

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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May 8, 2022

EASTER III • MOTHER'S DAY

APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

MOTHER'S DAY



Our mothers are remembered at all of the Masses today, especially at the High Mass, which is offered

for them. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.



Ordination to the Priesthood

Rev. Mr. Thomas Ojeka

Rev. Mr. John Okerulu

Rev. Mr. Thomas Simpson

Rev. Mr. Anthony Brueggemann

Wednesday, the Eleventh of May

Ten o'clock in the morning

The Octave Day of St. Joseph

Reception to follow at St. Gertrude the Great Church

Please RSVP for the reception if you plan to attend. Call or email the office.



FIRST MASSES

The First Masses of our newly ordained priests will take place on Thursday, May 12, at 9:00 AM.

PALM CROSSES


Palm Crosses were blessed last week. Take some home with you. If you would like some to be mailed to you, please send a stamped envelope to the office.

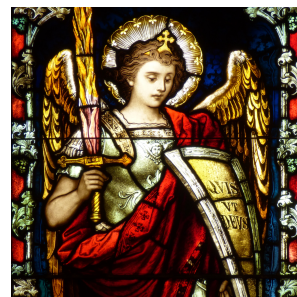
PROCESS TO PEACE

Our first Fatima Rosary Procession is this week. Come pray with us for peace on **Friday at 7:15 PM**. The procession leaves from the First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Center Boulevard and Floer Drive. In case of rain, the Rosary will be recited in church after the 5:45 PM Mass.

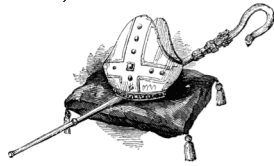
NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER IV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. There will be no Catechism Classes. Come back to church for **May Devotions**, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers.

 **Set Your Missal:** Easter IV, second collect of St. John Baptist de la Salle. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.



Announcement of
Episcopal Consecration



All are cordially invited to the
Episcopal Consecration of

THE REVEREND
CHARLES J. MCGUIRE

by

THE MOST REVEREND
RODRIGO DA SILVA

on Wednesday, May 18, 2022
at 10:00 AM. A reception follows.
Please contact the office if you plan
to attend.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sodality of Charity Meeting: May 21
- May Crowning Procession: May 29
- First Communions: Pentecost, June 5
- Young Ladies' Vocation Weekend: June 24-26
- YAG: July 8-10, yagincincy.org for info
- Girls Camp: July 12-14
- Boys Camp: July 26-28

¶ MASS INTENTIONS

Individual Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule or Bookstore, and may be returned in the collection or to the office.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Please check the Calendar for the daily May Devotions—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

For the salvation of the soul of Alan
Watt (Patrick Curry)

Collection Report

Sunday, May 1 st	\$6,055.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,794.00
Alter Christus.....	\$169.00

OUR MOTHER'S MONTH OF MAY:
THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR LIVES

The celebrated Jesuit poet of the later nineteenth century, Gerald Manley Hopkins, asks in his poem *The May Magnificat* a simple question:

*May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—*

Every May we turn to Mary and honor her anew. We crown her, we bring her flowers, we pray the rosary with a renewed devotion. And why May for all this? There is nothing in Scripture pointing to this "extended feast" of May for Mary. There is nothing on the Church's calendar either that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor her.

The answer to May's devotion is simply found in life. The poet gives the clue:

*Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—*

May is the month of Mary because it is the month for spring growth and beauty. It is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart's desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: "growth in every thing."

—James M. Sullivan, O.P.



THE MAY MAGNIFICAT

May is Mary's month, and I
Muse at that and wonder why:
Her feasts follow reason,
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;
But the Lady Month, May
Why fasten that upon her,
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter
Than the most are must delight her?
Is it opportunist
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:
Her reply puts this other
Question: What is Spring?—
Growth in every thing—

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
Grass and greenworld all together;
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted
Throstle above her nested

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin
Forms and warms the life within;
And bird and blossom swell
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing
Mary sees, sympathizing
With that world of good,
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind
With delight calls to mind
How she did in her stored
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:
Spring's universal bliss
Much, had much to say
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple
Bloom lights the orchard-apple
And thicket and thorp are merry
With silver-surfed cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes
And magic cuckoo-call
Caps, clear, and clinches all—

This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God who was her salvation.

—Gerald Manley Hopkins

In this great flurry of activity here at St. Gertrude's, I must say that **Fathers Lehtoranta, McKenna** and I are most grateful for all the support and assistance you have given as of late. Any attempt at naming you each individually would be almost impossible. As Fr. McKenna said in his beautiful eulogy for Bishop Dolan, "God numbers all the stars and calls each by name," so God sees even the smallest thing you have done and will reward it immensely.

This past Wednesday was a sad day as we laid our dear Bishop's body to rest. The Good God always knows how to take even our saddest days and bring joy and consolation out of them.

The ceremonies went so smoothly that Bishop Dolan would've been very proud of those who served or sang in them! The singing was heavenly—especially the "Lacrimosa" from Mozart's Requiem. **Bishop Pivarunas** commented how well organized everything was and how edifying were the ceremonies.

Have you ever seen so many bishops, priests and religious at one time?! This might have been the most encouraging part of the day. One young man said it was like a family reunion—but for priests. That it was! In fact, that is what the Catholic Church is...a family, in a certain sense. God as our Father, Mary as our mother, and you and I as brothers in Our Lord. We are a motley bunch, but still family.

Let's not forget the ordinations this Wednesday, May 11th. Our ordinands are making their entrance into the priesthood under some of the most trying circumstances, but are remaining focused and strong. Still, do remember them in your prayers. This is such an exciting moment—four new priests of God who will care for your needs!

May St. Joseph give you courage and peace of heart.

In Christ,
Fr. McGuire

"Not by...violence will she (the Church) regain her beauty, but through peace and through the constant and humble prayers and sweat and tears poured out by my servants with eager desire."



— St. Catherine of Siena

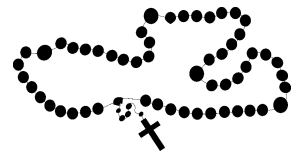


FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

Friday, May 13,
2022

Mass at 5:45 PM
Procession at 7:15
PM

*First Watch parking lot,
corner of Union Centre Blvd.
& Floer Dr., West Chester*



ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of the Child Jesus, faithfully and humbly carried out the difficult and glorious mission entrusted to him by God and thus became the model of domestic virtues and humble daily toil, the guardian of chaste souls and the protector of Christian homes. Veneration of St. Joseph is of relatively recent introduction in the Church's liturgy. The feast, observed locally on various dates, was fixed during the fifteenth century on March 19 and added to the general calendar of the Church in 1621 by Gregory XV. This feast became obligatory on the Universal Church after the occupation of Rome by the troops of Victor Emmanuel II. Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph Patron of the oppressed Household of the Faith, and entrusted to him the defense of the Catholic Church in 1847.

In her liturgy the Church attributes to St. Joseph a special power of intercession on behalf of the dying. This most holy patriarch was assisted in his own agony by Jesus and Mary, in whose arms he gave up his soul to God, more by the force of love than by that of suffering.

- MON 5/9/22 ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Clergy*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Ron Beahm, 1st anniversary (*Les Pomerville*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
- TUE 5/10/22 ST. ANTONINUS, BPC**
 Ss. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM
7:00 AM Low Mass Jude Smith (*Collin Smith*)
8:00 AM Low Mass In honor of Our Lady of Divine Providence for the clergy & faithful of SGG (*TRCS*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Dr. Innocent Okerulu (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
- WED 5/11/22 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH**
7:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (*Rebecca Torres Wolbert*)
followed by May Devotions
10:00 AM Pontifical High Mass of Priestly Ordination
 For our new priests
Reception follows in Helfta Hall
- THU 5/12/22 Ss. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM**
7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Yen Nguyen*)
followed by May Devotions
9:00 AM New Priests' First Masses Celebrants' Intentions
- FRI 5/13/22 ST. ROBERT BELLARMIN, BPCD**
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
8:00 AM Low Mass Treder Family Deceased (*Michael Treder*)
11:06 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (*Theresa Bruno*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (*C. Simpson family*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
- SAT 5/14/22 OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. BONIFACE, M**
OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (*Anne Marie Omlor*)
8:10 AM Regina Coeli, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass †Kyle McGuire (*Jason Murray*)
- SUN 5/15/22 EASTER IV • ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C**
ST. DYMPHNA, VM
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass Regina Gilliam – Happy Birthday (*Dan, Mary & family*)
9:00 AM First Solemn High Mass of Fr. Ojeka
 Celebrant's Intention
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls in thanksgiving (*Bill & Terri Young*)
4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

**PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH,
 PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Thou art 'the pillar of the world'—*columen mundi*; thou art one of the foundations whereon it rests; because of thy merits and prayers, Our Lord has patience with it, in spite of the iniquities which defile it. How truly may we say of these our times: *There is now no saint; truths are decayed from among the children of men!*



How powerful then must not thine intercession be, to avert the indignation of God, and induce Him to show us His mercy! Grow not weary of thy labor, O thou universal Protector! The Church of thy Jesus comes before thee on this day, beseeching thee to persevere in thy task of love. See this world of ours, now it is become one great volcano of danger by the boasted liberty granted to sin and heresy! Delay not thine aid, but quickly procure for us what will give us security and peace.

Almighty and most merciful God, Who didst appoint blessed Joseph, the just descendant of David, to be the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary Thy Mother, and didst choose him for Thine own foster-father; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his prayers and merits the Church may rejoice in tranquility and peace, and be led to the consolation of the everlasting vision of Thee. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.



*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
 that we perish not in the fearful judgment. Amen.*

Servers

- FRI 5/13 5:45 PM LOW:** Capetillo Bros.
SAT 5/14 7:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor
8:20 AM HIGH: Seminarian & Simpson Bros.
SUN 5/15 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, M. Simpson **TH:** S. Richesson **ACs:** T. Lawrence, T. England **TORCH:** J. Stewart, J. McGinnis Bros.
11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: A. Capetillo