

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"*

*"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"*

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9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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**January 19, 2025**

**EPIPHANY II**

**SS. MARIUS & COMPANIONS, MM  
ST. CANUTE, KING, M**

## ¶ EPIPHANY II

The Chair of Unity Octave continues today. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. **Please note: there are NO Vespers today.**

## ¶ THIS WEEK

The St. Monica Club meets on **Friday** after the 11:25 AM Mass. The Chair of Unity Octave continues all week, ending on **Saturday** with the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Pray with the Church for conversions throughout the world.

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EPIPHANY III

Catechism Classes at 10:40, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Epiphany III, second collect of St. Polycarp. Trinity Preface.

### Collection Report

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> .....\$7,576.50  
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



## PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2025

*Please note these important dates:*

**FIRST CONFESSIONS & TESTING:** Saturday, April 26th. (Baptismal certificate must be already presented, and registration form completed *before* the test. Contact the church office for the necessary form.)

**CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION (FOR CONFIRMANDS):**

Thursday, June 5th.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 7th.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22nd.

**Parents, please note:** the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great must be submitted to the church office by **Saturday, April 5th**. If your child is not enrolled in the school or in Sunday catechism, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested on April 26th.

It is sometimes difficult to know if the children are ready, but if they know their basics, and are reverent at Mass, they probably are! Please speak with Bishop McGuire.



*Martyrdom of St. Canute*

## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Edward Daccarett, Frank Kiernan, Margaret Walz, Lucia Constantino, Gabe Wertz, and all of our sick and shut in.

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 2:** The Feast of the Purification, Candlemas. "Mass of the Candles" at 9:00 AM, followed by a reception in Helfta Hall.

## Please note the following:

- Children and parents must be attending Mass (and the children Class) **every Sunday**, not once or twice a month as sports or Sunday activities permit, in order to receive the Sacraments.
- No child will be tested without his Baptismal Certificate and form filled out.
- Sponsors must be members of St. Gertrude the Great, or a church affiliated with us. Please ask if you have a question.

THE GRACES OF CANA

The marriage at Cana is a showing of the joy that Christ brought into the world. Here, at His Mother's request, our Lord worked His first public miracle. It is a delight to think that this first miracle was in no way connected with unhappiness. It was not healing sickness, forgiving sins, or raising the dead; it was simply giving joy, more joy, to people who were already rejoicing...

It is true that a change of heart is the only thing that can begin to bring happiness back into the world. It is true too that it is not in our own power or strength to change our own hearts, and what is needed is a miracle.

First of all what must this change really be like? It must be an absolute change, a change like that which happens to a piece of grey cloth dipped into a crimson dye, and dyed all through. The symbol of the wine at Cana is apt: wine restores vigor to an exhausted man, warms him all through, brings color back to his face, gives him courage, softens his heart, takes away his sense of insufficiency, and sets him free.

The joy of God is a wine that changes the drab, cold, colorless substance of human nature into the rich, crimson, warm vitality of supernatural life. It changes discouragement to hope, doubt to faith; it lights up the mind and in its light men see that the problems of the world today, which seem insurmountable, are straws in the power of God, and in His name even a creature as little and weak as man can overcome them.

How can such a change of heart happen? Only by a miracle, it is true, and who can work such a miracle but Christ? When a man comes to this world with Christ in his heart, he too can work this miracle in Christ's name...

Love when it is joyful radiates, a few reflect its light, and the secret glory waxes into the world like morning into the sky.

— Carylly Houselander



¶ DONATIONS FOR THE MISSIONS

Donations for our foreign Missions, especially Nigeria, have greatly increased in recent years, for which the good mission priests are truly grateful. **Please note, however, that we are unable to accommodate requests to use your donation for a specific priest or cause.** Rest assured your donations will be used where they are most needed, but it is simply too difficult to keep track of donations earmarked for this or that place or use. If you would like your donation to go to a specific priest, we ask that you consider sending it to them directly through your bank.

The same applies for Masses submitted for the Missions. **We cannot guarantee they will be sent to a particular priest.** Mission Masses are sent in the order they are received to whichever priest is in need. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. May God reward your generosity!



Ss. Marius & Companions

O SAPIENTIA

It was from Joseph first I learned of love.

Like me he was dismayed.  
How easily he could have turned me from his house; but, unafraid,  
he put me not away from him  
(O God-sent angel, pray for him).  
Thus through his love was Love obeyed.

The Child's first cry came like a bell:  
God's Word aloud, God's Word in deed.

The angel spoke: so it befell,  
and Joseph with me in my need.  
O Child whose father came from heaven,  
to you another gift was given,  
your earthly father chosen well.  
With Joseph I was always warmed  
and cherished. Even in the stable  
I knew that I would not be harmed.

And, though above the angels swarmed,  
man's love it was that made me able  
to bear God's love, wild, formidable,  
to bear God's will, through me performed.

— Madeleine L'Engle  
*American poet, award-winning writer of children's books, Madeleine L'Engle converted from atheism. She was librarian and writer-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York.*

HAVE HOPE

*Have Hope! it is the brightest star  
That lights life's pathway down:  
A richer, purer gem than decks  
An Eastern monarch's crown.  
The Midas that may turn to joy  
The grief-fount of the soul;  
That paints the prize and bid's thee press  
With fervor to the goal.*

*Have Hope! as the tossed mariner  
Upon the wild sea driven  
With rapture hails the polar star—  
His guiding light to haven—  
So Hope shall gladden thee, and guide  
Along life's stormy road,  
And as a sacred beacon stand  
To point thee to thy God.*

— B. A. G. Fuller

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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

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Cats! I have not given you any news about the cats for a while now. Some of you probably could not care less about it, while others, I am sure, are indifferent. However, for those of you who love pet news, here is the moment you have been waiting for! Fat Cat and Black Cat stayed inside for several days, not knowing what to do with all of the snow outside. They were quite frustrated and needed to be entertained and so they pretty much tore up one of their toys. Well, they went outside two Thursdays ago and must have gotten themselves lost. Prayers to St. Francis were offered up, and Fat Cat came home on Sunday afternoon, and Black Cat returned on Wednesday. Really, I am not surprised that it was Fat Cat who came home first...after all, he likes his food! Fluffy has not left the church since all the snow. Sister says she won't set foot outside! But Fluffy is good company, so we don't mind!

**Fr. Simpson** and I are in Mexico with **Fr. Contreras** and several of his priests, and we should be back on Thursday or Friday. Colima, the first place we are visiting (a town which is famous for its rich Catholic history of the Christeros), had an earthquake with a 6.0 magnitude a few days before we arrived. Everyone is fine, thanks be to God. While we are there Confirmations will be administered, of course. We will also be consecrating some altar stones for the first time. The ceremony for consecrating altar stones is a very involved one with many blessings and exorcisms and takes a fair amount of time. Fr. Contreras' mother is having a birthday, which we will celebrate while we are there. I met her during my last trip to Colima and am looking forward to seeing her again. Father is lucky to still have his mother...she is a wonderful soul!

After Colima, we will go to Guadalajara, where we will meet up with **Fr. Manuel** who took over at the chapel of the late Fr. Bacerras, who died within the last year. **Fr. Benegas**, whom I ordained just over a year ago, is working there as well. Confirmations will also be administered there.

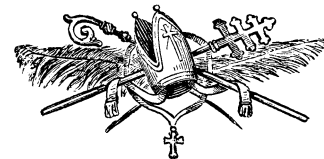
Classes resumed again at our seminary in Seattle as well as the seminary in Nigeria. **Bishop Nkamuke** just received a Novus Ordo priest from Côte d'Ivoire into his seminary. He will be retrained and, should he persevere, he will eventually be re-ordained. That is exactly how it should be done. There are more and more "priests" who are leaving the Novus Ordo and wanting to be re-ordained. Bishop Williamson has been conditionally ordaining many of them without providing them with the necessary training. This has

caused much controversy and does much harm to souls as well as to the Catholic Church's mission. God does not call men to the Novus Ordo priesthood. The Novus Ordo priesthood is no more a vocation from God than is the Buddhist priesthood or becoming a Protestant minister. God does not call a person to a false religion and He certainly does not call a person to be a leader of any kind in a false religion. He commands that we utterly detest and despise these religions as gateways to Hell, and as things which, rather than glorify God, offend Him. That being said, just because a man was "ordained" in the Vatican II sect does not mean that he has a vocation to the priesthood when he converts to the true Catholic Church. His vocation, like that of any other young man, must be tried in the seminary and he is to be ordained only after proving that he has all the qualities necessary for the sacred priesthood.

It is becoming more and more apparent that the oblates need a home. We have not rushed this project and have had much time to think it through. Although we have gone back and forth on the matter of whether to buy/rent a house or to build, we have finally settled on building the addition onto the rectory so that all the priests can live under the same roof and the oblates can have the old Convento. I cannot say with any certitude when building will actually begin, but **Fr. McKenna** and I will be planning it out with the help of some parishioners who have knowledge on this sort of thing. We want to make sure that things are done correctly.

We are now in the Chair of Unity Octave. Pray for the conversion of non-Catholics. Pray also for a greater unity of mind and heart among those Traditional Catholics who are already united in the true Faith. The charity of Christ presseth us, St. Paul says.

– **Bishop McGuire**



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### Servers

FRI 1/24	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 1/25	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: T. Lawrence, P. Caggese, I. Smith
SUN 1/26	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: S. Richesson, M. Simpson TH: F. Caggese ACs: J. Rabjohns, M. Caggese TBS: M. Drevenak, A. Constantino, Ma. Caggese, N. & J. Hudson, L. Rabjohns 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith, F. Caggese, A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns

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# ✠ CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>1/20/25</b>	<b>SS. FABIAN, P &amp; SEBASTIAN, MM</b> <i>ST. HENRY OF UPPSALA • IHM REFUGE OF SINNERS</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The conversion of Anglicans and Episcopalians throughout the world
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Godchildren, Nieces & Nephews <i>(Matthew &amp; Leanne Giese)</i>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>1/21/25</b>	<b>ST. AGNES, VM</b> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: That Protestants throughout the world might find their way back to Holy Church
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention – Happy Birthday <i>(The Stafford Family)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Conversion of special intentions <i>(Cora Arlinghaus)</i>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Fr. Eldred Leslie – 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joseph Prell)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>1/22/25</b>	<b>SS. VINCENT &amp; ANASTASIUS, MM</b> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: “For the conversion of America.”
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Mary & Billy Young – Happy Anniversary <i>(Mom &amp; Dad)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Katherine Kunkel <i>(KV)</i>
	<b>5:10 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> My Family – Merry Christmas <i>(Cora Arlinghaus)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>1/23/25</b>	<b>ST. RAYMOND PENNAFORT, C</b> <i>ST. EMERENTIANA, VM • ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY</i> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: “Return to the Sacraments of fallen-away Catholics”
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Sarah Simpson – Thank you <i>(Bishop)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls <i>(Dan &amp; Mary)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Poor Souls – in thanksgiving <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. William H. Young III)</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>1/24/25</b>	<b>ST. TIMOTHY, BPM</b> CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: “The conversion of the Jews.”
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Elizabeth Didier – Happy Birthday <i>(The Stafford Family)</i>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For our fallen-away children <i>(St. Monica Club)</i>
		<b>St. Monica Club Meeting</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:35 PM</b>	<b>Infant of Prague Novena V</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Gene Kudzia <i>(Collin Smith)</i>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>1/25/25</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, AP</b> CLOSING OF THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Siblings’ & Friends’ Intentions <i>(Matthew &amp; Leanne Giese)</i>
	<b>8:10 AM</b>	<b>Alma, Chair of Unity Octave Prayer, Sermon</b>
	<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Maria Brueggemann – Merry Christmas <i>(Renee &amp; Cora Arlinghaus)</i>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1/26/25</b>	<b>EPIPHANY III • ST. POLYCARP, BPM</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Regina Gilliam – Happy Birthday Mom <i>(Laura, Abi, Chris Jr.)</i>



## OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

“The doctrine *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* is to be interpreted both by dogmatic and moral theology. As a dogma, theologians teach that many belong to the Church who are out of its visible unity; as a moral truth, that to be out of the Church is no personal sin, except to those who sin by being out of it. That is, they will be lost, not because they are *geographically* out of it, but because they are *culpably* out of it. And they who are culpably out of it are those who know—or might, and therefore ought to, know—that it is their duty to submit to it. The Church teaches that men may inculpably be out of its pale. Now they are inculpably out of it who are and have always been either physically or morally unable to see their obligation to submit to it. And they only are culpably out of it who are both physically and morally able to know that it is God’s will they should submit to the Church; and either knowing it will not obey that knowledge, or, not knowing it, are culpable for that ignorance.

“[Since the Protestant revolution in England,] the Catholic Church has been so swept off the face of England that nine or ten generations of men have lived and died without the faith being so much as proposed to them, or the Church ever visible to them and, therefore, most Englishmen are to be classed with the infants, since they never had their consciences properly formed.

“Still further, I believe that the people of England were not all guilty of the first acts of heresy and schism by which they were separated from the Catholic unity and faith. *They were robbed of it.* In many places they rose in arms for it. The children, the poor, the unlearned at that time, were certainly innocent: much more the next generation. They were born into a state of privation. They knew no better. No choice was before them. They made no perverse act of the will in remaining where they were born. Every successive generation was still less culpable, in proportion as they were born into a greater state of privation.... For three centuries they have been born further and further out of the truth, and their culpability is perpetually diminishing.”

– Edward Cardinal Manning  
*(1808-1892, convert from Anglicanism)*

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Gunsher & Family <i>(Bishop)</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> †Loren & †Mary McGuire <i>(Erika McKnight)</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