

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM,
9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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February 23, 2025
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
ST. PETER DAMIAN, BPCD

¶ SEXAGESIMA

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

¶ THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

On **Friday** we continue the **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with Blessing of the Sick. Be sure to bring the sick to be blessed, and call or email the office with their first names to be mentioned in the novena.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:10 AM Confessions & Rosary

7:30 AM Low Mass

8:10 AM Ave, First Saturday
Meditation

8:20 AM High Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY:

QUINQUAGESIMA

The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Quinquagesima, second collect of Our Lady & the Saints, third at the choice of the priest. Trinity Preface.

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Ash Wednesday: March 5

Sodality Meeting: Saturday, 3/8

Altar Boys Day: Saturday, 3/15

Ladies Retreat: Friday evening,

March 21 & Saturday, March 22

Lenten Children's Day of Recollection: Tuesday, March 25



St. Matthias's feast is on **Monday**

Lumen Christi

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

For the Lobo family
(Janice Lobo)

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Nancy Seyfried, who is dying, and for her husband John. Our prayers and sympathy as well to the Delbriore family on the loss of their unborn child.

Collection Report

Sunday, February 16th\$5,743.00
Bake Sale.....\$636.00

Thank you for your generosity.



LESSONS FROM THE ANCIENTS

Let us not value a lesson the less because it comes to us from the ancients, to whom the one true God had not been revealed. Those old worthies who wandered in the darkness of ignorance must have seen some glimmer of the light. Julius Caesar was accustomed to repeat the Roman alphabet whenever he was angry, in order that he might not speak till his resentment had cooled. "I will forget all wrongs, and remember all benefits," he was in the habit of saying.

"Love those who offend you," was the advice frequently given by the Emperor Antonius.

"When a man injures me," remarked Epictetus, "he hurts himself far more than he does me. And shall I hurt myself by harboring feelings of revenge against him?"

"In doing good," wrote Seneca, "it is a disgrace to be outdone. In harming others, a disgrace to let others do less than you."

One heathen, whose name is not recorded, was in the habit of exclaiming when provoked: "I would beat thee, but I must not: I am in an angry mood."

— *The Ave Maria*



"If I offer you money, you do not say to me, 'I will come tomorrow.' No: you accept it at once. No one delays, no one makes excuses. The salvation of the soul is offered, and no one hurries himself."

— *St. Ambrose*

CHARITY BELIEVETH ALL THINGS

He that loves Christ believes all His words.

Whoever loves a person, believes all that proceeds from the lips of that person; consequently, the more a soul loves Jesus Christ, the more lively and unshaken is her faith. When the good thief beheld our Redeemer though He had done no ill, suffering death upon the cross with such patience, he began at once to love Him; under the influence of this love, and of the Divine light which then broke upon his soul, he believed that this was truly the Son of God, and begged not to be forgotten by Him when He should have passed into His kingdom.

Faith is the foundation of charity; but faith afterwards receives her perfection from charity. His faith is most perfect whose love of God is most perfect. Charity produces in man not merely the faith of the understanding, but the faith of the will also: those who believe only with the understanding, but not with the will, as is the case with sinners who are perfectly convinced of the truths of the Faith, but do not choose to live according to the Divine commandments—such as these have a very weak faith; for had they a more lively belief that the grace of God is a priceless treasure, and that sin, because it robs us of this grace, is the worst of evils, they would assuredly change their lives. If, then, they prefer the miserable creatures of this earth to God, it is because they either do not believe, or because their faith is very weak. On the contrary, he who believes not only with the understanding, but also with the will, so that he not only believes, but has the will to believe in God, the Revealer of truth, from the love he has for Him, and rejoices in so believing—such a one has a perfect faith, and consequently seeks to make his life conformable to the truths that he believes.

— *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

ABRIDGEMENT OF THE RULE OF LIFE FOR A CHRISTIAN

On rising in the morning, make the following acts: 1. My God, I adore Thee, I love Thee with my whole heart, and I thank Thee for all Thy benefits, especially for having preserved me the night past. 2. I offer Thee all my actions and sufferings of this day, in union with the actions and sufferings of Jesus and Mary; and I make the intention of gaining all the indulgences in my power during the present day. 3. I purpose, O Lord, to avoid offending Thee this day; but be Thou pleased to support me constantly in Thy hands, that I may not betray Thee. O Mary most holy, shelter me under your mantle! My angel guardian and all my holy patrons, assist me! Then conclude with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Creed*; and say finally, three *Hail Marys*, in honor of the purity of Mary.

— *St. Alphonsus Liguori*



It behooves us therefore to follow in the footsteps of the blessed apostle Paul, in the way of voluntary self-denial and penance. We should detach our heart from all earthly things and from all unnecessary occupations. We shall prove fruitful ground only if we devote ourselves entirely to Christ and His interests. We should crucify our vices by earnest works of Christian mortification, that, having cast out the old man, we may live a new life in union with God. We shall then bring forth fruit a hundredfold when Christ unites Himself to us in Holy Communion and fills us with His life and His strength. "He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The sunny weather sure has been a nice change. Last Sunday, it rained for most of the night, but very quickly changed to snow just before the first morning Mass, immediately sticking to the ground. It was a bit odd. However, I was very edified at how many of you came, even from far distances, to attend the evening Mass because you couldn't make any of the morning ones. It was a good reminder to others that we have four Masses to choose from. If you cannot make it in the morning, there is an evening Mass; if you can't make it in the evening, there are three morning Masses. Oftentimes, with a little imagination, we can adjust our work schedule just enough to be able to conveniently make one of the Masses, and when it is a question of bad weather come early to beat the snow, or come later when it has stopped. Hopefully, we are done with the snowy Sundays now, and we won't have to worry about these issues.

Fr. McKenna has been up in North Dakota where the temperatures reached -18. It is cold, but I think deep down Father likes going there and talking about the record cold temperatures! Personally, I am not a cold weather person. Florida summers are much more to my liking, so I know that I would not do well in North Dakota winters. Seriously, how did the old missionaries like Fr. Peter De Smet survive out there? We have heating, cars, etc. Not them. The only heat was a campfire, and they rode on horseback or in a covered wagon. Still, Fr. McKenna is welcome to all that cold weather!

School pictures were taken by Victoria Cerise. Thanks, Victoria! It is nice to be able to send pictures home with the children. Yearly pictures were always a thing for us growing up. I remember that in grade school there was always a class photo, too. These are the best! It is very fun to have those memories of the kids we spent so much time with...and it is a good reminder to offer a Hail Mary for them!

Thanks be to God, one priest has recently left the SSPX! He published a letter to the faithful informing them of his reasons. In summary, he recognizes that the "popes" after Vatican II are not true popes at all. This is truly a triumph of grace in a soul and everyone should say a prayer of thanks to God. Many people think that the SSPX Mass is just as good as any other Latin Mass. Did you know that the SSPX even forbids its young people to attend those "Trad Cat Meetups" for young adults of any Traditional Catholic group? The reason they give is that they do not wish their faithful to associate with sedevacantists. See! Even the

SSPX itself recognizes that they are different from us. That is the point. The SSPX IS different in their theology on the Church, and they offer their Masses in union with a heretic. It is for this reason that we do not allow parishioners to go to the SSPX. It is also to be noted that we do not approve of our parishioners going to the Trad Cat Meetups when they do occur. Well, that was a bit of a tangent, wasn't it?! Anyway, thanks be to God for the priest who left the SSPX and has become a sedevacantist.

Already one week of our pre-Lenten preparation season is behind us, and there is now only slightly more than a week left until Ash Wednesday! How much of your Lent have you planned out thus far? "Time is of the same value as God Himself."

– **Bishop McGuire**



NEED THE FORM? CONTACT THE OFFICE

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.

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.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	2/24/25	ST. MATTHIAS, AP 8:00 AM Low Mass Therese Young (<i>Mary Rose Young</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Frank Hale – Happy Birthday (<i>The Caggese family</i>)
TUE	2/25/25	FERIAL DAY • ST. WALBURGA, V <i>BL. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO, C</i> <i>COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Rev. James H. Thielen (<i>Joe & Kathy Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Merry Christmas Dad & Mom (<i>Brueggemann Bros.</i>) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Angels The Sisters (<i>Ball Family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass William Young (<i>Mary Rose Young</i>)
WED	2/26/25	FERIAL DAY <i>ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA, PENITENT</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass The Clergy of SGG (<i>Mark Cash</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Aegidius Romanus, Rest in peace (<i>Kolenich Family</i>) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of St. Joseph †Kirby Bischel (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass In honor of St. Vincent Ferrer (<i>Elizabeth Gunsher</i>)
THU	2/27/25	ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL VIRGIN, C 7:00 AM Low Mass Special intention – Birthday (<i>Mary Ann Field</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Rita Vinski (<i>Mary Egger & Lauren Caggese</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass For our fallen-away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) 12:15 PM St. Monica Club Meeting
FRI	2/28/25	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass William Young (<i>Mary Rose Young</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intentions (<i>Sr. Eulalia</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Renee (<i>Eddie Fernandez</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena III with Blessing of the Sick 6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	3/1/25	FIRST SATURDAY <i>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY • ST. DAVID BPC</i> 7:05 AM Confessions & Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Special intentions (<i>KR</i>) 8:10 AM Ave, First Saturday Meditation 8:20 AM High Mass Thou knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
SUN	3/2/25	QUINQUAGESIMA 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Friends & Family (<i>Volz</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Jean & †Kirby Bischel (<i>TRCS</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes



LENTEN FRIDAY DINNERS

Volunteer cooks needed for Lenten Friday night suppers! March 28 and April 4 & 11 are available. Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. Sign up on the Lotsa Helping Hands website, or contact the office with your date and menu.



- Volunteers will be cooking meatless for about 80 people.
- Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your receipts to the office.
- No dessert, but fruit may be provided.
- Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice.
- Each party signing up provides the set up, meal, and clean up.
- Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter.
- Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

SERVERS

FRI 2/28	5:45 PM LOW: I. Smith, P. Caggese BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, J. & I. Smith, P. & M. Caggese
SAT 3/1	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, A. Constantino, M. Caggese
SUN 3/2	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, A. McClorey TH: F. Caggese ACs: D. Hudson, J. Rabjohns TBS: J. Smith, M. Drevenak, V. Horton, B. & A. Constantino, L. Rabjohns 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith, A. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Rebecca Uhlenbrock (<i>Mary Rose Young</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great