

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

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March 2, 2025 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

¶ HOLY FACE SUNDAY


The second collection is for our Oblates today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Tuesday we conclude our triduum in honor of the Holy Face. Don't forget to feast a little for Mardi Gras! Masses on **Ash Wednesday** are at 7, 8, & 11:25 AM and 5 PM. See the back page for the full schedule. There will be a holy hour for priests at 5 PM on **First Thursday**. **First Friday** is also the first of our **Lenten Evenings of Reflection**, with Mass at 5:45, followed by a supper, Stations at 7:30, Meditation, the Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick. The first names of the sick can still be submitted. The Sodality of Charity meets on **Saturday**.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LENT I

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. **Short Stations** will be at 11:15 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Lent I, second collect of St. Frances of Rome. Preface of Lent.

With Deepest Sympathy **Our sincere condolences** to John Seyfried on the death of his wife, Nancy, this past Tuesday, February 25.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass
6:45 PM Lenten Supper
7:30 PM Stations, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena
8:30 PM (approx.) Holy Communion
All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation for our lukewarm adoration and for false worship.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Be sure to put your clocks *forward* one hour Saturday night.



¶ LOOK AHEAD

Altar Boys Day: Saturday, 3/15
St. Joseph's Day: Wednesday, March 19
Ladies Retreat: Friday evening, March 21 & Saturday, March 22
Lenten Children's Day of Reflection: Tuesday, March 25



Congratulations to John & Julie Brueggemann on the baptism of their son, John Michael, on Saturday, March 1st.

¶ DON'T FORGET YOUR STATIONS!

Now is a good time to clean up "your" outdoor Station of the Cross at church, and plan what you would like to plant. A great way to start your Lent!

Collection Report

Sunday, February 23rd\$6,698.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

FIRST LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

5:45 PM Low Mass

6:45 PM Lenten Supper: A variety of meatless sandwiches, coleslaw, pasta salad, and fruit.

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick

8:30 PM (approx.) Holy Communion
All Night Adoration

LITANY OF THE HOLY FACE

The Litany was composed by Sr. Mary of St. Peter, and approved by the Archbishop of Tours in 1847. By a Rescript dated January 27, 1853, Pope Pius IX grants to all who recite, with a contrite heart, these prayers in honor of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ an indulgence of 100 days for each time; applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

O adorable Face which was adored, with profound respect, by Mary and Joseph when they saw Thee for the first time, **R. Have mercy on us.**

O adorable Face which ravished with joy, in the stable of Bethlehem, the Angels, the shepherds and the magi, **R. Have mercy on us.**

O adorable Face which transpierced with a dart of love in the Temple, the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna, **R.**

O adorable Face which filled with admiration the Doctors of the Law when Thou appeared in the Temple at the age of twelve years, **R.**

O adorable Face which possesses beauty always ancient and always new, **R.**

O adorable Face which is the masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the Eternal Father is well pleased, **R.**

O adorable Face which is the ineffable mirror of the divine perfections, **R.**

O adorable Face, which became brilliant like the sun and radiant with glory on the Mountain of Thabor, **R.**

O adorable Face which wept and was troubled at the tomb of Lazarus, **R.**

O adorable Face which was rendered sad at the sight of Jerusalem, and shed tears on that ungrateful city, **R.**

O adorable Face which was bowed down to the ground in the Garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins, **R.**

O adorable Face which was covered with the sweat of blood, **R.**

O adorable Face which was struck by a vile servant, covered with a veil of shame, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Thine enemies, **R.**

O adorable Face which by Its divine glance wounded the heart of St. Peter with a dart of sorrow and love, **R.**

O adorable Face which was washed and anointed by Mary and the

holy women and covered with a shroud, **R. Have mercy on us.**

O adorable Face which was all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of the Resurrection, **R.**

O adorable Face which is hidden in the Eucharist, **R.**

O adorable Face which will appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and great majesty, **R.**

O adorable Face which will make sinners tremble, **R.**

O adorable Face which will fill the just with joy for all eternity, **R.**

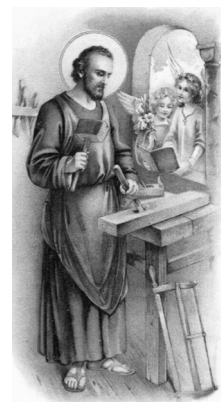
O adorable Face which merits all our reverence, our homage and our adoration, **R. Have mercy on us.**

O Lord, show us Thy Face, and we shall be saved!



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to prepare the Lenten Friday night suppers on March 28 and April 4 & 11. 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.



O Blessed St. Joseph, we consecrate ourselves to thy honor and give ourselves to thee, that thou mayest be our father, our protector and guide. Teach us, as thou didst, to

do all our actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and do thou, O blessed St. Joseph, pray for us, that we may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

COME TO CALVARY

I used to think that, had I lived
When Christ had died for men,
I wouldn't have deserted Him
Like all His other friends.

I would have been on Calvary,
When all the rest had gone—
I would have kept Him company
With Mary and Saint John.

I would have offered up with Him
My prayers for sinful men.
I would have heard the seven words—
If only I'd lived then.

But wait—what happens in the Mass
Before my very eyes?
Who is it Father's holding up
For one more Sacrifice?

I needn't have lived long ago
To show the Lord I care,
Today I go to Calvary—
My Savior's waiting there.

—Anonymous



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The highlight of the week for the school children has most certainly been the fire truck! The local fire department came for a surprise inspection last Wednesday morning. Of course, they came in their fire truck and the kids could not resist! They HAD to go out and see it. The crew was very kind to our children, letting them into the driver's seat, showing them the different compartments, etc. They even had firemen helmets for everyone.



Everyone is sick now. Fr. McKenna mentioned that he can't remember a time when there has been so much sickness at church and school. I am sure there has been, but it has been a long time. Some have been sick multiple times this year. It is a good way of making reparation and of growing in virtue. How many men and women became saints during a time of illness or convalescence. Say a prayer to the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, for all of our sick and shut-in, not only that they get better, but so that they use their present trials to become saints.

John Seyfried's wife, Nancy, died this past week. They were married for almost 49 years. Hers was an edifying death as she received the Last Rites very devoutly. It must be quite a consolation to see one's family member getting the sacraments at the end, knowing that Our Lord has planned this from all eternity for the salvation of that family member. Blessed be God for His goodness and mercy!

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent comes this week. Enjoy a little Mardi Gras celebration, but ask Our Lady for the grace of a good Lenten Season. We will be spending this season with St. Alphonsus Liguori. Below, you will see a list of his books if you are looking for some good sources for spiritual reading and meditation.

– Bishop McGuire



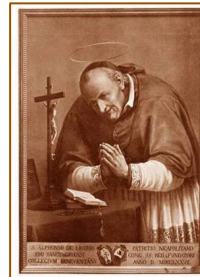
SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN READING

Certainly, you are looking for a good Catholic book to read during Lent. Feel free to choose any book at all. Everyone is different; everyone has his own needs, and at different times after all. If you are looking for suggestions, here are a few of St. Alphonsus' writings. They may be helpful to you.

The Passion & Death of Jesus Christ
The Glories of Mary
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament
Uniformity with God's Will
The 12 Steps to Holiness & Salvation
Preparation for Death
How to Converse with God
The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ
Hail, Holy Queen
The Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori
Victories of the Martyrs
Dignity & Duties of the Priest
The Incarnation, Birth & Infancy of Jesus Christ
The Way of Salvation & Perfection
What Will Hell Be Like
The Holy Eucharist
The True Spouse of Jesus Christ



And, of course, TAN has published the *Life of St. Alphonsus*.



“The Mass is the best and most beautiful thing in the Church...That is why the devil has always sought to deprive the world of the Mass through the action of heretics, making them precursors of Antichrist” *Oeuvres du B. Alphonsus Liguori 1827, p.182*

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Tim Giese, Bruno Sequeira
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.*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	3/3/25	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Kirby Bischel – Rest in Peace <i>(Kolenich Family)</i>
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Conversion of relatives <i>(Alex Ball)</i>
TUE	3/4/25	ST. CASMIR, C • ST. LUCIUS I, PM • THE HOLY FACE
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Mom & Dad McConnell – Merry Christmas <i>(Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Mary Lou Marchesand <i>(Karen Puglielli)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass Merry Christmas, Bob & Becky! <i>(Love, The Uhlenbrocks)</i>
WED	3/5/25	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>FAST & ABSTINENCE</i> FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
	6:50 AM	Blessing & Distribution of Ashes
	7:00 AM	Low Mass (for workers—no sermon!) Mom & Dad Arlinghaus – Merry Christmas <i>(Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass In honor of St. Joseph – special intentions <i>(TRCS)</i>
		Distribution of Ashes
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, Solemn High Mass All of our sick and shut-in <i>(Sr. Eulalia)</i>
	12:25 PM	Distribution of Ashes
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations of the Cross, followed by Distribution of Ashes & Holy Communion
	5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
	5:20 PM	Penitential Litany
	5:40 PM	Distribution of Ashes
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Thank you Mr. Lawrence! <i>(Michael Simpson)</i>
	6:45 PM	Final Distribution of Ashes
THU	3/6/25	SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MM <i>FAST</i> FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Bishop McGuire & all our dear clergy <i>(D. Payne)</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Fr. Thielen <i>(Patsy McConnell)</i>
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Fr. James Thielen <i>(Tom & Karen Simpson)</i>
	5:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i>
FRI	3/7/25	FIRST FRIDAY <i>FAST</i> ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, CD • THE CROWN OF THORNS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Bernardo Siqueira, Happy Birthday <i>(Mom & Dad)</i>
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass, Benediction †Kirby Bischel <i>(Christopher Browne)</i>
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Theresa Simpson <i>(C. Simpson family)</i>
		Sacred Heart Novena
	6:45 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross, Meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena IV with Blessing of the Si <i>(approx.) Distribution of Holy Communion</i>
	8:30 PM	All Night Adoration

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 CONFIRM-ANDS): 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.

Servers

FRI 3/7	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 3/8	7:30 AM HIGH: P. Caggese, I. Smith 8:40 AM LOW: D. Simpson
SUN 3/9	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: N. McClorey, T. Lawrence TH: M. Caggese ACs: J. Stewart, D. Hudson TBS: Ma. & P. Caggese, I. Smith, N. & J. Hudson, A. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith, F. Caggese, B. Constantino 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

SAT	3/8/25	ST. JOHN OF GOD, C <i>FAST</i>
	7:05 AM	Confessions & Rosary
	7:30 AM	High Mass Michael Rabjohns <i>(KR)</i>
	8:10 AM	Ave, Devotions, Benediction
	8:40 AM	Sermon, Low Mass Uncle Kenny & Aunt Gina – Merry Christmas <i>(Leo & Katelyn Arlinghaus)</i>
		Sodality of Charity Meeting
SUN	3/9/25	LENT I • ST. FRANCES OF ROME, W <i>ST. DOMINIC SAVIO, C</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention Deceased <i>(Dave & MaryAnn Marko)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday, James <i>(The Rabjohns family)</i>
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:15 AM	Short Stations of the Cross
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Carl McClorey <i>(Charles & Barbara McClorey)</i>
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great