

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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February 7, 2021

SEXAGESIMA

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¶ SEXAGESIMA

The Blessing of Throats takes places after all Masses today. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. There are no Vespers.

¶ THIS WEEK

A Trinitarian saint comes **Monday**, St. John of Matha. Next on **Tuesday** Our Lady's Champion, St. Cyril of Alexandria and on **Wednesday** our weather saint who shows us how to pray, St. Scholastica. A High Mass marks Our Lady of Lourdes on **Thursday**, whilst the saints of the Seven Sorrows come **Friday**, when we pray the Sorrowful Mother Novena and bless the sick. Our Lady's **Saturday** ends this week so dedicated to her.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA

The Blessing of Religious Articles takes places after all Masses next Sunday. Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Come back to Helfta Hall and enjoy the **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale!** Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

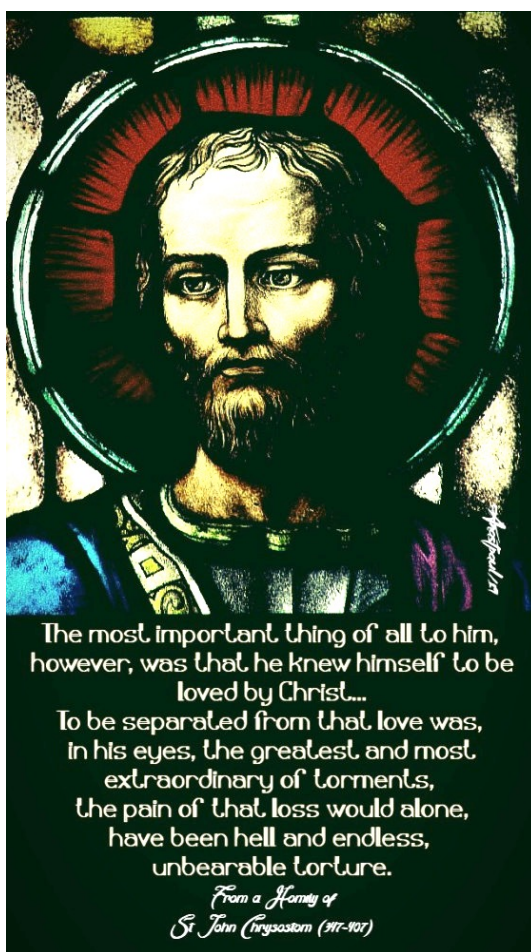


Set Your Missal: Quinquagesima, second collect of St. Valentine. Trinity Preface.



Collection Report
Sunday, January
31st\$5,351.00

*"Behold a
Sower"*



We would like to have teams of two again this year for each Friday during Lent. Any questions or to sign up call or text Marlys at (859) 801-7143. You could also sign in on the Cucina Clerical website. If you want to sign up but don't have a partner, we will find someone to help you. Thank you in advance.

¶ BOOKSTORE NEWS

The bookstore is gearing up for February!

We have a new selection of rings and jewelry for St. Valentine's Day. You're sure to find something special for the sweet in your life.

The feast of the Holy Face is the 16th. We have the Holy Face Protection Cross medal in stock. This medal is hard to find and it comes with a 24" endless stainless steel chain for \$15. If you want the medal alone for a keychain it is available for \$10. They are in limited supply, first come, first serve. We have the chaplets on display as well as the *Golden Arrow* book that explains the devotion. Look for a new display section for the Holy Face and this powerful devotion.

New reading materials and statues for Lent will be out soon. Make this your best Lent yet by reading a good book. Ash Wednesday is the 17th so you have time to shop.

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2021

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:

Saturday, April 10th.

****Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.****

CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

Thursday, May 20th.

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost,
Saturday, May 22nd.

FIRST COMMUNION:

Co pus Christi Sunday, June 6th.



ST. BLAISE

The third of this month is the feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Throats. St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who died as a martyr in 316. His remains were transferred to Paris where a church was erected in his honor. He is considered to be one of the wonder workers. The faithful call upon him in diseases of the throat and teeth. According to some authors, while St. Blaise was in prison he kept a young boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat from choking to death. The blessing of St. Blaise is given with two candles formed in the cross of St. Andrew.

During the blessing of throats on this day, the Church prays over her children by the lips of the priests: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver thee from troubles of the throat, and from other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

THERE IS A SMALL ARMY OF SAINTS ON THEIR WAY HERE FROM ITALY!

The bookstore is getting 5" statues of hard-to-find saints. Shipping is at a premium so this will be a one-time order. The statues will be about \$20 each. It is a little steep for a small statue, but they would make a fantastic gift for the person you know with a saint's name you might have trouble locating. Spread devotion to the less seen saints.

We want to make sure that if you are interested in a statue, we will have it in the store when you come. No obligation to purchase, but please text with the saints listed below in which you would be interested. Otherwise, I may get in a single statue and you may miss your opportunity. Call or text the bookstore at 859-801-7143.

Agnes, Alexander of Bergamo, Alexis, Ambrose, Anthony Abbot, Anthony the Great, Apollonia, Bartholomew, Bernadine of Siena, Catherine of Alexandria, Catherine of Siena, Christina, Clare of Assisi, Cyrus Martyr, Dominic, Elizabeth Cousin, Francis of Paola, Isidore, Jerome, Lucy, Julia of Corsica, Lawrence, Martha, Matthias, Pancras, Rosalina, Simon the Apostle, Stephen, Sylvester, Vincent de Paul, Vincent Ferrer.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Eldon Neukam, Richard Green, Chuck Beck, and the repose of the souls of †Robert Carroll and †Hugh Miller.

THE POOR SOULS HELP US

St. Gregory the Great said that there are thousands of instances from which we may learn how efficiently the holy souls can obtain for us health in sickness, aid in poverty, relief in distress, counsel in doubt, and protection in danger. The more souls you release from purgatory, the more protectors you will have in heaven, where they will continually implore God for your welfare.

What a consolation to know at the hour of death that we will have escorts to heaven!

The renowned historian Cardinal Cesare Baronius (d. 1607) relates: A man of great virtue was at the hour of his death. He was battered by evil spirits. Suddenly he saw the heavens open and thousands of warriors in white garments coming to his aid. They told him that they were sent to defend him and to gain victory for him. The dying man was greatly relieved and asked his heavenly defenders who they were. They replied: "We are the souls whom you released. We come to reward your charity, and to conduct your soul to heaven." After receiving this assurance, he died.

"He did not treat us as our sins deserved. For we are now sons of God. How do we show this? The only Son of God died for us, so that He might not remain alone. He who died as the only Son, did not want to remain as the only Son. For the only Son of God made many sons of God. He bought brothers for Himself by His blood, He made them welcome by being rejected, He ransomed them by being sold. He honored them by being dishonored, He gave them life by being put to death." – St. Augustine



CANDLEMAS

The Angel-lights of Christmas morn,
Which shot across the sky,
Away they pass at Candlemas,
They sparkle and they die.

Comfort of earth is brief at best,
Although it be divine;
Like funeral lights for Christmas
gone,
Old Simeon's tapers shine.

And then for eight long weeks and
more,
We wait in twilight grey,
Till the high candle sheds a beam
On Holy Saturday.

We wait along the penance-tide
Of solemn fast and prayer;
While song is hush'd, and lights grow
dim
In the sin-laden air.

And while the sword in Mary's soul
Is driven home, we hide
In our own hearts, and count the
wounds
Of passion and of pride.

And still, though Candlemas be spent
And Alleluias o'er,
Mary is music in our need,
And Jesus light in store.
– John Henry Newman



"The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly, he was an enemy of the Church, then, is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly, he stalked it, then, preached it." – St. Augustine

On Candlemas I could have sung with Old Simeon my *Nunc Dimitis*, seeing for the first time in all my years a pretty much full church for the Purification. Such a beautifully celebrated, harmoniously sung and expertly served service! First came the Blessing of Candles in the darkening church, the procession with its robust responsory, composed by our own organist at the behest of Fr. Cekada, whose spirit stays with us still. Then we boldly passed through the chilly but so convenient cloister, and thus back to church, which had shed its purple and was now in festive array, awaiting the solemn Sacrifice. February 2nd honors both the Presentation and the Purification, both Son and Mother. This feast perfectly bridges the Incarnation and the Redemption, taking us from Christmas to Holy Week and Easter in its themes and prayers, the interplay of sorrow and joy, of light and darkness. Well, that's the life of a Christian, isn't it? And so many Christians came to the Mass of Candles. "Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace." Well, maybe not quite yet...

There was still the party to stay for. Our Candlemas Soup Supper is simplicity itself, but also an elegantly planned affair from its souvenir placemats to the carefully cooked soups, each one of them a delight to sample. And so many people to know and greet.... What a great time.

Well, it's almost Lent, which means time to tuck into the traditional church suppers for the Friday Night Recollections. Or maybe volunteer with a church friend to take a night? One of those tasty meatless soups from last week, perhaps healthy brown rice or quinoa or pasta to serve it over, a nice fresh salad, fruit cup... Well, use your imagination! And don't forget the lentils! We try to feed you in Lent, soul first and then stomach.

Don't forget mind, too. There's another Tea Party meeting in Helfta Hall on Tuesday at about 7, 7:15 PM. These are interesting affairs and always informative. Where does our country, our world go from here?

The Dinosaur Man from Columbus, Hugh Miller, died recently. He was a member of St. Clare for years and then attended **Fr. Thielen's** little chapel which charitably gathered up the remnants. A strong proponent of creationism, Hugh participated in a dinosaur dig each summer, looking for telltale evidence to oppose evolution. Thus his nickname. He also spoke and wrote on the subject. He was a classic colorful character, devoted to his work, and we shall miss him.

A quiet hardworking man, very much a part of church life since we moved to West Chester, Eldon Neukam served devotedly for years as janitor, gardener

and handyman. He is now seriously ill, and I ask your prayers for him. His legacy of silent service was remarkable, and we owe him our gratitude. More prayers, please.

I am writing this corner from St. Hugh in Milwaukee. A Chicago snowstorm delayed my arrival, and I ended up flying via Washington. A young man with one of those super trucks which are all the rage, waited patiently for me and drove me through the ice and snow. I made it safely, some twelve hours after I left for the airport. This is often the fate of the traveling **McFathers**, I remind myself. **Fr. McKenna** celebrates a Solemn Mass Thursday to mark his Ordination anniversary with Our Lady of Lourdes.

Get your throat blessed if you haven't yet, and plan a little Mardi Gras fun this last full week before Ashes. I send a blessing from the frozen north.

— Bishop Dolan

CATECHISM CORNER

We must believe that, when the Pope speaks "ex cathedra"—i.e., when, in discharge of his office of Pastor and Teacher of all Christians, he defines, in virtue of his supreme Apostolic authority, a doctrine of faith or morals to be held by the universal Church—he is endowed, by the Divine assistance promised to him in Blessed Peter, with that Infallibility with which the Divine Redeemer willed that His Church should be furnished, in defining doctrines of faith or morals. And therefore such definitions of the Pope are irreformable of themselves, and not in virtue of the consent of the Church.

"The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all, it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed and train a standardized citizenry, to put down dissent and originality."

H. L. Mencken 1880-1956



✠ CALENDAR

MON	2/8/21	ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
TUE	2/9/21	ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD ST. APOLLONIA, VM COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Gloria Dailey – 3 rd Anniversary Nov. 23 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Ida & †Marianne Youngworth (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>)
WED	2/10/21	ST. SCHOLASTICA, V
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Helen Rose Smith (<i>Edward W. Smith</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help for the Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Happy Consecration Anniversary Bishop (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	5:15 PM	Low Mass †Father Cekada (<i>Irena Uderska</i>)
THU	2/11/21	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Billy & Mary Rose Young (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Conversion: Andrea P. Bayer (<i>David Bayer</i>)
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass Fr. McKenna – 9 th Ordination Anniversary
FRI	2/12/21	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Our Children & Godchildren – Merry Christmas! (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Briggs</i>)
	11:05 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass Fr. Joseph Appelhanz – 1 st Anniversary of Ordination 12/12 (<i>Keith & Mary Christensen</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena VII
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Tom Simpson (<i>Simpson family</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Devotions, Sorrowful Mother Novena III, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction
SAT	2/13/21	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †John Kloberdanz (<i>Christensens</i>)
	8:05 AM	Ave Regina & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Charles Simpson (<i>Dad & Karen</i>)
SUN	2/14/21	QUINQUAGESIMA • ST. VALENTINE, PRM
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Brueggemann Family Intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Maki</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 †Fr. Cekada (<i>Puglielli Family</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Stella Simpson – 9 th Anniversary Feb. 14 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)

THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES NEITHER DOES THE VIRUS: IT'S A NEW RELIGION

“[C]hristine Massey, a Canadian former biostatistician in the field of cancer research, and a colleague of hers in New Zealand, Michael Speth, as well as several individuals around the world (most of whom prefer to remain anonymous) have submitted Freedom of Information requests to dozens of health and science institutions and a handful of political offices around the world.

“They are seeking any records that describe the isolation of a SARS-COV-2 virus from any unadulterated sample taken from a diseased patient.

“But all 46 responding institutions/offices utterly failed to provide or cite any record describing ‘SARS-COV-2’ isolation; and Germany’s Ministry of Health ignored their FOI request altogether.

“The German entrepreneur Samuel Eckert asked health authorities from various cities such as München (Munich), Dusseldorf and Zurich for a study proving complete isolation and purification of so-called SARS-CoV-2. He has not obtained it yet.”

– “*Phantom Virus: In search of Sars-CoV-2*,” Torsten Engelbrecht, Dr Stefano Scoglio & Konstantin Demeter

NOTE: To say the virus has not been isolated and proven to exist as a distinct disease is not to say that it does not exist or that people are not getting sick or that serious conditions did not emerge last year. ...It does mean that the certainty that characterizes the general reporting about it and the government reactions is not warranted.

None of this information will have the slightest impact on most Americans. They have discarded any desire to research for information. COVID is a religion, not a scientifically verified distinct disease. It is based on dogmatic beliefs, not on science. This religion is spread by religious authorities in the form of experts, bureaucrats and journalists. Every time believers learn of anyone with a flu, cough or serious respiratory illness, their belief in this religious cult is confirmed.

And even if the virus is at some point isolated according to scientific standards and even if COVID is a distinct respiratory condition, it does not meet any reasonable definition of a pandemic and does not justify the medical tyranny we face.

Servers

THU 2/11 11:25 AM SOL. HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: A. McConnell ACS: S. Richesson, A. McClorey TORCH: D. McConnell, N. McClorey CROSS: D. Simpson

SUN 2/14 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: C. Richesson, Na. McClorey TH: T. Lawrence ACS: C. Arlinghaus, T. England TORCH: S. Richesson, A. McClorey, B. & J. McGinnis MC: J. Lacy
11:30 AM LOW: J. Kolenich, N. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller