

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, *Chap. to Oblates & School* • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



January 29, 2023 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES EPIPHANY IV



¶ ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Today is the Solemnity of the patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, St. Francis de Sales. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



¶ ST. BLAISE

The Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise's feast will be available at the Communion rail following all Masses on Friday, as well as on Sunday.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:50 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass & Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena
5:45 PM Low Mass
6:30 PM Novenas & Devotions

All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart, for our young people.



Feast of the Purification of Our Lady

Candlemas

Thursday, February 2

**5:30 PM Blessing of Candles
Procession
Solemn High Mass**

Winter Soup Supper following

Bring your favorite soup to share!

Lumen Christi

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

Rest in peace

Kolenich family faithful departed

(James Kolenich)

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary
7:30 AM High Mass
8:15 AM First Saturday Devotions, Benediction, Meditation
8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for immodest fashions and sins of the flesh.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTUAGESIMA

Next Sunday we begin the short pre-Lenten season. The Blessing of Throats will be given at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Septuagesima, second collect within the Octave of St. Francis de Sales, third of St. Agatha. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Jim Sabin, Rose & Gloria Hinton, Fred Woods, the mother of Rev. Mr. Nicolás Benegas, and the repose of the soul of †Mr. Mateo Vasquez.

Collection Report

Sunday, January 22nd \$5,870.00

Believe me, O man, there is no power like the power of the Church. Cease thy battling, lest thou lose thy strength; wage not war with heaven.



When it is with man thou warrest, thou mayest win, or lose; but when thy fighting is against the Church, it is impossible thou shouldst conquer, for God is above all in strength. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He (*I. Cor. x. 22*)? God founded, God gave firmness: who shall be so bold as to attempt to pull down? Knowest thou not His power? He looketh upon the earth, and maketh it tremble (*Ps. ciii. 32*); He gives His order, and that which trembled is made firm again. If He made firm the City after an earthquake had shaken it, how much more could He not give firmness to the Church? The Church is stronger than heaven itself: Heaven and earth shall pass, but My words shall not pass (*St. Matth. xxiv. 35*). What words? Thou art Peter; and upon this Rock will I build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (*Ibid. xvi. 18*).

— St. John Chrysostom



“Need I tell you, dear Mother, about the retreat before my profession? Far from receiving consolation, I went through it in a state of utter dryness and as if abandoned by God. Jesus, as was His wont, slept in my little barque. How rarely do souls suffer Him to sleep in peace! This Good Master is so wearied with continually making fresh advances that He eagerly avails Himself of the repose I offer Him, and, no doubt, He will sleep on until my great and everlasting retreat; but, instead of being grieved at this, I am glad.

“In truth I am no Saint, as this frame of mind well shows. I ought not to rejoice in my dryness of soul, but rather attribute it to my want of fervour and fidelity. That I fall asleep so often during meditation, and thanksgiving after Communion, should distress me. Well, I am not distressed. I reflect that little children are equally dear to their parents whether they are asleep or awake; that, in order to perform operations, doctors put their patients to sleep; and finally that ‘The Lord knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are but dust.’ Yet, apparently barren as was my retreat—and those which followed have been no less so—I unconsciously received many interior lights on the best means of pleasing God, and practicing virtue. I have often observed that Our Lord will not give me any store of provisions, but nourishes me each moment with food that is ever new; I find it within me without knowing how it has come there. I simply believe that it is Jesus Himself hidden in my poor heart, who is secretly at work, inspiring me with what He wishes me to do as each occasion arises.”

— St. Therese

TIED DOWN

“They tie you down,” a woman said,
Whose cheeks should have been
flaming red
With shame to speak of children so.
“When babies come you cannot go,
In search of pleasure with your
friends,
And all your happy wandering ends.
The things you like you cannot do,
For babies make a slave of you.”

I looked at her and said: “’Tis true
That children make a slave of you,
And tie you down with many a knot,
But have you never thought to what
It is of happiness and pride
That little babies have you tied?
Do you not miss the great joys
That come with little girls and boys?

“They tie you down to laughter rare,
To hours of smiles and hours of care,
To nights of watching and to fears;
Sometimes they tie you down to tears
And then repay you with a smile,
And make your trouble all worth
while.

They tie you fast to chubby feet,
And cheeks of pink and kisses sweet.

“They fasten you with cords of love
To God divine, who reigns above.
They tie you, whereso’er you roam,
Unto the little place called home;
And over sea or railroad track
They tug at you to bring you back.
The happiest people in the town
Are those the babies have tied down.

“Oh, go your selfish way and free,
But hampered I would rather be,
Yes rather than a kingly crown
I would be, what you term, tied down;
Tied down to dancing eyes and
charms,
Held fast by chubby, dimpled arms,
The fettered slave of girl and boy,
And win from them earth’s finest joy.”

— Edgar A. Guest
“The Path to Home When Day Is Done”

Today is the feast of the great Bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales. It is a very special feast, observed with an octave here at St. Gertrude's, since he was named patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati well before Vatican II. This is why the Mass today is that of St. Francis rather than that of the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. We will be dedicating our Lenten season and devotions to this dear saint.



Ever since the summer months, **Fr. Hecquard** has been asking me to come to France to do Confirmations in Rennes and Chambéry, but I have had to put it off because of the general changes in the parish of the last half year, and also because of the fact that I did not have a passport until last month. So I am due, at long last, to go to France on the 8th of February. They haven't had a visit from a bishop since before Fr. Cekada's illness and then all of the plandemic, so it is important that they be visited and cared for. I look forward to seeing these good priests and their faithful once again.

The school has just finished their busy exam week and I pray that all did well. Exam week is a hectic time not only for the students, but for the teachers as well, who have to first make the exams and then grade them and put out report cards. The work of a Catholic school teacher is difficult and is mostly a thankless task, but is one of the most important jobs of all. St. John Bosco said, "If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young. Experience has taught me that if we wish to sustain civil society then we should take good care of the young." How true this is!

Don't forget the feast days this week, especially Candlemas on Thursday! Come for the beautiful blessing of candles ceremony and solemn High Mass. The ceremonies will be followed by our annual Winter Soup Supper, which is always a pleasant evening with fellow Catholics united in the true Faith established by Our Lord Himself. The next day is St. Blaise's feast day, and the Blessing of Throats will be given after all the Masses. It's also the First Friday of the month with All Night Adoration. Don't forget to come and spend a little extra time with our Savior, even if it isn't for an entire hour!

I promise extra prayers for all of you on the feast of St. Francis de Sales. May he be your guide this coming Lent and all through life.

— **Bishop McGuire**

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

Light is pure, penetrates darkness, fosters life, moves with incredible velocity, and illumines all around it. Therefore it is an emblem of God, the All-Pure, the Giver of life and enlightenment. It represents Our Savior, "the Light of the World." Wax is spotless, and typifies Christ's spotless Body. The wick enclosed in the wax is an image of His Soul. The candle flame is a figure of the Divine Nature united to the human in one Divine Person. Candles are blessed solemnly on February 2nd, the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. In pagan times this was a festival day, with processions and lights in honor of the gods. The Church chose it for the blessing of candles because on that day Mary made an offering in the Temple, and because the prophet Simeon foretold that her Son would be "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles."

All candles are blessed. They are dedicated to holy use by prayer which is said in the name of the Catholic Church. Thus they become "sacramentals," as is fitting for things which approach so close to the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

One candle has a special place. It is usually in a large glass container of red color, mounted near the altar in a decorative stand or hung by a chain from the ceiling. This is the "sanctuary lamp." It burns whenever the Holy Eucharist is preserved. Since this is usually all year, except for Good Friday, the sanctuary lamp is practically a perpetual flame.

Before Mass or a service begins—or immediately afterwards—you may see some of the congregation lighting a "votive" candle. They are kept on stands in the body of the church, usually in front of statues or pictures of the saints. Catholics usually make a small offering, light one of the candles, and then kneel and say a short private prayer, praying for a particular favor from Almighty God.

Even though one leaves after lighting the votive candle and saying a prayer, the candle goes on burning. It is a living thing consuming itself in honor of God or one of His saints. It seems to say, "I continue the prayer of the one who lit me." While we are about our everyday duties, it stands before God as a sign of our good intention. It is a silent prayer in concrete form—a small thing indeed but very appropriate.



Masses offered privately by Bishop McGuire

Fr. Thielen (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Bishop Sanborn (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
Fr. Desposito (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)



Candlemas



**THE FEAST OF THE
PURIFICATION OF
OUR LADY
THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 2**

**5:30 PM BLESSING OF
CANDLES, PROCESSION,
SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

**WINTER SOUP SUPPER IN
HELFTA HALL FOLLOWING
HIGH MASS**

*You are welcome to bring a favorite soup
to share, if you would like.*

*We will be taking down
Christmas decorations at church in the
afternoon on Friday, February 3,
St. Blaise's day.*

Many hands make light work!

*Come get your throat blessed, and stay for an hour
or two if you can.*

Thank you for any help you can give!

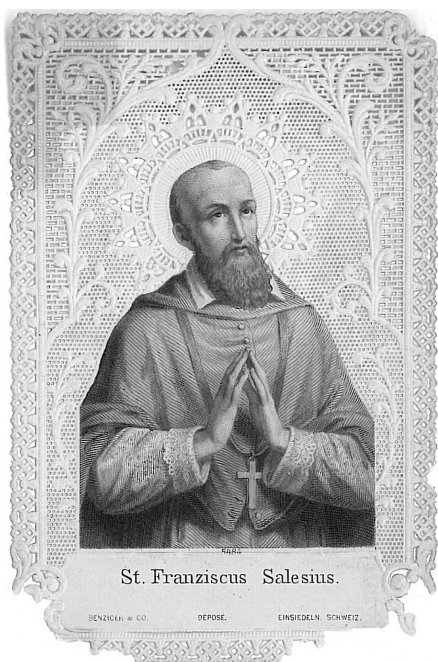


When St. Francis de Sales was about seventeen, he was pursuing his studies in Paris. At the same time he devoted himself to spiritual exercises and to the holy love of God, in which he found the joys of paradise. Our Lord, in order to try him, and to strengthen the bands that united him to Himself, allowed the Devil to persuade him that all he did was in vain, as he was already condemned in the eternal decrees of God. The darkness and spiritual dryness in which God was pleased at the same time to leave him caused the temptation to have greater power over the heart of the holy youth. Indeed, it reached such a pitch that his fears and interior desolation took away his appetite, deprived him of sleep, and made him pale and melancholy.

One evening Francis entered a church and saw a plaque hanging on the wall with the well-known prayer called the Memorare: "Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that never has it been heard of in any age, that anyone having recourse to your protection was abandoned." Falling on his knees before the altar of the Mother of God, he recited the prayer with tender fervor, renewed his vow of chastity, promised to say the Rosary every day, and then added: "My Mother, if I am so unfortunate as not to be able to love my Lord in the next world, whom I know to be so worthy of love, at least obtain that I may love Him in this world as much as possible."

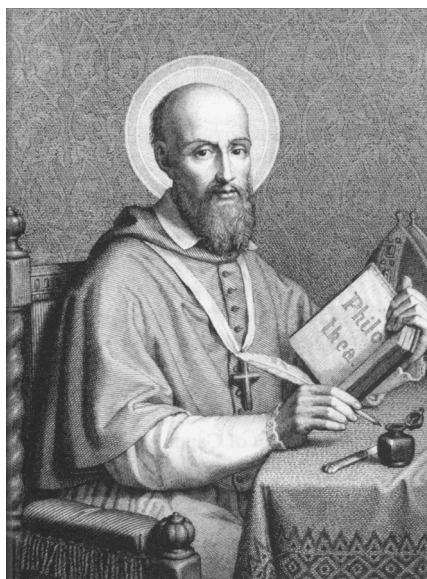
Having thus addressed the Blessed Virgin, he cast himself into the arms of divine mercy, and resigned himself entirely to the will of God. Scarcely had he finished his prayer when in an instant he was delivered from his temptation by his most sweet Mother. He immediately regained the peace of his soul, and with it his bodily health.

— St. Alphonsus Liguori,
"The Glories of Mary"



"NIHIL NOVUM SUB SOLE"

When St. Francis de Sales was told by a friend of his that he would have been successful in politics, he replied, "No, the mere name of prudence and policy frightens me, and I understand little or nothing about it. I do not know how to lie, to invent or dissimulate without embarrassment, and political business is wholly made up of these things. What I have in my heart, I have upon my tongue; and I hate duplicity like death, for I know how abominable it is to God."



If you wish to know Francis de Sales thoroughly, to be initiated into the most secret mysteries of that vast understanding and that perfect heart, read and reread his Letters, in which every subject, from the most humble to the most sublime, from a simple how-do-you-do to a description of ecstasies and eternal beatitudes, is treated of in the style that best suits it. Read, above all, the Letters to Madame de Chantal, and those which treat of the direction of souls. Considering these admirable letters, Bossuet says: "Francis de Sales is truly sublime; there is no one among moderns with such sweetness, who has a hand so steady and experienced as his, to elevate souls to perfection and to detach them from themselves." The letter written after the death of his mother is of a primitive simplicity, and a sublime model of Christian resignation; we imagine that we hear St. Augustine weeping over St. Monica, and the tears it makes us shed have nothing of bitterness, so sweet is the death of the just when thus related.

The learned and pious Archbishop of Cambrai continually recommended the perusal of our Saint's writings. "You cannot read anything more useful," said Fenelon, "than the books of St. Francis de Sales; everything there is consoling and pleasing, though he does not say a word but to help us to die. His artless style displays an amiable simplicity, which is above all the flourishes of the profane writer. You see a man who, with great penetration and a perfect clearness of mind to judge of the reality of things, and to know the human heart, desires only to speak as a good-natured friend, to console, to solace, to enlighten, to perfect his neighbor. No person is better acquainted than he with the highest perfection; but he repeated himself for the little, and never disdained anything, however small. He made himself all to all, not to please all, but to gain all, and to gain them to Jesus Christ, not to himself."

✠ CALENDAR

MON	1/30/23	ST. MARTINA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Mary MacDonald – 59 th anniversary 1/30 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
TUE	1/31/23	ST. JOHN BOSCO, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For our family & country (<i>Dan & Mary</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Deborah Navaroli – Happy Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Nina Anastasia Krawczyk (<i>Matthew Arthur</i>)
WED	2/1/23	ST. IGNATIUS, BPM • ST. BRIGID, V FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Salvation for us & our family members (<i>Keith & Mary Christensen</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Andrew Prell – special intention (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
THU	2/2/23	PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY • CANDLEMAS FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. McMahon (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Ercoli (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>)
	5:30 PM	Blessing of Candles, Procession, Solemn High Mass Fr. Romero (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) Winter Soup Supper
FRI	2/3/23	FIRST FRIDAY • ST. BLAISE, BPM BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER ALL MASSES
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass, Benediction For all Catholics to keep the true Catholic Faith & conversion of sinners (<i>Keith & Mary Christensen</i>)
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:35 PM	Infant of Prague Novena VI
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Stephanie Oleyar (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	2/4/23	FIRST SATURDAY • ST. ANDREW CORSINI, BPC
	7:10 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	7:30 AM	High Mass †Richard Smith – 4 th anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family</i>)
	8:15 AM	Ave Regina Caelorum, First Saturday Devotions, Benediction
	8:30 AM	First Saturday Meditation
	8:40 AM	Low Mass Phillip Halm & Brooke Gregory – wedding (<i>Gabrielle Swinney</i>)
SUN	2/5/23	SEPTUAGESIMA • ST. AGATHA, VM ST. PHILIP OF JESUS, M • BLESSING OF THROATS
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Nina Krawczyk (<i>The YAGers</i>)

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor February 2023

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Doby Curran
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Nick McClorey, Alfonso Capetillo
 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
 1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Keith Elflein, Pierce Kiernan
 2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: McConnell Brothers
 4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, Zachary Doyle
 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

✠ If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.

✠ If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.

THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2023

Please note these important dates:

FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING: Saturday, April 22
****Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed before the test.**
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NECESSARY FORM.**

CONFIRMANTS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION:
Thursday, May 25

CONFIRMATIONS: Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 27

FIRST COMMUNION: Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11

Servers

CANDLEMAS SERVERS POSTED IN SACRISTY.

FRI 2/3	5:45 PM LOW: T. Lawrence
SAT 2/4	7:30 AM HIGH: M. & D. Simpson 8:40 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
SUN 2/5	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: N. McClorey, M. Simpson TH: C. Arlinghaus ACs: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich TORCH: L. Rabjohns, C. Van Der Putten, N. & D. Hudson, M. & J. Kolenich 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, Seminarian 5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian

9:00 AM **High Mass** Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lawrence (*C. Simpson family*)
 10:40 AM **Catechism Classes**
 11:05 AM **Rosary**
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
 4:45 PM **Vespers & Benediction**
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Ryan Greenwell