

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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April 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY

¶ RESURRECTION DAY

A *blessed Easter* to all of our parishioners, friends, family, visitors, and as well to the members of our internet congregation around the world. The High Mass today is the first of the Easter Novena, offered for all those whose names are on the altar. There are no Sunday Classes. Easter Vespers are at 6:00 PM. Please note, there is *no 5:45 Mass today*.

¶ EASTER OCTAVE

Intentions have come in to us from around the world for our Novena of High Masses. **Monday** and **Tuesday** are feasts of devotion. Please see the Calendar for the special weekday High Mass times. We hope everyone has an opportunity to "head back to church" this week.

Careful! Return to "normal life" slowly after the heights of Holy Week. Taper off with a Mass or two this beautiful *Easter Week*. Don't leave the lilies alone to adore, and the quiet loveliness of the chanted Masses each day go unattended. Meet the Risen Lord in Galilee, as did the disciples. See you in church!

¶ ST. MONICA CLUB MEETING

Thursday after the 5 PM Mass.



PLEASE PRAY

for the repose of the soul of

†Joanne Franklin, who died last Sunday.



¶ GREATER LITANIES

On **Friday** the solemn procession and chanting of the Litany of the Saints will take place at 5:15 PM, and High Mass will be celebrated, to implore the Divine blessing on the fruits of the earth. At the same time, beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection.

¶ 1ST COMMUNION TESTING

Testing and First Confessions for First Communicants takes place on **Easter Saturday, April 26, for those who have already registered by submitting their form and baptism certificate**. Testing is at 9:00 AM, with First Confessions following.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Octave Day of Easter, also known as the Sunday in White, or Low Sunday. Sunday classes

for adults and children resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal*: Low Sunday, Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Karen Simpson, Mary Egger, Rhonda Soeder, Ken & Regina Gilliam, Abigail Martin, and the repose of the souls of †Jesus Moreno & †Nilda Vargas.

Wedding & Banns

Third time: Edward Fernandez
& Renee Arlinghaus

¶ †BISHOP DOLAN'S ANNIVERSARY

We remember the anniversary of †Bishop Dolan's death on **Saturday** with a Low Mass at 7:30 AM.

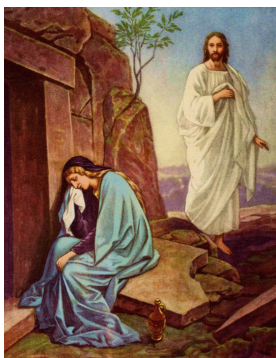
MEDITATIONS ON PARADISE



The purgation over, the angel will return and say...Come along, beautiful soul, the punishment is at an end; come, and enjoy the presence of thy God, who is awaiting thee in paradise. Behold, the soul now passes beyond the clouds, passes beyond the spheres and the stars, and enters into heaven. O God, what will it say in entering into that beautiful country, and casting its first glance on that city of delights? The angels and saints, and especially its own holy advocates, will go to meet it, and with jubilation will they welcome it, saying, Welcome O companion of our own; welcome!

Ah, my Jesus, do Thou make me worthy of it.

...The happiness of the blessed soul will be perfected by knowing with absolute certainty that that God whom it then enjoys it will have to enjoy for all eternity. Were there to be any fear in the blessed that they might lose that God whom they now enjoy, paradise would no more be paradise. But no; the blessed soul is certain, with the certainty which it has of the existence of God, that that supreme good which it enjoys, it will enjoy forever. That joy, moreover, will not grow less with time; it will be ever new. The blessed one will be ever happy, and ever thirsting for that happiness; and, on the other hand, while ever thirsting, will be ever



satiated. When, therefore, we see ourselves afflicted with the troubles of this life, let us lift up our eyes unto heaven, and console ourselves by saying, Paradise. The sufferings will one day come to an end; nay, they will themselves be objects over which to rejoice. The saints await us; the angels await us; Mary awaits us; and Jesus stands with the crown in His hand wherewith to crown us if we shall be faithful to Him.

Ah, my God, when will come that day in which I shall arrive at possessing Thee, and be able to say unto Thee, My love, I cannot lose Thee more? O Mary, my hope, never cease from praying for me, until Thou dost see me safe at thy feet in paradise!
 — St. Alphonsus Liguori,
“The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ”



EASTER DAY

The followers of Christ were happy then. They are happy today, because when they saw the stone rolled away from His grave, they knew that all the stones of all the graves in the world would be rolled away. The Church is happy, too, because this season marks the time of repentance and sincere confession for so many.

To every follower of Christ it is a day of joy. The words of the angel echo in every Christian heart: “HE IS RISEN.” — St. Anthony Messenger

¶ A LITTLE QUIET

It is truly wonderful that our young families have such a devotion to the Mass, but please remember that talkative babies are a great distraction to the celebrant, especially during the quiet Low Masses. The vestibule is equipped with a good speaker so parents can follow the Mass when they must be outside the church. Thank you for your consideration!

Collection Report

Sunday, April 13th.....\$6,603.00
 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

EASTER NIGHT

All night had shout of men and cry
 Of woeful women filled His way;
 Until that noon of sombre sky
 On Friday, clamour and display
 Smote Him; no solitude had He,
 No silence, since Gethsemane.

Public was Death; but Power, but
 Might,
 But Life again, but Victory,
 Were hushed within the dead of night,
 The shuttered dark, the secrecy.
 And all alone, alone, alone,
 He rose again behind the stone.
 — Alice Meynell



THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS

Christ died in agony on the ignominious Cross; I am brought to life by the saving power of the Cross.

Christ’s immortal love won a victory over mortal hate; I can reap the fruits of victory and approach Divinity.

Christ rose in the radiance of the early morn; I need not die in the blackness of the night.

The shining glory of the Risen Christ touches and engulfs me; His grace enriches my soul.

Thus, the tragedy of the Cross becomes the radiance of Easter.

— Rev. Walter J. Mikosz, C.R.

Blessed Easter Sunday! He hath risen as He said! Alleluia!

Ah! how beautiful to hear that precious word of heaven—"Alleluia." It has been more than forty days since we have heard it in the Church's liturgy. During Lent, we were to be as wayfarers and pilgrims in the deserts of this earth, making our way to heaven by means of penance, prayer, and good works. "Alleluia" is said constantly in heaven, and now that heaven has been opened to us by the Blood of Christ, we may once more sing it joyfully in our hearts and in our hymns!

We had a most beautiful Holy Week this year. Deo gratias et Mariae! Now we may celebrate the Resurrection with a sense of joyful triumph. Doesn't this week of Easter bring a sense of peace to the soul and joy to the heart?! It is supposed to. There is such a drastic change of tone in the liturgy from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. It makes one reflect how it must have been for Our Lady, the Apostles, and all the friends of Christ on the Cross. In just a few short days they witnessed so much mystery, experienced so much sadness. Now it is turned to joy, for they have seen Christ risen from the dead. It also makes one think of how it will be upon the first moment of our entrance into heaven after we have endured all the trials of life. Oh, how different things will be! Easter is a reminder that we must live a life of Faith here on earth; that we must live on earth with our minds and hearts always on heaven.

There are so many edifying Masses this week. Won't you come to as many as you can? We have a High Mass every day, but Monday and Tuesday are very high-ranking feasts and we hope to observe them with much solemnity. St. Monica's Club will meet this Thursday evening, and Bishop Dolan's third anniversary is on Saturday. We will not celebrate a Requiem Mass because of the Easter Octave, but a Mass is being offered for him. Come on any or all of these days.

Each Mass heard, every Holy Communion well received will raise your place in heaven. Isn't that what our life is all about? Don't forget it.

May Our Risen Savior keep you close to His glorified wounds!



THE EASTER GOSPEL

The Gospel (*Mark 16, 1-7*) places before our eyes the faithful holy women who, at the first rays of the Sunday dawn, run to the sepulcher, and on the way, wonder: "Who will roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?" This preoccupation, although it is well justified on account of the size and weight of the stone, does not deter them from proceeding with their plans; they are too much taken up with the desire of finding Jesus! And behold! hardly have they arrived when they see "the stone rolled back." They enter the tomb and find an Angel who greets them with the glad announcement: "He is risen; He is not here." At this time, Jesus does not let Himself be found or seen; but a little later when, in obedience to the command of the Angel, the women leave the tomb and bring the news to the disciples, He will appear before them saying, "All hail!" (*Matt. 28, 9*), and their joy will be overwhelming.

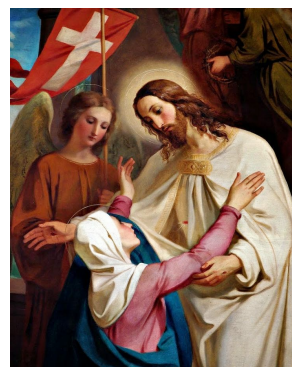
We, too, have a keen desire to find the Lord; perhaps we have been seeking Him for many long years. Further, this desire may have been accompanied by a serious preoccupation with the question of how we might rid ourselves of the obstacles and roll away from our souls the stone which has prevented us thus far from finding the Lord, from giving ourselves entirely to Him, and from letting Him triumph in us. Precisely because we want to find the Lord, we have already overcome many obstacles, sustained by His grace; divine Providence has helped us roll away many stones, overcome many difficulties. Nevertheless, the search for God is progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation about finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our own strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Every year Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, in our search for God; every year we reascend the path toward Him *in novitate vitae*, in newness of life (*Rom. 6,4*).



✠ CALENDAR

- MON 4/21/25 EASTER MONDAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Easter Dad & Mom
(The Brueggemann family) (from 4/20)
5:30 PM High Mass Easter Novena II
- TUE 4/22/25 EASTER TUESDAY**
7:00 AM Low Mass Happy Easter – Dad & Mom
(The Brueggemann family) (from 4/20)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention – M & S *(Jennifer Richesson)*
5:30 PM High Mass Easter Novena III
- WED 4/23/25 EASTER WEDNESDAY**
ST. GEORGE, M
7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Simpson – Happy Birthday *(Your family)*
8:00 AM High Mass Easter Novena IV
5:00 PM Low Mass Safe deliveries for my expectant sisters-in-law
(Gabrielle Vines)
- THU 4/24/25 EASTER THURSDAY**
ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M
7:00 AM Low Mass Michael Caggese – Happy Birthday
(Dad & Mom)
8:00 AM High Mass Easter Novena V
5:00 PM Low Mass Intentions of the St. Monica Club
St. Monica Club Meeting
- FRI 4/25/25 EASTER FRIDAY • GREATER LITANIES**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls *(Florence Swinney)*
11:00 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass Sr. Ulrica *(Sr. Eulalia)*
5:15 PM Greater Litanies Procession
followed by Confessions
5:45 PM High Mass Easter Novena VI
6:45 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 4/26/25 EASTER SATURDAY**
SS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPM
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
7:05 AM Confessions, Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan Anniversary
8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Sermon
8:15 AM High Mass Easter Novena VII
9:00 AM First Communion Testing
- SUN 4/27/25 LOW SUNDAY**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass My Goddaughter, Aggie Brueggemann
(Renee Arlinghaus) (from 4/26)
9:00 AM High Mass Easter Novena VIII
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Veronica Siqueira, Happy Birthday
(Mom & Dad)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



THE FEAST OF JOY

Easter Sunday is one of the happiest days in the whole ecclesiastical cycle. It commemorates the Resurrection of Christ, His double triumph over corporal and spiritual death—corporal in Himself, spiritual in us through sin. And Christ triumphed over our bodily death, too; for His Resurrection is a sure pledge of our own resurrection, body and soul, on that day when we shall all stand before the Lamb. The very season of the year harmonizes sweetly with the mystical sentiment of the Church on this day. Nature begins to smile again; the fresh green of the fields greets our sight. The flowers put forth their blossoms, and the sun shines bright and warm.

How consentaneous to the life of the Church in these days! The long winter of her suffering with Jesus is over. Her forty days' hungering and thirsting with Him; her cold, nightly vigils; her Holy Week of unutterable woe while He suffers and dies, have passed away, and He has arisen. The Sun of Eternal Justice smiles once more; and this accords with the notion of our childhood's days, that the rising sun on Easter morn dances for very joy. Even to ourselves, adults in years, and in our concomitant trials, tribulations, afflictions, and struggles with the stern realities of life, the sun seems to dance on Easter morn; for the spirit of our rejoicing mother the Church has entered into us, making us glad; showing everything to us—life, death, and an ultimate resurrection—in a light of glittering, happy brightness.

– *The Ave Maria*

SERVERS

- MON 4/21 5:30 PM HIGH: MCS:** T. Lawrence, C. Richesson **TH:** M. Caggese
ACS: F. Caggese, D. Simpson **CROSS:** T. McAuliffe **TBS:** I. & J. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese, A. & B. Constantino
- TUE 4/22 5:30 PM HIGH: MCS:** D. Simpson, S. Richesson **TH:** M. Simpson
ACS: I. Smith, M. Kolenich **CROSS:** J. Rabjohns **TBS:** L. Rabjohns, J. Smith, V. Horton, J. Kolenich, A. & B. Constantino
- WED 4/23 8:00 AM HIGH: MC:** D. Simpson **ACS:** F. & P. Caggese
- THU 4/24 8:00 AM HIGH: MC:** Seminarian **ACS:** T. & J. Capetillo
- FRI 4/25 5:45 PM HIGH: MC:** M. Simpson **ACS:** A. Constantino, I. Smith
- SAT 4/26 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemanns
8:20 AM HIGH: MC: T. Lawrence **ACS:** M. & P. Caggese
- SUN 4/27 7:30 AM LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: N. McClorey, D. Simpson **TH:** D. Hudson
ACS: J. Hudson, J. Rabjohns **TBS:** N. Hudson, V. Horton, T. Stanislawski, Ma. & F. Caggese, I. Smith
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith, A. Constantino, F. Caggese
5:45 PM LOW: Brueggemanns





EASTER LILY MEMORIALS



Kyle & Mary McGuire
Bishop McGuire

†**Lorie Mikesell**
Michelle Mikesell

Virgil McCormick
Albert & Margaret Kinnett
Albert D. Kinnett

John Metz & Mom & Dad
Judy

Thomas & Mary Lemonda
Thomas & Lois Lemonda

Charlotte & Frank Kiernan
Grace & Michael Santacroce
Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan

Lillian Cunningham
Alex Joseph Keith
Brent Keith

Gwyn Ritze
Theresa & Rick Hill

Moses Family & grandparents
Family

Augustine, Ethel, & Maria
Daughters

James D. Hanna Jr.
Helen & Michael Oleyar
Jim & Ruth Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar

Trey Goldsmith
Lucia Constantino

Alan Lotarski
Dave Livingston
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski

Richard & Martha
Brueggemann
Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
Alexa Martin
Anna Brueggemann



Little Michael & Little Lucy



Homeward

*Evening is come and I am going home,
How peaceful now the hills of morning seem,
There is a mellow softness in the gloam
That soothes the restless wood and the chafed stream;
Twilight has evened all the rugged ways,
And fallen leaves made soft the stony steeps,
Soon will they melt within the purple haze
That like a ghost across the woodland creeps.*

*So will it be when life's long shadows fall,
And fleeting fears of childhood fade away,
Forgetfulness will fling its silken pall
Over the failures of a fitful day;
And in long lonesomeness our hearts will feel
The phantom fears of morning were unreal.*

— Thomas E. Burke, C.S.C.



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Sr. Gerard Vincent
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Stanley & Wilma Schappacher
Bishop Dolan
Fr. Thielen
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Bishop Dolan, Fr. Cekada,
Katie Bischak
Regina & Ken Gilliam

Bishop Dolan & Fr. Cekada
Grandparents
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Francis Caggese

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Martha Gilliam

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Patsy McConnell

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**Marko & Zuccaro
Families**

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Gertrude the Great

Deceased Faithful of

St. Gertrude the Great

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**George & Betty
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Lawrence Klabenes, Valentina

Fox and Zelig Martin

Charlene A. Hopkins

Mr. Timothy Hopkins



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Brodman, Don

Metzger

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Mr. & Mrs. Stanley

Schappacher

Dan & Mary Brueggemann

Patricia & Paul Bender

Patricia Bender

**Our Ancestors, faithfully
departed**

Keith & Jennifer Elflein

Patricia Ann Oleksa

Son, Michael



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