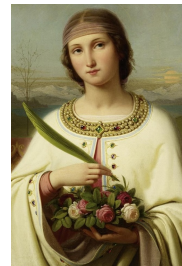


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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

February 6, 2022
EPIPHANY V
ST. TITUS, BPC • ST. DOROTHY, VM



BLESSING of ST BLAISE
3 February

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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¶ EPIPHANY V

Second Collection for our seminarians. Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise after all Masses. (Blessing of Religious Articles moved to next Sunday.) Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Janet Strauss, Ralph Otis, Roman Zimmerman, and all of our sick and shut in.

¶ OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Friday, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is **Fr. McKenna's 10th Anniversary**. Solemn Mass, followed by a reception in his honor, will be at 11:25 AM. A repeat party (he's a great priest) follows the 5:45 PM Mass for the convenience of the Friday Evening folk.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA

Next Sunday we begin the short pre-Lenten season. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Don't miss the **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale** in Helfta Hall. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at

4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Septuagesima, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the church. Trinity Preface.

¶ ROSARY CHAIN

To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to be added to the Rosary Chain recipient list, please call or email the office.

Collection Report
Sunday, January 30th.....\$6,892.00

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sodality of Charity Meeting: Feb. 26.
Seminarian Sunday, March 27 after morning Masses. Raffles, silent auction, and of course good things to eat. Come raise money for our seminarians. Proceeds will outfit the seminarians with necessities for the priesthood. Donate goods and services or raffle items, work the day of the event, help out where you can, but please support this important event. **WE NEED PRIESTS!** God bless your generosity.

Wherever the Bishop shall appear, there let the multitude also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.

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St Ignatius of Antioch (c 35-c 107)
Bishop, Martyr, Father

TODAY'S MASS

The parable of today's Gospel shows us that the good and bad live together in the world, and even in the Church, as the cockle and wheat grow side by side in the field. It is not that God made the world bad, nor that He has not provided His Church with every means of holiness and sanctification; but rather that God's enemy, Satan, has sowed his evil seed in the world, and is the author of the evil that is found in the Church. How like to the evil one are those who sow the seeds of detraction and calumny and all uncharitableness among their brethren in the world and in the Church, forgetting or ignoring the beautiful words of St. Paul and the Epistle today, that we are called in one body, and should be bound together by charity, the bond of perfection, and that the peace of Christ should reign in our hearts.

Since evil speaking is so sinful, so harmful, and yet so easy, let us set a strict guard over our thoughts, lest we form rash judgments; over our speech, lest we be given to uncharitable talk and conversations; and over our ears, lest we listen to the evil reports of scandal mongers. To avoid rash judgments we should remember that things are often not at all as they appear; to avoid evil speech, let us reflect that each one has enough to do to correct his own failings, without dwelling on those of others; to avoid listening to uncharitable talk, let us shun the company of detractors or to show displeasure at their words. Those who, by their evil speech, have done harm to their neighbor must remember that they are bound in conscience to repair the harm they have done.

This is "standard issue" from the great Dominican Fathers McHugh and Callan, but is worth a thoughtful read, some meditation even.

DIDST THOU NOT SOW GOOD SEED?

O seed by which the world was made, through which darkness was dispersed and the Church brought into being! In this seed hanging on the cross was such tremendous power that by a mere word, though bound itself, it snatched the thief from his cross and transported him to the joy of paradise. This seed, its side pierced by a spear, poured out for the thirsty an immortal drink. This mustard seed, taken down from the cross and planted in a garden, branched out over the whole world. This mustard seed sown in a garden sent its roots down to Hades, gathered together the souls that were there, and after three days raised them with itself to heaven.

This meditation from St. John Chrysostom is more mystical, poetic, liturgical. Quite beautiful.



"Love forgives many mistakes, while hatred imagines mistakes even where they do not exist..."

— St. John Chrysostom



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 day will come when this Child will no longer be offered in the Temple, nor in Simeon's arms but outside the City in the arms of the Cross. The day will come when He will not be redeemed by the blood of a sacrifice, but redeem others with His own Blood. ... That will be the evening sacrifice; this is the morning sacrifice; this one is the happiest but that one is the most complete; for this one was offered at the time of birth and that one will be offered in the fullness of time..." — St. Bernard

Candlemas was the highlight of the week, a splendid glorious closing to the forty happy days of Christmas, as well as a first glance towards Lent and Holy Week. Already next Sunday is the Seventieth, that is until Easter, Septuagesima. Already on Saturday we bid a quiet farewell to the Alleluia, which will return with some ceremony on Holy Saturday. In the meantime, start giving some thought to Lenten planning, even though the holy season of penance is almost a month away.

No dire predictions of ice and snow kept the faithful away from Candlemas. One of the blessings—there are actually several—of the Plandemic of Covid Communism is the almost palpable increase in fervor, the increased warmth of devotion, among our faithful. You came for the long but beautiful Mass, and many of you stayed to supper. There were no leftovers, always a good sign! But everyone left with a fine taste of homemade soup, and the warmth of Catholic conviviality as well.

We needed the warmth, because the ice and snow were on the way. But every day the priest after Mass calls upon these creatures of God to bless the Lord. They too, like even the Scamdemic in some sense, are thankworthy in Christ Jesus. Our Lord probably figured we just needed some time to rest after Christmas, and to recuperate from Winter colds and flu and maybe worse. The crunchy Winter white was certainly beautiful, and didn't give most of us any excuse to be out. A Winter break is always welcome.

I regret that we missed the All Night Adoration, and do hope we hand enough hands for the big task of packing away Christmas for another year. Our devoted sacristan is still under the weather, and I emerge like the groundhog from time to time, only to return to my hibernation. But we sick are so grateful, touched and grateful, for your good wishes and prayers and help. One of these days, it will all be past.

We are all watching in wonder and admiration at the brave Canadian truckers who lead the continent in saying NO! to the NOW, the New World Order. We wonder how it will end, and remember that they, we, are fighting for our very lives. Give these good men your support, and the support of your prayers. Stay informed about the issues, and resolute with your Rosaries.

It seems that Bergoglio has finally gone too far for the R&R folk. I think the combination of one plain simple declarative sentence of heresy (and on Candlemas!), the profound public pushing for perversion from the material hierarchy, and the suppression of the Latin

Mass, has at last provoked a reaction. One big internet trad leader contacted **Fr. McKenna**, with the question, "don't we deny Communion?" No, we don't. Wrong church, wrong pew. Perhaps others do. We just follow Divine and Canon Law. May one more obstacle be cleared up for the return of these poor homeless Catholics.

It is a pleasure each year to bless throats. We send you home today with a freshly blessed one. Use it well!



– Bishop Dolan



"We recognize a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognize a Christian by his action. The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed, it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it."

– St. Ignatius of Antioch

CATECHISM CORNER: WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that Christ after His death descended into "hell" which was not the hell of the damned nor purgatory, but the Limbo of the Just where the patriarchs, prophets, and the Just of the Old Testament after having expiated their venial sins and temporal penalties, were awaiting the coming of the Redeemer to open to them the gates of heaven; that Our Lord preached to these souls in Limbo the glad tidings of their approaching deliverance; that all the while that Christ was in Limbo His Divine Person remained united to both His Soul and to His Body in the grave.

MON 2/7/22 ST. ROMUALD, AB
8:00 AM Low Mass †Aunt Annie 31st Anniversary 12/25 (*Judy*)
11:25 AM High Mass All our clergy (*Dan, Mary & family*)

TUE 2/8/22 ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C
7:00 AM Low Mass Claire Smith (*Collin Smith*)
11:25 AM High Mass Alan Lotarski (*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (*Anne Marie Omlor*)

WED 2/9/22 ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BPCD
 ST. APOLLONIA, VM
8:00 AM Low Mass Congratulations Fr. Lehtoranta – 10th Anniversary (*Judy*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Mr. Kyle McGuire (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
5:15 PM Low Mass Special Intention (*William Long*)

THU 2/10/22 ST. SCHOLASTICA, V
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention S.B. (*Clare Lotarski*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Therese Condit – Oct. 22 birthday (*Eva Nellenbach*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Mike Briggs (*Rebecca Hinton*)

FRI 2/11/22 OUR LADY OF LOURDES
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Luke Hogan*)
11:06 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Solemn High Mass Fr. McKenna's 10th Anniversary Reception
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena Week VII
5:45 PM Low Mass †Mary Rose Peter (*Rosary Confraternity*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction Triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by cake for Fr. McKenna

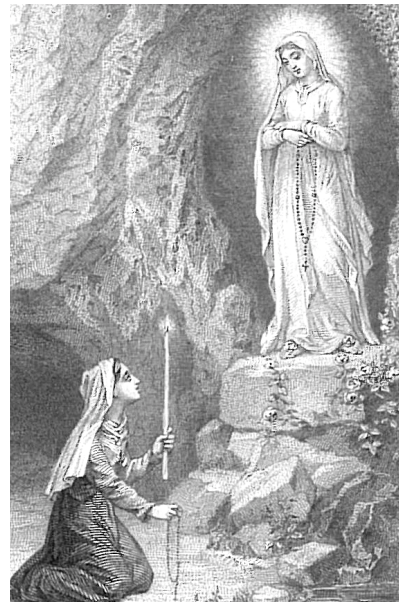
SAT 2/12/22 EPIPHANY VI (ATICIPATED)
 THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Steven & Victoria Cerise – Thank you! (*Nathaniel Arnold*)
8:10 AM Sermon, Our Lady of Lourdes Triduum
8:25 AM High Mass †Patrick Kurtz – 1st anniversary (*Sue Kurtz*)

SUN 2/13/22 SEPTUAGESIMA
 CLOSING OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES TRIDUUM
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Joe Andreotta (*Patsy McConnell*)
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 Anastasia Prell – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass †Stanley Wnek (*Mr. & Mrs. David Swinney*)

SEVEN COUNSELS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

1. Our victory does not lie in not feeling temptations, but in not consenting to them. We do this best by turning our mind to other things and our heart to God.
2. Always keep a spiritual book nearby and read part of it every day as though it were a letter sent you from heaven to guide and uplift.
3. Make sickness itself a prayer.
4. The wellbeing of a home depends on the parents' words, but far more on their behavior.
5. Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; our Father will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
6. Too often we demand more perfection from others than from ourselves.
7. Some see evil everywhere, while the charitable person never looks for it and even fears to meet it.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES



O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, thou knowest my wants, my troubles, my suffering; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, thou wert pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from whence thou dost dispense thy favors. Already many sufferers

have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence, to implore thy maternal intercession. Obtain, O Mother, the granting of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate thy virtues, that I may one day share thy glory, and bless thee in eternity. Amen.

Servers

SUN 2/13 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: T. Lawrence ACS: C. Arlinghaus, N. Kolenich TORCH: J. Stewart, 2 Kolenichs, 1 McGinnis
 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

