



# 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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## November 17, 2024

### PENTECOST XXVI • ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC • BL. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, V

#### ¶ SOLEMNITY OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail today. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. The Rosary Confraternity meets at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 3 PM for an **indulged Rosary Procession**. All parishioners are invited to join and gain the indulgences in this charitable work of mercy. There are **no Vespers**.

#### ¶ THIS WEEK

**Tomorrow** is the feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul. The St. Monica Club meets on **Wednesday** at 5:10 PM for Mass, supper, and devotions. **Thursday** is the Presentation of Our Lady. Come to hear Mass in her honor at 7, 8 or 11:25 AM.



*St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, pray for us!*

### Lumen Christi

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

**Duroseau family: conversion**  
(Marie Arribasplata)

#### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Next Sunday marks the end of the Liturgical Year. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Last Sunday After Pentecost, second collect of St. John of the Cross, third of St. Chrysogonus. Trinity Preface.

#### ¶ POOR SOULS

Poor Souls Remembrance envelopes are still available in the **vestibule**.

#### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Seminarian José, Ted Garbacik, Ann Garrison, and all the intentions that have been recommended to us.

#### ¶ SGG NEWSLETTER

The first of the new St. Gertrude the Great Newsletters is available on [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org). If you are not already on the email list and would like to be added, please contact the office.

#### ¶ DON'T FORGET!

**Saturday, November 30:** Feast of St. Andrew. Opening of the Christmas Novena of 15 daily "Hail and Blesseds."

**Sunday, December 8:** The Immaculate Conception. St. Nicholas will be visiting the children after the morning Masses.

#### Collection Report

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> .....\$6,509.00  
Thank you for your generosity.

**ACT OF ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT**

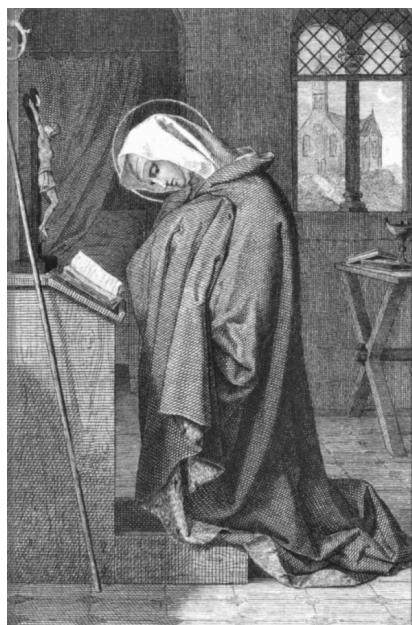
Hail, Most Glorious Body, and most precious Blood of my Lord Jesus Christ, here truly present beneath these sacramental species; I adore Thee with all that devotion and awe wherewith the nine choirs of angels worship and adore Thee. I prostrate myself before Thee in the spirit of humility, believing and professing that Thou, my Lord and my God, are herein most truly contained.

Hail, most glorious Body of Jesus Christ my Savior, true Victim immolated upon the cross. I adore Thee in union with that adoration with which Thy Humanity adored Thy Godhead, and I give Thee thanks with all the love of all Thy creatures, that Thou dost deign to remain hidden in this tabernacle for our salvation.

Hail, compassionate Jesus, Word of the Father, Brightness of His glory, Ocean of pity, Salvation of the world, most august and sacred Victim. Hail, Jesus Christ, Splendor of the Father, Prince of Peace, Gate of Heaven, True Bread, Son of the Virgin, Shrine of the Godhead.

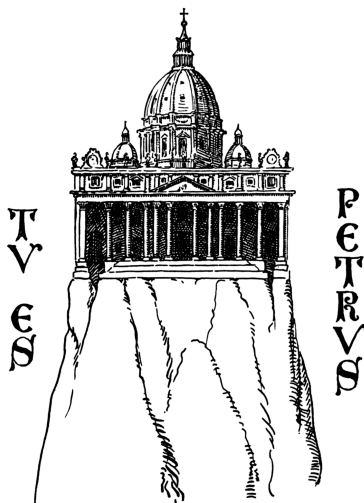
I most firmly believe that Thou, my God, are here present, and that Thou are looking out upon me from behind the veil of the sacrament, and dost behold all the most secret recesses of my heart. I believe that under this species of bread are contained not only Thy Flesh and Thy Blood, but also Thy Divinity and Thy Humanity. And although this mystery surpasses my understanding, I nevertheless believe it so firmly that I am ready to give my life and my blood in defense of its truth.

— *St. Gertrude the Great*



**ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

O most compassionate Jesus, have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thee our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their groanings, look with pity on the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by the virtue of Thy Passion release them from the pains due unto their sins. O most pitiful Jesus, let Thy precious Blood reach down into Purgatory, and refresh and revive the captive souls which suffer there. Stretch forth unto them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.



**LOVE'S PRISONER**

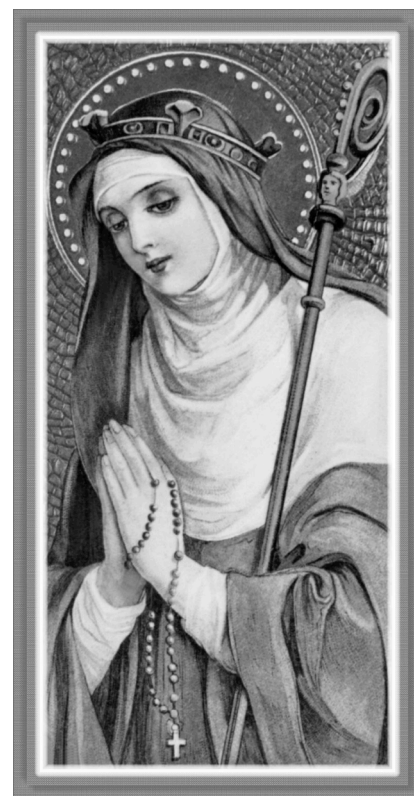
Reposing in His altar-home—  
Imprison'd there for love of me—  
My Spouse awaits me; and I come  
To visit Him awhile, and be  
A solace to His loneliness—  
If aught in me can make it loss.

But is He lonely? Bend not here  
Adoring angels, as on high?  
Ah yes: but yet, when we appear,  
A softer glory floods His eye.  
'Tis earth's frail child He longs to see;  
And thus He is alone—for me

His Heart, how piningly it aches  
With love unheeded, love despised!  
O happy soul, that comes and takes  
The gift as something to be prized:  
The lavish'd graces it receives  
From that full breast its prayer relieves!

Then, best of lovers, I'll draw near  
Each day to minister relief.  
For tho' the thought of year on year  
Of sin should make me die of grief,  
Yet day by day my God I see  
"Sick and in prison"—all for me!

— *Fr. Benjamin Hill, C.S.P.*



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Blessed Solemnity of our patroness, St. Gertrude the Great! Yesterday was a glorious and happy feast day for all of us, as well as a day of anniversaries. It has been 21 years since the dedication of the new church building, 13 years since **Fr. Lehtoranta** was ordained, and 19 years since my ordination. Just stop and imagine how many graces gained, Masses said, sins absolved, Soldiers of Christ confirmed, marriages performed, souls regenerated in the waters of baptism over these 21 years. God has made His home right here under our roof, and His delight is to be with you, the children of men. Even His Angels dwell here unseen, both day and night. I can think of no better place to be. While you reflect on these graces, Fr. Lehtoranta and I would be very appreciative if you were to say even a little Hail Mary for us and for our sanctification as priests.

Today is not only the feast of the wonder worker, St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, but also of the patronal feast of our little chapel in Milwaukee, St. Hugh of Lincoln. The church seats only about 100 if you squeezed them in, but they have grown. When I first started going there as a new priest I think there were only about 40 souls, and there was talk at one time or another about whether or not we would be able to keep the chapel going. Since then we have more than doubled our number of parishioners, and although they only get weekend Masses they are able to have all of the major ceremonies of the liturgical year. It is truly edifying how such a small number of souls can make it all work so well. What Bishop Dolan wrote on the front of their bulletin is so very true: "Never have so few done so much so well for so long!" Happy feast day to the faithful of St. Hugh of Lincoln!

**Fr. Arnoldo Villegas** has kindly invited me to administer the sacrament of Confirmation this upcoming weekend in two of his chapels, Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Tijuana, and San Pedro y Pablo in Mexicali—both are just south of the border in Baja California. Fr. Arnoldo visited us several years ago when Bishop Dolan was still alive and we have been in contact ever since then.

**Bishop Nkamuke** is visiting St. Gertrude's until sometime in December. Since he arrived on Wednesday the Fathers and I haven't seen much of him, though I hear **Fr. McMahan**, who sneaked in to take him out to eat, was one of the lucky few who has seen him. If you look carefully you might catch a glimpse of His Excellency quickly passing in or out! At some point, Bishop Nkamuke wants to tell us about some of

his missionary work. That will be very interesting!

**Fr. Brueggemann** is in Seattle helping **Fr. Ercoli** and **Fr. Romero** this week. Seminarian José Santos Casas is still spending time at the monastery with **Fr. Contreras**. Please pray for José. He has been suffering from a blood clot in his leg and now gets around in a wheelchair. On top of this, he is waiting to hear whether or not he has cancer. I know you have been praying for him, but can you keep them up for a bit longer? I am sure our young seminarian will appreciate the gesture!

Next Sunday is the Last Sunday after Pentecost. Only two weeks until the start of Advent and a new liturgical year! Have you thought of how you will spend this holy season? Say to the Mother of Good Counsel, "Mother, what am I to do?" She will help you.

– **Bishop McGuire**

To be a saint does not mean that one has no faults, but that those faults be free from malice and be not cherished or fostered. Sanctity grows in soul that is loosened by uprooting faults. – *Rev. Joseph Schryvers, C.Ss.R.*

O my God! conduct me by Thy will; grant me to pass through cold, heat, light, darkness, labor, repose; though Thou shouldst lead me to the gates of death, I shall fear nothing in Thy company.

O heavenly Father! may Thy will be done on earth, where consolations are rare, and labors innumerable. And thou, O my soul! take it as thy daily practice to say, when anything painful befalls thee: Not my will, but that of my God be done!

– *Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*



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### SERVERS

FRI 11/22	5:45 PM LOW: P. Caggese, B. Constantino BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, P., F. & M. Caggese, B. Constantino
SAT 11/23	7:30 AM LOW: J. & L. Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, M. Brueggemann, M. Caggese
SUN 11/24	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: N. Kolenich ACs: F. Caggese, M. Kolenich TBS: M. Caggese, V. Horton, B. & A. Constantino, N. Hudson, I. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

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- MON 11/18/24 DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Velma Gonzalez Koeppel (*Nathalie Andreotta*)  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** †Geraldine Gilker (*Gary & Debbie Hubbard*)  
**3:30 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart**
- TUE 11/19/24 ST. ELIZABETH, W • ST. PONTIANUS, PM**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Collin Smith*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Happy Birthday Sr. Eulalia! (*Theresa*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Happy Birthday Sister Eulalia (*Sr. U & Sr. R*)  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Alexa Martin (*Rosary Confraternity*)
- WED 11/20/24 ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Ryan Faith*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Dan Hansen (*KR*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Judy Parlett – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (*Sister Eulalia*)  
**5:10 PM Low Mass** St. Monica Club Intentions  
**St. Monica's Club**
- THU 11/21/24 THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Mr. & †Mrs. Charles Beck (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Lukas Kustra – Happy Baptism! (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Fr. Eugene Berry (*KR*)
- FRI 11/22/24 ST. CECILIA, VM**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Billy & Mary Rose Young – Happy Anniversary (*Mom & Pop*)  
**11:00 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †John Schmidt (*Doloris Ritze*)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Esther Simpson – 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary 10/24 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 11/23/24 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**  
 ST. CLEMENT, PM • ST. FELICITY, M  
**7:05 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Sylvia Rabjohns (*E.N.R.*)  
**8:10 AM Salve, Sermon**  
**8:20 AM High Mass** Nick & Katie McClorey (*Nathan McClorey*)
- SUN 11/24/24 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD  
 ST. CHRYSOGONUS, M  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Aunt Regina & Uncle Ken (*The Brueggemann girls*) (from 10/13)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** †Alexa Martin & Family (*Levi Giese family*)  
**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** †Brian McMahon & Ryan Greenwell  
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

HALFWAY TO HEAVEN

Purgatory is the never failing and encompassing love of God in action for the souls of the departed who are not yet completely holy. These are friends of God who died in the state of Sanctifying Grace and share in His Divine Life. They have a right to Heaven but are not yet ready for the fullness of what He has promised. They must be readied by the expiation they undergo in Purgatory. It is a time of paying a debt. It is a state of maturing and growing perfect in love.

At the moment a soul passes into eternity, time ceases to exist for it. In Purgatory, the soul progresses toward purity and holiness, but it cannot be said to be in this state for a certain time period. God is at work in the soul and the soul is delayed entry into the unending happiness of Heaven. This process is not measured in our days or years. The Council of Trent declared: *Purgatory exists, and certain souls are detained there; these souls can be helped by the prayers and alms of the faithful and especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.* The Christian at the moment of death, in the proper disposition, should be able to say, “My Father, whatever I deserve for my sins and my failures, into Thy loving Hands I yield up my soul.” GOD IS LOVE! Can His purifying work in a soul be done in any other condition than one of love?

For the soul in the state of purgation, the world is left behind! The demands of the body and its senses completely cease. The soul is free for the first time to see spiritual realities in the way the angels perceive them. Heaven is assured. Divine illumination floods the soul's understanding with an appreciation and desire for God. It sees what shallow satisfactions, weaknesses and selfishness came between God and itself and understands that satisfaction must be made. In Purgatory the soul is keenly aware of being deprived of God. It knows the utter beauty of God. His Goodness, Holiness, Love and Wisdom have set the soul aflame with adoration, gratitude and love. This is what penetrates the souls in Purgatory. Nothing distracts them from their attention to HIM! Purgatory is a state of suffering but the suffering is not grim. The suffering is intense, but it is borne with joy.

