



# 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

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna  
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

## December 1, 2024 ADVENT I



### ¶ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin a new liturgical year. The second collection is for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. There are **no Catechism Classes**, but don't miss the **talk** given by **Bishop Nkamuke** after the High Mass! Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ RORATE MASSES

A special Advent observance features the short votive Mass of Our Lady, sung in the early morning by candlelight as we await the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Rorate Masses are on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 AM, and Saturday at 7:30 AM.



### ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**11:00 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Rosary & Confessions  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:30 PM** Sacred Heart Novena

#### *All Night Adoration*

**First Friday Reparation Intention:** *To ask the Sacred Heart to prepare us for His coming.*

### ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Confessions & Rosary  
**7:30 AM** Rorate Mass, Salve  
**8:20 AM** Devotions, Benediction  
**8:40 AM** Low Mass

**First Saturday Reparation Intention:** *Reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT II

Next Sunday is the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, a holy day of obligation. **St. Nicholas** will be visiting the children after the morning Masses. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Advent Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Immaculate Conception, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Advent II. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

### ¶ 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.

### SEASON OF ADVENT

The life of Our Lord Jesus Christ is reviewed from Advent to Advent, step by step, Mass by Mass. Each Mass traces an image of some truth or action from His earthly life, and renews the same

in our own soul.

The Church's year opens with the Season of Advent (four Sundays before Christmas). In these shortening days of Winter we prepare for Our Lord's coming. Advent recalls the long centuries waiting for the Christ; the prayers, sighs, ardent desires pleading for the Savior to come. During Advent Christ works in the soul, imparting joyful anticipation and urging preparation by penance for His Coming.

## Lumen Christi

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

**Special Intention** (*MaryAnn Wertz*)

### ¶ FIRST THURSDAY

Holy Hour for Priests at 5 PM. Servers' pizza party following!

#### Collection Report

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> .....\$7,948.00

THE VISIT OF ST. NICHOLAS



The tradition of children receiving sweets and tiny presents from St. Nicholas on the eve of December 6<sup>th</sup> arose by the sixteenth century in pre-Reformation Catholic Europe, with children putting their shoes on the windowsill in the hope that the fourth-century bishop would fill them with gifts in Germany and Austria. The “visit” from St. Nicholas sometimes comes not while the children are sleeping, but instead earlier in the evening. He arrives at the door, clothed as a bishop, carrying a crozier and a heavy book said to contain an account of each child’s conduct, recorded by their guardian angels. After admonishing the children, he gives them their gifts, and concludes by urging the whole family to prepare themselves for Christmas. The current American tradition of St. Nicholas “visiting” on Christmas Eve has a ninth-century precedent in a legend that on Christmas Eve the Byzantine monk St. Joseph the Hymnographer, having spent the night in prayer, was visited in a vision by St. Nicholas.

– *Magnificat*



NOVENA PRAYER FOR ADVENT

**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.)*



*Our Beloved Dead – December*

Jerome G. Gerrard	12-01-1989
Albert D. Kinnett	12-02-2003
Bishop Clarence Kelly	12-02-2023
Frank Alban, Jr.	12-03-1988
George Greene	12-04-1999
Rosemary Breitenstein	12-08-1999
Regina K. Budde	12-09-1992
Alice M. Corbin	12-12-1995
Floyd Rimer, Jr.	12-12-2002
George Wissing	12-12-2009
Elizabeth L. Smith	12-12-2015
Archbishop Thuc	12-13-1984
Henry Golembeski	12-15-1993
Ralph Patton	12-15-2009
Janice Curran	12-15-2020
Bishop McKenna	12-16-2015
Fred Hauserman	12-16-2010
Vanessa S. Thompson	12-17-2008
Marty Lierl	12-18-2012
Kyle McGuire	12-18-2021
Mary Genevieve Bell	12-19-2004
David T. Miller	12-19-2004
Mary I. Osborn	12-19-2002
Katie Bischak	12-22-2017
Barbara Steinmetz	12-26-2016
Margaret A. Kinnett	12-26-2022
Richard Weik	12-29-2010



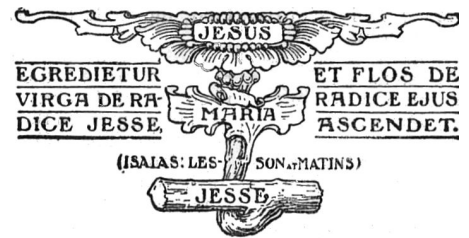
ADVENT

The days are dear, the time not far,  
When in the East will rise the Star  
That leads where love and Jesus are!

My hands are busy. I must bring  
To His dear poor an offering;  
My birthday gifts to the sweet King.

My heart sings softly and is gay—  
The Holy Child is on His Way,—  
Our Little Lord of Christmas Day!

– *Alice P. Clark*



REVEAL, O GOD

Reveal your might, O God, and come;  
Descend to earth in majesty,  
In majesty of poverty,  
In power of humility.

Be seen, O God omnipotent,  
Enthroned on wood of crib and tree;  
Be foremost now in sacrifice,  
Surrendered, slay iniquity.

O Son of Man, obedient,  
The prisoners bound in sin set free;  
The lame, the weak, the blind reprieve;  
Proclaim your day of liberty.

Come manifest, most merciful,  
In flesh creation’s destiny,  
That we may see your love revealed,  
Your perfect love, blest Trinity.



## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed Advent Sunday to one and all! A new liturgical season, and a new liturgical year, with all of its graces, is now upon us. The words of St. Paul should be in our hearts these days. "Brethren...it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed...Let us cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light."



Last weekend's trip to Mexico was such an edifying one. There were approximately a hundred Confirmations in Tijuana and Mexicali. **Fr. Arnoldo Villegas'** apostolate is well organized and very edifying. He not only goes weekly to say Mass in the missions, but works much with the youth in his parish and is, like us, starting up a convent. He has just one Sister at this time. The convent, which still needs a lot of work, is 45 minutes away from the chapel, yet Sister devotes most of her time at church each day doing the type of work that our Oblates do. I can only imagine the sacrifices made on her part! It always seems that the first Sisters have much to endure at the foundation of a new religious congregation (as can be seen throughout the history of missionary sisters). It is all worthwhile in the big picture, but requires much patience and a spirit of sacrifice on their part. Sooner or later, it all comes together—but all in God's good time.

Another big part of Father's apostolate is teaching catechism to the youth. This is done mostly on Saturday mornings and he has several teachers to help. The children gave a speech in English and sang some Spanish hymns for the Bishop's visit, and it was so very edifying. The sweetness of it all reminds me of our school children and how precious a thing is our Catholic youth. This was the first time I had seen such attention being given to the young people in Mexico, a thing which brings much hope for the future of the Church, and which, I believe, will provide many vocations for Mexico. May Our Lady of Guadalupe keep them under her mantle.

Fr. Arnoldo would like to visit St. Gertrude's again at some point. It has been several years since he was last here and it would be a very welcome visit. Speaking of visitors, **Bishop Nkamuke** seems to be enjoying his stay with us and has been making the rounds to many of our parishioners. He is going to Seattle to see **Fr. Ercoli** this weekend, and will come back just in time to depart for Nigeria the next day.

Don't forget the Rorate Masses in honor of Our Lady this week. They are early, but perhaps you could make one of them as an Advent sacrifice. If you cannot, though, we still offer plenty of daily Masses to choose from, and attendance at Holy Mass is a great way to prepare for the coming of our Lord!

– **Bishop McGuire**



*Fr. Arnoldo's Catechism students in Tijuana*



*Fr. Arnoldo's Catechism students at the Convent in Tijuana*



*Confirmations in Tijuana*



*First Holy Communion & Confirmations were administered at Fr. Arnoldo's mission in Mexicali*

# ✠ CALENDAR

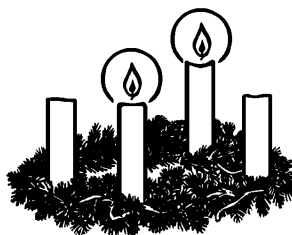
<b>MON</b>	<b>12/2/24</b>	<b>ST. BIBIANA, VM</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Catherine Vinski – 13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of death ( <i>Mary Egger &amp; Lauren Caggese</i> ) <b>11:25 AM Low Mass</b> †Albert Kinnett 21 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of death ( <i>Albert D. Kinnett</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/3/24</b>	<b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, C</b> <b>7:00 AM Rorate Mass</b> †Gloria Dailey – 7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 11/23 ( <i>Tom &amp; Karen Simpson</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers ( <i>The Fathers</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Special intentions ( <i>A friend</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Mark Fischer – Happy Birthday ( <i>Mom &amp; Pop</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/4/24</b>	<b>ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BPCD</b> ST. BARBARA, VM FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Thanks to all those who prayed for me ( <i>Sageflower</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> In thanksgiving ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> ) <b>5:10 PM Low Mass</b> Happy Birthday – Elizabeth ( <i>Joseph Prell</i> )
<b>THU</b>	<b>12/5/24</b>	<b>FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS</b> FERIAL DAY • ST. SABBAS, AB <b>7:00 AM Rorate Mass</b> “Thou knowest, Oh Lord!” ( <i>Renee Arlinghaus</i> ) <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Special Intention Deceased ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i> ) <b>11:25 AM High Mass</b> Purgatorial Society <b>5:00 PM Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/6/24</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY • ST. NICHOLAS, BPC</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> For all who have and continue to help with the websites <b>11:00 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction</b> Our Parents & Godparents ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>5:15 PM Confessions &amp; Rosary</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> Joseph & Jacinta Young – Happy Anniversary ( <i>Mom &amp; Pop</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena</b> <i>All Night Adoration</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/7/24</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY • ST. AMBROSE, BPCD</b> VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>FAST AND ABSTINENCE</i> <b>7:05 AM Confessions, Rosary</b> <b>7:30 AM Rorate Mass</b> Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom ( <i>Maria Brueggemann</i> ) <b>8:15 AM Salve</b> <b>8:20 AM First Saturday Devotions, Benediction</b> <b>8:40 AM Low Mass</b> For our children, grandchildren & godchildren ( <i>Scott &amp; Cari Hudson</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/8/24</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ☩☩ <b>7:05 AM Rosary</b>

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor December 2024

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:** David Swinney, Joseph Vines  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Kirby Bischel, Tim Giese  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:** Collin Smith, Justin Soeder  
**10:00 PM-11:00 PM:** Nathan McClorey, Anthony Caggese  
**11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:** James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:** Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:** Keith Elflein, Dan Stanislawski  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:** Dan & Philip 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.*

### COLLECT OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

*(Say this prayer Saturday evening, as you light two purple candles on your Advent wreath.)*

### SERVERS

<b>FRI 12/6</b>	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> T. Lawrence
<b>SAT 12/7</b>	<b>7:30 AM HIGH:</b> F. & P. Caggese <b>8:40 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs
<b>SUN 12/8</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> M. McConnell, Brueggemann <b>9:00 AM HIGH:</b> POSTED IN SACRISTY <b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> Kolenichs <b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> D. Simpson, I. Smith, P. Caggese, B. Constantino <b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> P. McClorey

<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Happy Anniversary Dad & Mom ( <i>The Brueggemann girls</i> )
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Our Children & Godchildren ( <i>Arlinghaus Family</i> )
<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Philomena for those who died in Aug/Sept ( <i>A friend</i> )
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great