



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

February 20, 2022 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

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

¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow on President's Day you may be free; do join us for Holy Mass to pray for our country (8 & 11:25 AM). On **Tuesday** we commemorate the Passion, and on **Wednesday** we honor St. Peter Damian. The "last of all" Apostle, St. Matthias, comes **Thursday**. His festive High Mass is at 11:25 AM. He is invoked for alcoholics, as well as a patron for penance planning this season of Septuagesima. **Friday** evening is already the close of our nine-week devotion to the Divine Infant, and the third week for our Sorrowful Mother Novena, with Blessing of the Sick. Don't forget Our Lady's **Saturday**. The Sodality of Charity will be meeting after the High Mass.

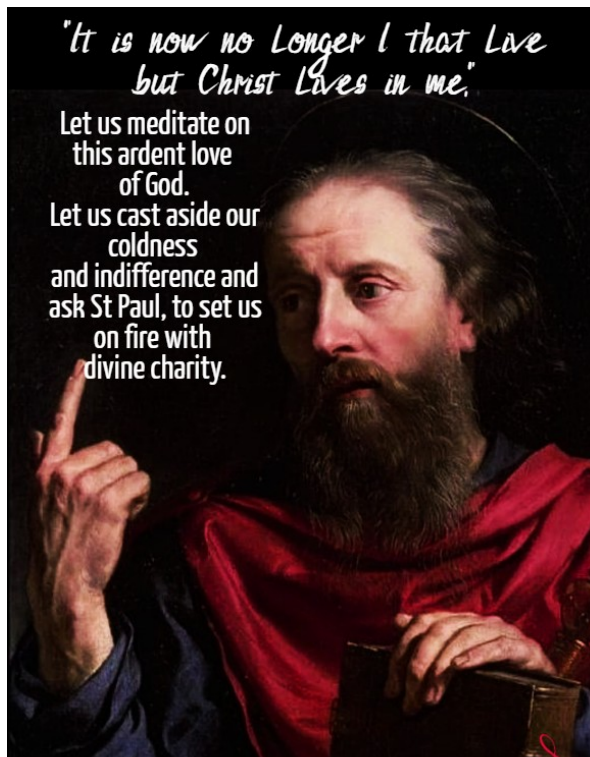
¶ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

This Friday we continue our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick. Call or write in to the office the first names of those for whom you would like us to pray, as well as the names of your sick.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA

Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Quinquagesima, second collect of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin. Trinity Preface.



THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2022

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Sat. April 23

****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: Thurs.
June 2**

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Sat. June 4

**FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday,
June 19**

¶ OUR SICK

Please pray for Fr. Curly, Malia Beckerich, Pat Kolb, and all of our sick and shut in.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ash Wednesday:** March 2, a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start Lent.
- **The first of Lenten Friday Evenings of Recollection:** March 4, with 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and Stations.
- **Altar Boy Day:** Saturday, March 5.
- **St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor:** Saturday, March 19.
- **Children's Day of Recollection:** Wednesday, March 23.
- **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Friday, March 25.
- **Seminarian Sunday:** March 27 after morning Masses.

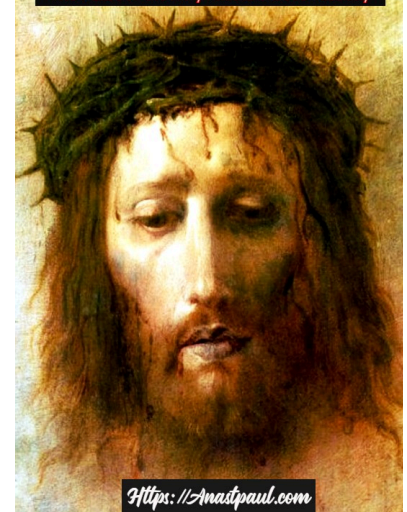
Collection Report

Sunday, February 13 th	\$8,227.00
Bake Sale.....	\$942.00

Lenten Preparation Novena in Reparation and Consolation to the Holy Face

BEGINS 20 FEBRUARY

The Feast of the Holy Face is Shrove Tuesday



<https://amstpaul.com>



THE EPISTLE

St. Paul here gives us an astonishing object lesson in what marvelous fruit the seed of grace can produce in really good soil. Not that such a harvest of apostolic work is easy. Just read the hair-raising recital of the hardships he bore. Nor does God's grace grow without such handicaps as should be expected in this world. That "sting" is taken by some to mean the opposition offered him by the obstructionists of his own race. Men like these are never lacking when there is good to be done. What is probably most important, the soil of Paul's soul had been enriched by a depth of spiritual experience such as is given to very few, even of the saints. Why does he tell us of that ecstasy utterly beyond our hopes to duplicate? This Epistle, read as it is in the Mass, has a special lesson for us. St. Paul "heard mysteries which man is not allowed to utter;" is he not telling us here that we, too, in this very Sacrifice, are about to be in the presence of the greatest Mystery ever known on this earth, the Redeeming-Act? This spiritual experience of ours can deepen and enrich the soil of our own souls and thus help us to yield a more fruitful harvest from the Seed of the Eucharist to be sown in us today.

For when you don't feel like going to Mass, or don't feel like reading your missal: Kneel in the back the whole time, clutch the cross with Magdalene, dare to half raise your eyes to Jesus and Mary, adore and thank, deplore your sins and implore for your needs. Or just love Him, and offer the Lamb to the Father. The Mass...

☞ LENTEN FRIDAY SUPPERS

If you'd like to help with a Lenten Dinner... In menu planning, please remember that this will be the main meal for many, so do be sure it's generous and filling. If you are new to SGG, Mass is at 5:45, with dinner, Stations of the Cross and sermon following.

Volunteers will be cooking meatless and for about 50 people. Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your outlay to the office. No desert, but fruit may be provided. Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice. Each party signing up will pick the Friday that works for them, provide the set up, meal, and clean up. Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter. Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

March 4: Arlinghaus crew.

March 11: Beverly Simpson & helper.

March 18: Karla Lawrence. She needs a helper.

March 25, April 1, and April 8 still need volunteers. Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. We like to publish the menu ahead so everyone knows the easy delights available to them. You can email sggbookstore@gmail.com or the office parishoffice@sgg.org with questions and signup. Please help!



ST. PAUL

When I was Saul, and walked among
the blazing rocks,
My road was quiet as a trap.
I feared what Word would split high
noon with light;
And lock my sight, and drive me mad.
And thus I saw the Voice that struck me
dead!

Tie up my life and wind me in my
sheets of fear
And lay my reason in a three days sepul-
cher,
Till Jesus shows me Easter in a dream.

When I was Saul, and sat among the
cloaks,
My eyes were stones. I saw no sight of
heaven
Open to take the spirit of the twisting
Stephen.

When I was Saul, and sat among the
rocks,
I locked my eyes, my mind I made a
tomb,
Sealed with what boulders rolled across
my reason!

O Jesus, show me Easter in a dream!
O Cross Damascus, where poor Anani-
as in some other room,
(Who know my locks, to let me out!)
Waits for Your word to take his keys,
and come.

- Fr. M. Louis, OCSO

PRAYERS IN VERSE

The Four Ends of Sacrifice
Adore 'til the Gospel,
Give thanks 'til the bell;
'Til Communion ask pardon,
Then all your wants tell.

After Communion
Crede, dole, spera,
grate age, dilige, adora,
Vulnera pande animae,
santaque dona pete.

Believe, grieve, and hope,
Thank, love, and adore;
Show your soul's wounds,
And holy gifts implore.

When Easter is late, we have a few quiet weeks in February. Well, not *that* quiet. We're all engaged in Lenten planning as well as in February living. So far we've had the "Mass of Candles," our Soup Supper, the Blessing of Throats, and a lovely St. Valentine's Day, with the well themed sweets on offer last Sunday (thank you!), and the beautiful cards from the little ones on Monday.



On Friday we're piously busy with the "Season of Novenas," three right now. We celebrated **Fr. McKenna's** 10th anniversary with a Solemn Mass and a nice lunch (and supper!) on February 11. With all, we remember our sick and dying and deceased, having sung the monthly Requiem last Wednesday. We blessed the sick last Sunday, and now each Friday evening.

Our deacons have increased their already serious studies in preparation for their coming ordination in May. **Fr. McGuire** has begun teaching them to say Mass. Their Moral Theology studies prepare them to hear confessions. During Lent the deacons will take turns preaching for the first four Sundays.

Busy as our seminarians are, they, we, very much appreciate the delivery of a meal which is of enormous help on a busy day. The deacons have been helping Janet in the sacristy during the time of her recovery. You could lend a hand as well... Cooking or cleaning.

Your participation in "Seminarian Sunday" is also appreciated. These "Sundays" have proven nice social events as well as great fundraisers. So, you see, no need to ask "What can I do?" Just look around and pitch in.

Still plenty of time to finish your Lenten planning. Our Friday Recollections will again be on offer, with a wonderful world of riches: Mass, sermon, supper, Stations, Novena and Benediction. But plan to start Lent as the Church does, with ashes on Wednesday, March 2nd: our Spring training.

Speaking of Spring, the wet and gray February 2nd day has accurately predicted, it seems, an early Spring. May it be so for our souls!

– **Bishop Dolan**

Holy Mass is the true holocaust, the slaughter of the Son for our sins, Calvary in all of its horror and holiness, only made present now in an unbloody fashion. What a meditation. Who could grow bored? But the beads can anchor you in its mysteries.

THE SOWER OF THE WORD

Today we pilgrimage to the grave of the great St. Paul, and there with the universal Church offer the holy Sacrifice. Only a few Sunday Mass formularies have such an intimate connection with the saint of the station. We are not merely standing at the grave of St. Paul; according to the spirit of the liturgy he is in our very midst, our intercessor (Collect), our preacher (Epistle).



Today and throughout the whole year Paul is the sower of the Word. Almost every Sunday he scatters the seed of God's message in the souls of Christians. And what does he sow today? The example of his life in the service of Christ, in its breadth and height and depth. Its breadth: how he worked, suffered, and sacrificed for Christ! How ashamed we should be to do so little! Its height: he gives us a glimpse of his intimacy with God; that degree of union we can hardly attain, but we can surely go farther than we have. Its depth: he was a human being, subject to temptations; but grace triumphed over weakness. The apostle's words should be our guiding norm, "Strength is made perfect in weakness." Take advantage of this coming Lent to reform your life in its breadth and height and depth.

DOERS OF THE WORD

A few years ago I had to call in a woman doctor, an exile, who had been in a concentration camp in Germany for refusing to sterilize epileptic children. She was taking care of one of the women in the house. As she left she said, recognizing the apparent hopelessness of our work for the most destitute, "The only thing you can do for these sick and aged ones is to make them happy." I have often thought of that since, when people have asked us about the work, what we were trying to do; it seemed very simple to say, "We are trying to make people happy."

We want to be happy, we want others to be happy, we want to see some of this joy of life which children have, we want to see people intoxicated with God, or just filled with the good steady joy of knowing that Christ is King and that we are His flock and He has prepared for us a kingdom, and that God loves us as a father loves his children, as a bridegroom loves his bride, and that eye hath not seen nor ear heard what God hath prepared for us!

– *A Catholic convert and social worker from before the Changes*

PIOUS PRACTICES FOR CATHOLICS DURING LENT

1. Abstain from Meat. We should all know that Catholics are required to abstain from all meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. This is the minimum requirement and violation of this law is a mortal sin.

Yet, certainly, we can do more than the simple minimum practice for Lent. Traditionally, Catholics would fast and partially abstain from meat all days of Lent, except for Fridays and Saturdays (which were full abstinence). By partial abstinence, a person can eat meat only at the major meal. Some Catholics will maintain the older practice of not only fasting but abstaining entirely from all meat on all 40 days of Lent, since even partial abstinence was a modern mitigation of the traditional fast that our forefathers in the Faith observed.

This Lent resolve to abstain from meat all 40 days. You could even pick up the older custom of abstaining from dairy, eggs, olive oil, wine, and observing the strict Lenten abstinence of our ancestors. If you cannot say no to meat or eggs or milk, how can you say no to sin?

2. Fasting. Those between 18 and 59 years of age are bound to fast on the weekdays of Lent, starting Ash Wednesday. Only one normal-sized meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the normal meal are allowed. Eating between meals, however, is prohibited although fruit juices and milk are allowed. This is the minimum under the current Code of Canon Law.

What should a pious Catholic do? All days of Lent aside from Sundays were in times past observed with a strict fast. If you fast all of these days, you will have fasted the 40 Days of Lent, as Christ did in the desert.

3. Limit (i.e. Remove) your Television During Lent. Even if you have not read *Television: The Soul at Risk* (and I do highly recommend it), television is by most accounts, an occasion of sin. Always limit your television to only a few hours a week, if that, for your entire family or—better yet—unplug it all together. Television is a passive activity not only leading to obesity and passivity but allowing indecent speech and dress as well as suggestive dialogue and environments into our very homes. Unplug it for Lent. And think about keeping it unplugged afterward.

4. Daily Rosary. If you are not praying the daily Rosary, you should be. This was the central request of Our Lady of Fatima. On May 13, 1917, Our Lady told Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco: “Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.” In an apparition on July 13th, she requested devotion to her Immaculate Heart and Communions of reparation on the first Saturday of each month. In a September 13th apparition, the Blessed Mother stressed the importance of the daily Rosary, and in her final apparition, she said, “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” Pray the Rosary daily and use Lent to start if you need to.

So pray the Rosary daily and use Lent to start if you need to.

5. Wear the Brown Scapular. If you were not properly

invested in the Brown Scapular (or if you are uncertain), find a traditional Catholic priest to be properly enrolled in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular. Recall that by the wearing of the Brown Scapular, Mary promises to pray for us at the hour of death. And more than that, she will intercede with God to obtain the graces we need to remain in the state of grace. And if we are in a state of mortal sin, she will intercede for us that sanctifying grace may come back into our soul before we die. Our Lady also promises that the Scapular will be “a safeguard in danger.”

While those who wear the Scapular are required to fast on Wednesdays and Saturdays in addition to the daily prayer of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, priests nearly always dispense the Faithful to instead simply pray the Rosary daily.

If you lost your Brown Scapular, simply purchase one online. The Brown Scapular does not have to be blessed before it is worn, unlike most Sacramentals. Consider buying one for a family member who does not regularly wear one.

6. Saturday Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you don’t already, set aside the First Saturday of this and next month as a time for your communion of Reparation, Rosary and fifteen minutes Rosary meditation.

7. Go to an extra Mass or more each week of Lent. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest prayer there is. Sacrifice time and make the effort to attend the Traditional Latin Mass more often than just on Sundays.

8. Add a Holy Hour, once a week, twice a week, or each day. “If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives” (*St. John Vianney on Adoration of Jesus in the Most the Blessed Sacrament*).

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us” (*St. Alphonsus Liguori*). The time you spend at weekday Mass can easily be part of a holy hour.

9. Pray for the Souls in Purgatory. We have an obligation to pray for our relatives and for anyone we may have harmed by our sins. A Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass is extremely efficacious for the Poor Souls and can lead to the gaining of a plenary indulgence—all other conditions for this being fulfilled.

Additionally, it should be widely promoted for the Faithful to ask the clergy to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the intention of freeing the souls in Purgatory. Many souls are released from Purgatory by the graces from the Mass. Furthermore, we should seek to gain Indulgences for the souls in Purgatory. One such way to do so is by visiting a cemetery and saying a prayer for the dead.

Lastly, the souls in Purgatory are greatly aided when we offer our Holy Communions for them. Make it a practice to offer your Holy Communion at least once weekly for the souls in Purgatory.

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY, MARCH 27th

The Silent Auction is Building...



Hand Carved
by parish artist

Lithographs by Terrell Dickey.
'First Light' (1967) and 'Sanctuary' (1968).



Donations are coming in...



CHILDREN'S SECTION FOR 12 & UNDER

Items will be of interest to the younger crowd and priced with a limited income in mind.

Please respect this area as being ONLY for those 12 and under.



Gift Baskets

All bidders must register name and phone # to receive a bidder number.

Children should include their parents name.

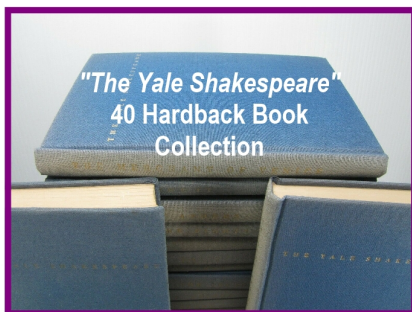
Use their bidder number on the bid sheet for it to be valid.

The auction item value listed is an estimate of fair market value.



All sales are final. There will be no exchanges or refunds. All items are "as is."

Payment & pick up of all items must be made within one week of the auction.



Drop off items in the Social Hall on the pew at any time. Please mark them for Seminarian Sunday. Make sure donations are in good shape and desirable. If you have questions contact the number below.

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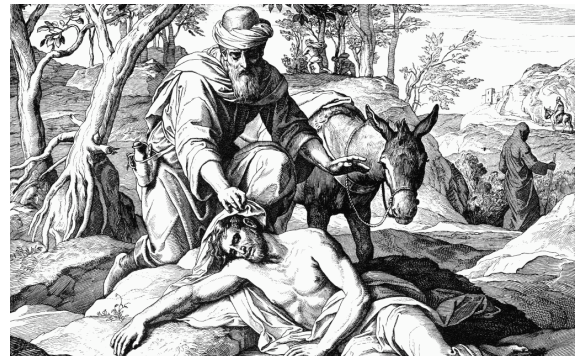
MON	2/21/22	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass All who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers & Seminarians</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Janet Strauss (<i>Dominic McConnell</i>)
TUE	2/22/22	ST. PETER'S CHAIR AT ANTIOCH <i>COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Linda Maki</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Kyle McGuire (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Joseph Andreotta (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
WED	2/23/22	ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD <i>VIGIL OF ST. MATTHIAS</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Collin Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Marko</i>) 5:15 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Anne Marie Omlor</i>)
THU	2/24/22	ST. MATTHIAS, AP 7:00 AM Low Mass Justin Eldracher & Imogen Arthur (<i>Matthew Arthur</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. McGuire & all his family, living & deceased (<i>Richard & Gloria Zbilicki</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Sharon Patton, 4 th Anniversary (<i>St. Gertrude School</i>)
FRI	2/25/22	FERIAL DAY • ST. WALBURGA, V <i>BL. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Stanley Wnek (<i>Rob Wnek</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass Divine Assistance for the newly ordained deacons (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Closing of Infant of Prague Novena 5:45 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Otis (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	2/26/22	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY <i>ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA, PENITENT</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Ida Youngworth – from 11/5 (<i>Diane Puglielli</i>) 8:05 AM Ave Regina 8:15 AM High Mass with Sermon Special Intention (<i>Nicole McGinnis</i>) Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	2/27/22	QUINQUAGESIMA <i>ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Frank Beckerich (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Our Recent Deceased Ushers (<i>A.M.B. & J.H.</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Sharon Patton Anniversary of Death (from 2/24) (<i>Patton/Moore Families</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that after He spent forty days upon earth, Christ of His own power ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, and enjoys equal power and honor with Him; that thence He sent, as He promised, the Holy Spirit to guide the Apostles and their successors until the end of time; that as the Godman, by continually showing His glorious wounds to the Blessed Trinity, He is making constant intercession for us.

SUNDAY SEVEN: *Seven Things You Will Wish You Had Done at the Moment of Death*

1. To have consistently striven to live in the state of grace.
2. To have repented frequently for past sins.
3. To have endeavored to make good the harm you have done others, by restitution either of goods or name.
4. To have chosen the hard things of life rather than the ways of comfort.
5. To have visited the sick, consoled the afflicted, and buried the dead.
6. To have given alms generously but secretly to the poor and to the Church.
7. To have spent much time in prayer.



FR. FABER ON KINDNESS

Father Faber has three conferences in one of his published volumes on *kindness*. Kindness seems a simple enough virtue, little of the heroic about it, and rather naïve and fatuous, not very much to the point these days when righteous wrath and grim fortitude seem to be more in order. But these conferences make good spiritual reading.

Servers

FRI 2/25	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillo Bros.
SAT 2/26	7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor 8:15 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, Kolenichs
SUN 2/27	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, D. Simpson CROSS: J. Stewart TH: S. Richesson ACS: M. Simpson, J. Kolenich TORCH: T. England, N. & M. Kolenich, B. McGinnis 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillo Bros. 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian