



# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## November 24, 2024 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD • ST. CHRYSOGONUS, M


### ¶ LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### ¶ CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Envelopes are in the vestibule for Poinsettia Memorial Offerings (to be turned in to the office *no later* than December 19<sup>th</sup>) and for the Christmas Novena of Masses.

### ¶ THANKSGIVING

Join us for special holiday Masses, with prayers of  **THANKSGIVING** thanksgiving, on Thursday, November 28, at 7, 8, (with music) and 9 AM. Holy Mass is the best way to give thanks! Let's joyfully and thankfully stress the religious character of this holiday. The abstinence is traditionally dispensed the Friday after Thanksgiving and meat may be eaten. Happy Thanksgiving!

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Carol O'Donnell, Seminarian José, and all of our sick and shut in.

### ¶ DON'T FORGET!

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


#### Collection Report

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,490.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I

The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** will take place at 7:25 AM, and the **Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath** will take place at 8:50 AM. The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. There will be **no Sunday Classes**, but don't miss the **talk that will be given** after the High Mass by **Bishop Nkamuke**. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

 **Set Your Missal:** First Sunday of Advent. Second collect of Our Lady in Advent, third for the Church. Trinity Preface.

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*(Recite on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, as you light the first candle on your Advent Wreath.)*



*V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R. Who made heaven and earth.*

### NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the Most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. At that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my petitions through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

*(Traditionally said 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day until Christmas.)*

Let us pray: O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

### Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. R. Amen.

HER LITTLE ACOLYTE

It is related of Sir Thomas More that he took holy delight in serving Mass, a practice which he continued even after he became Chancellor, not infrequently serving several Masses in succession. His answer to an irreligious courtier who had suggested that King Henry might be displeased at the chancellor's lowering himself to the duties of an acolyte was characteristic: "Surely the king cannot be displeased at the homage which I offer to his King." The mother who feels honored in having her boy assist at God's altar will be quick to appreciate the following graceful poem, which appears in Dr. D. A. McCarthy's volume, "The Harp of Life."

The purple monsignori  
Are splendid to behold;  
The bishop in his glory  
Goes by in cloth of gold.

And monks there are, and friars,  
In robes of black and brown;  
And singers from the choirs  
In surplice and in gown.

With faithful hearts approving,  
The people gathered there  
Behold the pageant moving  
Into the place of prayer.

But there is one beholder  
Sees not the holy men;  
She seeks a boy no older  
Perhaps than nine or ten.

She is one laddie's mother  
And, oh, to watch him pass!  
Just him alone—no other—  
A server of the Mass.

For her the golden glory  
Is singularly dim;  
For her no monsignori—  
She only looked for him.

For he's her own possession,  
And in her loving sight  
He is the whole procession,  
Her little acolyte.

—Dedicated to our "little acolytes"



BOOKSTORE SALE!

Our annual Bookstore sale is Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1. Do some Christmas shopping with meaning. Look for posters with more details. Get your list, shop without the secular crowd.



ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

November 30

Because he was one of the Twelve to obey Christ's call: "Follow Me," St. Andrew is venerated by the Christian world. This devotion appears in the Roman Liturgy, which links his name with those of Ss. Peter and Paul. Andrew and Peter had worked together as fishermen and followers of God under the Old Dispensation; they continued their fraternal labors as "fishers of men." The missionary efforts of St. Andrew carried the Faith to Palestine, Scythia, Epirus and Thrace. At Patras in Greece he suffered martyrdom by crucifixion. He is the patron of Greece and of Scotland. We should ask his prayers for the return of these peoples to the unity of the Catholic Church. "Through Andrew to Peter, to Christ" is the divine will today, as in the first Christian century.

THANKSGIVING

Lord God of Hosts, we render thanks  
For all Thy mercies sure;  
Thy tender love environs us  
And will through life endure.

Teach us to know Thy perfect will  
And truly humble be;  
May we in gladness praise Thy Name  
Through all eternity.

Lord God of hosts, we offer thanks  
And call upon Thy Name;  
A psalm of praise to Thee we sing,  
Thy wondrous love proclaim.

Thou art our refuge and our strength,  
There is no other power;  
If sudden danger threatens us,  
We find in Thee a tower.

Lord God of hosts, we proffer praise,  
Direct us on our way;  
With grateful hearts we worship Thee  
On this Thanksgiving Day.

—Greenville Kleiser



THE ELEVATION

I thank Thee, Lord, for beauty  
Spread at my feet today,  
A sea of dancing goldenrod,  
A little child at play.

Wind blown trees on a mountain,  
Etched black against the sky,  
A web of sun and shadow  
And white clouds sailing high.

Autumn leaves that fashioned  
Gay patterns on the lawn,  
The hush of a purple twilight  
After the day had gone.

A sail on the dim horizon  
Dreaming of far off lands,  
But oh—this morn I saw my Lord  
In an old priest's trembling hands.

—Rose Darrough

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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It is already the Last Sunday after Pentecost, as well as the final week of the liturgical year. Today's Gospel mentions the last days and the end times. We are meant to contemplate time and eternity. Doesn't it seem like time passes so very quickly these days? Well, for Almighty God, there is no time. Rather, He sees all things from the beginning of the world to the end in an eternal instant. To Him the time of Adam and Eve is just as near as the end of the world—and all time is in His paternal Hands.

Speaking of how fast time goes by, this Saturday would have been the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Bishop Dolan's consecration. We still keep this anniversary with a special Mass, not only because our love for His Excellency is so great, but because the anniversary of the previous deceased bishop of a diocese was always observed in the days before Vatican II. It is a wonderful thing to remember and pray for the soul of our previous pastor who has done so very much for each one of us. Come to Mass on St. Andrew's Day, the last day of the month of the Poor Souls, to obtain suffrages for Bishop Dolan!

St. Andrew's Day is also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Fr. Oscar Saavedra's** priestly ordination. Father was a year ahead of me in the seminary and was always a very hard worker, a trait which I always admired in him. Many of you remember the days when Fr. Saavedra worked here at St. Gertrude's many years ago. He did much of the traveling to the different missions and was also the pastor of St. Clare's in Columbus. He always taught my nephew, Chase, to remind me that Fr. Saavedra, not I, was his pastor. Chase always made sure to tell me! Father was the founder of the Knights of the Sacred Heart and ran the summer boys' camp as well. At that time, **Fathers Simpson** and **Brueggemann** were only boys and took part in the camps and Knights. I still remember them running around, playing Pickle and Capture the Flag! Now they are both priests, and have revived the Knights of the Sacred Heart and run the camps. I wonder if Fr. Saavedra knew he was helping to form two future priests!

This weekend, Confirmations are being done in Mexico. Bishop Dolan had visited the chapels which I will be going to, but I think that was well before the Covid days. **Fr. Martín Gomez** will be there along with **Fr. Arnaldo Villegas**, two very good priests who often help each other out in their apostolates in Mexico. Fr. Simpson is going to drive **Bishop Nkamuke** to St. Hugh's this weekend and then to Holy Face Mission before coming back to St. Gertrude's on Monday.

**Fr. McKenna** is off to St. Anthony's in Dallas, a fast growing mission. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, who kindly offered to preach today, is staying here with Fr. Brueggemann this weekend.



Have a very happy Thanksgiving and remember to thank God for His many graces on that day. We have many for which to be grateful.

Don't forget to stop by the bookstore today to check out what they have on sale! It is a perfect time to buy things for your Advent reading.

– **Bishop McGuire**



*“Let us beware of complaints, resentments and evil-speaking against those who are ill-disposed to us, discontented with us, or hostile to our plans and arrangements, or who even persecute us with injuries, insults, and calumnies. Rather let us go on treating them as cordially as at first, or more so, as far as possible showing them esteem, always speaking well of them, doing them good, serving them on occasion, even to the point of taking shame and disgrace upon ourselves, if necessary to save their honor. All this ought to be done, first, to overcome evil with good, according to the teaching of the Apostles; and secondly, because they are our allies rather than our adversaries, as they aid us to destroy self-love, which is our greatest foe; and since it is they who give us an opportunity to gain merit, they ought to be considered our dearest friends.”*

– St. Vincent de Paul

### ACT OF THANKSGIVING

O my God, I give Thee thanks for the love with which Thou hast created and redeemed me, sanctified me, called me, preserved me, and endowed me with all manner of good things. And since praise is not seemly in the mouth of a sinner, I beseech Thee, O sweetest Jesus, by that prevailing love wherewith Thou sittest at the right hand of the Father, to pay for me to my God eternal, infinite, unfaltering, unceasing praises, such as Thou alone canst pay, and such as Thou knowest to be befitting His most dread glory and the honor of His Majesty, for all the good which has ever flowed forth upon me from the inexhaustible abyss of His Godhead. Amen. – St. Gertrude the Great

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# ✦ CALENDAR

<b>MON 11/25/24</b>	<b>ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Gus Kurtz – Happy Birthday ( <i>S. Kurtz</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Jacinta Young – Happy Birthday ( <i>Mom &amp; Pop</i> ) 3:30 PM <b>Knights of the Sacred Heart</b>
<b>TUE 11/26/24</b>	<b>ST. SYLVESTER, AB</b> ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM <i>ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C</i> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For all those who helped us with meals after the birth of our son ( <i>Rose Wright</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for souls who died in Aug/Sept & Poor Souls ( <i>A friend</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>Low Mass</b> †Shaun Glenn – repose of his soul ( <i>Joseph &amp; Elizabeth Prell</i> )
<b>WED 11/27/24</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY • OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention Deceased ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Bill Young – Happy Birthday ( <i>Your wife</i> ) 11:25 AM <b>High Mass</b> Special Intention – Happy Birthday 11/16 ( <i>Renee Arlinghaus</i> ) 5:10 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Isaac Smith ( <i>Collin Smith</i> )
<b>THU 11/28/24</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING • FERIAL DAY</b> <i>ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ</i> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Special intention – Birthday ( <i>Stafford family</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> In thanksgiving for answered prayers ( <i>TRCS</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell</i> )
<b>FRI 11/29/24</b>	<b>VIGIL OF ST. ANDREW • ST. SATURNINUS, M</b> 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Fr. Joseph Appelhantz ( <i>K &amp; M Christensen</i> ) 5:15 PM <b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Apollonia for a friend ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT 11/30/24</b>	<b>ST. ANDREW, AP • ALTAR BOY DAY</b> 7:05 AM <b>Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Sister in law's unborn children ( <i>Eddie Fernandez</i> ) 8:10 AM <b>Salve, Sermon</b> 8:20 AM <b>High Mass</b> †Bishop Dolan
<b>SUN 12/1/24</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> ☩ 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:25 AM <b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom ( <i>The Brueggemann girls</i> ) 8:50 AM <b>Advent Procession, Blessing of the Advent Wreath, High Mass</b> †Rita Boling ( <i>Keith Elflein</i> ) <b>Talk by Bishop Nkamuke</b> 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> John Boyd & Family ( <i>Joe Druecker</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## ABOUT THANKSGIVING

The famed novelist Morris West suggests that when you turn seventy-five years of age there should only be three phrases left in your vocabulary: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! He's right. At a certain point in our lives nothing else matters other than gratitude. We can be healthy, accomplished, famous, rich, and have left behind a legacy that will make us forever remembered, but if we are not living inside a spirit of gratitude, all of that will mean nothing. We will not be happy, nor will we be much of a source of happiness for others.

Gratitude is the ultimate virtue and the only real route to happiness. It is more important even than love because anything which does not take its root in gratitude will be self-serving and manipulative in some way. Only when we give of ourselves to others because we are grateful for how we have been blessed – only then will our love flow out as pure and as not demanding something in return. When we are not acting out of gratitude, we may be well-intentioned and outwardly generous in our actions, but we will not truly be acting in love. We will be carrying other people's crosses but, in however subtle the fashion, also sending them the bill.

The entire spiritual task of growing into a truly mature and loving person consists in rooting ourselves more and more in gratitude, where love can flow out from a heart and demand nothing in return because it already has its return.

To celebrate thanksgiving—to explicitly express and celebrate gratitude—is the singularly most important and healthiest thing we can do for ourselves, both spiritually and humanly.

– Rev. R. Rollheiser



## Servers

<b>FRI 11/29</b>	5:45 PM <b>LOW:</b> Capetillos <b>BENEDICTION:</b> Capetillos, I. Smith, D. Simpson
<b>SAT 11/30</b>	7:30 AM <b>LOW:</b> Brueggemanns 8:20 AM <b>HIGH:</b> MCS: T. Lawrence, M. Simpson <b>TH:</b> C. Richesson <b>ACS:</b> F. & P. Caggese <b>TBS:</b> Ma Caggese, A. Constantino, J. & I. Smith
<b>SUN 12/1</b>	7:30 AM <b>LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM <b>HIGH:</b> MCS: N. McClorey, S. Richesson <b>TH:</b> D. Simpson <b>ACS:</b> M. Caggese, D. Hudson <b>CROSS:</b> J. Rabjohns <b>MITRE:</b> I. Smith <b>CROZIER:</b> F. Caggese <b>TBS:</b> P. Caggese, J. Hudson, B. Constantino, T. Stanislawski, J. Smith, J. Stewart 11:30 AM <b>LOW:</b> Capetillos 4:45 PM <b>VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith, B. Constantino, F. Caggese 5:45 PM <b>LOW:</b> <i>Volunteer</i>