

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. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

April 18, 2021 EASTER II



¶ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

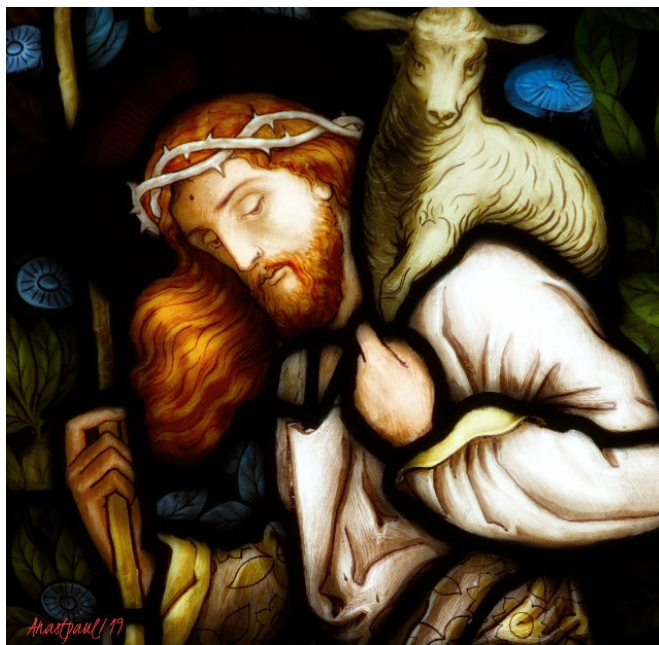
¶ THIS WEEK

Good Shepherd Sunday leads us to **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday**, but first we remember the **Poor Souls** by way of **Tuesday's** Requiem. England's **St. George** rides in on **Friday**, and summons men to follow him in slaying dragons. **Saturday** we honor the **Virgo Fidelis**, Our Lady who is faithful, and pray for this virtue to **St. Fidelis**. We open a triduum to the **Mother of Good Counsel** as well.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

April 25th represents the traditional date of St. Peter's entrance into Rome as marked by the Procession of the Greater Litanies. This penitential exercise is very venerable, and serves today to pray for the restoration of our beloved Church and papacy; turning away the wrath of God, by the power of *public prayer*. Please participate! The Procession begins at 9:00 AM and is followed by High Mass. A shorter Catechism Class is scheduled for afterwards. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal: Low Masses: St. Mark, second collect of Easter III. Preface of the Apostles. Proper Last Gospel of Easter III. High Mass: Mass of Rogation, second collect of Our Lady, third for the Church. Preface of Easter.*



A Pastor's Prayer to the Good Shepherd

*By St John Damascene (675-749)
Monk, Theologian, Doctor of the Church*

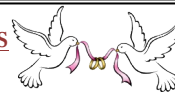
O Christ, my God, You stooped down to me,
poor straying sheep, to take me
on Your shoulders
and have set me down in green pastures.
...Enable me to proclaim Your word boldly,
may Your Spirit's tongue of flame
give perfect freedom to my tongue
and make me constantly attentive to Your presence.
Be a shepherd to me, O Lord
and together with me, be the shepherd of Your sheep,
that my heart may not cause me to swerve,
either to right or to left.

Wedding Banns

Third time:
Travis Otworth & Claire Gardner

CONGRATULATIONS

to Joseph & Sarah Simpson on their wedding, which took place on Saturday, April 17, 2021.



¶ ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Wednesday is St. Joseph's Day all year 'round, but this Wednesday is his Solemnity as Protector and Patron Saint of the Catholic Church. Solemn Mass is at 11:25 AM, and his annual Novena starts on Tuesday. Honor him with us. How grateful are we to him for his protection.



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mary Omlor, Paul Benedetto, Janette Bramell, Melvin Hoxie, Rick Woods, Beckett Zver, Paul McConnell, and the repose of the soul of †Joellen Murray.

PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2021

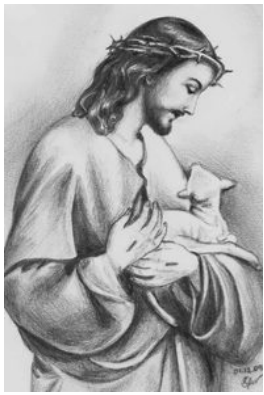
CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, May 20th.

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

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th.

Collection Report

Sunday, April 11th.....\$8,069.00
Second Collection.....\$1,869.00



O Jesus!
 Good Shepherd,
 Who hast given
 Thy life for
 Thy sheep, by
 all Thy sacred
 wounds, Thy
 precious
 Blood, Thy
 Divine tears
 and beloved

sweat, by all the sighs, the groans, the sorrows, the love, the merits of the thirty-three years of Thy holy life, enclosed in the ineffable sanctuary of Thy most loving Heart, have pity on us, poor and miserable sinners; convert all the blasphemers and profaners of the holy day of Sunday, and give us a share in Thy Divine merits, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(This salutation above should be repeated three times in order to honor His Divine life, His glorious life, and His mortal life.)

"It is a characteristic of any decaying civilization that the great masses of the people are unaware of the tragedy.

Humanity in a crisis is generally insensitive to the gravity of the times in which it lives.

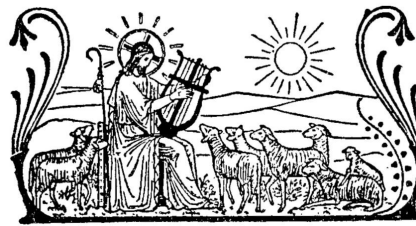
Men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because they have no standard outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice, how shall men know it is violated?

Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

CATECHISM CORNER

We must dedicate some notable part of our time to His divine service; and, more especially, consecrate to Him those days which are ordered by His Church to be sanctified or kept holy.

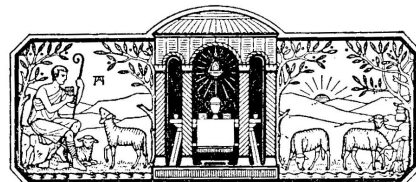


SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Certainly God can choose to come to any particular man in whatever way He wishes, and in the case of those who are deprived of the Blessed Sacrament for any reason—such as inculpable ignorance, or being in circumstances that put them out of the reach of a priest—He can, if He does wish to, come in extraordinary ways...

The Council of Trent requires for a spiritual communion an *ardent desire, lively faith, and fervent charity*. How often shall we communicate spiritually? As often as God inspires the holy desire, at any time, but especially at webcast or virtual Masses, daily prayers and Rosary. No particular form is required. We may use any form we please. With a contrite and a pure and loving heart, we may simply say: "Come, dearest Jesus, come into this my poor unhappy heart; come and satiate my longings; come and sanctify my soul; come, my sweetest Jesus, come."

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never, never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen." – St. Alphonsus Liguori



TO A YOUNG SEMINARIAN

O Little Bo-Peep, don't weep, don't weep,
 You'll know it when you grow older,
 That the worldly hearts of your sheep,
 Have to wander apart if you keep,
 you keep,
 That Lamb resting on your shoulder.

Someday you will step in the presence of kings,
 And life full of gladness will be,
 And your sheep will come flocking around you.
 Someday you will kneel by the one King of Kings
 On a Fisherman's boat by the sea,
 And the Lamb that you love will attend you.

So Little Bo-Peep, don't weep, don't weep,
 You'll know it when you grow older,
 When again you come to your sheep,
 your sheep,
 Everyone for your Lambkin to keep,
 to keep,
 And you resting on His Shoulder!
 –Fray Angélico Chávez



Winter or Spring, cold weather is welcome when it brings sunshine as its companion. Have you noticed the abundant afternoon sun which concludes some of our cloudy and cool days? It's almost a symbol, and maybe a promise of the unfolding of the divine and providential plan. Our masters plan wars, epidemics and disasters. Our God, even at the worst of it, often gives us some relief and always the light and warmth of His presence.

Our seminarians (I call them "the four horsemen of the Apocalypse") return to Florida now at the end of their welcome Easter break. We are grateful to **Mr. Thomas Ojeka** for his presence and help all the way through Holy Week. **Mr. Thomas Simpson** served yesterday as Subdeacon at his brother Joseph's Nuptial Mass as he wed Miss Sarah Burns. Congratulations to the happy couple.

St. Joseph, his annual novena and the feast of his Patronage, highlights this week. Next Sunday it's a rare "Sunday opportunity" for another procession, albeit without the donkey. The Greater Litanies, though, are a most powerful prayer and provide protection. Once Rome was thus delivered from a real plague. May we thus be freed from the Plandemic. Participate!

Fr. McKenna barely returned from his travels when he left again Friday to attend to St. Hugh in Milwaukee. We did have the chance to record another "Behind the Headlines" for True Restoration, discussing recent events. But if you don't go out of your way to miss the sermon and *do* listen, you'll know pretty much what's stirring "behind the headlines." Still, it may be of interest, or more, of use in the battle for our country, for Christ the King.

We are all called upon to conquer human respect, inform ourselves and summon up our courage to oppose, according to our own state of life, the Marxist Revolution which has us in its grip. Propaganda by its very nature draws us in, lulls us to a kind of submission. Pray for the reverend clergy who are as subject to this as anyone else, but who must lead everyone else.

Cavaradossi has turned out to be more of a contemplative cat, spending hours gazing out the window, doubtless thus symbolizing eternity. His bud Giacomo is decidedly more active and calls the other cat out of his reverie to come and play. Of course they only want to play in the forbidden areas and that, I suppose, could stand for all of fallen human nature. The things we learn from our "animal companions."

May your April continue to be a blessed one, in the warmth of God's grace.

– **Bishop Dolan**



¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Concrete statues are in the bookstore. Spring gardens are taking shape. Add a nice concrete statue for a Catholic touch. Several sizes of Mary and a couple different saints are on offer. Keep Mother's Day and Father's Day in mind. Perfect for someone that has enough inside but wouldn't mind some decoration outside.

First Communion and Confirmation items are on display.

Wedding gifts abound and new cards can be found on the newly organized card rack. Cards are just \$2 for a large greeting and \$1 for a small note card. Send a Catholic greeting card to someone you know.



WE GET LETTERS

"I was quite moved by the very solemn services during Holy Week. As one of the many online viewers who rely upon the sacred services offered through the St. Gertrude the Great Apostolate, I offer prayers for all of the devoted clergymen who take part in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Roman Mass, daily, for the benefit of souls.

"How touching also to see so many dedicated young men serving God before the decorated High Altar. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to seek the demanding vocational traditional Catholic priesthood as well. Please keep me and other Traditional Catholics in your prayers."

A SERVER'S PRAYER

O Jesus, my King and Lord, by the intercession of Our Lady and all the saints, ever guide me in all righteousness as I serve at Thine Altar, so I may be always worthy of Thy presence. If I happen to make an error, may it be a lesson so my service will be perfect tomorrow. Jesus, I love Thee with all my heart. St. Tarcisius, St. John Berchmans, pray for me and for all servers. Amen.

Masses sent to the Missions:

- Special Intention – Deceased Relative (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- †Fred Landolfi – 2nd Anniversary April 9 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- †David MacDonald Jr. – 11th Anniversary April 6 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- Guy Macchia – 43rd Anniversary April 13 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- †Charles E. Simpson – 30th Anniversary May 14 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- †Dolores MacDonald – 21st Anniversary May 27 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
- (4x) In Thanksgiving / Holy Souls (*Arlinghaus Family*)
- Louisa Fischer–Prayers for your religious vocation (*Mark & Annie Fischer*)
- Tobias Bayer (*Nathaniel Arnold*)
- Special Intention – Deceased (*The Wilker Family*)
- Poor Souls (*Clare Lotarski*)

✠ CALENDAR

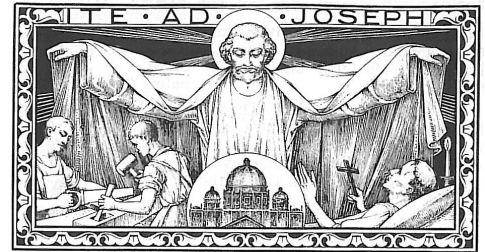
MON	4/19/21	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass †Margaret Soli (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Angels Mary Victoria Omlor – good death
TUE	4/20/21	FERIAL DAY • OPENING OF ST. JOSEPH NOVENA 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Lee & Dianne Payne</i>) 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM Low Mass For all who helped with our wedding – Thank you (<i>Greg & Caroline Hilliard</i>)
WED	4/21/21	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH • ST. ANSELM, BPCD 7:00 AM Low Mass Sodality of Charity Members (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Six sons (<i>M. Kitchen</i>) 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Barbara O'Connor & Family</i>) 5:15 PM Low Mass Tobias Bayer (<i>Simpson family</i>)
THU	4/22/21	SS. SOTER & CAIUS, PPM 7:00 AM Low Mass †Patrick Kurtz & †Howard Delawder (<i>Simpson family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Frank Denke soul's repose (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>)
FRI	4/23/21	ST. GEORGE, M 8:00 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving (<i>Karla Lawrence</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Fr. McKenna Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Anthony Brueggemann (<i>Anna & Cecilia Brueggemann</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/24/21	ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Anthony for Matt Wagner (<i>Jamie Wagner & Jennifer Richardson</i>) 8:10 AM Novena & Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass †Tom Peter 10 th Anniversary from 2/18 (<i>Simpson family</i>) Girls' Sodality of Charity
SUN	4/25/21	EASTER III – GREATER LITANIES ST. MARK, EVANGELIST 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Joseph Andreotta – Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 9:00 AM Greater Litanies Procession High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 10:50 AM Short Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass St. Anthony – Thanksgiving (<i>Sue Kurtz</i>)

ST. MARK, GREATER LITANIES

On Sunday, a solemn procession will take place at 9 o'clock, and High Mass will be celebrated, to beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection. ...Let us come with faith and confidence and implore that blessing and protection, for which it will be our duty to thank Him later.

PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH

On Wednesday next, the Church celebrates the Patronage of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



This great saint being the Patron of the Catholic Church, the festival of his Patronage should excite, in a special manner, all our piety. Let us beg of God, on that day, to grant us His grace to imitate the eminent virtues of which St. Joseph has set us the example. Like him, let us be humble, chaste, and submissive to the Divine will; let us live, as he did, in that justice which the Gospel attributes to him, in order that, like him, we may die the death of the just.

Let us imitate his love and respect and devotion for the Holy Catholic Church; let us, if necessary, suffer for the sake of this divine mother to whom we owe the precious gift of faith. He was the happy savior of the Son of God's life from the cruel hands of Herod; in our days Jesus Christ is still persecuted in His Church, which is His own mystic body; let us with confidence *go to Joseph*, that he may protect us by his powerful intercession. For it is not in vain that he has been solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church.

St. Joseph is also the patron of dying Christians, because he himself had the happiness of dying assisted by Jesus and Mary. Let us imitate his virtues and invoke him frequently during our lifetime, that we may, at the hour of our death, upon which depends our eternal happiness, have recourse to him with confidence, and experience the admirable effects of his powerful intercession.

Servers

WED 4/21 11:25 AM **HIGH: MCS:** P. Omlor, C. Richesson **TH:** D. McConnell **ACS:** A. McConnell, D. Simpson **CROSS:** Na. McClorey **TORCH:** S. Richesson, A. McClorey, M. Simpson, Na. McClorey

SUN 4/25 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH: CHAPLAINS:** J. Lacy, P. Omlor **MC:** M. Simpson **CROSS:** Na. McClorey **TH:** T. Lawrence **ACS:** C. Arlinghaus, T. England **TORCH:** C. VanderPutten, J. & C. McGinnis, M. Kolenich
11:30 AM **LOW:** J. & M. Kolenich
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller
5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller