.

A non-breakable baby doll comes with the set to be added to the soft bed on Christmas Eve night. The kids wake up to the reality of what Christmas is all about. Limited number of sets available.

Look for Catholic stocking stuffers among the many gifts in the shop. See you there.

THE ALMA

When the Earth her rest is taking,  
And the leaves have ceased to fall,  
When the birds in distant woodlands  
To their mates no longer call;  
When the days of Advent bid us  
For our Saviour's birth prepare,  
Then the sweet strains of the *Alma*  
Float upon the Vesper air.  
*Alma Mater*, guard us ever,  
Let no guile our hearts estrange;  
May we serve our dear Lord better  
When thy blessed anthems change!

*The poem honors the new anthem of Our Lady for the Christmas Season, the Alma or Loving Mother.*



THE SIGN OF CONVERSION

Bethlehem Star  
Light years in wait,  
Releases good news  
With celestial gait:  
The Word that stirred Heaven  
Before time began,  
Is lauded by angels:  
The Heart of God's plan.  
The power of paradise,  
Traveling time,  
Alights on a stable  
In silence sublime  
That wise men may seek  
Ageless knowledge foreknown:  
The star is the sign,  
New Being  
The goal.

— Rita Simmonds



Thanksgiving was a classic November day, dawning dripping and dark, and finally settling down to overcast. But the church was bright, with colorful pumpkins and fall flowers having their final fling. The three morning Masses were well attended, with many Communions. Our daily Thanksgiving! Thanks be to God.



But “the coming of our God our hearts must now prepare,” as it is Advent. This week is crucial to make it work, before things get too crazy for Christmas. And how much we all need some self-denial. Not only in food and drink, but in noise and news, distractions and dissipations which are too often depressing. Turn things off for awhile, and turn towards prayer, to God. It’s Advent.

Oh, and don’t forget, please: First Friday and All Night Adoration, the candlelight Rorate Masses, and good St. Nicholas next Sunday. It’s Advent.

God bless you!

– Bishop Dolan



### IMAGINE...

And the people refused to close their businesses. Instead they opened them up fully; people went out and sat and had coffee, ate and listened to live music, shopped, travelled, lived normally.

And the people tore down the signs and took up the pavement markings, and they took off their masks and smiled and laughed. They refused to be tested and refused to be tracked. They met with their friends and their family members. Everyone carried on as if it had never happened. Theaters opened, places of worship; everyone went out and lived!

And the police came in, and they threatened closures and gave fines, but the people never moved. They carried on without violence or anger; they refused to be shut in their homes and they turned off their TVs and the media and refused to listen. And the people began to understand that every year people die, people get sick and recover, those that feel vulnerable choose to stay in until they feel stronger; this is a fact of life.

The government sent in the army, but still the people refused to close down society. They carried on living. The whole country were one; they ignored the government. The government gave up. They realized the power of the people was too great and society returned to normal.

– Author Unknown

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2020

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor  
**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, Collin Smith  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** David Marko, Bayer  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & John Brueggemann  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:** Steve Weigand, Bayer  
**4:00 AM - 5:00 AM:** Matthew Giese, *Volunteer needed*  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:** Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:** Jim Soli, John Riggs

*If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*

### ACT OF REPARATION TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST *in the Most Adorable Sacrament of the Altar* *(Official Act for Members of the Guard of Honor)*

#### **In the name of the Father, etc.**

Most adorable Saviour; by the most wonderful prodigy of Thy love for us, Thou dost remain hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, in order to be the perpetual sacrifice of the New Law, the innocent Victim for our sins, the celestial food of our souls, our kind physician, our good Master, our powerful mediator, and our loving Father. But, alas, with what ingratitude, on our part, Thine infinite kindness is repaid!

Prostrate before Thine altar, where Thou art as really present as in the highest heavens, we come to make reparation for all the injuries and for all the ingratitude inflicted on Thy loving Heart in this Sacrament.

O divine Jesus, grant us to make a fitting reparation for all blasphemies, all profanations, and all sacrileges ever committed, for the want of devotion and neglect of preparation for Holy Communion, for the little fruit we have drawn from it.

Pardon, O Lord, pardon, for so many Christians, who know Thee not and who offend Thee; for so many heretics who insult Thee, for so many impious men and apostates who persecute Thee. By the fervor of our love we would wish to make amends to Thee for all their contempt and for all their sacrileges.

How happy should we be, O Jesus, could we but make reparation to Thy glory by our respect, by our zeal, aye even by the shedding of our blood. At least, most adorable Saviour, grant us the grace to love Thee in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, with the most tender, the most generous, the most perfect, the most constant love.

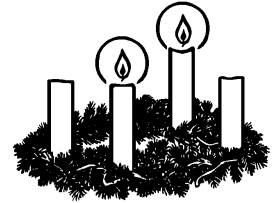
Virgin most holy, by thy holy and Immaculate Heart, make us enter into the adorable Heart of thy divine Son, Jesus Christ.

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>11/30/20</b>	<b>ST. ANDREW, AP</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Snows ( <i>Collin Smith</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Edward Sayre ( <i>JCS</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/1/20</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Rose Kitchen 11:25 AM <b>Requiem High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Conversion of Donald Trump ( <i>Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/2/20</b>	<b>ST. BIBIANA, VM • FIRST WEDNESDAY</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Sodality Members ( <i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Albert Kinnett ( <i>Margaret &amp; A.D. Kinnett</i> ) ☞ 5:15 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Father Anthony Cekada ( <i>Eileen Ebner</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>12/3/20</b>	<b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C • FIRST THURSDAY</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Mr. Elmer Peter & †Mr. Will Peter ( <i>Simpson family</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday, Maria Kustra ( <i>Bill &amp; Terri Young</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/4/20</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BPCD ST. BARBARA, VM</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth Prell – Happy Birthday ( <i>Joseph &amp; children</i> ) 10:55 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass &amp; Benediction</b> Patrick Brueggemann ( <i>Alex McConnell</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Pete Gebel ( <i>Chris &amp; Suzanne Clingman</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b> <i>All Night Adoration</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/5/20</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • OUR LADY'S SATURDAY ST. SABBAS, AB</b> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Rorate Mass</b> In honorem Sancti Raphael Angeli ( <i>T. Bayer</i> ) ( <b>Confessions before or during Mass</b> ) <b>First Saturday Devotions, Benediction</b> 8:35 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls – for answered prayers ( <i>R. Uhlenbrock</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/6/20</b>	<b>ADVENT II • ST. NICHOLAS, BPC</b> 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Dennis Hille ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Victor Ritze</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Florence Lawrence ( <i>Bishop Dolan &amp; your friends at St. Gertrude the Great</i> ) 10:40 AM <b>Sunday Classes</b> 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Anastasia G. Prell – Happy Birthday ( <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Advent Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## COLLECT OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen. (*Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.*)



*Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ crucified.*

– St. John of the Cross



## COURAGE!

Adversity is a revealer—of fainters as well as fighters. Adversity leads some men to God. Happy are they whose defeat teaches them the lesson St. Augustine learned—“O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself, and restless are our hearts until they rest in Thee!” Happy are they who are broken and bruised in the battle, if the pain and anguish but lead them to God!

– Anon.

*O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in Thee.  
Let Thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O  
King of Gentleness, King of peace.*

– St. John of the Cross

## Masses sent to the Missions:

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Katie West*)  
In honor of St. Hilarion & St. Ursula & Companions for the Poor Souls in Purgatory (*A.M. Omlor*)  
Special Intention (CV) (*K/V*)  
Tristan VandeRyt – Birthday (*K/V*)  
Katherine Kunkel – Birthday (*K/V*)  
Fr. Lehtoranta – Happy Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)  
Fr. McGuire – Happy Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)  
(3x) Holy Souls, St. Anthony & St. Joseph (*Arlinghaus Family*)

## SERVERS

SUN 12/6 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson MC: J. Lacy  
TH: Na. McClorey ACs: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus TORCH: J. & M. Kolenich, C. Vander Putten, B. McGinnis  
11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller