



# 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 • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

**December 29, 2024**  
**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF**  
**CHRISTMAS • ST. THOMAS À BECKET, BPM**



## ¶ CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

**Blessed Christmas!** The Blessing of Children in honor of the Holy Innocents follows the High Mass, and a little party for the children takes place in Helfta Hall. No Catechism Classes today. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

## ¶ THE CIRCUMCISION

**Wednesday**, New Year's Day, is the feast of the Circumcision, a **holy day of obligation**. Masses are at 7:30, 9, & 11:30 AM. *There are no Vespers or evening Mass.*

## ¶ FIRST FRIDAY

**8:00 AM** Low Mass  
**11:00 AM** Confessions  
**11:25 AM** Low Mass, Benediction  
**5:00 PM** Exposition  
**5:15 PM** Confessions & Rosary  
**5:35 PM** Infant of Prague Novena II  
**5:45 PM** Low Mass  
**6:30 PM** Sacred Heart Novena

### ***All Night Adoration***

*First Friday Intention: For our youth: Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life and for all: Generosity in the practice of the Faith.*

## ¶ FIRST SATURDAY

**7:05 AM** Rosary, Confessions  
**7:30 AM** High Mass  
**8:15 AM** Devotions, Benediction  
**8:40 AM** Meditation, Low Mass  
*First Saturday Intention: Reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's Divine Maternity, and the refusal of her twin titles of Co-Redemtrix and Mediatrix of Graces.*



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. The second collection is for our Oblates. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Holy Name, second collect of the Sunday Within the Octave of Epiphany, third of the Octave of the Epiphany. Preface and Communicantes of the Epiphany.



*Most dear Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made a Child for us, didst will to be born in a cave to free us from the darkness of sin, to draw us unto*

*Thee, and to set us on fire with Thy holy love; we adore Thee as our Creator and Redeemer, we acknowledge Thee and choose Thee for our King and Lord, and for tribute we offer Thee all the affection of our poor hearts. Dear Jesus, our Lord and God, graciously accept this offering, and that it may be worthy of Thine acceptance, forgive us our sins, enlighten us, and inflame us with that sacred fire which Thou camest to bring upon the earth and to enkindle in our souls...grant that we may seek Thy greater glory here on earth, so that one day we may come to enjoy Thine infinite loveliness in heaven. Amen.*

*(Raccolta, No. 127)*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

**5:30 PM Pontifical High Mass,  
Blessing of Gold,  
Frankincense & Myrrh**



*You are invited to our annual  
Appreciation Dinner following the Mass.*





**A THOUGHT IN SEASON**

...If the world thought of the Babe at the season of greatest festivity, would not there be more easing of the pain, more relieving the hunger of other babes, because this One, like them, was born in poverty? Would not there be less catering to the sated preferences of rich adults, and more thought for the welfare and holy happiness of all children, for the reason that He, too, was a little child? More love for Our Lady of Heavenly Hope, because the Babe lay upon her breast?

The innermost spirit of many of the feasts and fasts of the Christian year is lost in the scramble of the world. Society makes of Lent a season in which to prepare the wardrobes for the seaside. Good Friday, where business is suspended, is too often a day for junketing. Easter is the milliner's harvest. The vigil of All Saints' has become the small boy's opportunity to do serious mischief at small risk. How few observe Advent! Even the days appointed by the civil authorities have lost their original significance. Thanksgiving is abandoned to the turkey and the football player, while the time-honored New England Fast-Day has been permitted to lapse on account of its attendant abuses.

But even the worldly, in their worldly way, love the birthday, although they forget the birth; and if the faithful fitly remember the Babe, and love Him because He is the very center and core and kernel of the joy of Christmastide, there may come to the knowledge of the indifferent the true meaning of the birth of Him who lay upon His Mother's breast in the Stable in the little town of Bethlehem.

— *Louisa May Dalton*

**A LITTLE CHILD'S PRAYER**

Lady, by the manger,  
Hear my little prayer,  
Kneeling by the manger  
With Him lying there,  
Lying in the manger  
Rosy-white and fair.

I would love to play here  
With your Little Son,  
Tumble in the hay here  
Just to give Him fun,  
Dance and sing and stay here  
Till the day is done.

Tell Him, sweetest Mother,  
How 'tis Him I love  
More than any other  
You could tell Him of,  
More than baby-brother—  
Now a saint above.

Ask Him firm to make me  
Evil to withstand,  
Never to forsake me  
With His guiding Hand,  
Then at last to take me  
To His Angel Land.

Lady, by the manger,  
Hear this little prayer,  
Kneeling by the manger  
With Him lying there,  
Lying in the manger  
Smiling, sweet and fair.

— *Hyacinth Blocker, O.F.M.*



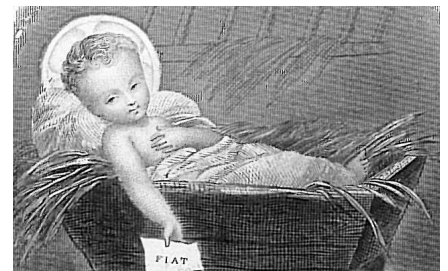
**THE LOWLIEST GIFT**

If I had been the donkey or the ox  
beside the stall,  
I would have stood, as they did,  
against the windy wall  
And tried to warm the stable with a  
clean, sweet breath,  
Till Mother Mary half-believed she  
was in Nazareth.

If I had been the star that shone the  
long, cold night,  
I would have made the rafters  
beautiful with light  
Till Joseph, half-forgetting what  
repair work should be done,  
Might have thought it quite a pretty  
place to bring a little Son.

But since I was a spider, what I could  
do was small:  
I spun a web of silver just above the  
manger-stall.  
And Joseph would have brushed it  
down, but Mother Mary smiled,  
For the moonlight shining on it made  
a halo for the Child.

— *Sr. Mary Catherine, O.S.U.*



**Lumen Christi**

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

**Brianna Withers**  
(*Maureen Scanlon*)

Blessed Christmas to you all! We have had our four great feasts of the Christmas week—of course, the Nativity itself, as well as St. Stephen the first martyr, St. John the Beloved Disciple, the Holy Innocents. The week of celebration is not over just yet! Who can forget St. Thomas à Becket today, or Pope St. Sylvester I on Tuesday. Oh! and the Circumcision of Our Lord on Wednesday, the Infant of Prague on Thursday, and First Friday and First Saturday, the Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday, the Epiphany and its Octave next week! We Catholics who hold to the true Faith are just getting started with the Christmas celebration.



It is more than a bit sad to see how the world does everything opposite the Church. They were already celebrating Christmas while the Church was doing penance, and now that we are rejoicing at Our Lord's Birth, they have gone back to "normal life"—whatever that is for them. As hard as it is, be sure not to lose the spirit of joy and hope that the Church wishes us to cultivate at this time. The spirit of the world will try to take it away. Don't let it! Whose spirit are you following?

**Fathers Ercoli** and **Romero** are going to be visiting us over the weekend and will stay through the Epiphany. **Fr. Brueggemann** sees them each month when he visits the seminary, but it is a rare occurrence for the rest of us to be able to get together with them. It will be so nice to see them this Christmas season.

I know there has been a lot going on, but I hope you won't forget First Friday All Night Adoration! It is the perfect way to begin a new year. Certainly, we have plenty of things from last year for which to thank Our Lord, and there are many graces to ask Him for as we think of the coming year. Our Savior awaits us from the monstrance! Come, shepherdlike, to adore our newborn King!

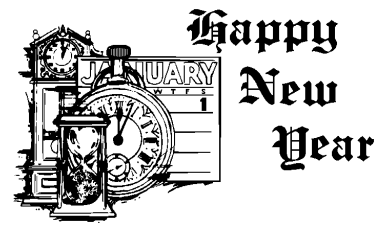
May all the blessings of the Christmas season be yours!

– Bishop McGuire



PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE NEW YEAR

O Sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; touch the hearts of sinners that they may return to Thy friendship, give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended in Thee. Amen.



THE CORONATION OF CHILDHOOD



There is no escape from the tremendous fact of Christmas day, that when God revealed Himself to this poor world of ours, men cried in astonishment: "Why, it is a child?" And so it is that the closer we get to God the more

we become children, and the closer God gets to us the more He becomes a child. No one in the world ever suspected that the Ancient of Days who presided at creation would take His throne in that creation as a babe in a crib, just as no one ever thought He would tell the old men of forty, like Nicodemus, that they must be born again.

According to all worldly standards, it is the aged who are learned. And yet when Wisdom came to earth He was a child, and when Wise Men came to Wisdom they were told to be like children. Christmas, then, is the coronation of childhood, the glorification of the young whose hearts are simple, the proclamation to aging hearts that the world need not despair and die, because the Fountain of Youth has come into it to...turn time backward, make old things young again.

– Bishop Sheen

# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>12/30/24</b>	<b>WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> 8:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Novena VI 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Bill Egger – 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death ( <i>Mary Egger &amp; Lauren Caggese</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/31/24</b>	<b>ST. SYLVESTER I, PC • WITHIN THE OCTAVE</b> 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Patrick Caggese – Happy Birthday ( <i>Dad &amp; Mom</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Novena VII 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass</b> My Family – Merry Christmas ( <i>Sr. Ulrica</i> )
<b>WED</b>	<b>1/1/25</b>	<b>THE CIRCUMCISION HOLY DAY</b> OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS • NEW YEAR'S DAY FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> The Clergy of SGG – Merry Christmas ( <i>Sr. U</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Novena VIII 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
<b>THU</b>	<b>1/2/25</b>	<b>OCTAVE DAY OF ST. STEPHEN • INFANT OF PRAGUE</b> FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS 7:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For the sanctification of priests ( <i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i> ) 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Claire Mathers – Merry Christmas! ( <i>Sr. Eulalia</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>High Mass</b> Novena IX
<b>FRI</b>	<b>1/3/25</b>	<b>OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN, APEV</b> FIRST FRIDAY • ST. GENEVIEVE, V 8:00 AM <b>Low Mass</b> †Fr. Thielen ( <i>TRCS</i> ) 11:00 AM <b>Confessions</b> 11:25 AM <b>Low Mass, Benediction</b> Poor Souls – Thank you! ( <i>Terri Young</i> ) 5:00 PM <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 5:15 PM <b>Confessions, Rosary</b> 5:35 PM <b>Infant of Prague Novena II</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> Kirby Bischel – Merry Christmas! ( <i>Sr. U</i> ) 6:30 PM <b>Sacred Heart Novena</b> <i>All Night Adoration</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>1/4/25</b>	<b>OCTAVE DAY OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM</b> FIRST SATURDAY 7:05 AM <b>Rosary, Confessions</b> 7:30 AM <b>High Mass</b> Happy Birthday Joseph & Jason ( <i>C. Simpson family</i> ) 8:15 AM <b>Devotions, Benediction</b> 8:30 AM <b>First Saturday Meditation</b> 8:40 AM <b>Low Mass</b> For my family ( <i>Vincent Brueggemann</i> )
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1/5/25</b>	<b>THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b> ST. TELESFORUS, PM 7:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 7:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Jim Soli (Dad) Merry Christmas ( <i>Your children &amp; grandchildren</i> ) 9:00 AM <b>High Mass</b> Anthony Caggese – Happy Birthday (12/17) ( <i>Dad &amp; Mom</i> ) 10:40 AM <b>Catechism Classes</b> 11:05 AM <b>Rosary</b> 11:30 AM <b>Low Mass</b> Robert Uhlenbrock ( <i>Mary Rose Young</i> ) 4:45 PM <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> 5:45 PM <b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

## All Night Adoration Guard of Honor January 2025

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.*



*“We may well judge that our first parents, who are now in heaven, are intensely interested in having sanctifying grace restored to every member of the human race, since they by their sin lost it for the whole race. Prayer to them, though not commonly practiced, is good and effective. The first Adam by whose fault the human race may be brought under the sway of the second Adam, Christ.”*

– Ono Rio

### SERVERS

<b>MON 12/30</b>	8:00 AM HIGH: MC: Seminarian ACS: J. & T. Capetillo
<b>TUE 12/31</b>	8:00 AM HIGH: MC: D. Simpson ACS: Seminarian, I. Smith
<b>WED 1/1</b>	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: C. Richesson, Seminarian TH: N. McClorey MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: A. Constantino ACS: S. Richesson, T. England CROSS: A. McClorey TB: B. Constantino, J. Smith, T. Stanislawski, D., C. & I. Wright 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
<b>THU 1/2</b>	5:00 PM HIGH: MC: T. Lawrence ACS: D. Simpson, Seminarian
<b>FRI 1/3</b>	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
<b>SAT 1/4</b>	7:30 AM HIGH: T. Lawrence 8:40 AM LOW: M. Simpson
<b>SUN 1/5</b>	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: T. England ACS: D. Hudson, N. Kolenich TB: M. Kolenich, A. & B. Constantino, I. Smith, N. & J. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, F. & P. Caggese, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

### ALPHAS

#### NEW YEARS DAY 1/1

7:30 AM: S. Pepiot, P. & A. McConnell, J. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM: P. & C. Arlinghaus, M. Lotarski, S. Weigand  
11:30 AM: B. Uhlenbrock, P. Puglielli